

Y-Generation

Sunday Nights
Eastling Village Hall
6.30 till 8.00pm
School years 7+

S Club

meets in Eastling Village Hall
Sunday 20th May
10am
All primary school aged
children welcome.

Youngstyle

in Eastling Church
Sunday 27th May
10am
Half an hour of fun and
teaching. All welcome.



Baby Hour

Join us for a relax and
a chat with other
mothers and babies and
a cup of tea at a 'baby
and toddler social'.

Plenty of toys suitable for the under
4s, in Eastling Church play area (just
inside the church door).
The group now starts half an hour
earlier at 2pm-3.30pm to allow
mothers to collect their children from
school. Enquiries to Angela
Cheeseman 892 124



Craft Club

4th and 18th May
6.15 to 7.15pm
Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal
50p a session.
Contact number 532756.

Saturday Club!

Eastling Village Hall
12th and 26th May
10:00 till 11:00

For all school age children!

For more info on all Eastling
Youth Work please call Jo
Gilkes on 07999807519 or
email at eastlingyouthworker
@hotmail.co.uk

See inside for
Holiday Club photo.

Puppet Club

Saturdays: April 28th, May
12th, May 26th all in Eastling
Village Hall at 3pm.
We will be performing at the Puppet
Festival at Guildford on June 2nd.
(Transport will be provided) The
Festival is an exciting event with all
sorts of displays and demonstrations
on all aspects of puppetry, from
black-light puppets to ventriloquism,
and competitions. We are entered in
the "skit" competition. We shall be
practicing for this over the next few
weeks. We last went to the festival
in 2005 and won a bronze award for
our skit. Hopefully we can do it again!
Hope you can come!
Angela Cheeseman 892124

MOUSE HOLE

When the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, there was a sound like the blowing of a violent wind.

Make wild wind sounds: Cut a drinking straw in half, flatten at one end and cut into a shape. Put this end between your lips and blow! Cut straws to different lengths and see what sounds they can make.

Jesus did not leave us on our own after he had gone to heaven to be with God his Father. He sent the Holy Spirit to be with us and to help us...

The Holy Spirit helps us to know we belong to God

The Holy Spirit teaches us about God and helps us to understand

The Holy Spirit lives with us and he lives in us!

The Holy Spirit helps us when we are weak and gives us words to pray

The Holy Spirit speaks God's word to us

The Holy Spirit helps us to tell others about Jesus

Read what happened at PENTECOST in Acts 2: 1-41

AT THE HEAVENS
P S W I O T B O L
S P I R I T L I L
P E N T E C O S T
G O D G E T W E S

The wind has jumbled the words, can you find them?

PENTECOST • HEAVEN
BLOW • GOD • SPIRIT
NOISE • WIND

FAN-TASTIC!

1. Tape 2 sheets of paper together, then decorate

2. Fold the paper backwards and forwards to the end. (each pleat = 2cm wide)

3. Fold the pleats up at the bottom and tape. Open out your fan and fan!



Childhood Memories from a Cottage

Pale lilac I remember most
And tiger lilies gay,
The rooks, the cattle brown
And sunny meadows left for hay.
The pigs in styes and little chicks,
While goslings grew to geese,
And baby lambs developed
A lovely woolly fleece.
And though these are but memories
And all those mentioned gone,
The thoughts recur again
And so the love for these lives on.
Audrey Keen.

Good News Parish Magazine May 2007



Organ Recitals

Saturday 12th May
Stalisfield Church
11am, 12noon, 1pm,
2pm and 3pm:
Five different organists.
Entrance is free,
part of the Rogation Weekend.

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

Stalisfield

Church and beyond.....

Bats, Bugs and Living Churchyards

Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th May

Open Saturday 10.30am - 4pm
Sunday 11am - 4pm with a special
Rogation Service at 10am.



Lôôk for the leaflet inside this magazine >>>>>



Otterden

Evening Prayer

The summer season of
Evening Prayer at Otterden
Chapel begins on Sunday
6th May.

The services start at 3pm
and follow the Book of
Common Prayer. Hymns
are accompanied on the
organ.

Eastling Bluebell Walk

May Bank Holiday: Monday, May 7th

Walks of three lengths: short,
medium and long (3, 5 and 12
miles), through the lovely local
woods of Eastling, Otterden and
Stalisfield will be marked.
Maps and nature notes will be pro-
vided. Starting point is at Eastling
village hall car park, between
11-2pm. Cost £2.50 per adult,
£1 per child, or £7 per family.

Eastling, Otterden and Stalisfield
are in an area of outstanding
natural beauty on the North
Downs and the walks will go
through areas not usually open to
the public.

Don't miss this chance to have a
family day out, or an exciting route
for walkers and nature lovers.

There will be orchids, other spring
flowers and birdsong even if the
bluebells are past their best.

You can book ahead to avoid the
queue at the start if you wish.
Further enquiries to Peter or
Angela Cheeseman on 890629

The **Bluebell Bistro** will be open
in the Village Hall between
10.30am and 4pm. Hot or cold
lunches and light refreshments.
Order before you walk - last year
the chilli and lasagne were very
popular! Several different
'Ploughmans' on offer, plus
puddings and cakes.
Proceeds from Walk and Bistro go
towards toilets and kitchen
facilities for Eastling Church.

An Impartial and Active Faith


Sylvi and I went to the Faversham Hop festival last September. The weather was bright and sunny and, as we weaved in and out the crowd, I grabbed Sylvi’s hand and she said “Ooh! You still love me.” “Of course,” I said, “but I don’t want to spend the rest of the afternoon looking for you.” We were enjoying ourselves and a few days later celebrated our forty-seventh wedding anniversary. I must admit I’m a bit like an archeologist, the older Sylvi gets, the more interesting she becomes. Love has a lot to do with the Letter from James in the Bible. It is attributed to James, the son of Joseph, the older brother of Jesus. Initially James did not agree with Jesus and was not impressed by his ministry. Like so many of us when we first hear about Jesus and God’s wonderful saving Grace, we resist and say things like; ‘Who me?’ and ‘Why me?’ But, after the crucifixion, James was visited by Jesus, he became a believer and was present at Pentecost. He became the leader of the early Jerusalem Church and was martyred about 44CE. It has been suggested that Christian Greek scholars put together summaries of James’ sermons in unity as a letter for posterity. The letter was not sent to any particular person or fellowship, like Paul’s letters, but was circulated to all known Christian fellowships that had spread through-

Prayer Pointers May 2007

<u>Sundays</u>	For all our team leaders.
<u>Mondays</u>	For peace in the troubled areas of our world.
<u>Tuesdays</u>	For prayer and study groups.
<u>Wednesdays</u>	For those who work to keep our churches and churchyards looking so beautiful.
<u>Thursdays</u>	For those who are carers.
<u>Fridays</u>	For the new outreach to young mothers and their little ones.
<u>Saturdays</u>	For the joy of Christian fellowship.

out the Roman world. The original date is about the time of James’ death, making the letter one of the earliest known Christian documents some ten years after the crucifixion and next to Paul’s letter to the Galatians, which is dated about 40CE. The purpose of James’ letter was to record sayings by Jesus and teach the principles of faith and ethics taught by Jesus. It could be called the Action Man’s or Action Woman’s Epistle because it’s a power packed letter urging us take action on our belief and faith. In the letter, James asks us to love our brothers and sisters in the world unconditionally, because God sees us as all the same. As brothers and sisters in Christ we are to live in harmony, without favouritism, regardless of appearance, race or colour. James also writes about a living faith. He distinguishes between a faith which is dead and a faith which is living. In others words, even when we are on the right track, we will get run

over if we just sit there. As disciples we seek to experience the living Jesus in our daily lives. How we live will come from our love of God, not from our guilt or pride. As with any relationship, if we take an active role, it becomes more meaningful. Forty-seven years of marriage may seem a long time, but I’m sure Sylvi will agree with me, it’s flashed by and, so far, it has been a great time. Of course we have had bad and sad moments, and we have both had to play an active part and work at it. Our actions come from our love for each other and our relationship is still very meaningful. We may experience a better relationship with God as we serve Jesus and, as with any relationship, if we take an active role, it also becomes more meaningful. An experience with the living Jesus through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, is seldom a passive action. Faith alone is dead. A living faith is exciting, uplifting, fulfilling and a joy to share. Your friend in Christ, Norman Fowler.



Help poor communities grow a future
this Christian Aid Week
13th - 19th May 2007
You add. We multiply

Churches Together in Faversham
Christian Aid Week Service
Sunday 13th May, 6.30pm
Faversham Baptist Church

What stops would-be ministers?
What puts men off from becoming ministers? New research carried out by Generation Next and the Affinity church network sought to answer this question by surveying 400 Christian men, most of whom were aged between 21 and 40. The survey was aimed at people who had recently become ministers or were currently considering it. The key issues included: the way ministers were treated by their churches, a lack of good role models, confusion about the nature of the ‘call’ that they should expect to feel, finance, especially to fund training, the availability of preaching opportunities, the lack of clear training and development paths, and the feminisation of

the church. Equally there were other disadvantages of life as a minister which did not prove to be a barrier such as loneliness and the excessive workload.

What could YOU be?
Are you looking for an opportunity to explore your calling by God?
“Could it be YOU?”
is a two day event organised by the Canterbury Diosece on Saturday 9th and Saturday 23rd June at Nackington Barn, 9.15am - 5pm. Leaflets are in our churches or contact Sara Brimson on 01622 679432.

The full minutes are available from the Clerk or on <www.eastling.info>

From the Chairman’s Report:
The Council has maintained its pattern of bi-monthly meetings throughout the year, with a good attendance record by all 5 councillors. The Council has benefited greatly from the efficient organisation of the Clerk, Mike Thomas. **Planning:** The group producing the Design Statement for the Village aim to complete their work by the end of the summer. It hopes to circulate the draft for public comment in the autumn, before submission to Swale Borough Council by the end of this year. **Roads:** There are two ongoing issues. The prime one is to achieve a lower speed limit along The Street, Eastling Road, and Kettle Hill Road. The other concern is the general state of the roads in the Parish. **Footpaths:** The Belmont Estate, and Ben Binder the Farm Manager, were thanked for reinstating speedily the majority of footpaths after ploughing and

Eastling Parish Council
Annual Parish Meeting 16.4.07

sowing, also for reinstating & creating hedges, as well as keeping those on the highways in trim. The Council is seeking to put resources into the maintenance of the Church Path, which is a focal point of the Village and is much used. **Village Sign:** The new sign, designed by John Darlington, will be erected opposite the Carpenters Arms later this year thanks to funding from KCC. **Village Office:** The office, established in the meeting room of the Village Hall, and used by the Council and other Parish Bodies, is intended to be a community resource, rather like an internet café. There is an unresolved problem of access because the equipment cannot be left unsupervised, and the current supervisors have limited availability. The Council is anxious that this should be considered to be a community resource, so suggestions as to how the access issue can be overcome would be gratefully received.

Treasurer’s Report:
The precept has been reduced from £1,400.00 to £803.00. Opening and closing balances were £3064.00 and £2735.00 respectively.

From the Village Warden’s Report:
The Warden commenced his duties on 12th September 2006 and also took over the responsibilities of the Neighbourhood Watch in Eastling. He has met with the Faversham Rural Police Team to discuss his role and now has a fluorescent jacket, marked ‘Village Warden’, so that the community, especially the children, would know who he was if he needed to speak with them. There have been many incidents which have required attention including road accidents, thefts and wandering sheep.

Reports by Invited Guests
Reverend Caroline Pinchbeck has enjoyed her first 7 months in the village and expressed her gratitude to the Parish Council for its donation towards the cost of providing a youth worker. The Youth work is very successful, and on Sunday nights up to 25 from Eastling and Stalisfield attend. New work will begin at the west end of the church, and finance will be needed. **Cllr Andrew Bowles** paid tribute to the Parish Council, although one of the smallest Councils in his area of responsibility, it is hard working and successful. He supports the Council’s campaign for a 30 mph and interactive signs on the highway. **Cllr Colin Prescott** thought that everyone would benefit from the new wheelie bin system - once they had got used to it. **Sgt Robinson** of Kent Police told the meeting that Alan Willson, the Village Warden, was doing a superb job working in conjunction with the police on the many and varied aspects of community policing. **Anne Partington-Omar**, the Belmont Administrator, told the meeting that Belmont gardens are now open 10am to 6pm every day. The historic cricket ground has been reinstated and an opening match between the ‘Band of Brothers’ and a ‘Trustees’ XI is scheduled to take place at the end of May **Ben Binder**, farm manager, said the Estate has planted some 5 miles of hedgerows and it is anticipated there will be more before the task was completed. He requested that the public keep to the designated footpaths as wandering indiscriminately through the woodland is prejudicial to wildlife.

Our County and Borough Councillors can be contacted on <andrew.bowles@kent.gov.uk> and <colinprescott@swale.gov.uk> respectively, to help wherever possible.

The Rev Dr Roger Roberts, senior pastor of International Baptist Church, Brussels, considers trusting God in the problems of life...

Trust the divine SatNav

Do you find it hard to trust God with your life – especially when you are surrounded by problems?
Well, God sees what we can’t see from here below. We use - and trust - Satellite Navigation Systems to guide us in complex journeys here on earth. (Sometimes people trust them more than their own common sense – and end up on flooded roads!) But God knows far more than any SatNav control center. He knows our past, present and future, and he sees our lives ‘from above’.

When he delays in what we think he should do, we, like Martha and Mary in the New Testament, become anxious. That’s because we don’t have his divine perspective from above. When we think God has forgotten us when loved ones suffer or other prayers seem unanswered, God is working behind the scenes. Sometimes he is working to teach us to trust in him. In our culture that expects immediate results, and thinks we have a right to be pain and trouble free, delays are intolerable. Yet, as is true in the death and resurrection of Lazarus - Jesus has a purpose in his delays.

Jesus’ purpose is not to pamper us, but rather is to prepare us to be his people of faith, who live as pilgrims and sojourners. All

parents of young children know how tempting it is to shelter them from any misfortune, conflict or difficulty. Yet we realize our children wouldn’t grow to deal with life’s difficulties if we always did so.

When Martha, and later Mary, said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died,” Jesus did not chastise them for their mild rebuke. One of the great things about the Bible is its willingness to ask the tough questions and to express honest emotion, which sometimes includes anger toward God. The Psalms are full of these questions. God understands we are frail, and from “down here,” we can’t see how he is unraveling the “traffic jams” of our lives. So, with his love and understanding of our weakness, Jesus allows us to question his ways and his timing.

Notice, the sisters of Lazarus said that had Jesus been there, their brother would not have died. But there was a sense in which Jesus was there with them when their brother died. In our times of greatest need and direst testing, Jesus is with us. And he wants us to believe in him, even in the void of evidence, and when he seems silent or absent from us. The Resurrection and the Life gives the opportunity and the offer of faith in him, and not in theory or second-hand evidence.

Services in our Churches

6th May Easter 5

Acts 11. 1 - 18, John 13. 31 - 35

Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW) (Crèche available)
Otterden	3 p.m.	Evening Prayer (BCP)

13th May Rogation Sunday

Acts 16: 9 - 15, John 5, 1 - 9

Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Rogation Service
Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10.30 a.m.	Freestyle

20th May Easter 7

Acts 16. 16 - 34, John 17. 20 - end

Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	S Club in Village Hall

27th May Pentecost

Acts 2. 1 - 21, John 14. 8 - 17 [25 - 27]

Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Youngstyle

3rd June Trinity Sunday

Romans 5. 1 - 5, John 16. 12 - 15

Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW) (Crèche available)
Otterden	3 p.m.	Evening Prayer (BCP)

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

Sunday 13th May
10.30am
Eastling Church

**Sunday
Freestyle**

Worship, Teaching and Drama
Come and join us as we discuss another of
the sayings of Jesus
"This, then, is how you should pray:
Our Father in heaven..."

Hot Croissants and Fresh Coffee from 10am

Ministry in our Parishes

Priest in Charge
Reverend Caroline Pinchbeck (01795 890487)
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Faversham ME13 0AS
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Curate
Reverend Angela Cheeseman (01795 892124)
New House Farm, Eastling. ME13 0BN

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

Reader
Mr. Hugh Perks (01795 890603)
Weald Cottage, Eastling.

Churchwardens

Eastling
Mr S. Youle (01795 890368)
Mrs. A. Smith (01795 890469)

Stalisfield with Otterden

Joint Warden { Mrs. J. Baker (01622 858332)
Mrs S. Gaind (01622 858551)
Mrs P. Thompson (01795 890376)

Contacting the Church's staff

For general enquiries and for specific enquiries about Weddings or Baptisms please phone 01795 890487. If you would like the parish staff to conduct a funeral, either in our churches or elsewhere, please ask the funeral director to make the necessary arrangements.

Mid Week Fellowship

Monday Prayer Group 2pm Seven Acres, Newnham Lane.
Tuesday Study Group 8pm The Barn, Pinks Farm
Thursday Prayer Group 10.15am Pinks Farm.

From the Registers

Baptism

CHARLES LUKE Alexander
15th April 2007 at Otterden

Funeral

Sidney Harold WATTS
Cremation at Charing on 13th April 2007

Services at Whitehill Chapel

1st May 2.15 p.m. Holy Communion
6th May 10a.m. Brunch - Continental Style
10.40 a.m. Family People's Choice
27th May 11 a.m. People's Choice

For Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals at Whitehill,
please contact Revd. P. Barker on 01227 463180

www.walkinginkent.co.uk

The new website for walkers in Kent

There's no doubt about it, walking is good for you. Strong scientific evidence now supports the many benefits to health of regular walking - it is recommended that we take at least 10,000 steps a day.

Studies show that walking can:

- Reduce the risk of coronary heart disease and stroke
- Reduce high cholesterol and improve blood lipid profile
- Lower blood pressure. • Reduce body fat
- Enhance mental well being
- Increase bone density, helping to prevent osteoporosis
- Reduce the risk of cancer of the colon
- Reduce the risk of non insulin dependant diabetes
- Help to control body weight
- Help osteoarthritis

Walking offers a great way to help kids get the active habit.

If parents express excitement about the prospect of a walk in the countryside, they are more likely to transmit this feeling to their children. It's important to treat the walk as an exploration or adventure and to go at the child's pace, no matter how often they want to stop and look at things; take treats to eat and plenty to drink; and head for some landmark that will appeal to them such as a castle, a playground, an ice cream van or a boating pond. When children experience walking as part of a fun activity they are more likely to want to go again.

How do you find out what is on offer? John Harris, a keen walker, got fed up with the lack of information on walks that were going on in the County. He decided that if he couldn't find what he was looking for - he had better create it! So www.walkinginkent.co.uk came into being.

www.walkinginkent.co.uk gives you all the information you need for the best walking in the County:

Guided walks: Local groups who offer guided walks are listed together with links to their web-sites.

Books of walks: There are over 50 books of walks for the County. All the details are here.

Leaflets of walks: Over sixty leaflets are produced around the County, many of them were difficult to find. Not any more! www.walkinginkent.co.uk lists them all.

Walking groups: Every walking group in the County is listed. There are also links so that you can check: the weather for your walk, links to other useful sites, how to get to your walk by public transport - and more is being added all the time. So check out the website and get walking!

BOBADOG'S CHARITY DOG WALK AND FUN COFFEE MORNING

Sunday 27th May 2007

Start any time between 9.30am and 11.30am.

Choose between a steady stroll or a longer walk - *with or without a dog!*

BEGIN AND END AT SHELDWICH VILLAGE HALL

Entry fees: Adults £2. Children £1. Dogs free! Join us for refreshments at the end, try your luck in the raffle and test yourself in the canine quiz.

A sociable and enjoyable time for dogs and people!

Register with Louise Seymour on 070 500 84739
Or Email: LCS@lifecarefitness.co.uk

All profits from this activity go to support Britain's Pet Charity - The Blue Cross



Easter Holiday Club - What a success!

Jo says "a big thank you to everyone that came and everyone that helped from me."

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch.

Contact numbers:

Parish/Village Warden: 0779 4010 394

Swale NHW office 0808 100 3308 (free)

E-mail - neighbourhoodwatch.swale@kent.pnn.police.uk

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 (24 hours, free & anonymous)

NHW liaison officer 01795 419212

Sittingbourne police station 01795 477055

Emergencies or crime in progress: 999

Kent Trading Standards 08457 585 497

No doubt you have heard recently on the radio/tv of the e mail scams where persons from African countries are requesting that you send them funds or disclose your bank details thus enabling them to unlock funds which they are prepared to share with you. Please ignore and delete these e mails. Likewise, should you receive letters offering the same sort of deals, the best place for these is in the bin.

I have received a call from the local sheep farmer saying that it would be appreciated that if anybody is walking in the fields where there are sheep, please make sure that the gates are securely shut behind them. Should any gates be seen to be open please close them.

I remind every gardener to make sure that your gardening equipment is securely locked away otherwise it will disappear.

Thank you to everybody who has contacted me over the past month and I assure you that every phone call or knock at the door has been dealt with or is still ongoing

Have a good and happy month.
Alan

FLATTEN THOSE BOXES!

Swale Borough Council's Recycling Officer has reminded us of the need to flatten cardboard boxes before placing them in the recycling bins at the Village Hall. Flattened cardboard obviously takes up less room than boxes. It allows more people to make use of the facilities and avoids the overfills that are sometimes experienced when cardboard finishes up all over the car park. The Trustees ask you to please use the bins properly and would like to thank you for your continued support.



Mobile Library

comes to Eastling,
Glebe Cottages
10.50 - 11.05am
May 1st, 15th & 29th
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books, story tapes,
& DVDs



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Family Club at Stalisfield -
Date changes!!

Thank you to all who attended the first 'Family Club' at Stalisfield. Thanks to your support the evening went very well, so we hope that you will come again. For those who couldn't make it the first time, please come to a future evening so that we can continue to make the event grow.

This is a new idea, and open to suggestions at all times. Because of a few major clashes of dates within the village, we need to change the regular date from the first Saturday of the month to the last Saturday of the month. This does mean the children get an extra date for April 28th and, now we've swapped to the end of the month, we'll stay there. So the revised dates for your diary for this year are: 28th April, 26th May, 30th June, 28th July, 25th August, 29th September, 27th October, 24th November and 29th December. Sorry for any inconvenience caused by the change. The next date is 28th April, 6.30-8.30pm at Stalisfield Village Hall. This is intended as an opportunity for Stalisfield children and their families to meet and get to know one another. We have the use of the table tennis table and children are encouraged to bring a toy or game to share. Adults are asked to stay and supervise their own children at all times and refreshments are available at a small charge. If you have children please come along on our Saturday nights to 'the Hut' for this informal but regular meet. We are hoping that many opportunities for our children will develop from this fledgling idea, and that more and more children will look forward to the last Saturday of the month. Ring Su on 890334 for more details or just turn up on the night.

Eastling Short Mat Bowls



On Friday, March 23rd we played Macknade at their venue of Boughton village hall, on fast mats, which we soon picked up. We came away with a win of 9 points to Macknade 5 points. On the Sunday we went on to Borden. They played very well, sending us packing with only 3 points. As we left they said that we would get our own back the following Sunday when they visited Eastling. They were not wrong, for we sent them on their way with only 4 points. So, with the 10 points we gained from that game, we won the second division on 110 points and next year go up to the first division, along with Hornhill (Milstead), who finished on 101 points. Well done to all members who took part through the winter months playing at home and away. Readers can follow our progress on the league website <www.swalecvs.co.uk/bowls>. The Wednesday afternoon sessions have finished and will start again on 3rd October. Fridays continue as before: 2.30 - 4.30pm and 7.30 - 9.30pm in Eastling Village Hall. These sessions are open to all players. New members welcome, so if you want to see what it is all about, and want to try your hand at Short Mat Bowls, come along and have a go at any of these times. For more details, please contact Roy Piles on 537162.

Whitehill Chapel
Anniversary

Thursday 7th June
in the Champion Hall
at 7.30pm.
Salvation Army Songsters
Collection
followed by light refreshments
All are welcome.

Congratulations to Alison

25th March: This was a special service during which Alison Tracey was commissioned as a Worship Leader for Whitehill. We also commemorated the work of George Champion (Champion Hall), particularly his numerous 'Vigils of Witness' outside the Foreign Office on behalf of the people of Diego Garcia, who were forcibly removed from their island and left homeless and destitute on Mauritius. This was done so that the Americans could build a strategic air force base there.



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FRIENDS OF EASTLING
SCHOOL

Congratulations to the drama group who put on a production of 'Annie'. All the audiences appreciated the children's brilliant acting and singing. The Easter Egg hunt was a rather wet event but the children still enjoyed themselves. Well done to all the children who entered the scarecrow competition - what a lovely display. The Easter raffle raised a total of £100 towards the funds. SUMMER EVENTS:

Pool Party and BBQ
Friday 22nd June 6.45 - 8.30pm at
Faversham Swimming Pool
Summer Fete
Sunday 1st July - Eastling School.
End of Term Social Evening -
Wednesday 25th July - Eastling School.
Details to follow.

Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity
jill.b.s@hotmail.co.uk or 01795 890252

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THANK YOU

to everyone who supported the Wit and Wisdom evening on Saturday 14th April. As a result £150 had been added to the Senior Citizens' Christmas Fund. This year the Christmas Lunch will be on Tuesday 4th December - a date for your diary. Norman.

FITNESS CLASSES
@ EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

WEDNESDAYS
6.00pm GENTLE EXERCISE
for the more mature participant &
those starting or returning to exercise.
7.00pm BUMS, LEGS & TUMS
helps to tone & shape these specific areas.

★ **NEW CLASS** ★
starting 2nd May for a limited period only
8pm BOLLYWOOD BURNER
works on aerobic fitness, using fun
dance moves.
9.15am FITNESS PILATES is back to
THURSDAYS from 10th May
A blend of Pilates & dance exercises
Helps develop muscle tone, balance,
flexibility & relaxation

All classes £4.00 or £7.00 for double class
on Wednesdays.

For more info contact Leigh
01795 890 149 or
<leigh.fitness@btinternet.com>

Afternoon Club

May meetings
10th Bingo and
24th Board Games,
Both meetings start at 2pm in the
Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal.

Painter's Forstal with Ospringe
Women's Institute
RESOLUTIONS MEETING
Tuesday 15th May,
2.15pm in the Champion Hall
New members welcome,
contact number 01795 532756.

Coffee Pop-In

The Wednesday Pop-In is open each week during school term time, plus half term, 9 - 11am in Eastling Village Hall: come for a chat and a cuppa. Everyone welcome, no charge, plenty of toys suitable for toddlers. Home made cakes for sale on 2nd May, Jill will also have school uniform for sale.

PUDDLEDUCKS

Playgroup with Mother & Toddler Group at Champion Hall, Painters Forstal - for children from 18 months to 5 years. We will be looking at different colours each week during this term and the children will use these in their creative work - painting, colouring and printing. There will still be lots of time to play! Do join us on Tuesdays and Fridays during school term - 9.30am to 11.25am. £3.50 per session which includes a snack and drink. Free tea or coffee for parents.

Jill Seaman, 01795 890519

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EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

To book ring Emma Walker
on 07940 490 896



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Painter's Forstal Amenities Fund

BARN DANCE

Saturday 9th June, 7.30pm
Painter's Farm, Painter's Forstal
By kind permission of
Miss D Knowler
Adults £5.50, under 16's £3.50,
Under 5's free.
Music by
WATERSHED
BARN DANCE
BAND
American Supper
(bring your own
food and drink)
Phone 01795 890606
for tickets.



Eastling
Gardeners' Club

Evening Visit to Beech Court
Gardens, Challock on 10th
May. Meet there at 7 pm.
The entrance fee is £3.50.
Further details from
Clive Jolliffe on 890160

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 16th June.
7pm for 7.30 pm start.

Jill and Caroline would like you to join them for another fun evening with prizes, games. This quiz night is in aid of the N.A.C.C. (National Association for Colitis and Crohn's Disease) Bring your own food and drink. Please book early to avoid disappointment. Telephone Jill on 01795 890865 to book your table. We look forward to seeing you again.

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2nd Cakes & uniform sale	9-11am Eastling Village Hall
2nd Bollywood Burner new class	8pm Eastling Village Hall
4th Craft Club	6.30pm Champion Hall
7th Bluebell Walk	11am Eastling Village Hall
9th Parish Council Meeting	6pm Eastling Village Hall
10th Afternoon Club	2pm Champion Hall
10th Gardeners' outing	7pm Beech Court Gardens
12th Saturday Club	10am Eastling Village Hall
12th Puppet Club	3pm Eastling Village Hall
12 / 13th Rogation Weekend	Stalisfield church and village
13th Christian Aid week service	6.30pm F'sham Baptist Church
15th Deadline for June Good News	Pinks Farm
15th Women's Institute	2.15pm Champion Hall
18th Craft Club	6.30pm Champion Hall
24th Afternoon Club	2pm Champion Hall
26th Saturday Club	10am Eastling Village Hall
26th Puppet Club	3pm Eastling Village Hall
26th Family Club	6.30pm Stalisfield 'Hut'
29th Magazine Folding	2pm Pinks Farm
JUNE 9th Barn Dance	7.30pm Painter's Farm Barn
16th Quiz Night	7.30pm Eastling Village Hall
22nd Pool Party	Faversham Swimming Pool
JULY 1st Summer Fete	Eastling School
DECEMBER 4th Eastling Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch	
14/15th Eastling-a-dingdong-singalong	Eastling Church

June Good News

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