

S Club

On 15th May S.Club will be joining the service at 10am in Eastling Church in recognition of Revd. Caroline Pinchbeck's last service.

Youngstyle

Sunday 22nd May, 10am in Eastling Church

Holiday Club

is back in Eastling!

This year there will be a huge range of fun activities, from games to craft, singing to sport, plus a lot more; holiday club has something for everyone! The club takes place from the 8th-12th August, between 10 and 12 daily in the village hall, and is aimed at children of primary school age. It costs £4 per day, or book before Friday 1st July for an early discount: £16 for the whole week. To book your place email eastlingyouthworker@hotmail.com for a registration form, or call Sarah on 890233 with any questions.

Places limited so don't hesitate to book yours!



What the Bible really means....

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means? The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"

The Bible in 50 words

God made	Adam bit
Noah arked	Abraham split
Joseph ruled	Jacob fooled
Bush talked	Moses balked
Pharaoh plagued	People walked
Sea divided	Tablets guided
Promise landed	
Saul freaked	David peaked
Prophets warned	Jesus born
God walked	Love talked
Anger crucified	Hope died
Love rose	Spirit flamed
Word spread	God remained.

- anon

By hook or by crook - or even Bishop's crozier!

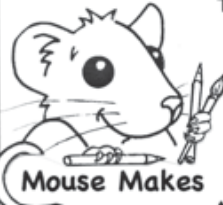
Join us for a **Confirmation Service** in Eastling Church on Friday 13th May at 7.30pm with Bishop Trevor Willmott.

Come and support your friends as they make this new commitment in their lives.

All welcome



"We seem to get a much bigger turnout whenever the Bishop visits."



The Bible took over 2000 years to write. Is a collection of 66 books written by many different people all helped and inspired by God. God also speaks to us today as we read the Bible. It encourages us, corrects us and shows us how to live... ...but most of all the Bible teaches us about God and how we can be friends with him.

Cut out around thick lines and glue together to make a folded bible bookmark

OLD TESTAMENT GENESIS EXODUS LEVITICUS NUMBERS DEUTERONOMY JOSHUA JUDGES RUTH 1 SAMUEL 2 SAMUEL 1 KINGS 2 KINGS 1 CHRONICLES 2 CHRONICLES EZRA NEMEHIAH ESTHER JOB PSALMS PROVERBS ECCLESIASTES SONG OF SONGS	LAW HISTORY WISDOM	glue
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The Bluebell Walk 2011

Bank Holiday Monday, 2nd May

from Eastling Village Hall

Bring your family and friends for a healthy day out in our lovely countryside, by kind permission of local farmers and landowners.

Three marked walks with nature notes and maps, start from 10am onwards.

Children's Nature Table

* New for this year * Guided walks starting *
 10.30am - long walk; 11am - medium walk; 11.30am - short walk.

Cost: £2.50 per adult; £1 per child; £6.00 per family of four

The Bluebell Bistro will be open in the village hall serving hot and cold homemade lunches and refreshments.

PROCEEDS OF THE DAY WILL GO TO EASTLING CHURCH APPEAL.

For further information phone 01795 890703 or 890487.

Thank You Caroline



Revd. Caroline Pinchbeck will be leaving our parishes to take up the position of Communities and Partnership Executive Officer with Rural Life Adviser in the Diocese of Canterbury.

Please join us in Eastling Church for Caroline's final service at 10am, on Sunday 15th May.

You will also be welcome to come to

A Special Leaving Party

in Eastling Village Hall at 6pm on Sunday 15th May

This will be a community event and is open to everyone in our villages.

Please bring a plate of food to share if you would like to.

Contact Pat Thompson on 01795 890376, or Audrey Smith on 01795 890469, for further information.

Good News Parish Magazine May 2011

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

That Final Blessing

What do you say when you leave someone? 'Have a nice day!' 'Ta-rar' 'See you later' or just 'Bye'. They all sound vaguely the same – but the last one is actually grounded in a hope and trust that far outweighs the simplest wish; for it comes from the word, 'Goodbye' which in turn comes from the much longer phrase, 'God be with ye'. We say our farewells to each other by asking God to bless us, for there's nothing we can do for each other while we're apart except trust in God to look after and be with the other person. We only have to think of our family and friends living away from us to know the reality of that, never mind watching the news of places where people are in terrible conditions.

We see and hear this particularly in church at the end of a service where the person leading the service gives a 'blessing'. In many churches the words go like thisand the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you always. And we reply, 'Amen' which means, 'I agree'. We often quite literally see this blessing as the priest raises his or her hand to form the sign of the cross over the congregation. Some Christians like to incline their heads at that moment and imagine the minister is wrapping them up in a blanket of love and protection and that no matter what happens until they meet again, God will wrap each one around and hold them fast.

This month: Watch as the priest or minister gives you a blessing and 'feel' those words and their actions combine. What does it make you think? Is it different if you cross yourself as they say the words or if they doesn't make the sign of the cross but just speak?



We continue the eulogy for long time Stalisfield resident Mary Bayley who died in February, shortly after her 102nd birthday. Written by Pat Thompson

Around the time of her father's death, Mary arrived at Hillcrest one day flustered, having locked herself out. Fortunately my parents were staying and my Dad went off to help. He came back amused that when he put the ladder to the window upstairs which was ajar and went to climb up, Mary said she would have to go up as Jill would probably attack him. He was given strict instructions not to look up while she climbed up and through the window. The only time I ever saw Mary wear trousers was the autumn in 1972 when we worked together apple picking at Woodsell. Mary wore her bib and brace overalls from the war! How many of us could get into the same clothes we wore 30 years previously let alone look fetching in them!

Over the following years the occasional widower would appear hopefully, as Mary was a good cook, there were always cakes in a tin ready for visitors and she kept the place sparkling. Mary said no man could match up to her father and she valued her independence.

Later, as Mary became less mobile, the wildlife in her garden and field became a constant source of interest. One pheasant became very tame and would wander into the kitchen. He was named after the governor of the Bank of England, Eddie George, if he misbehaved she would tweak his tail, - the pheasant's of course.

By now the Age Concern bus would collect her for shopping trips in Faversham, before that happened it was a walk up the hill to catch the bus and the walk back loaded with shopping. The first time she had an attempted burglary, returning from a shopping trip Mary walked into to the house surprised to see the door open, confronted a very surprised man and shouted angrily at him "what do you think your doing in here". He fled. She was not put off living alone, a burglar alarm being the only concession. Subsequent burglaries didn't succeed in making her want to move. The main reason she gave for not wanting to move was that she would not be able to wash her hair in soft rain water. The house still had a rainwater collection tank, as the well water was extremely hard, this dated from the days when there was no mains water.

I moved back to Wales when Mary was 90 and I was retiring. On a visit back I went to see Mary and was enthusing about the

mountains of Snowdonia and the old cottage I lived in, and she quietly said "I have never seen a mountain" I said nothing but could not imagine such a thing and, as soon as I left the house, went to see Jean and Ken West to see if we could do something. They found a few free days midweek in a few weeks time and I left to go back to Wales. It was the most wonderful few days with all three staying in the cottage. We had fine, clear weather for the ride on the mountain railway up Snowdon. The staff were great, keeping the families locked in the train while they brought a wheelchair for Mary and we set off first to the viewpoint! Later fish and chips sitting at a picnic table in a wildlife reserve next to the sea and the last morning a trip round Bodnant Gardens. Mary didn't stop smiling and neither did we.

Jean, Ken and Helen Reid made it possible for Mary to stay in her home until her 100th birthday. They worked tirelessly with a team of wonderful local helpers, who all became her friends, to make sure it worked for Mary. Sadly Mary fell and broke her hip the day after her 100th celebratory home communion and tea party, resulting in her spending some time in hospital and later moving to Elvey Court Nursing Home, where the staff grew to love her. As always, she was grateful for help offered and uncomplaining. Only a couple of weeks before she died Helen and I celebrated Mary's 102nd birthday with her and some staff and residents. She was watching a wildlife programme when we arrived and afterwards gave us her full attention, smiling broadly and enjoying Helen's chocolate cake while reading aloud from one of the cards! It was easy to forget she had her cataracts operated on at 99 and 100! That must be a record.

The end of her long life came quickly, one Friday morning I was stroking the hand of my three day old granddaughter, and that afternoon news came that Mary had pneumonia, Jean and I went straight over and stroked her hands. 102 years between two people I love. Jean went back to sit with Mary on Saturday morning and Mary died in the afternoon. Mary walked lightly on this earth, she had an unfaltering deep faith, and is a wonderful role model.

Thank you to all who so kindly donated to the Easter Lily fund in memory of beloved family and friends who have departed this life. Thank you also to Pippa West for her beautiful calligraphy of the names of those who were commemorated.

Eastling Church May 2011

1 May Wedding / Lilies
7/8 Mel Jordan
14/15 Wedding
21/22 Marianne Grove
28/29 Nerys and Emma



Prayer Pointers May 2011

Sunday Give thanks for the joys of Easter just past.
Monday Pray that Peace will reign in Ireland.
Tuesday For those being confirmed this month.
Wednesday Bless the Royal couple, William and Kate, that they may be united in love as they begin their life of duty together.
Thursday Those fighting to beat oppression, particularly in Libya and Afghanistan.
Friday For the beauty of God's Creation as summer comes.
Saturday For Caroline, that she may fulfil her new role in God's work.



Thank You

Joan Mayerson has written from Concord in New Hampshire, USA, where she and her husband Paul, retired a few years ago. Paul, who will be fondly remembered as our hard working vicar in the late '80s and early '90s, died on February 20th.... just five days past his 83rd birthday.

*My heartfelt thanks for the many expressions of sympathy I've received from parishioners of the former Benefice of Ospringe, Eastling and Stalisfield with Otterden as they've learned of the death of their former Rector Paul Mayerson. Paul was Rector from 1985 to 1990 - the 'American' with his rather different ways! Both he and I have had lasting and loving memories of our life and service to the people of the Benefice during the five years we lived in Eastling. My memories live on and friendships continue. I will always miss the beauty of the area... the gardens I loved to visit and the footpaths I used to walk!
Fondly, Joan Mayerson.*

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01795 890234

Sunday Evening menu

We will now be serving dinner on Sundays from 7pm till 9pm with the bar open all day and lunch service from 12 till 4

Bluebell Walk

Monday 2nd May, the bar will be open from 9am serving a breakfast menu with the bar remaining open all day. The lunch menu will run till 3pm then a BBQ will continue in the yard

Guest barman

Wednesday 4th sees Ben Lewis appearing as guest barman

Belmont Spring Fair

Sunday 8th May we will be supplying the bar facilities at Belmont house for their annual Spring fair, free entry and lots of attractions adds up to a cracking day out.

Feasting 2011 Sunday 29th May

After last years fantastic turn out we are repeating this event but with more bands. This year the hog roast, lamb roast and salad & side bar are INCLUDED in your entry ticket. There will also be our bar facilities and Corinnes Kitchen Curry stall.

Bands confirmed so far

Happy Trails	Underworld Heroes	Cellar 39
Pepperset	The Retrophonic	Archive
Wildfire	Jailbird	Fisticuffs

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 9th May

Cricket at the school Monday 30th May

There is going to be a day of cricket at Eastling school, a family friendly match with all-comers welcome to play. Bring the kids and we're even going to let girls play!!

Mitch, Donna and the dogs

EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting takes place on Thursday 28th April in Eastling Village Hall, when the Chairman will give a summary of events over the past year and the Treasurer will summarise the end of year accounts.

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting on Wednesday 25th May at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall.

Residents are welcome to attend any meeting.

Jill Seaman, Clerk to the Council
mick_seaman@yahoo.co.uk

School News

Congratulations to the sixteen children who participated in the Swale cross-country championship; especially the four boys who formed the Year 3/4 team which achieved third place.

Cubs' Class had great fun when they visited the Kent College farm in Canterbury. Cows, lambs and guinea pigs were among the animals they saw. Two minibus loads of children and parents enjoyed an evening trip to the circus.

Many thanks to the ten parents/staff and their children for their help in tidying and gardening around the school. Leopards' Class enjoyed a trip, in the sunshine, to Whitstable as part of their geography work - the highlight was the sweet shop!

Green Flag - congratulations to the whole school

community. Following a successful assessment on the last day of term, 'Keep Britain Tidy' have confirmed that our hard work in making the school more sustainable has resulted in the award of a Green Flag. Term Four ended with an Easter Egg hunt and raffle. Well done to the lucky winners and thank you to those who donated eggs. We said goodbye to Mrs Hunt and thanked her for all the hard work she has put in while teaching Tigers' Class since November. They will miss her! Miss Pout will be returning after the Easter break. Term Five begins on Tuesday 26th April and we will be having a Royal Wedding Street Party for all the children on Thursday 28th April.

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch



Parish /Village Warden 07794 010394
Crimestoppers 0800 555111
Swale Police 01622 690690
Emergencies 999

There have been many complaints about the amount of dog fouling that is not being cleared up by the animals' owners. It is most prevalent in the areas of the church path, along the footpaths past the church and in the area between Glebe Cottages and Meesons Close. It is an offence not to clear up after your dog in a public area and that includes footpaths. Children love to play on these footpaths and I do not think it is feasible to expect them to keep away from these areas because of people's 'couldn't care less' attitude. If owners are not prepared to clear up after their dogs they should not have them.

Many thanks to the those who contacted myself or the police, in regard to number of youths with dogs that have been seen in the area. These youths are coming in from outside areas and, whilst there are no great problems at the moment, if seen please report it. Remember to make sure that your sheds and outbuildings are secure and that your lawnmowers etc are secure.

We have had the usual amount of persons around looking for scrap metal and other items, if seen please let me know and, if possible, their vehicle number.

Have a good month, Alan.

Services in our Churches

1st May Easter 2

Acts 2. 14a, 22 - 32, John 20. 19 - end
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
 Otterden 3 pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

8th May Easter 3

Acts 2. 14a, 36 - 41, Luke 24. 13 - 35
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
 Eastling 10.30 am Freestyle

Friday 13th May

Eastling 7.30pm Confirmation Service
 with Bishop Trevor Willmott

15th May Easter 4

Acts 2. 42 - end, John 10. 1 - 10
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10 am Benefice Service with
 Communion (Caroline's final service)

22nd May Easter 5

Acts 7. 55 - end, John 14. 1 - 14
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10 am Youngstyle
 Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

29th May Rogation Sunday

Acts 17. 22 - 31, John 14. 15 - 21
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Stalisfield 10am Benefice Service

5th June Easter 7

Acts 1. 6 - 14, John 17. 1 - 11
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
 Otterden 3 pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

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

House Group

The Tuesday morning house group has decided to continue meeting, once a month, on the 3rd Tuesday starting at 9:30am and finishing at 11am. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 17th May at Garden Cottage, Newnham Lane.

Ministry in our Parishes

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

PLEASE NOTE after 15th May, all enquiries should be directed to the **Parish Administrator** Laura Lloyd (01795 890487) eastlingchurch@googlemail.com (Weekday mornings)

Non Stipendiary Minister with Permission To Officiate
 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
 Sue Gaid (01622 858551)
 Pat Thompson (01795 890376)

From the Registers

Baptisms

Emilia Louise Ann KAY
 17th April 2011 at Otterden
 Samuel Micheal BRETT
 23rd April 2011 at Otterden
 Jasper William OSTLE
 Octavia Jane OSTLE
 24th April 2011 at Stalisfield

Midweek Groups

Tuesday 17th May Study Group 9.30am Garden Cottage
 Tuesdays weekly Study Group 7.30pm Pinks Farm
 Wednesdays
 Morning Worship 9.05 - 9.20am Eastling Church
 Thursdays Prayer Group 10.30am Pinks Farm
All welcome.

NSPCC Open Garden and Plant Sale

Saltwood Castle, nr Hythe CT21 4QU,

by kind permission of Mrs. Jane Clark.
 Saturday 7th May, 10am - 4pm.

Entrance is £5 per person. Parking is free but limited. For more information and directions www.nspcc.org.uk/getinvolved and go to the events pages. For information on Saltwood Castle visit www.saltwoodcastle.com or Sue Steward on 01233 840320.

One Spring Day

by Audrey Keen

In twenty five years of living at Halls Place Cottage (1970 - 1995), one of my passions in spring time was to take a picnic basket, my notebook and pen, and walk with my terrier dog Bonnie onto Haldanes Banks close to the Rectory. Bonnie and I would sit under the oak trees by the wood and I would write poetry. In spring it was idyllic. As I sat on the bank I could see the wood below in a mist of bluebells and green trees. The cuckoo was everywhere then and his call was frequent and monotonous: he was part of the springtime and welcome. Squirrels would bait the tree bough above my head and 'tut' at my intrusion on their peace. They would throw their tails in annoyance until they felt less threatened and went on with business. Bonnie was frustrated at being confined to the heath bracken close by, as rabbits teased her, and it was here where we saw two rusty red fox cubs at play. I continued to write until the day edged toward noon and we could begin our picnic lunch. After lunch, gathering together the picnic basket, notebook, pen and shady picture hat, we would walk leisurely through the wood accompanied by the murmur of the wood pigeons and the gentle touch of a summer breeze, and of course, the restless call of the cuckoo. The day was sunny, the weather warm, and all was well with the world.



The cowslip,
 The cuckoo,
 The woods of bluebells;
 The freshness,
 The colours and wonderful smells;
 The dormouse, the hedgehog,
 The squirrel and jay,
 God I give you thanks for this beautiful day.
 AIK



WYE BEAGLES DOG SHOW

SUNDAY 15TH MAY, 2011
 Olantigh Park, Wye, Nr Ashford, TN25 5EW
 Judging commences at 11.30 am,
 Fun Classes 1.30pm
 Entries on ground from 10.30 am



Companion Dog Show (K.C. Licenced) with Fun Classes

*Working Terrier Show (NWTf Championship Qualifier)
 (East Anglia Jack Russell & Lurcher Champion of Champions Qualifier)
 (North Wales Terrier & Lurcher Champion of Champions Qualifier)

*Lurcher Show (NL&RC Chatsworth Championship Qualifier)
 (East Anglia Jack Russell & Lurcher Champion of Champions Qualifier)
 (North Wales Terrier & Lurcher Champion of Champions Qualifier)

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So how old are you, really?

Most of us are 12 years older than we need to be. And one in eight of us is 20 years older than we need to be. The reason is that as well as our physical age, we have something called our 'health age'. And most of us could grow younger, rather than older, in this respect - if we lived better.

Just one example: 34 per cent of women in their fifties exercise less frequently than once a week, while 30 per cent of them are obese, and nine per cent diabetic - the highest proportion of any age group. So found Bupa, the private health care firm, in a recent study.

To try and help, Bupa has created a 'health age calculator' (www.bupa.co.uk/findhealthy) whereby respondents enter their age, height, weight and details about alcohol and exercise. It then estimates your 'health age', and suggests ways to lower it, through diet or a fitness regime. As one Bupa doctor points out: 'Whether you are in your 20s or your 70s, you could add years to your life by make lifestyle changes.'

The Bible calls over-eating 'gluttony', and says it is wrong. Perhaps our Maker does not want us to damage ourselves!



Local charity Pilgrims Hospices

launches a year-long "Think Again" campaign this month with an aim to help more local people living with terminal illnesses.

Death and dying is still a taboo subject for many and understandably so. Why would you spend time finding out about health services available to you or your loved ones at the end of life unless you needed to?

Over 2000 people a year are referred to Pilgrims Hospices services, but many more are dying of terminal illnesses without specialist care and support.

Dr Claire Butler, Medical Director and Consultant in Palliative Medicine at Pilgrims Hospices explains,

"Many people are unclear about what care is available at Pilgrims Hospices. The very word "hospice" can fill people with fear, so they may not get the help they need." We also know that many people still think of hospices as places for just the last few days of life for patients with cancer. In fact, we care for people with a range of life limiting illnesses such as heart failure, respiratory conditions, renal failure, advanced neurological disease, etc.

"Care is available in people's own homes, as day patients, as out-patient appointments or as part of community programmes. Support is also available for families and carers. I urge people to find out something new today which could help them, or a family member in the future, achieve the best quality of life and dignity in death."

Pilgrims Hospices is east Kent's only adult hospice and was opened nearly 30 years ago by district nurse Ann Robertson. 30 years on, and funded nearly 75% by the local community, there are more people who could be benefiting from the care on offer. All care is completely free of charge to the patients and carers.

The charity is appealing for your support in spreading the message. Leaflets and posters are available as well as a short film. If you run a local group and would like a guest speaker, if you look after a notice board that would benefit from a poster, if you think your staff should watch a film about hospice care, or if you could link to the Think Again page on Pilgrims Hospices website from your own site, please contact Becky Sellen on 01227 782061, becky.sellen@pilgrimshospices.org. More information and all resources are available at www.pilgrimshospices.org.

BARN DANCE

Saturday 11th June
Painters Farm Barn
Tickets cost £6 adults; £4.50
children under 16; £18 family
of 2 adults + 2 children. To book
please call Bobbie on 01795
532756.



Music for a
Summer's Evening
at the Champion Hall,
Painters Forstal
with Simon Thorpe and
local young musicians

Thursday 9th June, at 7.30pm
Tickets £5, limited number, so book
your place with Bobbie on 532756

Eastling Short Mat Bowls

The club meets in Eastling village hall on
Fridays: 2.30 - 4.30pm and 7.30 - 9.30pm.
New members are welcome, contact Roy on
01795 537162.



The competition team, the
Eastling Cherries, have
triumphed again, finishing the
season at the top of their
divisions, rising into the next
division to start the next
season in the autumn. Well
done to the teams.

In the **East Kent League** the cherries
played Boughton on 17th March beating
them 36 shots to 17, so gained 6 points.
On March 31st, away to Tyler Hill, they won
on both mats gaining 6 more points, and on
April 7th, at home to Bekebourne, won 43
shots to 10; 6 more points. Sunday 10th
April away to Bekebourne; Mick Heath,
John Graham, and Roy won on their mat,
but the other team lost, so they only came
away with 4 points, but Eastling won that
league and will be the second division next
season.

In the **Swale League**, the last game on
15th April was against Macknade away, and
the Cherries beat them on their mats, only
losing one pairs game, and gained 12
points to their 2. The Cherries will play in
the first division next year. So you can see
that the Eastling short mat bowls team
have played extremely well this season,
and are firmly on the map.
The club held their A.G.M. and all positions
remain the same.

Eastling Walking Group

The next two walks, on 4th and 18th May,
will start at 10.30am from Eastling Village
Hall. Pop-In will be open for a refreshing
cuppa before you leave, with cakes for sale
on 4th.

Contact Harry on 01795 890703 or email
hkass@tiscali.co.uk for further details
if you are interested in coming along to
the walks, which are fairly casual and
are generally fortnightly at
10.30am on a Wednesday.



The Painters Forstal COFFEE CLUB

The next coffee club will be on 4th May,
in Whitehill Chapel, 11 am - 12.30pm.

All welcome.

Painters Forstal with Ospringle WI

Tuesday 17th May
Resolutions Meeting

Competition: A favourite button.
2.15pm in Champion Hall

Guests and new members welcome,
phone 01795 532756 for further details.

FRIENDS of EASTLING SCHOOL

The sun shone for the school Easter Egg Hunt which took
place on 7th April, on the school field followed by the Easter
Egg Raffle draw. Congratulations to all the winners!

The children will be encouraged to make models from their
Easter Egg boxes with a Royal Wedding theme to be judged
in school on Friday 6th May.

The next 'Jobs Day' at the school will be on Saturday 21st
May - any volunteers to help will be much appreciated.
A reminder - the School Fete will be held on Sunday 10th
July.

Let me know if you require any Second Hand school uniform.
Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity. 01795 890252

A note from Pauline, Chair of FOES:

The school fete will be held on Sunday 10th July, from 12 - 3
pm, and this year will feature the Kent Kite Fliers as well as
all our usual attractions: stalls, bouncy castle, Snowdown
Colliery Welfare Band, BBQ, Bar, Teas and Arena Events.
Our Grand Raffle this year has some fabulous prizes - 1st
Garden Furniture, 2nd Large Outback Gas BBQ, 3rd
Portable DVD player. Tickets will be available at the end of
May, priced at 50p each. We are always looking for
donations of goods for the fete so if you have any of the
following that you could donate please contact Pauline
Gaston on 01795 886404:

New/really 'nearly new' toys and gifts for tombola prizes,
Clean used toys and books, Pots/seeds/compost for planting
up plants for the plant stall, Bric-a-Brac.



Pop-In

to Eastling Village Hall
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No charge, toddlers welcome.
Come for a free cup of tea, or
coffee, and a chat.

Home made Cake sales on
4th May and 1st June.

Books for sale most weeks.
Contact number is 01795 890338.



Eight circular walks

have been launched celebrating Faversham's local
food and drink, and the surrounding villages'
heritage and natural beauty.

The Faversham Enterprise Partnership has
coordinated the routes and members of the public
can sign up for the walks for free, or download the
walking guides to complete them at their leisure.
Go to faversham.org and click on the 'walking in
Faversham' link.

*I've had a quick peep at the guides and think they
look really appealing, each with a map and
interesting facts along the route. - Ed.*



Belmont House Spring Fair

Sunday 8th May, 11am-5pm
Entrance Free
Food and craft stalls
See www.belmont-house.org
for more details



Green Wheat Crockery

I still have a dinner plate of
the Green Wheat variety, left
behind after the Big Lunch
in Eastling two years ago.

PLEASE let me know if it is
yours - I would be very happy to
return it.

Hilary Harlow, 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.

Charity Book Sale

in aid of Cancer Research
at the Bluebell Walk
10am - 4pm
on Monday 2nd May in
Eastling Village Hall
Contact Jill on
01795 890519

BOOK your table for.....

Jill and Caroline's
Quiz Night

In aid of British Humanitarian Aid
Saturday 4th June at 7pm in
Eastling Village Hall.

£5 per person, 6 - 8 on a table
Phone 01795 892088 to book.

*Apologies if you haven't been able to
contact Caroline on the above number;
following their mistake, BT have
reconnected 892088, instead of the
completely different number they suddenly
allocated. So please try again!*

Eastling Gardeners Club

A visit on Thursday, 9th June to
Pheasant Barn, Oare, ME13 0QB

A series of smallish gardens overlooking
Oare Creek including a vegetable garden,
flower beds, water features and labyrinth.
Entrance costs £4 for members of the
Gardeners Club and £5 for non
members, to include a glass

of wine and nibbles.
Meet at Pheasant Barn at 6pm or
Eastling Village Hall at 5.30pm for car
sharing.

Phone Clive on 890160 for further
information.



LEIGH MILES DANCE & FITNESS

CLASSES

Eastling Village Hall

WEDNESDAYS

7.00pm BUMS, LEGS & TUMS
8.00pm FIT DANCE - LATIN FUSION
(zumba - esque)

THURSDAYS

9.15am FITNESS PILATES
5pm CHILDREN'S
FREESTYLE DANCE IDTA

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FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN
FAVERSHAM LENHAM

FOR DETAILS CONTACT

www.milesdanceandfitness.com

leigh.fitness@btinternet.com

01795 890149 or 07873 431952

OTTERDEN W.I.

On Friday 6th May we will be holding a

Wine & Wisdom at Stalisfield Village Hall.

Open to guests, so get on to your relatives and family and get some
teams together! It will be £2 entry per person, with teams of 6
per table, please bring your own refreshments. Bottles of wine will
be for sale if required. If you are interested, please book a table
by contacting myself at ward85@btinternet.com or 0787 963
5600. Hope to see lots of you there. Have a good month Ladies.
Rebecca Ward, Publicity Officer

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2nd Bluebell Walk and Bistro	10am	Eastling Village Hall
2nd Book Sale	10am 4pm	Eastling Village Hall
4th Cakes and Books at Pop-In	9am	Eastling Village Hall
4th Wednesday Walkers	10.30am	Eastling Village Hall
4th Coffee Club	11am	Whitehill Chapel
6th W.I. Wine & Wisdom	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
8th Spring Fair	11am - 5pm	Belmont House
13th Confirmation Service	7.30pm	Eastling Church
15th DEADLINE for June magazine		
15th Caroline's last service	10am	Eastling Church
15th Caroline's leaving party	6pm	Eastling Village Hall
17th Monthly study group	9.30am	Garden Cottage, E'ling
17th Ospringle WI	2.15pm	Champion Hall
18th Wednesday Walkers	10.30am	Eastling Village Hall
21st Cake Break	2pm	Stalisfield Church
21st School Jobs Day		Eastling School
25th Parish Council meeting	6.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
29th Feasting 2011		Eastling Village Hall
31st Good News Publication	2pm	Pinks Farm
JUNE 1st Cakes & Books at Pop-In	9am	Eastling Village Hall
4th Quiz Night	7pm	Eastling Village Hall
17th FOES Social Evening		Faversham Swimming Pools
25th Stalisfield Over 60s Summer Celebration		
JULY 10th School Fête	12pm	Eastling School Field
22nd Stalisfield Frog Racing		

Deadline for June 2011 Good News

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