



Creative children

of all ages needed:

Saturday 14th March
10.30am - 12.00 midday

March 15th is Mothering Sunday and we would love some help from local children to make posies for all our mums- young and old.

If you interested please come to Eastling Church at 10.30am on Saturday 14th. Any donations of wild or garden flowers would be much appreciated.

Bay Lees (01795 892036) and Catherine Ochs

Memorial Lilies at Easter

If you would like to contribute towards the cost of Memorial Lilies on Easter Day in Eastling or Stalisfield Churches, please contact us, with the name(s) you would like commemorated and your donation by Monday 30th March. The names will be displayed in a frame on the remembrance table.

For Eastling, phone Bay on 01796 892036
For Stalisfield, phone Jean on 01233 712270



Women's World Day of Prayer

Service at
St Mary of Charity,
Faversham
2pm on
Friday 6th
March



This year's service has been written by the women in The Bahamas

Jesus said the them:

'Do you know what I have done to you?'

All welcome

Eastling School News

March is a great month for Eastling primary school with all the excitement starting for the preparation for the new pupils' arrival in September! Some of our 'fine weather' activities also restart with Lions' class attending the swimming pool every Wednesday to maintain our record over the last three years, of every child leaving the school able to swim at least a length. Our sporting endeavours also continue with inter-school matches against Teynham and Bredgar, plus the continuation of high class coaching with the University of Kent for the "50 sports in 50 weeks" campaign.

Academically the school takes part in a gifted mathematicians' day on Friday 6th March with our collaboration partners, whilst Friday 13th is "Red Nose" day, full of charitable activities for those less fortunate than ourselves. We're even celebrating the

RED NOSE DAY



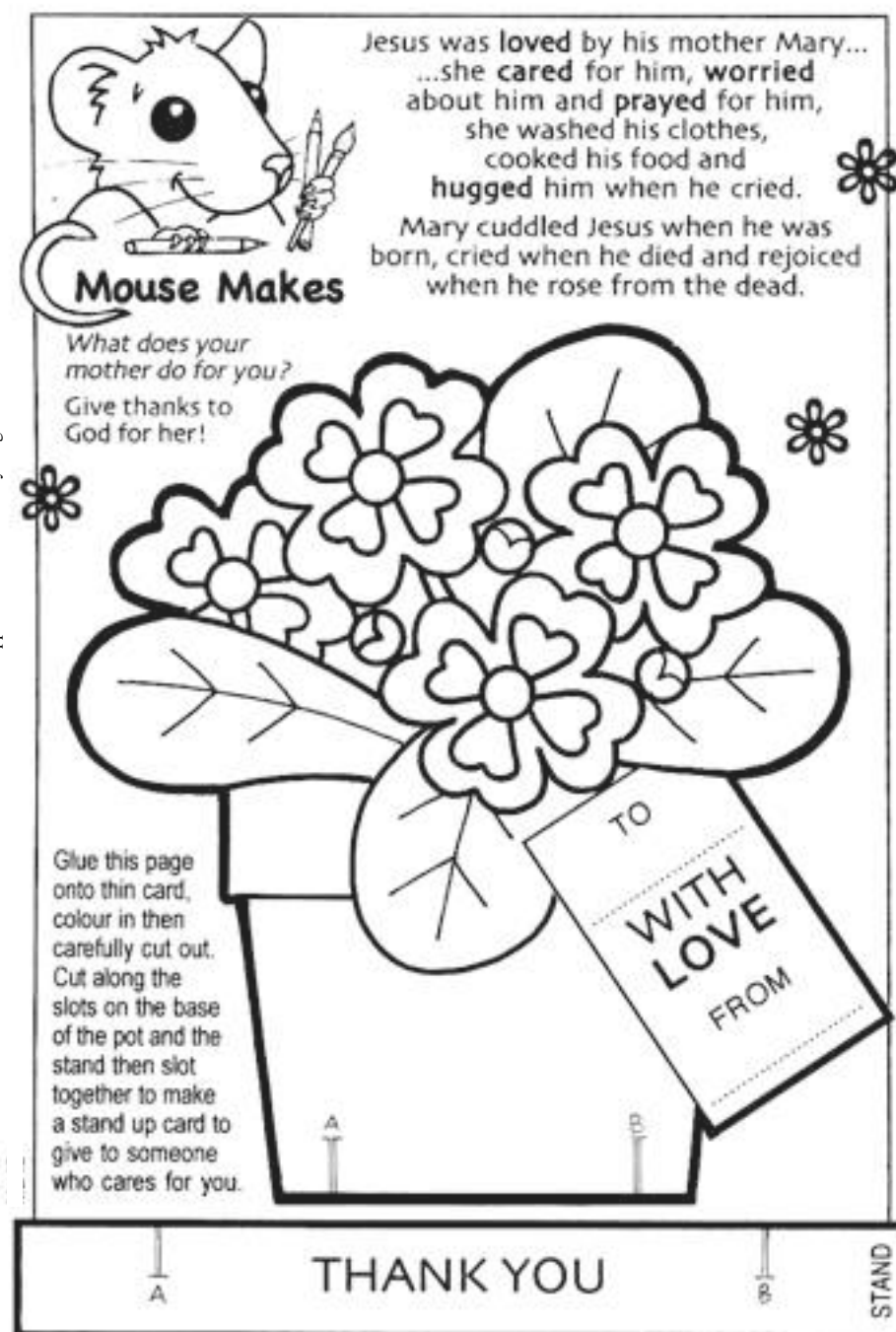
www.jontyclark.com
Illustration by Jonty Clark, first appeared in BBC History Magazine.

800th Anniversary of Magna Carta with the Fleur de Lys History walks on 26th March. We continue to train our "Teach Direct" colleague as well as supporting The Abbey School with their contrasting placements and the region's Headship trainers as a National Professional Leadership School.

Parents continue to take a full and active part in the life of the school with Parent consultations on 3rd & 4th March; World Book day celebrations on 5th March; Tigers' class assembly on 13th March and our open house "Book Look" on the 19th.

Our Easter Term ends on 31st March with our traditional Easter Egg hunt for all school pupils and pre school children), whilst artistic flare is in abundance at the end of March with our Easter model competition.

Dave Walsh, Head Teacher.



DEPOSIT & SAVE FOOD BANK SUNDAY

When: 10am SUNDAY 22nd MARCH

Where: EASTLING CHURCH

Join us for this ALL AGE Eastling Church community event. **YOU** can make a difference to hungry people in our area.

Find out more about Food Banks with our guest speaker **Alan Thompson**.

This is how we can help;

Please bring donations of: Jam, carton fruit juice, tinned peas, green beans, carrots, tinned/ packet custard, long life/ powdered milk, instant potato, tinned mince & stewing meat & tinned spaghetti.

**Stay & enjoy coffee, cake, chat
& a time of reflection.**

All donations go to Faversham Food Bank

Good News Parish Magazine March 2015



CURRY NIGHT

Eastling Village Hall
Saturday 14th March

Bar open 7pm

Food served from 7.30

£15 per person for 3 courses and nibbles. Food by
Corinne's Creative Kitchen.

Tables of 4, 6 or 8 people

To book please contact Sue Parry on 890254 or
sueandpeter@live.co.uk. Booking deadline 7th March.

This is a fundraiser for the Village Hall and our only profit will come from the bar as the food is being sold at cost price.

You are welcome to bring your own wine but we hope that you will understand that we will need to charge a corkage fee of £5 per bottle of wine.

Bar costs will be a reasonable - £10 per bottle of wine and £2.50 per pint of beer. Soft drinks will also be available.



The magazine for the High Downs Benefice of Eastling, Stalisfield with Otterden, and Throwley
www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews

Mothering Sunday

15th March

Services to give thanks for our Mothers

Eastling 10am

Stalisfield 3pm

Mums, Dads and all the family
will be very welcome



Stalisfield Quiz Party

Mark the date!

On Friday 27th March at 7.30pm sharp

we once again greet the spring with the traditional Spring Quiz Party. Gather your brightest together to make up a table of six (maximum). Table charge is held at £2.50 per person. Bring your own nibbles and tidbits.

Ian is ready to take your booking on 01795 890475.

SUNDAY 22ND MARCH

**THROWLEY
PARISH
LANES
CLEAN UP**

**PLEASE COME ALONG TO
PARSONAGE FARM AT 11.30**

**CHOOSE YOUR LANE & COLLECT
RUBBISH BAGS, GLOVES ETC BEFORE
SETTING OFF. THEN RETURN WITH
YOUR SPOILS FOR A DELICIOUS
FREE LUNCH OF HOMEMADE SOUP,
BREAD, PATE & CHEESE
PLUS A CHANCE TO MEET OTHER
THROWLEY VILLAGERS**

The Canon’s Column

Lent, Lent, serious Lent,
Nothing quite like it for quietening Kent
So confess me and shrive me,
trash me and ash me,
That through self denial, a serious Lent.
With a nod to Flanders & Swann

Most of us remember Lent as a somber season with mid week church services, Lent study groups and the Lent book of the year to read. When I was a child, it was also the season with two fish days, Wednesdays and Fridays marked on the calendar. It was the season of self denial cards or boxes used to collect coins that would have gone to buy chocolate bars, crisps or cigarettes. We were supposed to give up something to toughen up our souls and spiritual lives.

I remember, one year, getting into trouble on Ash Wednesday. I had left school with permission to attend the Ash Wednesday service in the middle of the morning and came back 50 minutes later only to be accused by the teacher of playing hooky from the service. He was used to seeing a black smudge on people’s foreheads after they had returned from the service. My mother always quoted Matt 6. 16-17 as we left church, and handed my sisters and I a tissue. She said that the mark of Ash Wednesday was to have an inward effect, not an outward appearance.

Times and traditions change; we no longer clean out the larder of all the rich foods and use up all the fat frying up pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. Most of the time we don’t really deny ourselves during Lent, although we may consider it. The practice of self denial looks back to Jesus’ fast in the desert and to Israel’s

times of hardship in the wilderness. A former parishioner, writing about her experience of reading aloud at a Bible Reading Marathon, said, “I thought it would be more than I could do to read for an hour. After about forty minutes my mouth was dry and I was going to drink from the fresh glass of water the previous reader had put out for me as I started to read; I then remembered how Jesus had been thirsty on the cross and I thought if he could do that for me, then I could read for another fifteen to twenty minutes as my gift to him.”

What does Lent mean for us today? What could a serious Lent be in our 21st century? The purpose of the extra church services, the study groups and the Lenten books each year is to enable us to renew, revitalize and re energize our relationship with our Lord God.

Just as our phones and tablets need periodic recharging, so it is with our spiritual energy. Reading a spiritual book or using a different set of prayers or devotional is one way to re energize ourselves. There are three Lenten house groups in the Benefice where you would be very welcome. Perhaps something more practical would suit you, such as child sitting, visiting a shut-in or assisting at community functions. Another suggestion is to commit and follow through to spending ten minutes (by the clock) in silence listening and praying to God. Few who have followed through on such a commitment have failed to find inspiration and growth in their spiritual lives.

Blessings,
Donald J Lawton

Eastling Church

Flower Rota

March 2015

15th - Mothering Sunday: all children welcome to join Bay and Catherine making posies on Saturday 14th at 10.30am in church.

April 5th - Easter: communal decorating on Saturday 4th, 10am. Easter gardens by children in the porch.



Woodbine Willie - bringing love with cigarettes and the Bible
Here’s a ‘saint’ that the Church of England remembers from the 1st World War - the Rev. Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, MC, or ‘Woodbine Willie’, as everyone knew this popular, much-loved army chaplain on the Western Front.
Studdert Kennedy (27th June 1883 – 8th March 1929) had been born in Leeds as the seventh of nine children. After reading divinity and classics at Trinity College Dublin, he’d studied for ordination at Ripon Clergy College, and served his curacy at Rugby. By the time war broke out in 1914, Studdert Kennedy was vicar of St Paul’s Worcester. He soon volunteered to go to the Western Front as a chaplain to the army. Life on the front line in the trenches was a desperate affair, but soon Studdert Kennedy had hit on a way of bringing a few moments of relief to the stressed out soldiers: as well as good cheer he gave out copious amounts of ‘Woodbines’, the most popular cheap cigarette of the time. One colleague remembered Kennedy: “he’d come down into the trenches and say prayers with the men, have a cuppa out of a dirty tin mug and tell a joke as good as any of us. He was a chain smoker and always carried a packet of Woodbine cigarettes that he would give out in handfuls to us lads. That’s how he got his nickname. He came down the trench one day to cheer us up. Had his Bible with him as usual. Well, I’d been there for weeks, unable to write home, of course, we were going over the top later that day. I asked him if he would write to my sweetheart at home, tell her I was still alive and, so far, in one piece... years later, after the war, she showed me the letter he’d sent, very nice it was. A lovely letter. My wife kept it until she died.”
Kennedy was devoted to his men, so much so that in 1917 he was awarded the Military Cross at Messines Ridge, after running into no man’s land in order to help the wounded during an attack on the German frontline. During the war, Kennedy supported the British military effort with enthusiasm, but soon after the war, he turned to Christian socialism and pacifism. He was given charge of St Edmunds in Lombard St, London, and took to writing a number of poems about his war experiences: Rough Rhymes of a Padre (1918) and More Rough Rhymes (1919). He went on to work for the Industrial Christian Fellowship, for whom he did speaking tours. It was on one of these tours that he was taken ill, and died in Liverpool in 1929. He was only 46. His compassion and generosity in the face of the horrors of the Western Front was immortalised in the song ‘Absent Friends’: “Woodbine Willie couldn’t rest until he’d/ given every bloke a final smoke/before the killing.” He himself had once described his chaplain’s ministry as taking “a box of fags in your haversack, and a great deal of love in your heart.”

Eastling

Neighbourhood Watch

Village Warden: 07794 010394

or 01795 890848

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

Swale Police 101

Emergency 999



Now we are into the lambing season a timely reminder to keep your dog(s) on their leads, especially in the vicinity of sheep. Failure to do so and if your animal worries or attacks the sheep, the farmers are within their legal rights to shoot the dog, so please be extra careful.

On the subject of dogs, it was pleasing to hear that the police were able to return Bolly to his rightful owners. As you may know the dog was recovered in Staplehurst , so it shows that these unpleasant people are willing to travel miles to steal our pets.

A reminder to check your sheds and other property where you store your gardening equipment. Make sure that it is securely shut away as I have no doubt there will be persons around whom will want to remove it for you. As is well known my own property was stolen last year and, thanks to the village being alert, I was able to retrieve it the same day and following police enquiries more garden equipment was recovered and persons arrested.

Have good a good month,
Alan.

The Carpenters Arms

01795 890234

New Landlords Angie and Darryl welcome you to the Carpenters Arms

Open from 12.30pm everyday

Food served from 1pm daily

Sunday lunch 1 pm - 4 pm

Will open early by appointment for walking parties

Thursdays- buy 1 meal get 2nd half price

Friday lunch 1-2.30pm over 60s fish & chips £5.00

Coffee & cake £3.00 daily

March events

Saturday 7th, Poker night

Thursday 19th, Carpenters Arms Pool Tournament £5.00 entry Cash prize

Wednesday 25th. ‘Mr & Mrs’ Night

The working life of our County Councillor
During the last two months, Councillor Andrew Bowles has attended meetings of Parish Councils: Teynham twice, Boughton once and Dunkirk twice, as well as meeting with the Easthall Farm Residents Association in Sittingbourne to discuss the possible provision of a Community Hall to be paid for by Section 106 contributions from the Housing Developer. Another Residents Association, in this case not within his County Division, is the Front Brent’s Community Association which he met to discuss flood defences along Faversham Creek. In December he also attended the quarterly meeting of Swale Branch of the Kent Association of Local Councils representing our Parish and Town Councils.
In January the councillor gave a presentation to Kent County Council’s Growth, Economic Development and Communities Committee on Swale’s regeneration priorities and where the County Council can assist and work with the Borough Council. In a similar vein he headed a Swale BC delegation of Cabinet Members and Planning and Regeneration Offices to discuss with the Leader of Kent County Council and his team. This second meeting focused especially on the Swale Local Plan, very soon going to the Minister for decision.
Among other meetings have been those held to discuss our local health services. In recent weeks this has included chairing the Swale Health and Wellbeing Board, attending the County Council’s Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as well as a private meeting with the Acting Chief Executive of the Medway Foundation Trust.
Finally he represented Swale at the recent Assembly Meeting for all District Councils in England and he currently sits on the Executive Committee of that Assembly and holds the Economic Development Lead.



The Plough Inn,

Stalisfield; a family run, independent, awarding winning pub & restaurant offering locally sourced food & a selection of locally produced drinks.

Currently recruiting for casual & part-time staff in both restaurant & kitchen

Experience not necessary but a good personality & willingness to work is essential!

Please send your CV to info@theploughinnstalisfield.co.uk



Throwley Parish Council

The Parish meeting of Throwley Parish Council be at 7.30pm on Monday 16th March at Throwley Church.
The order of the meeting will be;
The Chairman's Report.
Speaker: Cllr Andrew Bowles on the subject of The Structure of Councils in Kent; the Scope of Parish Council Responsibility.
Questions from Parishioners.
Residents are welcomed.

Eastling Parish Council

The next meeting of Eastling Parish Council on Wednesday 11th March in the Village Hall at 6.30pm. Residents are welcome to attend.



Remember to put your clocks forward an hour on Saturday night, 28th March.

Services in our Churches

The High Downs Benefice

1st March Lent 2

Genesis 17. 1 - 7,15-16, Romans 4.13 - 25, Mark 8. 31 - 38

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

Stalisfield 10 am Morning Prayer

8th March Lent 3

Exodus 20. 1 - 17, 1 Corinthians 1. 18 - 25, John 2. 13 - 22

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Throwley 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

Eastling 10 am Morning Praise

15th March Mothering Sunday

1 Samuel 20 - 28, Colossians 3. 12 - 17, Luke 2. 33 - 35

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Eastling 10 am Mothering Sunday morning prayer

Stalisfield 3 pm Mothering Sunday Service

22nd March Lent 5

Jeremiah 31. 31 - 34, Hebrews 5.5 - 10, John 12. 20 - 33

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Eastling 10 am Food Bank Service

Throwley 10 am Holy Communion (BCP)

29th March Palm Sunday

Ephesians 1. 3 - 14, Mark 11. 1 - 11

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Stalisfield 10 am Benefice Morning Prayer

2nd April Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12. 1 - 14, 1 Corinthians 11.23 - 26, John 13. 1-17, 31b-35

Throwley 7.30 pm Holy Communion (CW)

3rd April Good Friday

Stalisfield 12 noon Good Friday Liturgy and walk to Throwley and on to Eastling

5th April Easter Day

Isaiah 25. 6 - 9, Acts 10. 34 - 43, John 20. 1 - 18

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Eastling 10 am Benefice Communion

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(BCP) Service taken from the Book of Common Prayer, 1662.

(CW) Service follows Common Worship Liturgy, 2000.

Rector Revd Canon Donald J. Lawton (01795 890487)  
The Rectory, Newham Lane, Eastling ME13 0AS

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

Reader Hugh Perks (01795 890603)  
Weald Cottage, Eastling

Churchwardens

Eastling Andrew Baxter (01795 890598)  
Assistant Warden Steve Youle (01795 890368)

Parish Administrator Janet Payne (01795 890487)  
E mail: eastlingchurch@gmail.com

Stalisfield with Otterden

Jean West (01233 712270)  
Gillian Wallace (01233 714904)

Parish Administrator Sheila Moger (01233 713212)  
E mail samhawksnest@aol.com

Throwley Maggie Scutt (01795 890312)  
Alastair Malcolm (01795 890258)

Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: Weekly during Lent, 10am at Garden Cottage, Eastling. 01795 890368

Tuesdays: Weekly study group, 7.30pm Pinks Farm, Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

Thursdays: Weekly prayer group, 10.30am Pinks Farm, Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

Fridays: Weekly study group , 11am 6 Kettle Hill Cotts, Eastling. 07780 661275

You will be welcome at any of our groups.

Annual Church Meetings



All parishioners will be very welcome to come along and find out what is happening in your church.

Sunday 1st March - Stalisfield Annual Parochial Church meeting will be in the new village hall at 11.30am.

Sunday 8th March - Eastling Annual Parochial Church meeting will be in church at 11am

Monday 23rd March - Throwley Annual Parochial Church meeting will be in the church at 7.30pm

News from the Gardening Group at Charing Surgery

Volunteers of the Gardening Group are pleased to announce that they have now begun to start developing two areas at the Surgery. Designs have been created by Franziska Harman Garden Design and Ylva Bild McKenzie of Madrona Nurseries who have kindly volunteered their services and will be working with us on an on-going basis.

For those who are not familiar with the project, the original idea came from Charing Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG). The aim of the PPG was to create an outdoor therapeutic environment for the benefit of the patients of Charing Surgery, allowing patients to come together, get fresh air, exercises, have fun, with the opportunity to do something purposeful through gardening together with likeminded people – a total health and wellbeing activity.

Started on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014 with a small energetic and enthusiastic team of volunteers, we meet weekly and have cleared an area which we call our Woodland garden, just off the A20; lots of hard work, companionship and fun, culminating with the planting of 1,000 spring bulbs just before Christmas 2014. When planting the bulbs, we found we really required some top soil and this was kindly donated by David Wilson Homes, one of the projects sponsors. Our first task of 2015 was to spread top soil over the woodland area.

Over the next few months we have many exciting plans, raised beds will be constructed, trees felled, shrubs pruned, planting plans, raising plants along with the general up keep all gardens need. Although we will have help with hard construction tasks, we do have many other tasks which volunteers can help with. It is not necessary to have green fingers just that you enjoy the space, with the added bonus of seeing the gardens at the Surgery mature into a great area for us all to enjoy.

If you would like to join the Group you will be assured of a very warm welcome. Please contact me on 01233 713582

Jo'anne,  
Co-ordinator Gardening Group at Charing Surgery



Lest we Forget



by Audrey Keen

John Edwards lived at Walnut Tree, Otterden and worked for Granville Wheler on the Otterden Estate for many years. He was an educated man and well travelled. John was a nature lover and his patience allowed him to get close to wild life and especially birds. He had many interests including reading, music and musical instruments, and he believed that plenty of fresh air, a mainly vegetarian diet and the occasional glass of red wine was conducive to a good and long life, and he should know as he was well into his nineties when he died!

I also remember with affection John's wife Crystal (Chris), who also loved nature. Chris and John had a golden retriever called



Robin and I would often see all three walking in the wood near their home. We were all moved by Crystal's passing and John lived on alone for many years. He was well liked by all who knew him and he too was much missed on his demise. He and I would have long conversations about life and one question he asked me that regrettably went unanswered, was "What is the elixir of life?" - (If only I knew!)



COACH TRIP to WOBURN ABBEY Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015

Coach fare £31.50

Included in price:

- > Coach fare
- > Entry to Woburn Abbey
- > Entry to Abbey Gardens
- > Via the Deer Park

p/up points:  
8.15am Bus Stop, Seasalter Rd, Graveney  
8.30am Jubilee Way, Faversham  
return approx 6.30pm

£11.50 payable now, (refundable only if coach trip is cancelled due to lack of interest)  
£20.00 balance nearer the day

please contact Janet  
01795 530854  
janetipayne@btinternet.com



Lambing Weekend

at Hadlow College's Animal Management Unit, Ashes Lane, Hadlow TN11 0AU

Saturday 14th March & Sunday 15th March 2015 from 11am - 4pm.

Everyone welcome – cost of tickets as follows:  
FAMILY (2 adults and up to 3 children) £15.00  
Adults £6.00 Concessions £3.00

Tickets will be available at the entrance on the day.

Invite you to join them for a.....

Spring Sing

on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April at Norton Village Hall, Provender Lane, Norton ME13 0SW

Workshops from 2.00—5.30  
Bring 'n' Share tea  
Informal performance at 7pm  
No experience needed.....all songs taught by ear.....adults of any age welcome  
Booking £10.00 & enquiries to Lissie Bayford  
01795 886392 or music@cantiana.co.uk

PLUCKLEY QUILT AND CRAFT SHOW

Calling all Quilters and Crafters!

Pluckley's next Quilt Show will be on Saturday and Sunday 26th and 27th September 2015. We already have approximately 20 Canadian Red Cross quilts promised for display and await offers of local fabric crafts for exhibition from anyone who would like to exhibit. Further details will follow in future months but initial enquiries are welcome now. Phone Sue 01233 840544 or Judy 01233 840280 for information.



## BELMONT HOUSE & GARDENS EVENTS



### EASTER EGG HUNT

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2015, 12.00pm – 3.00pm**

Bring the family along to Belmont this Easter and enjoy an afternoon of fun, games and activities. Take a walk through our beautiful gardens to search for Easter eggs. Hand Crafted Events will be running an Easter themed workshop and the tearoom will be open from 12pm for homemade cakes and cream teas.

£5.00 per child, adults and children under 3 are free of charge.

**Belmont House is open for guided tours on  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April, first tour 2.15pm.**

### NEW FOR 2015!

#### Arms and Armour Exhibition

For the first time ever, we are really excited to show the recently conserved armoury collection to the public.

There are some very important historical pieces within the collection and you will be able to learn about these on the house tour or, maybe, you would like to join one of our bespoke tours or join a study day. For further details please ring the estate office on 01795 890202 or see our website.

Follow us on Twitter: @BelmontHseGdns

**Belmont House & Gardens, Throwley, Nr Faversham,  
Kent ME13 0HH  
www.belmont-house.org**

## Can you help?

**What:** food items for those in crisis  
( see list below)

**When:** anytime to suit you between  
9.00am and 5.00pm daily

**Where:** St Mary's Church Eastling

Faversham Foodbank has been open since May 2014 and serves the needs of the people of Faversham and surrounding villages. In the last 10 months over 341 people in crisis have been helped with 3 days emergency supply of food each. This has amounted to 2846 kg (nearly 3 tons) of food being distributed.

As small village communities of Eastling, Stalisfield and Throwley wouldn't it be wonderful if we could come together to contribute to Faversham Foodbank? If each person gave an item or two each week we would be able to make a real difference. Eastling Church is open every day so you can leave your food items whenever it suits you at the back of the church. The food will be taken to the main collection point in Faversham weekly. Currently, the items required are: jam; fruit juice; tinned vegetables: peas, carrots, green beans; tinned or packet



custard; long life or powdered milk; instant mashed potato; tinned stewing steak; tinned mince; tinned spaghetti. This list will be updated regularly. At the moment the food bank has plenty of baked beans, pasta, soup and tea so please avoid those items. Tins and packets must be in date.

Come and find out more about food banks at our all age service on **22<sup>nd</sup> March in Eastling Church at 10.00am** when our guest speaker, Alan Thompson, an expert in the field of food banks, will share his experiences with us. Thank you for your help. There are lots more details about how the Faversham Foodbank works and how the food is distributed at: <http://faversham.foodbank.org.uk/>



The Rotary Club of the Weald of Kent

## SPRING ART EXHIBITION 2015

At Sutton Valence School

Pictures and Crafts on exhibition and for sale

Saturday 28th March 11am to 6pm

Sunday 29th 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](http://www.wealdofkentrotary.org.uk)

### Donation Sunday

A very big thank you to everyone who gave items at the Donation Sunday Service in January. We were overwhelmed by the generosity and support for the charity British Humanitarian Aid, sending clothes and other goods to Ukraine. In fact you were so generous that we had to have a lorry come to collect the goods as we couldn't fit them into our cars! Dave, Leigh and Steph.

## LEIGH MILES DANCE & FITNESS



### Eastling Village Hall

#### WEDNESDAYS

7.00pm ZUMBA®

#### THURSDAYS

9.15am FITNESS PILATES

OTHER VENUES  
DAY & EVENING CLASSES

FAVERSHAM TEYNHAM

For details contact

[www.milesdanceandfitness.com](http://www.milesdanceandfitness.com)

[leigh.fitness@btinternet.com](mailto:leigh.fitness@btinternet.com)

01795 890149 or 07873 431952



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### Eastling Gardeners' Club

Meets on  
Thursday, 19th  
March  
for a talk

'Herbaceous Plants for Impact'  
by Hilary Newman

The meeting starts at 7.30 p.m. in  
Eastling Village Hall,  
followed by wine and home-made nibbles.

Subscriptions for the coming year at  
£6 per person will be collected.  
Non members pay £3.



### The WI Craft Club

meets in the small room at Champion Hall in the village of Painters Forstal. We meet at 11.15am -1.15pm. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 11th March. We will be making Easter decorations using a variety of mediums. Cost is £5 per session which includes home made cake with tea/coffee.



### Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

Last month we had an excellent evening of Italian cookery with Sabrina Leland, who showed us how to make a traditional Lasagne, with Panna Cotta and wine to follow.

This month we have an evening with an Antique Jewellery expert, so if you think you have some treasures, then bring them along to see what the lady can tell you about them: 4th March, 7.30pm in Stalisfield village hall.

Anyone wishing to join our group please contact Stephanie Culver 01795 890748 or Lesley Andrews 01795 890581

### PAINTERS FORSTAL with SELLING W.I.

meets at Champion Hall on Tuesday 17th March. From 2.15pm - 4pm. There will be a drop spindle Spinning Wool demonstration. Please come along and join us. You will be made very welcome.

If you wish to find out more about our WI group then please contact Pat on 01795 539629 or email: [patyounger@sky.com](mailto:patyounger@sky.com)

### Charing and District Local History Society

On Thursday 12th March

Jim Preston will give a presentation on  
**AVIATION IN NORTH KENT**

*A look at some early activity with aeroplanes in the 1880s through to modern avionics*

8pm the Parish Hall, Station Road, Charing TN27 0JA, doors open at 7.45 pm.

Enquiries: Valerie Yeeles 01233 712772, [secretary@charinghistory.co.uk](mailto:secretary@charinghistory.co.uk)  
[www.charinghistory.co.uk](http://www.charinghistory.co.uk)

**Visitors are welcome at £3.00.**



### EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

To book ring Alan Willson  
on 01795 890848



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.

### 'Found' cat in Throwley Forstal



We seem to have a rather attractive and friendly, but clearly starving and lost, black cat in our garden at the moment. We are feeding him and keeping him warm in one of our sheds as we have two cats of our own who won't let him in the house.

From the looks of things, he is quite young (about 18 months) and well-loved as he has a very fetching collar, however with no name tag or address details

Louisa and Arnaud,

Throwley Forstal (01795) 890267

The **Eastling Walking Group** resumes the Wednesday rambles from the village hall at 10.30am on 4th March. New walkers welcome, just come along wearing suitable footwear.



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| 1st Stalisfield Church Annual Meeting | 11.30am                                       | Stalisfield Village Hall |
| 3rd Mobile Library                    | 10.50 - 11.05am                               | Glebe Cottages, Eastling |
| 4th Wednesday Walking group           | 10.30am                                       | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 4th Otterden & Stalisfield W.I.       | 7.30pm                                        | Stalisfield Village Hall |
| 5th Mobile Library                    | 1.55am - 12.10pm                              | Throwley Forstal Green   |
| 6th World Day of Prayer Service       | 2pm                                           | St Mary of Charity       |
| 8th Morning Praise                    | 10am                                          | Eastling Church          |
| 8th Eastling Church Annual Meeting    | 11am                                          | Eastling Church          |
| 11th Craft Club                       | 11.15am                                       | Champion Hall            |
| 11th Eastling Parish Council          | 6.30pm                                        | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 12th History Society                  | 8pm                                           | Charing Parish Hall      |
| 14th Curry Night                      | 7pm                                           | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 15th Mothering Sunday                 | See front cover for service times and venues. |                          |
| 15th Deadline for April Good News     | See below                                     |                          |
| 16th Throwley Parish Council          | 7.30pm                                        | Throwley Church          |
| 17th Mobile Library                   | 10.50 - 11.05am                               | Glebe Cottages, Eastling |
| 17th Painters Forstal WI              | 2.15pm                                        | Champion Hall            |
| 19th Mobile Library                   | 1.55am - 12.10pm                              | Throwley Forstal Green   |
| 19th Gardeners' Club meeting          | 7.30pm                                        | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 22nd Food Bank Service                | 10am                                          | Eastling Church          |
| 22nd Throwley Clean Up                | 11.30am                                       | Parsonage Farm           |
| 23rd Throwley Church Annual Meeting   | 7.30pm                                        | Throwley Church          |
| 24th Magazine Folding                 | 2pm                                           | Pinks Farm               |
| 27th Spring Quiz                      | 7.30pm                                        | Stalisfield Village Hall |
| 28/29th Art Exhibition                | 11am-6pm/ 10am-5pm                            | Sutton Valance School    |
| <b>APRIL 5th Easter Egg Hunt</b>      | 12 - 3pm                                      | Belmont House            |

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