

# Help feed local people in crisis

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#### **Faversham Foodbank 2018**

Thank you for your support. the organisers are very grateful for all our contributions: please keep them contributions coming.

#### **Food list for March**

Urgent items: long life fruit juice; squash; rice; laundry detergent; tinned fruit; tinned rice pudding.





# Eastling School News

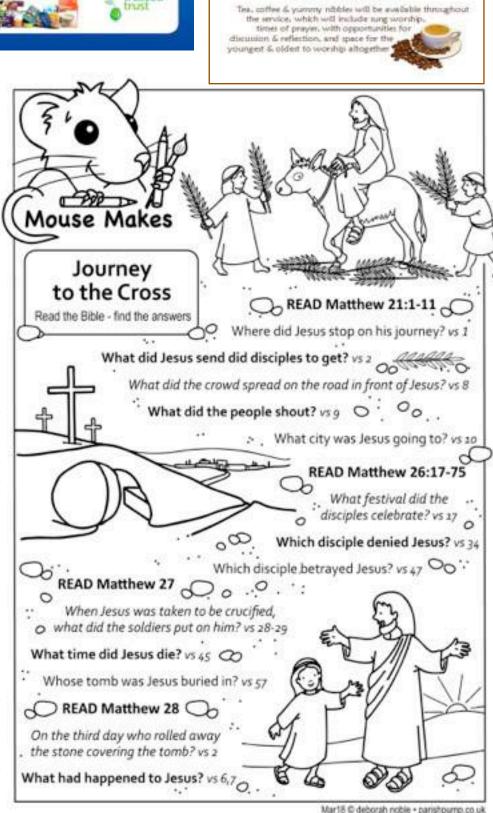
Term 3 passed by quickly here at Eastling Primary School with lots of exciting activities and opportunities to celebrate our wonderful environment and nature. Willow class started swimming on Wednesdays and will continue for term 4. Acorn class assembly 26<sup>th</sup> January was a delightful celebration of the children's learning since starting school. Silver birch shared their learning around the theme of space in their class assembly 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Both class assemblies were well attended by parents and family and the staff worked very hard to share the children's learning with the school community.

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February, Acorn class had a very enjoyable visit to Wingham where their behaviour was impeccable. The visit brought alive their class learning on animals and their environments. We were delighted to have a visit from a Fire Safety Officer who gave fire safety presentations to both the infants and juniors on 6<sup>th</sup> February.

On 8<sup>th</sup> February Highsted Grammar School Music teacher came to the school to work with year 5. They had a percussion workshop using brooms, saucepans, dustbins etc. to create their own rhythmic compositions, which they then performed. It was a super learning opportunity and enjoyed by all the children.

We now have our new fence and gate fitted at the pupil entrance which all went very smoothly and looks very smart and in keeping with the school. The new school sign has also been installed and has all the up to date contact details.

Melanie Dale, Head Teacher.



# SUNDAY 18TH MARCH THROWEY CAFESTYLE Sunday 11th March 10arn - 11arn Eastling Village Hall A creative time of worship: Church in a Café setting. worship discussion reflection prayer fellowship

# PLEASE COME ALONG TO PARSONAGE FARM AT 11.30

CHOOSE YOUR LANE & COLLECT GLOVES, RUBBISH BAGS, ETC BEFORE SETTING OFF. THEN RETURN WITH YOUR SPOILS FOR A DELICIOUS FREE LUNCH OF HOMEMADE SOUP, HOT SAUSAGES, FRENCH BREAD, CHEESES & PICKLES, PLUS A CHANCE TO MEET OTHER THROWLEY VILLAGERS. PLEASE BRING THE DRINK OF YOUR CHOICE

THE VENUE IS SUPPLIED BY KIND PERMISSION OF MR & MRS T YOUNG

# Not too late for a Lent Course! Start today.

Lent is already well underway (it began on 14<sup>th</sup> February) but, as it stretches ahead throughout most of March, you may well be interested in visiting #LiveLent - Let your light shine. Especially if you have not yet got around to following any Lent course yet!

LiveLent is the Church of England's 2018 Lent campaign and resources for churches. It follows the Gospel of John, offering a short daily reading, a pause for reflection and prayer and a challenge to act. The Archbishops describe the course as "giving you an opportunity to explore what the gift of Jesus and the challenge of Jesus mean for you, in the context of your daily life.

"God offers us life for the sake of others. The light He gives us in Jesus Christ is not to be hidden but to shine – it's a gift to be lived and shared. Indeed, the more we share it and let it shine, the brighter it burns."

The aim in 2018 is to encourage people to journey from Lent and Easter into Pentecost and Thy Kingdom Come. (visit https://www.churchofengland.org/lent)





# **Spring Quiz**

Friday 23rd March Stalisfield Village Hall 7.30pm

Contact Ian - ianmckay1@btinternet.com to book a table of six, or to join another table, at £2.50 per person. Please bring your own food and drink and exercise the old grey matter.



# Mothering Sunday 11th March

Service in Eastling Village Hall at 10am. Mums, Dads, brothers and sisters all welcome.



# Holy Week Services

# 25th March Palm Sunday

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion
Throwley 10 am Morning Prayer with Baptism

# 30th March Good Friday

Join with our neighbours for Stations of the Cross 10.30am starting in Newnham and walking to Doddington,

# 1st April Easter Day

Throwley 10 am Holy Communion

# Good News Parish Magazine March 2018 High Downs Parish

Serving the villages of Eastling, Otterden, Stalisfield and Throwley

www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews

The Revd. Paul Hardingham, Rector of Bolton, considers the amazing love of God, which lies at the heart of the Easter message.

#### **God So Loved the World**

'For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son. that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.' (John 3:16)

This verse has been described as 'the greatest verse in the Bible', as it enables us to understand the events of Good Friday and Easter Day. The cross and resurrection reveal the depth of God's love for each of us.

God's love is unconditional: God demonstrated the extent of his love by sending His Son into this world, to show us what it looks like: 'God with skin on'! God graciously loves us, as none of us deserves it. 'There is nothing we can do to make God love us more. There is nothing we can do to make God love us less.' (Philip Yancey).

God's love is sacrificial: The cross is the supreme demonstration of God's love, as Jesus identifies with a fallen, suffering world. He died

**Sundays** - God of love, I know that you are the source of all that is good and

graced in my life. Help me to move from

me. You know what I need to prepare for

your kingdom. Bless me with those gifts.

**Mondays** - God in heaven and in my

believe I can save myself and I end in

failure. Lead me with your love away

from harm and guide me on the right

Church and make us an instrument of

your love and guidance. Thank you for

**Tuesdays** - Joyful praise in Lent? I'm

prepare to understand and embrace the

paschal mystery in my life. Help me to

loving touch in my life can fill me with

joyful praise of the salvation you have

Wednesdays - Loving God, I hear your

you. Show me the way to return. Lead me

invitation, "Come back to me" and I am

filled with such a longing to return to

name and send your Spirit to guide me

this day in good works I do in your

see how your saving grace and your

not sure I always feel that. Help me

path. May your Spirit inspire the

your care for me.

sent to me.

life, guide me and protect me. I so often

the life of sin to which I so often cling,

into the new life of grace you offer

**Prayer Pointers** 

**March 2018** 

for our sins, removing the barrier between us and God, giving access into God's presence and release from the power of sin and death.

God's love is accessible: Jesus' resurrection makes His eternal life available to all who put their trust in Him. It's an offer of life with purpose, in which we can know God personally, both now and for eternity.

Bobby Moore described receiving the World Cup from the Queen in 1966 as terrifying: 'I noticed that the



Queen was wearing some beautiful white gloves. I looked down at my hands and they were completely covered with mud'! Although we approach God with dirty and spoilt lives, by the cross and resurrection, we can shake hands with a holy God. He offers us 'life in all its fullness', with healing, forgiveness, peace and a fresh start in life!

#### Palm Sunday: Jesus at the gates of Jerusalem 25th March

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, when the Church remembers how Jesus arrived at the gates of Jerusalem just a few days before the Passover was due to be held. He was the Messiah come to His own people in their capital city, and yet He came in



and strengthen my faith. I ask only to feel your love in my life today.

Thursdays - Merciful God, Free your Church from the sins of this world and protect us from evil we see and the evil we prefer to ignore. We need your guidance, Lord for we cannot do this alone. Only with your help can we be saved. Thank you for your desire to save us and love us.

**Fridays** - Loving Creator of mine. I am filled with joy as I move toward Easter and the promised reconciliation with you. Teach me to follow the example of your Son, to be worthy of being called one his people: a Christ-ian. Help me to live each day as he did turning hatred to love and conflict to peace. I await the new life with eagerness, faith and a deep gratitude.

**Saturdays** - God of infinite love, I thank you for this reminder of your love and your call that we be more patient, gentle and compassionate with others. Here, during Lent, I turn to you to beg for your help. Please soften my heart. Help me to let go of judging others. I ask you this, in Jesus' name.

humility, riding on a young donkey, not in triumph, riding on a war-

As Jesus entered the city, the crowds gave Him a rapturous welcome, throwing palm fronds into His path. They knew His reputation as a healer, and welcomed Him. But sadly, the welcome was short-lived and shallow, for Jerusalem would soon reject her Messiah, and put Him to death. On this day churches worldwide will distribute little crosses made from palm fronds in memory of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem.

# Easter **Flowers**

This year, the Easter Service will be held at Throwley church at 10.00am so there will be no communal decorating at Eastling on Saturday 31st March.

Bay would still welcome donations for Easter lilies in memory of loved ones, and these will be in Eastling Church as usual. Please contact Bay on 01795 892036.

# **Eastling Neighbourhood** Watch

Village Warden 07794 010 394 or 01795 890848

Police 101 Emergency 999

We are now into spring and the lambs will be appearing in the fields. It is always an offence for dogs to chase sheep at any time of the year, more especially at this time so please keep your dog on a lead in the vicinity of sheep. The farmer is within the law to shoot any animal which is either worrying or attacking the sheep. I have seen on the news that 51 dogs have been shot in Wales since the beginning of the year so please keep all dogs under control.

There have been the usual reports of telephone scams, one being to leave a voicemail asking you to ring a particular number. Any number that begins with 09 is a premium rate number and could end up costing you dearly.

With the continuous rain that we have experienced over the last period many of the potholes in our roads, especially at the sides, are being hidden in the rainwater so take extra care when driving or cycling as it could end up being a costly drive.

Have a good month and take care, Alan.

#### TV

Your mind is like a television; when it goes blank, it's a good idea to turn off the sound.



# **Afternoon of Thames Sailing Barge Films**

Sunday 18th March

Royal Cinema, Faversham

Doors open 2.30pm, Films start at 3pm, ending 5.30pm

An afternoon of black-and-white and colour films from the archives on Thames sailing barges. Proceeds from the event are to be shared between two charities, the Thames Sailing Barge Trust and the Faversham Creek Trust.

Tickets are available on the door or in advance from Sue Akhurst, Kent Lodge, 20 Newton Road, Faversham, Kent ME13 8DZ, by sending a cheque payable to Thames Sailing Barge Trust and a stamped addressed envelope.

Refreshments will be available and a raffle

# **Eastling Annual Meetings**

This year, the combined Annual General Meeting of the Trustees of Eastling Village Hall and the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday, 26th April in Eastling Village Hall. The Trustees' AGM will start at 7.30pm followed at 8.00pm by the Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting. A presentation will take place at the latter meeting of the Kent Association of Local Councils Community Award which will recognise the contribution a resident has made to the village. Both meetings are open to the public, so please come along to support your village organisations. Refreshments will be served.

#### THROWLEY PARISH **COUNCIL**

The Parish Meeting of Throwley Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on Monday 19th March 2017 at Throwley Church.

The order of the meeting will be;

- 1. The Chairwoman's Report
- 2. Speaker John Burke on the subject of 'Swale Planning Procedures, the Conservation Area & possible Built Area of Throwley Forstal and the newly adopted Swale Local Plan 2017 as it affects the village'
- 3. Open Forum for Parishioners Questions

All Residents welcome.

# **Women's World Day of Prayer**

will be held in

Faversham Baptist Church, St Mary's Road on Friday 2nd March 10am for teas/coffee, Service at 10.30am

Women's World Day of Prayer written by women but FOR EVERYONE Focus & Title: All God's Creation is Very Good, Country: Suriname **EVERYONE WELCOME** 

# The Sagas of **Noggin the Nog**

Sunday 4th March at 2pm

The Alexander Centre, Faversham

Based on the original television series by Peter Firmin and Oliver Postgate, The Sagas of Noggin the Nog is a stunning, charming and witty play that is perfect for families and fans. Tickets, at £7 for children (under 16) and £9 per adult, are available

from the Alexander Centre.

# The Rotary Club of the Weald of Kent

#### **SPRING ART EXHIBITION** 2018

At Sutton Valence School Pictures and Crafts on exhibition and for sale Saturday 24 March 11am to 6pm Sunday 25 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

For entry forms go to: www.wealdofkentrotary.org.uk

# Our Lent Appeal



As we approach a time of joyful celebration in the Church calendar we

ask if you might consider doing something for international relations... making a small but significant contribution ltowards greater

understanding worldwide.

HOST's mission is to give a welcome to international students in British homes for friendship and cultural exchange. Our volunteer hosts can offer hospitality for one day (daytime only) or three days and two nights at the weekend. We operate all year round and would very much welcome more volunteer hosts to join us. More information can be found on our website: www.hostuk.org Or email us on: info@hostuk.org Or telephone us on: 020 7739 6292



# Services in our Churches

# 4th March Lent 3

1 Corinthians 1. 18-25, John 2. 13-22 10 am Morning Prayer Eastling

# 11th March Mothering Sunday

2 Corinthians 1. 3-7, Luke 2. 33 - 35 10 am CaféStyle in the Village Hall Eastling

# 18th March Lent 5

Hebrews 5. 5 - 10, John 12. 20 - 33 Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW) Celebrant - Revd Canon Reg Humphriss

# 25th March Palm Sunday

Philippians 2. 5 - 11, Mark 11. 1 - 11 or John 12. 12 - 16

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Eastling

Celebrant - Revd. Caroline Pinchbeck

Throwley 10 am Morning Prayer with Baptism

Led by - Revd. Thomas Collett-White

# 30th March Good Friday

See below

# 1st April Easter Day

Acts 10. 34 - 43, John 20. 1 - 18 or Mark 16. 1 - 8 10 am Holy Communion (BCP) Throwley

Celebrant - Revd. Thomas Collett White

Additional Services you might like to consider

# Kingsdown and Creekside Easter Services

There will be a series of short evening prayer and reflection services in Holy Week at 8 pm:

Monday 26th, at St Peter's Oare Tuesday 27th, at Newnham Wednesday 28th, at Teynham Saturday 31st, at Doddington

#### **Maundy Thursday**

Last Supper Service at Lynsted at 8pm

Good Friday: 10.30am starting in Newnham and walking to Doddington, Stations of the Cross 2pm Last Hour at the Cross, Norton

**Easter Day:** 6.30am Sunrise Service at Wychling with breakfast to follow

# High Downs Parish

Rector

Parish Office Email: eastlingchurch@gmail.com

facebook.com/highdownsbenefice

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

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**Administrator** Janet Payne

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Stalisfield with Otterden

Jean West (01233 712270) Administrator Sheila Moger (01233713212)

E mail: samhawksnest@aol.com

**Throwley** Vacant

# Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: Study group, 9.30am on 13th & 27th March at Garden Cottage, Eastling. 01795 890368

**Wednesdays:** 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, 10.45am, New House Farm, Eastling. 01795 890629

You will be welcome at any of our groups.

# Church Annual General Meetings

Throwley on Monday 12th March in the Church at 7.30pm.

Stalisfield on Sunday 18th March in the Church after the Service (about 11.00am).

> Eastling on Sunday 25th March in the Church at 11.00am.

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# The Inaugural Stalisfield Village Hall Burns night...

STALISFIELD HIGHLIFE

VILLAGE HALL EVENTS 2018

**Royal Wedding bring and share** 

Sheila - Samhawksnest@aol.com

Children's Table Tennis 2pm-4pm

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More details on www.stalisfieldvillagehall.co.uk

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Tracy / Tracey - tracy@stalisfieldvillagehall.co.uk - 0771 7367936

The atmospheric, eerie sound of bagpipes drifted through the drizzle across our little village green on the night of Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January, as 2 pipers in Scottish sartorial elegance welcomed the 60 guests for our first village led

Burns night to the TEE, fleeket, tim'rous

March 23rd

April 14th

May19th

June 30th

July 14th

August 10th

October 6th

25th

December 7th / 8th Panto

Jan 2019 26th Burns Night

village hall. Last year's 'private' Burns night organised by Rob King, had prepared us for what to expect and

the evening did not disappoint.

Guests were greeted with a dram of Scotch Whisky or Prosecco at the door along with a highland flower corsage. A bar was available for refreshments throughout the evening.

There was rustic Scottish soda bread with salted butter on the table at arrival. The hall had been beautiful bedecked in tartan bunting with a huge painting, in the manner of 'The Monarch of the Glen' as a backdrop to the stage, all dressed with freshly cut pine branches.

Quiz

Safari Supper

**Barn Dance** 

**Afternoon Tea** 

**Ladies Lunch** 

**Harvest Supper** 

November 11th Remembrance event Details to follow

Su - suandyjoe@yahoo.co.uk

Halloween

9th Children's Party

15th **Seniors' Tea** 

The ceremonial haggis, on a bed of heather, was quite promptly piped to the front of the hall by the pipers and was then superbly addressed with Rabbie Burns traditional words delivered with drama and panache by Angus.

A plate of hot haggis with 'clapshot' (neeps and tatties) and kale, was swiftly despatched to each table where warm whisky cream sauce was ready in jugs to add a smoothness to the robust Scottish fodder on offer.

A Ceilidh band of kilted musicians charmed us with some well known tunes as we enjoyed our meal. Scottish cheese followed the main meal and at this time. Murray stood up and detailed the whisky tasting competition that he had devised for the evening.

The Ceilidh band began proper and the dancing began, skillfully encouraged by their charismatic caller, who seemed to persuade just about everyone to partake in stepping out with old Scottish favourites, which included stripping the willow and of course, the Gay Gordons.

Groups of 3 or 4 punters were continually at Murray's whisky table, where 5 whiskies were on offer to sample and to answer tricky questions concerning their origin etc. Alistair won the competition despite only obtaining a 2 out of 9!

The evening rounded off at about midnight when the last revellers, tired from dancing and full of fine food, if lubricated by whisky, left for their beds.

Many thanks for the cooking to Nick, for the decoration led by Kay, to Murray for the whisky bar, to Angus for the address and to all, too many to name, who helped so much with the setting up and clearing away.

**MAKE A DATE** with us for next year: Stalisfield Village Hall Burns Night, Saturday 26th January 2019 at 7.30pm. Tickets £22 per head. Numbers are limited to 72 so please reserve your tickets early with Kay Ford kayford37@gmail.com or txt 07530256021



**Stalisfield** Safari Supper in aid of the Village Hall

# Saturday April 14th at 7.30pm

The Safari Supper is a three-course culinary mystery tour around Stalisfield. Before the event you will be given a top secret envelope containing the address where you will have your starter. After enjoying your first course another envelope will be opened revealing the address of your main course. You, your fellow guests, and your hosts will then split up and head off to your next gastronomic treat. Finally, everyone will come together again in the Village Hall where you can swap tales of your adventures over a huge selection of tempting desserts.

We are looking for both hosts and guests. Hosts will be catering for eight people (including themselves) and will be at home for the course they are cooking but will join the fun for the other courses.

Tickets are £15 per person (hosts get 1 free ticket) and are available from Judith judithandandrew@yahoo.com or Shirley shirleylpritchard@btinternet.com. All dietary requirements can be accommodated, but please inform Judith or Shirley at the time of booking.

Early booking is essential as the logistics are quite complicated to organise!

#### Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

well attended by 22 ladies, plus guests who came along to see if our WI was something that would suit them. Victoria Golding came along from Sittingbourne to talk to us about plants Victoria is not a trained gardener, but has come into the subject as most of us do, by owning her own garden. This has land/location that some of our thrill that this entails. She is a natural Speaker and very amusing at times too!



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offering an extensive menu of restaurant quality food and pub snacks as well as a large range of unique & locally produced drinks.

British Pie Week, March 5th - 11th Come and try a 'proper' homemade pie.

Mothering Sunday, March 11th Treat mum like she deserves on Mothering Sunday with lunch at ours and save her not only the cooking and washing up too!

#### Women's Wednesday, March 28th.

Just an excuse for the local ladies to catch up for a bite to eat and a chat - pre booking required; please contact Marianne, Food served at 7,30pm.

Good Friday - March 30th Our Easter tradition of Fish Friday blackboard.

> Band Night - April 20th Live music with The Chillbillies

Keep up to date by following us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram

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The first Meeting of the new year was On Wednesday 7th March, Yvonne Fernando will speak on Meditation, Relaxation and Mindfulness with interactive talk. The meeting commences at 7.30pm in Stalisfield village hall, but if you wish to join us, come a little earlier to ensure you have time to purchase tea and cake to get the evening off to a good start.

we find in our gardens and their origins. In April, we are meeting a little later in the month, on Wednesday 18th staring at 6 p.m. This is for our annual Bluebell walk and we try to second guess when the bluebells will be at their best. This is followed by homemade soup developed into a passion for visiting the and bread at Stalisfield Village Hall to warm us up again. Those who do not wish to walk, can stay at the Hall to everyday plants come from and the socialise and ladies from other local WI Groups often join us. Gentlemen are welcome too! The evening will then culminate with a raffle.

The dates for a couple of outings have now been arranged: Tuesday 8th May evening to see Hairspray at The Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury; Wednesday 13th June an afternoon visit to Doddington Place Gardens.

If you wish to come along to join our friendly group, please contact either Lesley Andrews, Secretary on 01795 890581 or Stephanie Culver, President on 01795 890748.



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**Belmont House and Gardens** 



#### **BELMONT HOUSE & GARDENS**

#### **Tea Room Staff Vacancies**

Belmont House is looking for 2 enthusiastic people to join the seasonal Tea Room staff team. The Tea Room is open on Sat, Sun and Bank Holiday Mondays throughout April – Sept, from 1.00pm – 5.00pm. The work will involve serving tea, coffee, cold drinks and light refreshments along with home-made cakes to the public, experience an advantage but full training will be given.

We require two teams of two people to work alternate weekends but all the team will be expected to work full days when there is an event held, such as the Spring Fair. There will be opportunities to work extra hours when we are busy mid-week or to cover holidays. You will need to enjoy working with people, be able to work efficiently alongside others but use your initiative when needed! Must have own transport due to rural location.

Please contact Andrea for a chat on administrator@belmonthouse.org or 01795 890202 Mon-Fri, 9.00am – 5.00pm.

#### **EASTER EGG HUNT**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April 11.00am – 3.00pm

Explore the gardens and search for the Easter eggs to get your very own chocolate reward. Afterwards, children can head back to the Orangery to get creative with the Easter crafting session.

Our Tea Tent will be open from 11am for soup, homemade cakes and seasonal treats. £5.00 per child, £1.00 per adult including garden entry!

Belmont House & Gardens, Throwley, Nr Faversham, Kent ME13 oHH

#### **Painters Forstal with Selling WI**

Members had a lovely, but a bit cold, meeting in February. The speaker was a lady who has a herd of 60 Alpacas as well as hens ducks and quail. A very interesting talk which we recommend to anybody who wants something a little different.

On 20th March we look forward to hearing all about [ Forensics. Be sure your crime will be detected!!! Come along to Eastling village hall at 2pm. As usual all information from Barbara on 890020 or tombar72@hotmail.co.uk



# Charing **Local History Society Ragstones to Riches**

The fascinating story of how Roman London was built from ragstone quarried in the upper Medway Valley -Simon Elliott.

Thursday 8th March in the Parish Hall, Station Road, Charing, Kent. The talk starts at 8pm, doors open at 7:30pm and visitors are welcome at £3 each.

www.charinghistory.co.uk

# **Musical Recital** with Cheese and Wine

Saturday 12th May at 7.30 pm

> at Stalisfield Village Hall Tickets: Adults £12.50 Students £3.00 Contact: Sheila Moger 01233 713212 (Proceeds towards upkeep of Stalisfield Church)



on Sunday 25th March.:

If the Bluebell Walk is to go ahead

**Bluebell Walk Leaders** 

Required

as usual on 7th May this year, we need someone who is prepared to have a major role in the planning and organisation of the Bluebell walk this year and will assume overall responsibility in subsequent years.

We also need someone who is prepared to manage the Bluebell Bistro and refreshments side of the Bluebell Walk.

Please contact Steve Youle on 01795890368 or steve.youle@btinternet.com if you are able to help, or would like more information about what is entailed.

# **Eastling** Gardeners' Club

Meets on Thursday, 22nd March at 7.30 p.m.



in Eastling Village Hall for a talk by Don Wilks on

#### **Garden Wildlife**

Followed by wine and home-made nibbles Annual subscriptions are due at £8 per

person Non-members pay £4 per meeting.





# **Eastling Walking** Group

Our first walk for this year will be on Wednesday 7th March. A local walk starting from Eastling Village Hall at 10.30am. New walkers would be very welcome to come and join us. If you have any questions or queries please ring Pam or Colin on 892194



#### WEEKLY EVENTS:

Mondays Zumba 9.30am Stalisfield Village Hall 7 - 9pm Stalisfield Village Hall **Tuesdays Table Tennis** Alternate Wednesdays Eastling Walkers 10.30am Call 01795 892194 Fitness Pilates 9.15am Eastling Village Hall Thursdays 6.30pm Stalisfield Village Hall **Thursdays** Zumba Fridays Short Mat Bowls 2.30pm & 7.30pm Eastling Hall

#### **MARCH 2018**

2nd World Day of Prayer service 10.30am 7th Ott/den & S/field W.I. 7.30pm 8th Charing History Society 8pm 10am 11th CaféStyle - church for all 12th Throwley Church AGM 7.30pm 15th Deadline for April Good News 18th Stalisfield Church AGM 11am 18th Throwley Lanes Clean Up 11.30am 19th Throwley Parish Council 7.30pm 20th P/Forstal & Selling WI 22nd Gardeners' Club 7.30pm 23rd Spring Quiz 7.30pm 25th Eastling Church AGM 11am 27th Magazine Folding 2pm **APRIL** 1st Easter Egg Hunt 11am-3pm 14th Safari Supper 7.30pm

Faversham Baptist Church Stalisfield Village Hall Charing Parish Hall Eastling Village Hall Throwley Church Details see below Stalisfield Church Parsonage Farm Throwley Church Eastling Village Hall Eastling Village Hall Stalisfield Village Hall Easting Church Pinks Farm, Eastling Belmont House

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