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Faversham Foodbank

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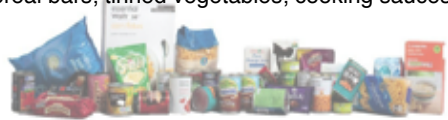
We gather that the Foodbank has had a big donation of pasta in the last week so no more pasta required at present. This month's urgent items are listed below. Your generous contributions are so appreciated. Do visit Faversham Foodbank's Facebook site periodically for extra updates on the Foodbank's work.

Please continue to give generously .

Food list for March

Urgent items: nappies (sizes 1,2 and 3); shower gel; tinned fruit; tinned mince and tinned stewing steak

Also needed: cereal bars; tinned vegetables; cooking sauces; dog food



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EASTLING CHURCH

10am

SUNDAY 13th MARCH



Good News

Parish Magazine

March 2016



Resurrection

(John 20:1-18)

Even in the darkness
Still she went,
Stumbling, longing for light,
Finding a stone-moved
emptiness.
Then her running
And the running and out-running
of the men,
The believing whilst not
understanding,
The tears and the angels with
questions and messages.
Death transformed to Life
In the turning,
And revelation in a name,
Mary!

Lord, sometimes I don't
understand
And the world seems dark,
But I choose to turn from
darkness to you.
Speak my name Lord,
Hold me safe
In your resurrection power and
light.

By Daphne Kitching



Mothering Sunday

A celebration of thanks for our
Mothers

Sunday 6th March

10am in Eastling Church
3pm in Stalisfield Church

Mothering Sunday Flowers

On Saturday 5th March at 10am we invite all the children to Eastling Church to help to make small bouquets for the Mothering Sunday service. If you have any flowers from your garden that you would like to bring to put in the bouquets they will be welcome. If not, flowers will be provided.

I look forward to seeing you all,
Catherine Ochs

School News

Eastling school has another exciting month ahead now that the weather is growing more favourable.

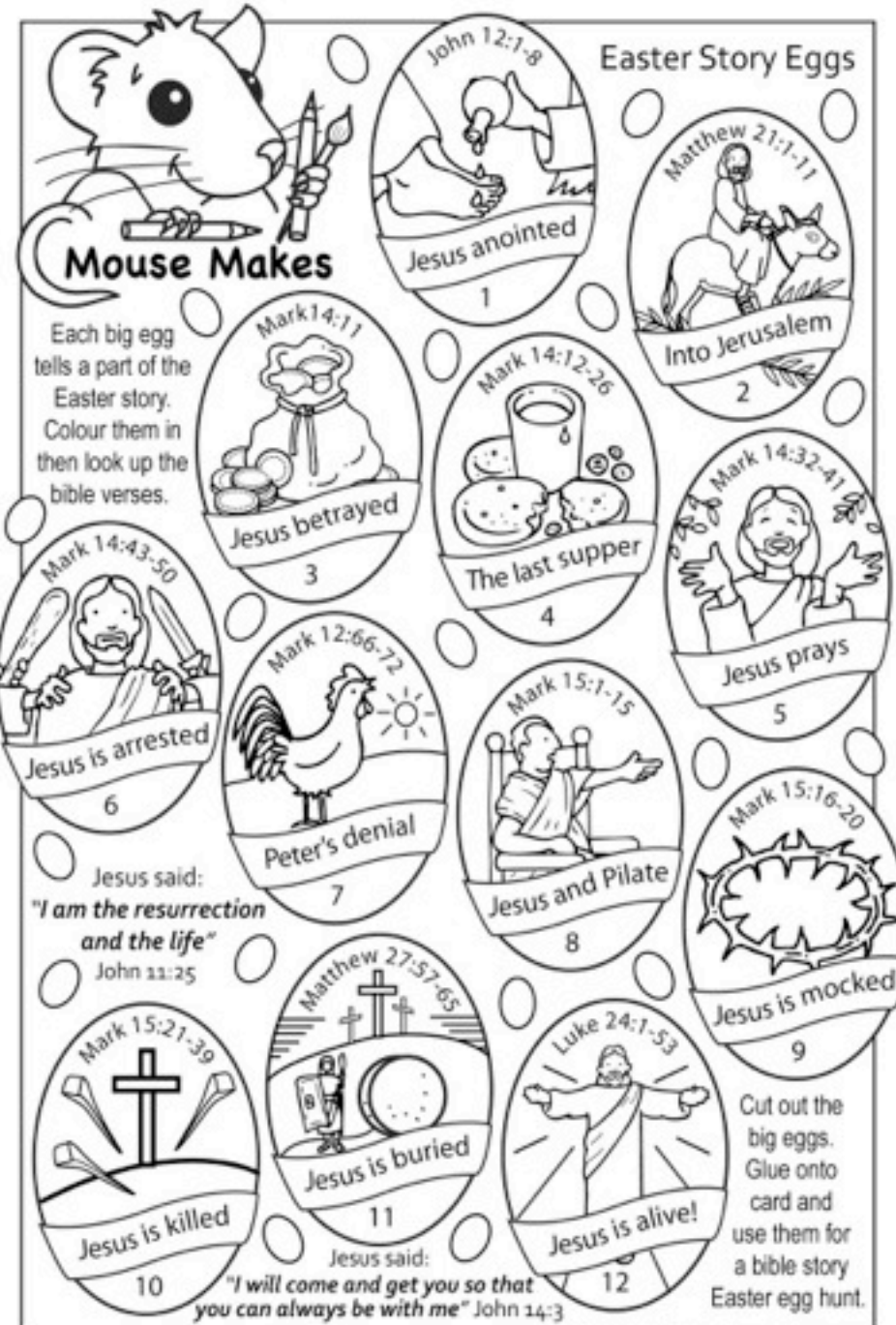
We start the month with our celebration of World Book Day on 3rd March, with an Usborne book sale in the main hall on Tuesday 2nd March. All are invited, bring a toddler and we will provide them with the Book Day voucher to get £1 off a purchase!

Sporting is high on our agenda with a range of activities including Fiitball sessions on the 3rd, Cubs' visit to the soft play centre on 3rd and 17th, Swimming for our Lions' class, 10 pin bowling and even archery in our run up to Sports Relief day on March 18th. Our after school clubs will also be able to support sports on the main field and we expect to see a surge in interest for Football and Youth clubs!

Of course, other exciting activities also are taking place, both for children and parents. We have the Lions' class assembly on the 4th, a visit to Leeds Castle on the 13th, which we were fortunate enough to win in a competition! A musical presentation of "Bach to the future" on March 21st, charts the development of music through the ages. We've even managed to squeeze in a talk from Southern Water to explain their ecological impact on our community. Our Friends organisation looks forward to its annual Easter celebrations with Easter bonnet

parade and Easter egg hunt on the Thursday 24th March and, yes, they are already planning for the fabulous FOES fête on 10th July - if you think you might be able to help in some small way, please get in contact!

Mr. Dave Walsh, Head Teacher



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Holy Week in the High Downs Benefice

Palm Sunday **20th March**

8am Holy Communion at Eastling
10am Morning Service with Kathy Lucking
10am Holy Communion at Stalisfield

Maundy Thursday **24th March**

7.30pm Holy Communion at Eastling

Good Friday **25th March**

12 noon Walk with the Cross
starting at Throwley Church and finishing at Eastling Church followed by hot cross buns at the The Rectory

Easter Day **27th March**

Celebrate with us

8am Easter Communion at Eastling
10am Easter Communion at Eastling
10am Easter Communion at Stalisfield
10am Easter Communion at Throwley

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

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Canon’s Column

In the 1970’s and 80’s the native peoples of northern Canada began to reclaim the culture and traditions that had been lost by the generations of people who had been educated in the Indian Residential Schools. The village elders were urged to retell the stories from their grandparents and these were compiled and recorded. They were encouraged to take their grandchildren out on the land to gather the old foods and to hunt and trap for meat and furs. The activities and methods of the traditional ways of life were recorded and shared. These people had become aware that their culture had been lost and several generations of people were drifting without values or purpose in life. Across northern Canada, native villages began to have an epidemic of alcohol and drug addiction, violence and suicide. They came to realize that “if you don’t know the stories, you don’t have the culture, if you don’t know the stories, you don’t have the values.”

One of the problems facing Britain is the lack of affordable housing for people starting out in life. Whether it is in a city or rural areas, housing is accelerating in price beyond the cost of living and many people will be facing serious housing needs. It seems that whenever housing plans are put forward, there are complaints about infringement on green space, disregard

of planning rules, inappropriate use of land and damage to current housing values. People fail to consider those who are desperate for affordable housing or how much business a housing development would bring to local merchants. A lot of the opposition to these proposals could generally be described as NIMBY – not in my backyard. What does that tell us about our values?

As a Christian, my values are founded on the Ten Commandments, rarely heard these days and more observed in the breach than in the keeping, third, fourth, seventh, ninth and tenth commandments as examples. Then there are the Two Great Commandments, ‘love God with everything you’ve got and love your neighbour as yourself.’ How does NIMBY relate to these Two Great Commandments!

Another part of my value system comes from part of the Sermon on the Mount, often called The Golden Rule, found in similar words in other religions; ‘In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you.’ (Matt. 7:12) Then I try to incorporate the values of Matthew chapter 25: 31-46, ‘what we do for the least of our society, we do for Christ.’

How do the values of NIMBY represent the Christian faith? How do the values of NIMBY create a just and fair society that shows care and concern for others?

How have we come to the point where we accept signs saying no to affordable housing, no to migrants and refugees fleeing rape, murder and violence? Are not they little removed from other signs of the past that enforced discrimination and segregation?

What are the stories that have shaped our culture and our values in the past?

What are the stories that inspired the abolition of slavery and child labour and led to the universal education of children and healthy care for all?

If you don’t know the stories, you don’t know the culture. If you don’t know the stories, you don’t have the values.



Easter Lilies

Please contact Bay if you wish to give a donation towards purchasing an Easter lily in memory of a loved one.

If you wish, the name will be added to the list that will be in Eastling Church over Easter.

01795 892036



Prayer Pointers

March 2016

Sundays	For a deeper understanding of the glory of Easter.
Mondays	Continue a true Christian observance of Lent.
Tuesdays	Pray for all affected by adverse weather conditions.
Wednesdays	Continue to pray for all who promote your Gospel.
Thursdays	For those working to resolve the refugee crisis.
Fridays	For the hungry, homeless or oppressed.
Saturdays	Give thanks for the wonder of Spring.



Eastling Church Flower Rota

Easter Flowers

The communal decorating of Eastling Church for Easter will be on Saturday 26th March at 10.00am. Please bring along seasonal flowers and foliage to make the church beautiful for our Easter celebrations. Refreshments available.

Last year’s display of imaginative miniature **Easter Gardens** was enjoyed by all and we hope that this year, more children will join in to design and create their own version of an Easter Garden to be displayed in the church porch. The winner will be awarded an Easter prize and their garden will be located for all to enjoy. Mixed age design partnerships are very welcome!



Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

Contact numbers: Village Warden 07794 010 394 or 01795 890848 Police 101 Emergency 999

There are a many scams going about at the moment so please be very careful about how you spend your money and what information you give away. One is the usual telephone call telling you that your bank account has been compromised and can you confirm your details etc and then after a while will request more details and request that you ring your bank to confirm their identity. If you do ring your bank make sure that there is at least 15 minutes between speaking to these people after you have put the phone down or otherwise ring your bank on your mobile. Banks do not ring up to ask you your bank details so under no circumstances give the information away just put the phone down. Due to the inclement weather of late there are certain persons trawling the

Dear Plough Inn customers & local villagers, Street Farm Dairy

is a small dairy based in the village of High Halden and is now delivering to The Plough at Stalisfield. Their milk and cream is produced from their own Friesian cows and is processed and bottled on the farm, so the first road journey the milk takes is when is delivered to your premises. The milk is free range, from cows who graze in the fields for the summer months and eat food grown on the farm during the winter months. During the winter the cows have individual beds with comfy straw, and a sizeable exercise area. The dairy will be delivering to The Plough Inn on Tuesdays & Saturdays and you can place your order by Sunday & Thursday retrospectively. PRICES 2lit container milk £ 1.25 2 pint container £ 1.10 1 pint container £ 58p Eggs (doz) large. £ 2.00 Eggs (doz) free range £ 2.60 220 ml crème fraiche £ 1.40 2 lit whipping cream £ 4.10 2 lit single cream £ 4.10 10oz Double cream £ 1.10 5oz Double cream £ 0.70 250ml single cream £1.00 250ml whipping cream £1.00 1pt fresh orange juice 90p 500 ml natural yoghurts £ 1.55 125 ml low fat yoghurts 58p 125 ml creamy yoghurts 60p

For more information or to place an order phone 01795 890256 or email info@theploughinnstalisfield.co.uk



STALISFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

As the new co-ordinator of Neighbourhood Watch for Stalisfield I am in the process of compiling a current contact list. If you are a resident of Stalisfield and would like me to email you with NHW information and alerts, please can you contact me on my email address: sharoncarter01@gmail.com I will also place the information on the Notice Board outside the Stalisfield Village Hall. Sharon Carter

THROWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Meeting of Throwley Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on Monday 21st March 2016 at Throwley Church. The order of the meeting will be; 1. The Chairman's Report 2. Speaker - George Chandler, Kent County Council’s Broadband Project Manager, on the subject of 'KCC/BDUK Broadband Delivery Update for the Area'. 3. Open forum for Parishioners’ Questions All Residents are welcome.

Eastling Parish Council The next meeting of the council will be at 6.30pm on Wednesday 9th March in Eastling Village Hall

The Plough Inn, Stalisfield; a family run, independent, award winning pub & restaurant offering an extensive menu of restaurant quality food and pub snacks as well as a large range of unique & locally produced drinks.

Mothering Sunday 6th March Our superb Sunday Lunch is a perfect way to say Thank You to those special ladies in our lives Chillbillies Thursday 24th March Start the Easter bank holiday weekend with live music from 8.30pm Fish Blackboard Friday 25th March What has now become a firm tradition for Easter celebrations, Richard’s specials of fish dishes. Family Fun Day Monday 28th March A day of activities for children and those young at heart.

Stalisfield Road, Faversham, Kent, ME13 0HY Tel: 01795 890 256 Email: info@theploughinnstalisfield.co.uk



The Rector realised that deciphering and trying to make sense of esoteric texts was still an important part of the job.

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Stalisfield 20th March, 11am in Church Eastling 3rd April, 11.15am in Church Throwley 4th April, 7.30pm in Church Benefice Annual Meeting Sunday 10th April, 11.15am at Eastling

All parishioners are welcome to attend

Services in our Churches

6th March Mothering Sunday

Exodus 2. 1 - 10, 1 Corinthians 1. 3 - 7, Luke 2. 33 - 35

Eastling	8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 am	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	3 pm	Mothering Sunday Service

13th March Lent 5

Isaiah 43.16-21, Philippians 3.4b-14, John 12. 1-8

Eastling	8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 am	LifeStyle
Throwley	10 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)

20th March Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50. 4 - 9a, Philippians 2. 5 - 11, Luke 23. 1-49

Liturgy of the Palms Luke 19. 28 - 40

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

24th March Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12. 1 - 14, 1 Corinthians 11. 23 - 26, John 13. 1-13, 31b-35

Eastling 7.30 pm Holy Communion (CW)

25th March Good Friday

Walk with the Cross starting at 12 noon at Throwley Church, on to Throwley Forstal, Bell's Forstal, Stalisfield Church, Stalisfield Green, Eastling Church, Eastling Village finishing at The Rectory for Hot Cross buns and tea.

27th March Easter Day

Acts 10. 34 - 43, 1 Corinthians 15. 19 - 26, Luke 24. 1 - 12

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

3rd April Easter 1

Acts 5. 27 - 32, Revelation 1. 4 - 8, John 20. 19 - 31

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

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

## The High Downs Benefice

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|--------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 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                     |
| Reader | Caroline Ramshaw (01795 892088)            | 4 Glebe Cottages, Eastling                  |

#### Churchwardens

|                      |                                  |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Eastling             | Andrew Baxter (01795 890598)     |
| Assistant Warden     | Steve Youle (01795 890368)       |
| Parish Administrator | Janet Payne (01795 890487)       |
|                      | E mail: eastlingchurch@gmail.com |

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| Stalisfield with Otterden | Jean West (01233 712270)    |
| Parish Administrator      | Sheila Moger (01233 713212) |
|                           | E mail samhawksnest@aol.com |

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| Throwley | Glynn Howland (01795 890094)   |
|          | Barbara Elliott (01795 890020) |

### From the Registers

**Interment of Ashes**  
Keith Whibley  
13th February 2016 at Eastling

### Midweek & Lent Groups

**Tuesdays:** Weekly Lent group, March 1st, 8th and 15th  
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

**Men's Lent study,** March 3rd, 10th & 17th, 7.30pm  
The Rectory, Newnham Lane, Eastling. 01795 890487

**Fridays:** Lent group, March 4th, 11th & 18th, 10.45am  
10.45am, New House Farm, Eastling. 01795 890629  
*You will be welcome at any of our groups.*

### Prayer for Healing in our Churches

Members of the team will be available for private prayer for you during and after Communion on:

6th March, 10am service at Eastling,  
21st March, 10am service at Stalisfield.





## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

(INTERNATIONAL AND INTERDENOMINATIONAL)

Women's World Day of Prayer is an international, ecumenical, prayer movement that invites women, from a different part of the world each year, to prepare a worship service through which their hopes and fears for their country may be brought before the whole world in prayer.

On Friday 4th March an estimated 3 million people in over 170 countries and islands will gather to observe the day of prayer, using an order of service written by Christian women in Cuba and translated into over 60 languages and 1000 dialects. In the British Isles alone over 6,000 services will be held. The day begins as the sun rises over the island of Samoa and continues until it sets off the coast of American Samoa, some 35 hours later.

The theme 'Receive children. Receive me' reflects St Mark's Gospel, chapter 10 verses 13-16, which is the focus of the service and a reminder that everyone is a child of God and equally worthy of our love and respect.

### Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 4th March  
2pm Service at  
St. Catherine's Church,  
Preston Lane, Faversham.  
All denominations are welcome to attend.

### The Faversham & Villages Refugee Solidarity Group

We held our fourth meeting in February at the Vaults Pub in Faversham. This was our best attended meeting and we decided to meet there again in March. Among the issues discussed were:

- The work of church groups; supporting refugees in the Calais and Dunkirk camps.
- Lobbying local councillors, MP's and MEP's.
- Asking high profile local people to join our group.
- Having a stall in Faversham Square to meet the public.
- Increase our profile in the local press
- Group members planning trips to the French camps.

Go to the Faversham and Villages Refugee Solidarity Group Facebook page for more information about our activities, and please join us for our next meeting on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 7.30 at The Vaults Pub, Preston St. Faversham (opposite the Alexander Centre) or contact Greg on 07787 062 634**

### Come and join us for the Good Friday Walk with the Cross

beginning 12 noon at Throwley Church.

Order of the stops and walks:  
Throwley Church, Throwley Forstal, Bell's Forstal, Stalisfield Church, Stalisfield Green, Eastling Church, Eastling Village, the Rectory (for hot cross buns and tea).





A little update from...

### THE GARDENING GROUP at Charing Surgery

If you have been down to the Surgery recently you may have noticed that the Gardening Group were very busy during 2015 and have completely transformed 2 plots of land. We now have a lovely seating and meeting area, raised beds planted with fruit and vegetables, a woodlands area and have just started a rose walk and planted our first asparagus. Gardening magazines and the press have all recently been promoting the fact that Gardening is good for your health. And this is exactly what the Gardening Group at Charing Surgery is about. There is lots of evidence that shows gardening can help you both physically and mentally on lots of different levels. We were excited to have been inter-viewed by Martin Buchanan and Andy Garland on the Sunday morning gardening show on BBC Radio Kent. And we're very proud to be seen to be 'ahead of the curve' as Gardening for Health becomes more popular and the benefits better recognised. The Group has just celebrated its first anniversary, and everyone has found the experience to be most rewarding, not only for the physical aspects but also the friendships that have been made. This year we look forward to welcoming new members and see the fruits of our labour (literally!!). The Group meets each Tuesday between 9.30am-11.30am. You don't have to have "green fingers" to get involved. Why not pop along and have a chat or give Jo'anne a call on 01233 713582 and come and join us.



## SUNDAY 13TH 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, PÂTÉ & CHEESE PLUS A CHANCE TO MEET OTHER THROWLEY VILLAGERS







BelmontHseGdns  
Belmont House and Gardens



## BELMONT HOUSE & GARDENS EVENTS

### EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday 27th March, 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, £1.00 per adult (all materials included).

**Belmont House is open for guided tours on Sunday 27th March, first tour 2.15pm.**

### COOKERY WORKSHOPS

Let your child come and have fun making delicious Hot Cross Buns on this Easter workshop, with a morning of mixing, kneading, baking and eating.

Tuesday 5th April, 10.00am - 1.00pm

& Thursday 7th April, 10.00am - 1.00pm

Suitable for children aged 8 – 13 yrs. £12.50 per child. To book please call 01795 890 202 or email events@belmont-house.org

### SPRING FORAGE

Thursday 21st April, 10.00am – 4.00pm

We will cover plant identification techniques, foraging and the law, and an introduction to fire lighting. Once you reach the expedition style camp, help prepare the ingredients you have found along the way and participate in some campfire cooking techniques. £40.00 per person, booking essential. To book please call 01795 890 202 or email events@belmont-house.org

**Belmont House & Gardens, Throwley, Nr Faversham, Kent ME13 0HH**

## THROWLEY WALKERS

Slower walks **every** Wednesday; longer walks **every** Friday.  
Make new friends

and catch up with old ones!

All walks start at 10.30am

Ann : 01795 892037

**Wednesday 2nd March** Slower pace: 2 miles, 1 hour from Kettle Hill Road, roadside parking near Kettle Hill Farm ME13 0BB

**Friday 4th March** 3 miles, 1.5 hours, from Kettle Hill Road, roadside parking near Kettle Hill Farm ME13 0BB

**Wednesday 9th March** Slower pace: about 2 miles, 1 hour from Throwley Forstal, ME13 0PJ.

**Friday 11th March** 4 miles, 2 hours, from Eastling Hall, ME13 0BA. Drinks at the Carpenters Arms to follow.

**Wednesday 16th March** Slower pace: 2 miles, 1 hr, from Throwley Forstal, ME13 0PJ.

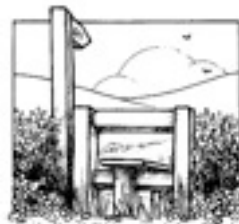
**Friday 18th March** 3 miles, 1.5 hours, from Sheldwich Village Hall, ME13 0NG

**Wednesday 23rd March** Slower pace: 2 miles, 1 hour from Sheldwich Village Hall, ME13 0NG

**Friday 25th March** 4 miles, 2 hours, from Sheldwich Village Hall, ME13 0NG

**Wednesday 30th March** Slower pace: 2 miles, 1 hour from Brogdale Farm car park, ME13 8XZ. Restaurant visit afterwards

**Friday 1st April** 3 miles, 1.5 hours, from Brogdale Farm car park, ME13 8XZ. Drinks / lunch in the restaurant later.



## Stalisfield Highlife

### Events Listing for year 2016

April 9th- Saturday. Coffee morning

April 15th - Friday. Spring Quiz.

May 14th- Saturday. Safari Supper.

June 12th- Sunday. Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration.

July 16th- Saturday. Frog Racing.

August 19th- Friday. Ladies Open Lunch.

August 27th- Saturday. Summer Fete.

October 1st- Saturday. Harvest Supper.

October 14th- Friday. Autumn Quiz.

December 9th and 10th- Friday and Saturday.

December 11th- Sunday. Children's Party.

December 17th- Over 60s' Christmas Lunch.

### Stalisfield Tree Planting

The walnut tree planted on Stalisfield green to commemorate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth succumbed to disease and had to be felled last year. The idea behind the choice of the original tree was that the village could benefit from the enjoyment of gathering fallen nuts in season. However the walnut failed to thrive. When the Parish Council considered replacement a decision was made to plant a hardier local species. The Kent Cobnut was chosen.

The Council arranged with the Kent Heritage Trees Project for a donated cobnut to be planted on the green in conjunction with The Conservation Volunteers Green Gym- an organization which encourages physical useful activity as healthy exercise among its members.

Accordingly, on Thursday 18th February a small group of volunteers (with the help of 4 year old Emily from the village) dug through clay, roots and flint to create a hole of perfect size for the wrapped root ball of the tree delivered to the green. Eventually a small brass plaque will be mounted to identify the tree and the reason for the planting.

Appreciation of the gift and of the effort of planting was expressed by Cat Horn as Chair of the Parish Council and emphasized by the attendance of the group of villagers gathered in response to the notice announcing the ceremony.



Kent Air Ambulance Trust  
saving time - saving life

### PAINTERS FORSTAL with SELLING WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

(due to the closure and sale of The Champion Hall, Painters Forstal we have re-located to Eastling Village Hall from March 2016)

### EASTLING LADIES!

We invite you to come along and join us at our new meeting venue in

**EASTLING VILLAGE HALL** on Tuesday 15th March at 2.15pm to hear a talk by Kent Air Ambulance.

Refreshments will be provided. Here you will have the opportunity to meet with and make new friends in a social environment.

We have an exciting and interesting programme set for 2016.

If you wish to find out more about our Women's Institute please email: patyounger@sky.com or telephone Barbara on 01795 890020 or email: tobar72@hotmail.co.uk

### Eastling Gardeners' Club

Meeting on Thursday 10th March

'The Herb Garden'

Speaker: Vanessa Jones  
plus a plant sale

Eastling Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Followed by wine and nibbles

Free to members, non-members £3



Don't forget to put your clocks forward one hour at 1am on Sunday 27th March 2016



### On Palm Sunday, 20th March,

Kathy Lucking will be our special guest speaker at the 10am service in St. Mary's Church, Eastling.

Many of us know Kathy from her previous talks about her school in Madagascar. She will be fresh from 2 months at the school and will bring us up to date on all their recent activities. She also expects to bring some very colourful baskets, which the teachers and parents have made, for us to buy as part of one of the small businesses they have begun towards becoming more self-supporting. Kathy will also speak about the 'Quids for Kids' programme, all about



sponsoring a child for a pound a week. Already five children are being sponsored from our benefice and it would be wonderful to have more sponsors so that a Malagasy child will have a chance at a future.



2016

|       |                               |         |                                                       |
|-------|-------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 1st   | Refugee Crisis meeting        | 7.30pm  | The Vaults, Faversham                                 |
| 2nd   | Eastling Walkers              | 10.30am | Eastling Village Hall                                 |
| 2nd   | Throwley Walkers              | 10.30am | from Kettle Hill Farm                                 |
| 2nd   | Otterden & Stalisfield WI     | 7.30pm  | Stalisfield Village Hall                              |
| 9th   | Eastling Parish Council       | 6.30pm  | Eastling Village Hall                                 |
| 10th  | Gardeners' Club               | 7.30pm  | Eastling Village Hall                                 |
| 13th  | Throwley Lanes Clean Up       | 11.30am | Parsonage Farm                                        |
| 15th  | Deadline for April Good News  |         | See below                                             |
| 15th  | Painters Forstal & Selling WI | 2.15pm  | Eastling Village Hall                                 |
| 21st  | Throwley Parish Council       | 7.30pm  | Throwley Church                                       |
| 20th  | Maundy Thursday Communion     | 7.30pm  | Eastling Church                                       |
| 25th  | Walk with the Cross           | 12 noon | from Throwley Church                                  |
| 27th  | Easter Communion              | 8am     | Eastling Church                                       |
|       |                               |         | and 10am in Stalisfield, Throwley & Eastling Churches |
| 29th  | Magazine Folding              | 2pm     | Pinks Farm                                            |
| APRIL | 9th Coffee Morning            |         | Stalisfield                                           |
|       | 15th Quiz Night               |         | Stalisfield                                           |

### FROM THE EDITOR

If you would like to advertise in the April 2016 magazine, submit articles or stories for publication, or would like any forthcoming events publicised, send your contribution by 15th March to: Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, Faversham, ME13 0BA. Tel: 01795 890338. Where possible, please submit your entry by email: goodnewsmagazine@me.com

**Past and current issues of the Good News may be viewed on [www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews](http://www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews)**

### Eastling Short Mat Bowls



On 21st January we played our return match in the East Kent League against A.R.C.A. at Canterbury, we can now see why they are top of the 1st division for we failed to come home with any points. On 27th January, in the Swale league, we played away to Tunstall and came home with just 4 points, leaving them with 10. Then it

was back into the East Kent League on 29th January, when we played away at Swalecliffe losing on both mats - no points, but on 2nd February Swalecliffe came to Eastling and we won 4 points to 2 points.

At home again, this time to Whitstable on 9th February, all the team played well and we had the full six points, sadly a different story on 15th when we went to them, they won both games by the narrowest of margins, so back up the Thanet way with no points. In between these games on 12th February we played at home to Borden the team's game was excellent, and we won 10 points to 4. Four days later saw another win at home when Newington visited and, praises to the team, all playing a very good standard, we gained 10 points, sent them home with only 4. This result has taken us off the bottom of the Swale 1st division table.

New members are always welcome - come and give it a try on Fridays 2.30 - 4.30pm then 7.30 - 9.30pm in Eastling Village Hall.

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