



Christian Discussion Group for Young People aged 11-16.

On Friday Nights from 7 - 8.30pm.
Please contact Joy for more info, on 07999 807519, or Email: eastlingyouthworker@hotmail.co.uk

Let sleeping teenagers lie - in!

Next time your teenager sleeps and sleeps... and sleeps... let them. They really do need it in order to function at their best. Recent research has found that teenagers who spend more time in bed have much better concentration levels in school, and behave better in the classroom.

It also found that the brains of young people perform better after 11am in the morning. As one researcher put it: "Teenagers aren't lazy. We're depriving them of the sleep they really need through biological factors beyond their control. We are making teenagers ratty by getting them up early..." And really, who wants a ratty teenager around?



Craft Club

Fridays 8th & 22nd May
6.15 - 7.15pm
Champion Hall, Painters Forstal.
50p per session
Contact number 532756.

S Club

in Eastling Village Hall
Sunday 17th May, 10am.
All primary school aged children welcome.

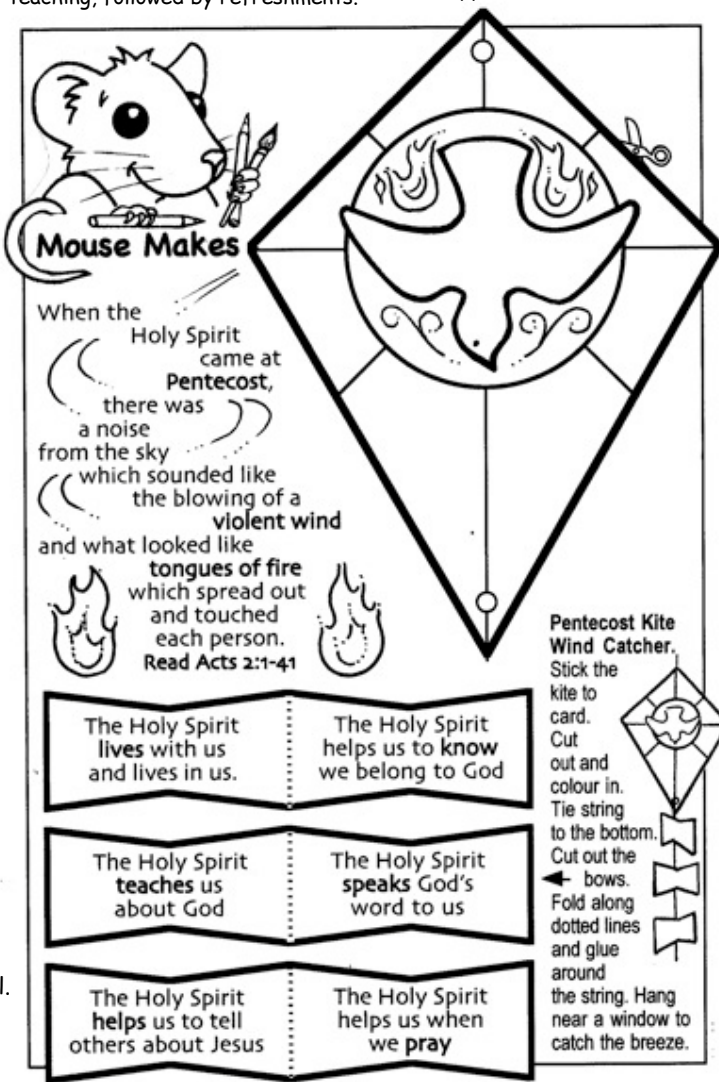
Youngstyle

10am in Eastling Church
on Sunday 24th May.
All ages welcome
Half an hour of fun, music and teaching, followed by refreshments.

Eastling School News

The children in Key Stage One had a busy day when they visited Whiteleaf Stables. Learning about how to care for horses, each child groomed and rode a horse. Meanwhile, Key Stage Two children enjoyed a day of fun science activities, brought into school by Kitchen Cupboard Science.

A breakfast club that includes sporting activities will run for four Thursdays for children in Years One and Two. Thanks to the SSCo team from Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School for their support.



BLUEBELL WALK

Monday 4th May

for all the family

Walks of varying lengths, 3, 5 or 8 miles, through the lovely local woods and countryside of Eastling and Otterden, will be marked. Maps and nature notes provided. Starting from Eastling Village Hall between 11am and 2pm.
Cost £2.50 per adult, £1 per child or £7 per family.

The Bluebell Bistro will be open to all in the village hall, 10.30am - 4pm, serving hot and cold homemade lunches and light refreshments.
Proceeds from walk and bistro will go to Eastling Church.

Good News Parish Magazine

May 2009

A Service of Healing and Blessing

Sunday 31st May

Eastling Church at 6pm

Following our first successful service held in February, we are pleased to announce another chance for everyone to come for a peaceful time of prayer and reflection, with the opportunity to receive prayer for healing for yourself, or another.
Our speaker will be the Revd Peter McIntosh, from the Crowhurst Healing Centre.

The service will last about an hour, followed by refreshments.



Rogation Sunday

17th May 2009

Revd. Jonathan Russell will be preaching at Stalisfield Church at the 10.00am service.

Jonathan retired from Elham recently and we are pleased to welcome him back for a visit, he was our vicar twice in the late seventies and early eighties. Refreshments served after the service.

ROGATIONTIDE

Rogation means an asking of God - for blessing on the seed and land for the year ahead. It is appropriate in any emergency, war, plague, drought or foul weather.

The practice began with the Romans, who invoked the help of the gods Terminus and Ambarvalia. In those days a crowd moved in procession around the cornfields, singing and dancing, sacrificing animals, and driving away Winter with sticks. The wanted to rid the cornfields of evil.

Rogation-tide arrived in England early in the eighth century, and became a fixed and perennial asking for help of the Christian God. On Rogation-tide, a little party would set out to trace the boundaries of the parish. At the head marched the bishop or the priest, with a minor official bearing a Cross, and after them the people of the parish, with schoolboys and their master trailing along. Most of them held slender wands of willow.

At certain points along the route - at well-known landmarks like a bridge or stile or ancient tree, the Cross halted, the party gathered about the priest, and a litany or rogation as said, imploring God to send seasonable wealth, keep the corn and roots and boughs in good health, and bring them to an ample harvest. At one point beer and cheese would be waiting.

In the days when maps were neither common nor accurate, there was much to be said for 'beating the bounds' - still very common as late as the reign of Queen Victoria. Certainly parish boundaries rarely came into dispute, for everyone knew them.

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

May brings Pentecost, when we remember the descent of the Holy Spirit on the early believers in Jerusalem nearly 2000 years ago. They were so overwhelmed with rapture that they burst into praise of God, speaking in other tongues. It was the birth of the Church, and it was the beginning of Christians 'speaking in tongues'. Here Dr Herbert McGonigle examines a popular misconception of what a charismatic really is.

As Pentecost Sunday approaches... we are ALL charismatics - biblically speaking!

For almost forty years, the word 'charismatic' has become common currency in the Church all over the world. So we hear about 'charismatic churches', 'charismatic worship', 'charismatic experiences', 'charismatic signs and wonders', and much else. This adjective is not confined to evangelicals or to Protestant churches for there are now scores of books dealing with 'charismatic Catholics', and Roman Catholic priests and nuns and church members who claim 'charismatic' gifts and experiences.

So what does this word 'charismatic' mean? What is surprising is that in spite of its prominence there is little agreement, even among its strongest defenders, about what exactly it means. Many of those who have written on the history of the Charismatic Movement speak of it as being very similar to the word 'Pentecostal'. It has reference to the Baptism of the Spirit, and gifts of the Spirit, especially the gifts of prophecy, healing and speaking in tongues. Others use it to describe a style of worship that is often characterised by long sessions of spontaneous singing, raising hands in the air and sometimes falling to the ground in an experience usually designated being 'slain in the Spirit.'

Although the term 'charismatic' is not found in the Bible, its derivation is found in the New Testament. 'Charismatic' comes from charis, the common Greek word usually translated 'grace' in English Bibles. Grace is God's loving and redeeming attitude to us as sinners, so Paul says in the familiar words of Ephesians 2:8, 'By grace you are saved.' Grace begins with God and apart from his grace there is no gospel, no Good News and no salvation. From beginning to end our salvation is initiated, prompted and sustained by God's wonderful grace. Closely connected with the word charis is the word charisma, meaning a gift, a bestowment, something given to us by grace. In Romans 1:11 Paul says he plans to visit the believers in Rome so that he may impart a 'gift' to them. Paul uses the word charisma here and qualifies it by adding an adjective, pneumatikos, meaning 'spiritual.' So he says, 'I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you.' While he does not say precisely what this charisma, this gift is, he tells them it will strengthen them, it will build them up in the faith and make them strong Christians.

This is one of the earliest uses of the word charisma in the New Testament and its use here clarifies its

meaning. This charisma is a favour, a blessing, a gift from God. Paul's use of the word here seems general. The charisma is described as a 'spiritual gift,' meaning that it comes from God and its purpose is to make these believers more spiritual and more steadfast in the faith.

Having noted this use of charisma in Romans 1:11, it's now time to summarise the other uses of this word in the New Testament. It is found in sixteen other passages, a total of seventeen when Romans 1:11 is included. All these passages, with one exception, are found in Paul's letters. In Romans 5:15, 16, and 6:23, the charisma refers to the wonderful grace of God seen in the mighty work of Christ. Without that charisma there is no salvation; without that charisma we cannot be saved.

Paul uses the word charisma in two other passages in Romans. In 11:29 he says that 'the gifts and call of God are irrevocable.' Here the word charisma is in the plural form, charismata, so it means gifts rather than a gift. In Romans 12:6 Paul says that Christians have charismata, 'gifts,' that differ 'according to the grace given to us.' These gifts, which include prophecy, service, teaching and exhortation, are not just human abilities; they are graced gifts, gifts that flow from God's grace. So in Romans Paul uses the word charisma in six passages and every one of them emphasises that the gift or gifts being spoken about are manifestations of God's loving and saving purposes - that is, his grace. In 1 Corinthians Paul employs the word charisma seven times. In 12:4, 9, 28, 30, 31, there are five instances of charismata, all referring to the nine gifts of the Spirit enumerated in vv.8-10; viz. wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discernment, tongues, interpretation. These gifts are given 'for the common good' of the Church (v. 7) and they are all 'inspired by the one and same Spirit' (v. 11). As in the earlier uses of the word charisma, here again in these verses it means gifts and abilities and endowments that flow from God's grace. Paul uses the word charisma in three other places: 2 Corinthians 1:11; 1 Timothy 4:14 and 2 Timothy 1:6. Again it has reference to a gift given by God; that is, it flows from his grace. The only other use of charisma in the New Testament is in 1 Peter 4:10, where it refers to whatever gift God has given to us out of his wonderful 'manifold grace.'

We have now looked at all seventeen passages in the NT where the word charisma (singular) or charismata (plural) is used. This study bring us to three conclusions about the biblical meaning of the word 'charismatic.'

First, charismatic always has reference to God's wonderful grace. Whatever is charismatic has its origins in God's loving disposition to us.

Second, charismatic refers to the grace by which we are saved. While it certainly relates sometimes to spiritual gifts, its primary reference is to the grace of salvation.

Third, all those who are saved by God's grace are, in the New Testament sense, charismatic Christians.

To be truly charismatic does not refer to forms of worship, or the exercise of particular spiritual gifts, or holding any office in the church. Neither does it relate to whether we stand, or sit, raise our arms or lie on the floor, or whether we sing a particular hymn or chorus once or twice or ten times! These things are personal, cultural, denominational or whatever; they are not any essential part of being charismatic.

The word charisma in the New Testament means the grace by which we are saved. So all the saved, regardless of church affiliation and regardless of what particular gifts God has given them, are charismatics! By GRACE we are saved through faith and by that GRACE we are ALL charismatics - biblically speaking!

Prayer Pointers May 2009

Sundays	Jesus said, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.' <i>John 14.6</i>
Mondays	Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life. <i>1Corinth 15.22</i>
Tuesdays	May the goodness of the Lord be upon us; may he prosper the work of our hands. <i>Psalms 90.17</i>
Wednesdays	Jesus lifted up his hands; and, while he blessed his disciples, he parted from them. <i>Luke 24. 50-51</i>
Thursdays	The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. <i>Romans 5.5</i>
Fridays	The prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. <i>James 5. 15</i>
Saturdays	Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty: who was and is and is to come. <i>Rev 4.8</i>

Two events organised by the Rotary Club of The Weald of Kent, based at Grafty Green:

The East Peckham Silver Band Concert	The 24th Annual Sponsored North Downs Walk
Saturday 13th June at Grigg Oast, Headcorn (TN27 9SJ). Gates open at 4pm, music starts at 7pm.	Sunday 21st June 5 or 10 mile circular routes, from Harrietsham Village Hall. Start between 8.00 - 10.30am
Take your own food, drink and chairs. Tickets at @£7.50 can be bought in advance from 01622 891767.	Non-sponsored walkers are welcome - minimum donation £10, free to children under 13 years old.

Both events are in support of charity - all proceeds for The Silver Band Concert will be split between Headcorn Church and local Rotary supported charities and this year the proceeds of The Walk will go principally to Cancer Research UK, normally not less than £10,000, but it does depend upon the number of walkers, with the remainder going to local Rotary supported charities plus, of course, the sponsored walkers retain their 50% to donate to the charity or good cause of their choice. For further details of either event visit www.wealdofkentrotary.org.uk

The Annual General Meeting of **Eastling Parish Council** will be held on Wednesday 20th May at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall. All residents are welcome to attend.


Eastling Neighbourhood Watch.

Contact numbers: Parish/Village Warden 07794 010394 Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 (24 hours, free and anonymous) Sittingbourne police station 01795 477055 Emergencies or crime in progress always use 999

As you probably heard, we had a severe case of vandalism in the village this month. Spuckles Cottage was badly damaged by the use of air rifles. This is being treated by the Police as a very serious incident and they are still gathering evidence relating to this, so the culprits can expect a knock at the door, very shortly, if it has not happened by the time this magazine is delivered. A lawn mower has been stolen from Eastling Church which, again, is being investigated by the Police. If any person has any more information on this crime, please contact the Police, or myself.

There have been sightings of suspicious vehicles within the parish so, please if at all possible, try to obtain the vehicle number so it can be followed up. Naturally do not, at any time, approach these vehicles or persons. Con-men are operating quite strongly throughout the county, so please do not let anyone you do not know, into your property. If in doubt please ring the police or myself and the situation will be dealt with. Have a good month Alan

Eastling Church Flowers	
May 2/3	Pim & Andrew
9/10	Baxter
16/17	Mel Jordan
23/24	Emma Walker
30/31	Jane Hamley



BEDE

Why should someone who joined a group of monks when he was only seven years old; lived all his life in a monastery and who died in 735, nearly 1300 years ago, be important to us now? The 27th May is the Feast Day of the Venerable Bede and it is because he was interested in finding out the truth that we remember him now.


Bede was a historian – the first person to take a real interest in the history of this country. His most valuable work was his 'History of the English Church and People' which is still in print today. Bede took care to separate historical fact from made-up stories and noted all the places and people that he got the information from so that it could be checked. And all of this was written out by hand with ink made from ground-up oak gall on vellum (animal skins).

If you visit Jarrow you can see how Bede and his fellow monks lived in a special exhibition.

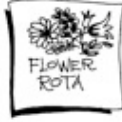
WRITE LIKE BEDE

Before felt tips, biro and pencils, people wrote with quill pens. If you would like to try this you will need a large feather like a wing feather from a goose, turkey or crow (keep your eyes open for one while on a walk in fields or a park). You must have adult help for the next 2 steps: Ask an adult to heat a small amount of sand in the oven for you but be very careful with this bit because you mustn't burn yourself or anyone else. Put the end of the quill in the sand for a few minutes (this dries out the oils and hardens the feather). With a knife, ask your adult to cut the end of the quill at an angle to form a writing point and then to make a vertical slit to finish the nib. Follow the pictures below...

Now you can start to write using your pen and some ink: try making some 'v' and 'w' shapes and then go onto curves up and down.



Where is your essay on time travel? I haven't done it yet, Miss, but I promise I'll hand it in yesterday.



Services in our Churches

3rd May Easter 4

Acts 4. 5 - 12, John 10. 11 - 18

Eastling 10am Holy Communion (CW)
Otterden 3pm Evening Prayer

10th May Easter 5

Acts 8. 26 - end, John 15. 1 - 8

Stalisfield 10am Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling 10.30 am Freestyle

17th May Rogation Sunday

Acts 10. 44 - end, John 15. 9 - 17

Eastling 10am Morning Prayer (BCP)
Stalisfield 10am Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling 10am S Club in the Village Hall

24th May Easter 7

Acts 1. 15 - 17, 21 - end, John 17. 6 - 19

Stalisfield 10am Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling 10am Youngstyle

31st May Pentecost

Acts 2. 1 - 21, John 15. 26, 27, 16. 4b - 15

Eastling 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling 6pm Service of Healing and Blessing

7th June Trinity Sunday

Romans 8 12 - 17, John 3. 1 - 17

Eastling 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling 10am Holy Communion (CW)
Otterden 3pm Evening Prayer

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

Ministry in our Parishes

Priest in Charge Reverend Caroline Pinchbeck (01795 890487)
The Rectory, Newnham Lane, Eastling
Faversham ME13 0AS
<caroline.pinchbeck575@btinternet.com>

Curate Reverend Angela Cheeseman (01795 892124)
New House Farm, Eastling ME13 0BN

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

Reader Hugh Perks (01795 890603)
Weald Cottage, Eastling

Churchwardens

Eastling Steve Youle (01795 890368)
Audrey Smith (01795 890469)

Stalisfield with Otterden

Patricia Thompson (01795 890376)
Martin Beckenham (01795 892079)

Midweek Groups

Tuesdays 7.30pm Bible Study
Thursdays 10.15am Prayer Group

Both groups meets at Pinks Farm, Eastling
01795 890338

New members welcome

Services at Whitehill Chapel

3rd May 10am Brunch
10.40am Family People's Choice
5th May 2.15pm Holy Communion
24th May 11am People's Choice

For Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals at Whitehill,
please contact Revd. D. Hodgson on 01795 532461

Otterden Chronicles

by Audrey Keen

The Otterden Chronicles title is another name for memories. In this case, and while I have my feet firmly in the present, I do believe that the past was a much slower, quieter and, in some respects, more pleasant time. Financially, living was hard for people in the 1950's, and the war generation probably had little in the way of luxuries. But my childhood, which is the only thing I can go by, that is 1948 onwards, did seem rich in friends, love and companionship every where. Caring folk who looked out for each other. All worked to survive, to catch up after the war, and provide for their families. We children never saw unfriendliness in the neighbourhood, or even heard of it! Life from a child's point of view (mine), consisted of warm rooms, food, plenty of body building supplements, such as cod liver oil, Parish's food, Virol, rose hip syrup, exercise, rest and much love. Food features strongly in my memory, as it did in that wonderful diary of the Revd. James Woodforde, 'A Country



Friends at Stalisfield School during the 1950's.

Parson' (1759 - 1802), where he describes the huge meals that he ate, but unfortunately probably subtracted years from his life. I could go on, writing about life in post war Britain, as seen through my eyes as a child. It was the end of a golden age. And that is why I am a keen listener to the two generations that precede my own.

'A rabbit hops through a fence of wire
Beneath a scarlet holly busy
Where bracken browned as though by fire,
Fans the faded juncus rush.
Sheep crop sweet grass while jackdaws call
And horses graze the sun touched land
While robins hop from bough to bough
And rest on furrow rich and tanned.' AIK

Sunday FREESTYLE

May 10th
10.30am
Eastling Church

Fresh coffee and hot croissants
from 10am

All ages welcome

The new road terror: pedestrians!

There is a new hazard on the road - the pedestrian. People who walk about with MP3 music players on headphones, straying into the road, unable to hear cars coming. Now insurance companies say that more and more drivers are citing such people as a factor in minor accidents. One common scenario is when a pedestrian steps into the road, and a car slams on its brakes to avoid the person. But then another car slams into the car that has stopped.... People who text their friends while walking are another hazard. So beware anyone with headphones or mobile phones.... they may not see or hear you coming!

Cars wanted

in exchange for cash, MOT failures in particular, generous prices given.

Please call Alice Whitehead on 07834 258307 for a quick and efficient service.

THE CHARITY OF ROGER PAYNE

Applications are invited for grant aid from the Charity of Roger Payne. Applicants should in the first instance reside in the Parish of Otterden or Stalisfield. Grant aid is available for items, services or facilities by way of donations or subscriptions to persons, institutions or organisations which provide, or which undertake in return to provide such items, services or facilities for such persons. In exceptional circumstances the Trustees are able to grant relief to persons who are resident immediately outside the said area.

Please apply directly or propose a third party to James Hare, Carter Jonas, Regent House, 13-15 Albert Street, Harrogate, HG1 1JX, email: james.hare@carterjonas.co.uk



Cherishing Churchyards Week 19th - 28th June

To celebrate this special week at Stalisfield we will be open on Sunday 28th June, 2 - 5pm. There will be bug hunts, a plant stall, teas and displays inside the church. Come and join us.

Thank You

Could I say a big thank you for all who have sent cards and gifts and given me help and especially have prayed for me over my recent hip operation which has gone very well and I am now gently getting back in action. Thanks be to God. It is wonderful to have use of my leg back.

Angela Cheeseman

Lady Cleaner available

for domestic cleaning.
Call 01795 892104
or mobile 07738 197856.

Apologies for incorrect email address last month. Here is the correct one: davidshelly@hotmail.co.uk

Ascension Day
Thursday 21st May
10.30 - 11am
Eastling Church

Everyone welcome to come for an informal half hour of readings, discussion and prayer. Coffee from 10.15am.



Ascension Day - Forty Days with the Risen Christ

May continues the season of Eastertide, and 40 days after Easter comes Ascension Day. It may seem crazy to call it Eastertide when Easter is clearly over! - but these are the 40 days during which the Risen Christ appeared again and again to his disciples, following his death and resurrection. The Gospels give us little of Christ's teachings and deeds during those forty days. Jesus was seen by numerous disciples: on the road to Emmaus, by the Sea of Galilee, in houses, etc. He strengthened and encouraged his disciples, and at last opened their eyes to all that the Scriptures had promised about the Messiah. Jesus also told them that as the Father had sent him, he was now going to send them - to all corners of the earth, as his witnesses.

Otterden WI

Our March meeting: 'Local food vs the Supermarket' provided us all with the opportunity to sample a range of delicious food and also challenged many of our preconceptions about cost, taste and convenience. We are now planning to approach the shopkeepers of Lenham in the hope of encouraging them to support a discount scheme for WI members keen to sample more of their produce!

STOP PRESS: The butcher in Lenham has advised us that he is planning to introduce a free delivery service, including evenings for those who are out at work. We can only hope that this is a direct result of his contact with the WI!

The Easter Egg Raffle was also a great hit - well done to all the members who went home with chocolate.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday April 30th The Harrow, Warren Street 7.30pm. Quiz Night - teams of 4 or 6, depending on numbers on the night. A fun, relaxed and enjoyable evening. Competition: Best home baked biscuits (any recipe of your choice)

In place of our usual monthly meeting at the end of May, we will be paying another visit to the beautiful gardens at the Old Rectory, Otterden on Thursday 21st May, starting at 6.30pm. Competition: Craft (any) 'Cottage Garden'

Please note that parking at the Old Rectory is a little limited, so we would encourage you to car-share where possible.

We are a very friendly group and new members and guests are always welcome. If you're a little shy of coming on your own, please contact us and we'll try to arrange for you to 'buddy up' with a member who lives nearby. If you would like any more details about us, please contact our President Emma Norwood on 01795 892138.

Wendy Thomas
Publicity Officer



The Mobile Library visits Eastling, every fortnight, at the entrance to Glebe Cottages.

It is open to everyone, free of charge.

May times are Tuesdays
5th & 19th, 10.50 - 11.05am.

Afternoon Club

May Activities:

Thursday 7th Board Games

Thursday 21st Bingo

Both meetings start at 2pm in the Champion Hall

New members welcome.



BELMONT HOUSE

SPRING FAIR

Saturday 9th and

Sunday 10th May

Open 11am - 5pm

Free entry to garden.

Refreshments in Tea Room

Local Crafts, Shire horses, plants

Live music by Elbert Flec

For more details go to

www.belmont-house.org

FITNESS CLASSES

@ Eastling Village Hall

WEDNESDAYS

7.00pm BUMS, LEGS & TUMS
helps to tone & shape these specific areas.

8.00pm FIT DANCE

works on aerobic fitness, using fun DANCE moves. Helps to control and burn body fat.

THURSDAYS

9.15am FITNESS PILATES

A blend of Pilates & dance exercises. Helps to develop muscle tone, balance, flexibility & relaxation

Fun & Funky

4.30pm FREESTYLE DANCE

IDTA

school years 3 - 11

Classes £4.00 each or £7.00 for a double class on Wednesdays.

www.milesdanceandfitness.com
more info contact Leigh on 890 149
leigh.fitness@btinternet.com

Eastling Gardeners' Club

Thursday 18th June

Evening Visit to

Chilham Castle Gardens

Meet in the Village Hall car park at 5.30 pm for the bus (small charge payable) or at the Castle at 6pm

Entrance costs £4

For further details contact
Clive Jolliffe on 890160

Painters Forstal

with Ospringe W.I.

Tuesday 19th May, 2.15pm

in the Champion Hall

Discussion on Voting & resolutions to put to the NFWI AGM.

Competition: "If I ruled the world" - Your first action on being appointed.



The Painters Forstal COFFEE CLUB

Come and join our coffee club in Whitehill Chapel on Wednesday 20th May, between 11am and 12.30pm.

Eastling

Short Mat Bowls Club

Our last three games in the Swale league were all away, at Teynham and we came away with only two points. Borden was a disaster, only one point, but our final game at Newington, was a lot better with equal points of 7 each. After leading for most of the season, our final position in the first division of the League, was a very credible third. I would like to thank all the members who put a lot of effort in to all these matches, played on all different sorts of mats and floors.

Eileen and Chris Smith made the trip to Strood to take part in the knock out stage, of the finals of the Pairs. They came up against stiff opposition and were home in time for lunch, but at least they got there. On 19th April Mick Heath, Chris Smith and Roy Piles are taking part in the knock out stage of the Triples final at Stood, outcome next month. The Wednesday afternoon sessions have finished now until October 7th, but we still meet every Friday: 2.30 - 4.30pm and 7.30 - 9.40pm, in the village hall. New members always welcome, no previous experience necessary - come along and give it a try, a pair of flat soled shoes is all you need.

FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

The school children's recycled materials Model Competition had few entries but there were some very interesting boxes and nests! Well done to the winners in each class.

The weather was chilly but dry for the Easter Egg Hunt and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children. Thank you to everyone who bought Easter raffle tickets which raised a total of £101.90 and congratulations to the winners. Thanks also to the families who purchased chocolate from the brochures for Easter -10% profit was made for the school.

Our next event is the Swimming Pool Party on Friday 19th June at Faversham Swimming Pool. This is a really fun event with all the outside pools available from 6.45pm to 8.30pm. Tickets will be available soon and cost £3.50 for an adult (16 years and over) and £2.50 per child. Ticket price includes one item from the BBQ. Don't forget that all children under 8 must have an adult in the pool with them and all children should have adult supervision.

Dates for your Diary:

Eastling School Summer Fete - Sunday 12th July

End of Term Social - Friday 17th July - School Field.

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



POP-IN

We will have homemade cakes for sale on 6th May and 3rd June in Eastling Village Hall.

Pop-In is open to everyone for a free cuppa between 9 and 11am on Wednesdays - lots of toys suitable for toddlers' play.

Contact number is 01795 890338

EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

To book ring Julia Bailey
on 01795 890746



A beautiful hall in a lovely village location for your wedding, club, sports or meetings.

The large hall has pretty grounds, car parking, meeting rooms and fully equipped facilities for professional or self-catering occasions.

Samantha Meader, Julie Harlow, Lucy Sparks & Liane West are doing the Eastling 5mile Bluebell walk, on May 4th, to raise money for C-R-Y (Cardiac Risk In The Young), in memory of our close friend Carl Dawson.

If anyone would like to sponsor us, please ring Sam on 01795 890156

The Wit and Wisdom

held in the village hall on Saturday 18th April, in aid of Eastling Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch, was once again a huge success.

Thanks to Alan and Marian on their first quiz, and some excellent raffle prizes which helped to boost the profit to £159.

Thank you to everyone who took part or donated raffle prizes.

Norman Neaves

At Stalisfield Church

on

Sunday 14th June at 3pm

A Mid Summer

Medley

of Bach to Beatles

Martin Elliott: basses and voice

Catriona Bryce: cello and voice

Nevill Willis: guitars

Richard Dray: piano, mandolin, harp and accordion

Ivan Thompson: saxophone, clarinet and voice

With an interval

to include

Afternoon

Tea.

Adults £8,

Children £4

To book tickets,

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3rd Faversham Bike Ride	11am	Recreation Ground
4th Bluebell Walk start between	11am - 2pm	Eastling Village Hall
4th Bluebell Bistro	10.30am - 4pm	Eastling Village Hall
5th Mobile Library	10.50 - 11.05am	Glebe Cottages
6th Cakes for sale at Pop-In	9-11am	Eastling Village Hall
7th Afternoon Club (Board games)	2pm	Champion Hall
8th Craft Club	6.15pm	Champion Hall
9th/10th Spring Fair	11am	Belmont House
15th Deadline for May issue of Good News		Pinks Farm
17th Rogation Service	10am	Stalisfield Church
19th Mobile Library	10.50 - 11.05am	Glebe Cottages
19th Painters Forstal W.I.	2.15pm	Champion Hall
20th Coffee Club	11am	Champion Hall
20th Parish Council Meeting	6.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
21st Ascension Day prayer	10.30am	Eastling Church
21st Afternoon Club (BB)	2pm	Champion Hall
21st Otterden WI	6.30pm	Old Rectory, Otterden
22nd Craft Club	6.15pm	Champion Hall
28th Magazine Folding	2pm	Pinks Farm
JUNE 14th Mid Summer Medley	3pm	Stalisfield Church
JULY 12th Summer Fete		Eastling School

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