

Eastling School News

We are already half way through the school academic year. Time flies when you are having fun. Our children have been very busy with their learning but also with exciting visitors, trips and themed learning weeks. Oak class, our oldest children, have been learning about China and had a wonderful opportunity to learn a Chinese dance at a Workshop day. They shared their learning in a class assembly and invited parents to a Chinese food-tasting afternoon. Acorn class visited Little Street in Maidstone where they took part in different role-play situations. Willow Class worked with their parents in a design technology afternoon to make their Egyptian Pyramids, which they had designed. We had pyramids build out of cake, sweets, wood, Lego, oasis and many other materials. The children finished the afternoon with a tabletop gallery. Our infant class, Silver Birch, shared their learning about 'brave and beautiful beasts' in an assembly.

The school took part in a netball tournament involving 18 other schools. We took two teams and although we did not win, the children had a great experience. The Year 4 team were delighted to receive the Fair Play Award. This was a particularly wonderful achievement as it was voted for by the other schools. The day after the netball tournament Miss Johnson received a telephone call from another school congratulating our children on their amazing team spirit. There was also an Athletics competition, which involved our Year 5/6 children at Herne Bay High. The children had a very enjoyable afternoon. Shortly after these sporting events the new Eastling School sports team kit arrived. Our footballers were the first children to wear the new kit in a friendly match against Bapchild and Tonge Primary. The final score was 6-1 to Bapchild but was a great start for our first match with some super defending. On Tuesday 5th February 26 children travelled by coach to the O2 to be part of the Young Voices 2019 concerts. The children had a truly memorable experience singing with 8600 children and a number of famous singers including Tony Hadley.

The school is very keen to work with parents sharing how children learn and this term Mrs Rayner led the staff with a parent workshop focusing on maths manipulatives. This was to show parents how physical resources are used from Reception through to Year 6. Miss Johnson led a parent workshop for Key Stage One about phonic development, reading and writing.

The Friends of Eastling School (FOES) organised a Burns Night Quiz, which was a wonderful evening that brought together family and friends from the community. The FOES also ended the term with a Valentine Disco.

Melanie Dale, Headteacher.



Help feed local people in crisis

March 2019

The need for our contributions is ever greater as more and more people are in financial difficulties and, in many cases, parents are going without meals themselves to save their children going hungry. As well as your generous food gifts, the Foodbank staff have asked us for any spare carrier bags. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Urgent items for March: Long life fruit juice; long life milk; squash; tinned sponge puddings; tinned custard; coffee; carrier bags.



Mouse Makes

During Lent read through the Gospel of Luke and each day pray for God to help you become more like Jesus

Lent is the name given to the **40 days** before Easter and is a time to *pray*, to *read* the bible and to *turn* to God. The first day of Lent is **Ash Wednesday**, a day to *repent* and say sorry to God for the wrong things we have *said* or *thought* or *done*.

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WORD SEARCH

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PRAY

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What's On

WEEKLY EVENTS:

Tuesdays

Table Tennis 7 - 9pm Stalisfield Hall

Wednesdays (Alternate)

Eastling Walkers 10.30am Call 01795 890703

Thursdays

Zumba 6.30pm Stalisfield Hall

Fridays

Yoga 9.30am Eastling Hall

Short Mat Bowls 7.30pm Eastling Hall

March 2019

- 6th Otterden & Stalisfield W.I. 7.30pm
Stalisfield Village Hall
- 10th CaféStyle 10am
Eastling Village Hall
- 11th Priest in Charge Licensing 7pm
Throwley Church
- 13th Eastling Parish Council 6.30pm
Eastling Village Hall
- 14th Local History Society 8pm
Charing Parish Hall
- 15th Deadline for April copy of Good News
goodnewsmagazine@me.com
- 19th Painters Forstal with Selling W.I. 2pm
Eastling Village Hall
- 24th Throwley Lanes Clean Up 11.30am
Parsonage Farm, Throwley
- 26th Good News publication of April issue
- 30th Stalisfield Safari Supper 7.30pm
Roaming around Stalisfield

APRIL

- 4th Gardeners' Club 7.30pm
Eastling Village Hall
- 6th The Mighty Quiz 7pm start
Eastling Village Hall

Stop Press !

- The Throwley Valentine Ball
- Committee would like to give a
- big thank you to everyone who
- supported the event and who gave
- so generously. Over £4000 was
- raised on the night. More details
- to follow next month.

Good News Parish Magazine

High Downs Parish

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Stalisfield and Throwley*

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WELCOME
to our new Priest-in-Charge



Looking forward to being with you in High Downs...

Let me introduce myself -

I am Steve and I will be licensed as the new Priest-in-Charge of High Downs at Throwley Church on Monday, March 11th at 7pm.

I am very much looking forward to it and then getting to know you better.
continued overleaf....

Stalisfield Safari Supper

Saturday 30th March

Go on a magical mystery tour of Stalisfield cuisine. You'll be sent to an address for your starter and then your main course venue will be revealed to you. Finally, everyone will re-unite for dessert in the Village Hall. Judith and Shirley are organising it and welcome anyone who would like to be one of the hosts or join the guest list. (Hosts will also move between courses so you won't miss the fun). Tickets are £15 per person (hosts get one free ticket) and the event starts at 7.30pm on March 30th.

Please email Judith: judithandandrew@yahoo.com or Shirley: shirleypritchard@btinternet.com directly for tickets. Early booking is essential !!

All proceeds go to the Village Hall to help towards the running costs and ongoing maintenance.



Looking forward to being with you in High Downs...

Revd Lillicrap's message continued from front cover

I will have already met a good number of you over the last 10½ years since I have been Rector of Kingsdown & Creekside, that includes Doddington, Lynsted with Kingsdown, Newnham, Norton, Oare & Luddenham, Teynham and Wychling. For more than 7 years I have been Area Dean of Ospringe Deanery of which High Downs is very much a part.

I am being licensed as Priest-in-Charge of High Downs in addition to those roles and so hopefully we will have the opportunity of building closer links as we start this new venture.

But before I look a little to the future I want to share with you some of my journey to this point. Firstly, I am married to Jane and have been for 38 years. Jane worked locally in Faversham as a Special Needs Co-ordinator at Bysing Wood School before retirement beckoned 2½ years ago. We have 3 grown up children - Matt who is Associate Pastor of Eden Baptist Church in Cambridge; Ben who is Head of School at Holcombe Grammar School, Chatham; Joe who is a Senior Practitioner Adult Social Worker based in the East Kent Hospitals. They in turn are married to Anika, Charlotte and

Katherine respectively and between them have made us proud grandparents of 11 grandchildren, whom we adore and enjoy.

Jane and I also have Yellow Labrador dog, called Tolly, who is 18 months old and whom we love to take out for a walk.

Prior to ordination I was a partner in a General Practice, in Margate, for 18 years, before God called me into full time service in His Church.

I was ordained in 2003 and served as a Curate in the Wye Benefice (not that far from Ashford) for 3 years before being an Associate Priest there on a half-time basis and becoming Parish Priest for the villages of Petham, Waltham and Elmsted in the other half of my time. God then called Jane and myself to Kingsdown & Creekside in 2008.

During the past 10 years I have shared the ministry in the Parish with my colleague, and now friend, Richard Birch until his retirement in January of this year.

So why High Downs... and why alongside everything else?

Well, I have enjoyed being with the Parochial Church Council at their meetings since Donald returned to Canada and in our conversations we realised that we need to move to a different model of ministry in the Parish, and in my prayers God started to nudge me, and our conversations at PCC, so we felt this is the right step forward at this time.

I believe this is an exciting time for us as God's Church here in

the Parish. A time of change and a time looking to grow under God. With 10 Parish Churches 'in my patch' I, obviously cannot be a traditional style vicar - in my village during the week and in my one Church on a Sunday. At the same time I am praying that I want to see each of our Church communities flourish and grow.

Some might argue the two things are incompatible but I believe under God that together this is possible as we release other people into ministry and into taking on new responsibilities and new ministries in our churches. I am very grateful to Norman Fowler and to Caroline Ramshaw who, as Readers in the Parish already, are taking services and they will be able to take on others as well. I am excited about the possibilities of seeing the Café Church in Eastling continue to flourish and grow and am thankful to Murray and the team who lead that service month by month.

I wonder what else God may be calling us to do and to be in Him and as His Church together?

At my licensing service we will read from Romans 12 where Paul writes, "For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us."

Let each one of us be using the different gifts that God has given us for His sake and for the sake of each other as we are His Church in High Downs.

Steve Lillicrap, March 2019



A 'Thank You' presentation to Revd. Canon Caroline Pinchbeck

for celebrating the monthly 8am Communion at Easting for the past 16 months.

Caroline has moved to Yorkshire to be Vicar of Goodmanham, Market Weighton, and Sancton, and Area Dean of the Deanery of South Wold. She will be collated by the Bishop of Selby in All Saints, Market Weighton at 7.30pm on 27th February 2019.

Our Lent Appeal

Lent is traditionally a time of foregoing something, though there is also now a trend to mark the season by **doing** something, something extra thoughtful and special. 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 towards greater understanding worldwide.



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Eastling Parish Council

The next meeting will be in the village hall at 6.30pm on Wednesday 13th March 2019.

Residents are welcome to attend.

EASTLING

Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Trustees
Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish Council

These two meetings will take place in the village hall on Wednesday 24th April 2019; the Trustees meeting at 7.30pm and the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00pm. Please come along to support these two local organisations and raise any comments and queries. Both meetings are open to all. Refreshments will be served.

The monthly letter from Councillor Bowles is available on the Parish Council page of eastlingvillage.co.uk



Eastling Neighbourhood Watch



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Just a reminder that dog fouling on public footpaths is an offense and still liable to the £100 fine. It is not very nice to see for the people who walk these footpaths, with or without dogs, so please pick it up and dispose of it in your green rubbish bin.

We are coming into the period where the nasties will be chasing and hunting the hares. As we all know, the hare population has declined over the years so if you see any hare coursing please ring the police as it is illegal and naturally the farmers do not wish for their crops to be driven over.

If any suspicious vehicles are seen being driven slowly around our area please ring me or the police as we are arriving into the gardening season and garden sheds and all machinery will be targeted.

Have a good month
Take care
Alan

Prayer Pointers

March 2019



Sundays - Almighty God, as we begin our Lenten journey, may You be the quiet centre in our hearts.

Mondays - Bless and guide Revd Lillicrap as he extends his ministry to High Downs.

Tuesdays - As our planet warms, help our farmers as they grow food for us to eat.

Wednesdays - Lord, when we stumble, lift us in your mighty hands to stand strong in you.

Thursdays - Holy God, grant healing to all those living in pain or sorrow.

Fridays - Grant wisdom and understanding to our government at this time.

Saturdays - Lord Jesus, as you honoured your mother Mary, may we give thanks for our Mothers and the love they give to us.

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The Rev Dr Gary Bowness considers the aim of Lent...

Round, like a circle in a spiral, like a wheel within a wheel...

Many years ago, at the Pleasure Beach at Blackpool, there was a certain ‘ride’ or amusement that was strictly for the physically fit. It consisted of a flat wooden disc about 20 feet in diameter and set at an angle of 45 degrees in the floor. When it began to rotate, the aim was to get to the centre where there was a pole. As the disc rotated faster and faster, everyone who failed to get to the pole got flung off. Nowadays there’s probably a regulation banning it as far too dangerous!

The principle of the game was a basic law of physics. When any wheel rotates, the outer rim moves fastest of all. Half way to the centre and you are moving a lot more slowly. And, at least theoretically, at the absolute centre will be a point which is totally still. That’s why anyone who reached that pole could stand there quite comfortably.

On Ash Wednesday, March 6th, we start the Church’s season of Lent. It’s generally thought of as being a time for giving up chocolate, wine, whatever. But it’s really a time to remind us that in

our own rapidly spinning world, God is the still centre.

All around God is motion, sound, change and decay – galaxies circling, seasons and years rotating, life developing and decaying. And at the still centre, where there is no variableness, is God, the same yesterday, today and forever.

At Christmas, we thanked God for entering the ever moving and changing life of the world. But one great characteristic of Jesus was His stillness. Busy, harassed, injured people found someone with neither clever chat nor idle gossip, neither vulgar boasting nor loud opinion. His life always seemed to rotate round a still central point, which gave Him His balance and authority.

“Be still then and know that I am God” wrote the Psalmist. Lent is a time for us to stop and remember that. Lent is a good time to be a little more silent than usual - quicker to listen and slower to speak. And the more silent spaces we give ourselves,

the more we’ll give that still, small Voice within.

God’s stillness is still full of energy. That still centre of the spinning disc is also the point which drives the rest of the rotating circle. Equally, when we’re in touch with that still centre, we’ll be able to give strength and support to those who feel they’re spinning at the edges.

Being still does mean that we need to take time to pause, to take stock, to take a critical look at our lives. That’s what Lent is about. On the spinning discs of our own lives, we need to remember that there is a still centre, calm and yet full of energy – which is where God is.



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St Mary's Church presents...

CAFESTYLE

Sunday 10th March
10am - 11am

Eastling Village Hall

A creative time of worship:
Church in a Café setting.
worship discussion reflection
prayer fellowship

Tea, coffee & yummy nibbles will be available throughout the service, which will include sung worship, times of prayer, with opportunities for discussion & reflection, and space for the youngest & oldest to worship altogether

Some of the most ‘hurt’ people are those who had an uneasy relationship with their parents. But the Rev Tony Horsfall finds reassurance in what the Bible says about our births.

You may have surprised your parents, but never God

I’m a March baby, the youngest of five children born to my parents in a small Yorkshire pit village in 1950. I think I was something of an afterthought, a surprise even, and the story of my entry into the world is quite amusing.

In those days my mother, a stout lady, wore an apron (or pinnie) almost all the time, and my siblings had no idea that she was pregnant. One day my two older brothers (Dave 14 and Sam 12) were outside playing when someone told them, “Hey, your mother has had a baby!” They were shocked to the core.

“She hasn’t,” replied Dave defiantly. “She has,” said the informant, “and it’s a boy.” They ran home to find the truth, and sure enough there was mother with a baby (me!) on her knee. Dave was disgusted, ran upstairs and refused to come down. Next morning when he appeared for breakfast my mum asked him a question. “What do you

think then, shall we keep him?” “I suppose so,” said Dave, somewhat reluctantly.

So that was my not very auspicious welcome into the world, and it makes me smile every time I think about it. I can laugh because I know that although I was a surprise, and unplanned, I was wanted and loved. But more than that, I know my conception was no accident as far as God was concerned. He knew me from the very beginning and had a plan and purpose for my life.

This is what God said to Jeremiah, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations (Jeremiah 1:5).”

Whatever the circumstances of your birth, remember you were made by God and He has a

purpose for your life. You are wanted and loved.

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Call for new independent mine safety system to address tailings dam failures

The Church of England Pensions Board, Church Commissioners for England, along with Sweden’s Public Pension Funds Council on Ethics for AP1, AP2, AP3 and AP4, and funds representing over £1 / \$1.3 / €1.1 trillion in assets under management have recently jointly called for a global independent public classification system that monitors the safety risk of mining company tailings dams.

The call follows the failing of the Vale dam in Brumadinho, Brazil and the tragic loss of lives, livelihoods as well as devastating environmental impact.

The funds are jointly proposing that the new system should be independent of companies and require annual audits of all tailings dams as well as verification that the highest corresponding safety standards are being implemented. All reporting should be made public through an accessible database that communities, governments, civil society and investors can access.

A similar but not identical recommendation was made by the

Industry Association, the International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM) in a 2016 report entitled: *Review of Tailings Management Guidelines and Recommendations for Improvement*. To date the recommendation has not been taken forward.

In order to advance the call, the funds will jointly convene a meeting of international industry experts and major investors in the sector. The meeting, to be held in London, will be chaired by the Bishop of Birmingham and Convenor of Bishops in the House of Lords, The Rt. Revd David Urquhart.

The Bishop of Birmingham, Rt Revd David Urquhart, a member of the Board of Governors of the Church Commissioners, said; “We hope that our proposal will help put an end to the tragic type of event that has occurred in Brazil. Having visited mines many times, I know how closely knitted these communities are and how acutely the pain will be felt.”

Adam Matthews, Director of Ethics and Engagement for the Church of England



Pensions Board, said; “Simply put, these failures of tailing dams should not be happening. These are not black swan events. An independent classification system will ensure that communities, workers and investors know the safety standards of tailings dams are in place and if they are being applied.”

Edward Mason, Head of Responsible Investment for the Church Commissioners for England said: “An independent classification system and new safety standards are now an urgent priority for the industry, investors and all stakeholders.”

Services in High Downs

3rd March Sunday before Lent

2 Corinthians. 3.12- 4.2, Luke 9. 26 - 36 [37-43a]

Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

6th March Ash Wednesday

2 Corinthians. 3.12- 4.2, Luke 9. 26 - 36 [37-43a]

Newham 8 pm Holy Communion

10th March Lent 1

Romans 10. 8b-13, Luke 4. 1-13

Eastling 10 am CaféStyle in the Village Hall

Throwley 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

Monday 11th March

Throwley 7 pm Licensing of Priest-in-Charge
Revd Canon Steve Lillicrap

17th March Lent 2

Philippians 3. 17 - 4.1, Luke 13. 31 - end

Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

24th March Lent 3

1 Corinthians. 10. 1 - 13, Luke 13. 1 - 9

Eastling 8am Holy Communion (BCP)

Throwley 10am Holy Communion (BCP)

31st March Mothering Sunday

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

Newnham 10.30am Mothering Sunday Service

7th April Lent 5

Philippians 3. 4b - 14, John 12. 1 - 8

Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

From the Registers

Funeral

Pamela Bell

22nd February 2018 at Eastling

followed by Cremation at Barham

Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: Study group, 12th & 26th March, 9.30am
at Garden Cottage, Eastling. 01795 890368

Wednesdays: Study group, weekly, 7.30pm, 18 Beech
Close, Faversham. 01795 890338

Thursdays: Prayer group, weekly, 10.30am, Pinks Farm
Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

Fridays: Study group, weekly, 10.45am, New House Farm,
Eastling. 01795 890629

You will be welcome at any of our groups.

High Downs Parish

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Kingsdown and Creekside Services

Sunday 3rd March – Sunday before Lent

9.00am Lynsted Holy Communion ext BCP

9.00am Oare Holy Communion CW

10.30am Doddington Holy Communion CW

10.30am Norton Family Service

10.30am Teynham Family Service

3.30pm Teynham Holy Communion BCP

6.00pm Lynsted Breakthrough

Sunday 10th March – Lent Sunday

9.00am Norton Holy Communion CW traditional

9.00am Oare Holy Communion ext CW

10.30am Lynsted Family Service

10.30am Newnham Holy Communion CW

10.30am Teynham Family Service HC ext

3.30pm Teynham Evensong

6.00pm Lynsted Breakthrough

Sunday 17th March – Second Sunday of Lent

9.00am Newnham Holy Communion ext BCP

9.00am Oare Holy Communion CW

10.30am Doddington Family Service

10.30am Norton Holy Communion ext CW traditional

10.30am Teynham Family Service

3.30pm Teynham Holy Communion BCP

6.00pm Lynsted Breakthrough

Sunday 24th March – Third Sunday of Lent

9:00am Doddington Holy Communion BCP

10.30am Lynsted Benefice Holy Communion ext CW

3.30pm Teynham Evensong

6.00pm Lynsted Breakthrough

Sunday 31st March - Mothering Sunday

10:30am Oare Mother's Day Service

10:30am Newnham Mother's Day Service

10:30am Teynham Mother's Day Service

6:00pm Lynsted Breakthrough



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4th - 10th March - British Pie Week

Need we say more?

19th April - Good Friday

Kick starter the Easter celebrations on
Good Friday in true tradition with our
variety of fish specials. PLUS evening
entertainment from Rosie Horne, from
7.30pm

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because of busy roads.

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them by joining the Toads on
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What a world, what a world

By Megan Carter



What a world, what a world,
whirling and twirling
Twisting and turning,
spinning in space;
God with His finger
brings order from chaos
Mountains and seas, all put in place.

Man, the peak of all His creation,
Awakes to a world full of beauty and grace.
Walks in the garden with God his creator
Fellowship sweet as they meet face to face.

What a world, what a world,
whirling and twirling
Twisting and turning,
peace now has gone;
Ignoring his Lord bringing chaos from order,
Fellowship broken, man now all alone.

It's His world, not our world
He has come to reclaim it,
Restoring communion foolishly lost;
Our Saviour, Redeemer
with undeserved grace
Brings us back to the fold
through the work of His cross.

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Short Mat Bowls

Top of the table Herne Bay came to Eastling on 25th January and it was well worth their visit, for them - not for us, for we could see why they are top of the league. We managed to beat them on one mat, and they went home with 4 points, leaving just 2 points for us. Three days later we went to Herne Bay and they thrashed us. Their mats were good, but you could not say that about their floor, talk about home advantage; we came home with nothing.

On the 11th February we went to Chilham which was where we were first formed as Eastling Cherries. We always used to play them in Friendly matches but this was different, a league game. Des, Bryan & Roy had a good win, 2 points, and that was all we got. Three days later they came to Eastling and again Des, Bryan & Roy managed a win. They are such a good side I do not know why they are at the bottom of the league. With only 2 games to go I think we will just about hold on in the Second Division.

Come and try your hand at bowling - every Friday in Eastling village hall, 7.30 - 9.30pm., contact Roy on 01795 537162.

Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

Our February Meeting was well attended, probably because the Speaker was NLP Master Practitioner Yvonne Fernando. Yvonne has an excellent speaking voice, which makes you feel relaxed just listening to her. The subject was in line with last year's WI Resolution - Mental Health **Matters**. We all have busy lives and it is good for someone to indicate to us how we need to take the time for mental relaxation to help combat stress, phobias and understand how our mind works to run it more effectively. Yvonne practises at Charing Surgery, so is able to follow up any concerns our ladies may have. We finished the evening with social time, tea and cake, but someone did bring along some delicious sausage rolls as well!

Next month our Secretary Helen will be giving a demonstration Making Macarons. We can all participate and take home the fruits of our labour. Remember to bring a container to take them home though.



We are putting together our outings list for the year now the weather is improving. Our first will be an afternoon walk in Kingswood in April, in conjunction with the Bluebells flowering, finishing at The Halfway House pub for refreshments.

We are a friendly group, so do come along and meet us - we gather the first Wednesday of each month at Stalisfield Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. For further details please contact either Ellie Cameron on 01795 892016 or Helen Brooks on 07477 580727

Stalisfield HighLife

2019 Events

Safari Supper	30 th March
Quiz Night	26 th April
Afternoon Tea	18 th May
Treasure Hunt	8 th June
Film Night	19 th July - TBC
Summer Fête	24 th August
Harvest Supper	5 th October
Panto	6 th / 7 th December
Children's Party	8 th December
Seniors' Christmas Dinner	14 th December
Burns Night - TBC	25 th January 2020



Charing & District Local History Society

Thursday 14th March,
8pm in Charing Parish Hall
Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway by Danny Martin,
A reminder of the exciting history of this railway and its transition into the tourist attraction it is today. How it is reliant on a 90 year old infrastructure, maintained by a dedicated and enthusiastic group.
Doors open at 7.30pm, Visitors pay £3

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If you would like to advertise in the April 2019 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

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Once again a huge thank you for all your fabulous support.

*God Bless,
Colin*

Eastling Church Flower Rota March

3rd - Suzanne and Mum

10th - 21st April Lent - no flowers

If you would like to join the flower arranging rota, please call Bay on 01795 892036.



Painters Forstal with Selling WI

Last month our ladies enjoyed a wonderful talk about Lapland accompanied by some beautiful pictures.

This month, on 19th March, we will be having a talk about the volunteers who give up their time to deliver blood to those who need it. Anyone who is interested in this subject, men or women, will be very welcome.

We meet on the 3rd Tuesday each month at 2pm in Eastling Village Hall. More details as usual from the president of our branch Barbara on 01795 890020 or e-mail tombar72@hotmail.co.uk

Eastling Gardeners' Club

meets on Thursday 4th
April for a talk on
'Wild Orchids'

The meeting will start at
7.30 pm in Eastling
Village Hall and will be
followed by wine and
home-made nibbles.

The annual subscription of £8 per person is payable at the meeting. Non-members pay £4 per meeting



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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. 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@belmont-house.org or 01795 890202 Mon-Fri, 9.00am – 5.00pm

ADVANCE NOTICE - NO BLUEBELL WALK THIS YEAR

With regret we have decided that there will not be an Eastling Bluebell Walk this year. It has been a struggle to organise the Bluebell Walk the past couple of years, and in the absence of volunteers to organize it we have no option but to cancel. We are sorry if people are disappointed but let us rejoice in the successes we have had in the past and be grateful for the fond memories that remain.

SUNDAY 24TH MARCH

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