

OTTERDEN JUBILEE PICNIC

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE OUR
QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE
ON MONDAY 4TH JUNE FROM 1.00PM
IN THE BEAUTIFUL
'OTTERDEN PARK'

~PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC~

~ FRIENDS &
FAMILY ALL
WELCOME ~

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Stalisfield Jubilee Party

To celebrate the Queen's
Diamond Jubilee, we will be
holding a Street Party on
the Village Green in Stalisfield
on Monday 4th June, 6.30pm.

The party will start at 6.30pm, with a children's fancy dress parade to take place
at 7pm. A hog roast will be provided, but please bring along some 'fare to share'
to accompany it for everyone to enjoy (side dishes / salads / desserts etc.).

The celebrations will also include a live band and disco.
The highlight of the evening will be the lighting of the Jubilee Beacon which
will take place in the right-hand field behind The Plough at 10pm. Please
leave any spare wood you have on the pile in the field (kindly ensure the
wood has no nails or other metal fixings attached). Richard Baker will be
organising the construction of the beacon towards the end of May, so if you
have any questions about the beacon, please call Richard on 07976 642951.
If you have any other questions about the party, please call Lisa Vaughan
on 01795 890710.



Parish Events for The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

EASTLING JUBILEE TEA PARTY

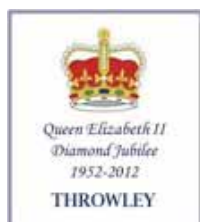


Please join us on the green outside
Eastling Manor for a tea party to celebrate the
Queen's Diamond Jubilee

EVERYONE WELCOME
Monday 4th June 2012 at 3pm

Tea, sandwiches and cakes will be provided
Jubilee mugs will be presented to the children
of Eastling Village

Courtesy of Eastling Village Hall Committee



Throwley

We are having a
Jubilee Street Party
for Throwley residents, their
families and friends with a
traditional Hog Roast on the
Forstal, from 6 to 9pm, on
Friday 1st June. This is a
non-profit-making event

sponsored by the Throwley Parish Council. Cost is
£6 per person, children under 16 free. The
Applause Outdoors 212 secured for us the
entertainment by the "Accidental Collective" an
unusual group providing theatrical sketches and
vaudeville hide and seek on the move round the
party. Anybody interested can get further details
from Ela Jastrzebska on
01795 890934 or e-mail
ela@jastrzebska.co.uk.



Bluebell Walk 2012

Bank Holiday Monday, 7th 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 for you to start from 10am onwards.

* Guided walks starting *

10.30am - long walk; 11am - medium walk; 11.30am - short walk.

Cost: £3 per adult; £1 per child; £7 per family of four

Bug Hunt at 2pm and Children's "I Spy" sheet.

The Bluebell Bistro will be open in the village hall 10am - 4pm
serving hot and cold homemade lunches and refreshments.

PROCEEDS OF THE DAY WILL GO TO EASTLING CHURCH APPEAL.

For further information please phone 01795 890703.

Good News Parish Magazine May 2012

Flower Festival

Celebrating the
Diamond Jubilee

St Mary's Church, Stalisfield

Saturday 2nd June, 2pm - 4pm

Sunday 3rd June to Tuesday 5th June,
10am - 4pm daily

Refreshments will be available each afternoon

Cream Teas on Sunday from 2pm - 4pm

Join us for the Jubilee Thanksgiving Service

at 10am on Sunday 3rd June

For further details about the flower festival
please contact **Jan** on **01795 892079** or email
jan.beckenham@googlemail.com

W.I. SALE

All welcome at the table top sale
on **28th April at 10am**
in **Stalisfield Village Hall**;
tables are £5.

Or if you have anything you would
like to donate please contact
Carol Morris on 01795 892038 or
Kim Curtis on 01795 890691.

Our famous WI cakes, teas,
coffees and goodies will be on sale
as well, from 10am onwards.

QUIZ NIGHT

in **Stalisfield Village Hall**

Friday 18th May

Everyone welcome.

£8 per person all refreshments
included, tables of 6-8.

Please call Julie Murray
01795 890700,
to book a table.

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



During the 40 days after Easter,

the Risen Christ appeared again and again to his disciples, following his death and resurrection, then comes Ascension Day. Surely the most tender, moving 'farewell' in history took place on that day, this year on 17th May. Luke records the story with great poignancy: "When Jesus had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands - and blessed them."

As Christmas began the story of Jesus' life on earth, so Ascension Day completes it, with his return to his Father in heaven. Jesus' last act on earth was to bless his disciples. He and they had a bond as close as could be: they had just lived through three tumultuous years of public ministry and miracles - persecution and death - and resurrection! Just as we part from our nearest and dearest by still looking at them with love and memories in our eyes, so exactly did Jesus: "While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven." (Luke 24:50-1) He was not forsaking them, but merely going on ahead to a kingdom which would also be theirs one day: "I am ascending to my Father and to your Father, to my God and your God..." (John 20:17)

The disciples were surely the most favoured folk in history. Imagine being one of the last few people on earth to be face to face with Jesus, and have him look on you with love. No wonder, then that Luke goes on: "they worshipped him - and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God." (Luke 24:52,53) No wonder they praised God! They knew they would see Jesus again one day! "I am going to prepare a place for you... I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." (John 14:2,3) In the meantime, Jesus had work for them to do: to take the Gospel to every nation on earth.

Prayer Pointers May 2012



Sunday	For all who help us to keep our faith.
Monday	For all who are coping with the water shortage.
Tuesday	Bless all those planning Jubilee celebrations.
Wednesday	Give thanks for the work of the Holy Spirit
Thursday	For the sick, the suffering and the bereaved.
Friday	For all in our communities.
Saturday	For our Youth groups and their leaders.

A Thank You...

to everybody for their support and good wishes for Kiera-Leigh on her christening. It was a wonderful day made special by the many who were in the church for the service. Lianne, Caroline, Colin and very proud Uncle Ryan.



Queen's Diamond Jubilee 'Grace'

A specially-written grace has been released to use at Big Jubilee Lunches this summer. The Grace, made public on Commonwealth Day, gives thanks for the Queen's life of service to the nation and Commonwealth, and invites God's blessing on the food communities and on all those taking part in local Big Jubilee Lunches. The Grace will be prayed by millions of people throughout the Commonwealth on Sunday, June 3rd, before they share a Big Jubilee Lunch in their communities. It can be used in part or in its entirety. By including words of blessing "on the people beside us", it doesn't assume that everyone will say the prayer, which is said in Jesus' name.

As one church leader said: "Millions of people in the 54 Commonwealth states will be celebrating the Diamond Jubilee and sharing food together to mark this special occasion. Together we thank God for the Queen and for

the good things God gives us. Saying the Diamond Jubilee Grace together before we eat acknowledges that God is our loving provider."

The grace reads:

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, we give you thanks for the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth; for her steadfast faith and for her royal service to this nation and all the peoples of the Commonwealth.

Bless the food before us and the people beside us; may the sharing of this meal strengthen our communities, and nurture the bonds between us of friendship, hope and trust.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ who reigns as servant of all. Amen

Eastling Church Flower Rota

April 29th	Nerys Condrup
May 6th	Cerys Lister
May 13th & 20th	Janet Wood
May 27th	Marianne Grove
June 3rd	Bay Lees



13th - 19th May brings Christian Aid Week

This year Christian Aid Week tells the story of change within a community in Sierra Leone. Sierra Leone is a place with vast natural resources of fertile land and mineral wealth, but in spite of this abundance, its turbulent past has left the country with deep challenges. These challenges have meant that many people's lives are defined by hunger, and their prospects limited by the urgency of finding enough to eat. In a society where women and young people are widely marginalised, decision-making can be weighted against people who are naturally more vulnerable in society, and the cycle of hunger and poverty continues.

A group of three Christian Aid supporters - Mike, Peter and Linos - travelled to Gbap (pronounced Bap) in rural Sierra Leone in summer 2011. There, they saw first-hand the work of Christian Aid's partner, the Methodist Church of Sierra Leone (MCSL), who encouraged the people of Gbap to set up a village development committee. MCSL also gave local farmers some simple tools that hugely increased the amount they could grow. Now that the community is free to think beyond their immediate hunger, their lives have changed beyond measure. For more details, and to give, please visit: <http://www.caweek.org/> The Christian Aid week service in Faversham is 6.30pm on 13th May at the Baptist Church.



SUNDAY FREESTYLE

13th May
10.30am
Eastling Church

The Spirit of Generosity

All ages welcome
Refreshments after the service

Study Day with

Revd. Dr. Russ Parker
Director of the Acorn Christian Healing Foundation

on
Saturday 9th June 2012
in Eastling Village Hall.

10am - 4pm

(registration and coffee from 9.30am)

Cost will be £9 per person.

Tea and coffee provided, please bring your own lunch.

If you would like to book or need further information, please leave contact details on 01795 890487 or email: eastlingchurch@gmail.com

EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting dates 2012/2013

All starting at 6.30pm (unless otherwise specified)
Thursday 26th April - Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm
Wednesday 30th May - Annual Meeting
Wednesday 4th July
Wednesday 26th September
Thursday 8th November
Wednesday 9th January 2013
Wednesday 12th March

The Carpenters Arms

01795 890234

Wednesday 2-4-1

Following the success of this offer we have decided to continue it throughout May. Order two main courses and the cheaper one is free!

Bluebell Walk

The Carps will be offering a buffet style breakfast service from 9-11am and then lunch from 12-6pm with the bar open all day.

Belmont Spring Fair

We are providing the bar facilities at the spring fair this year. The bar will be outside the orangery amidst all the action.

Sketchbook

Friday 4th May from 9pm

New to the Carps. Covering The Small Faces, Blur, Dionne Warwick and lots of others. Male and female vocal, 5 piece band.

The Diamond Jubilee

Monday 4th June, all day

We will be holding a **Garden Party** at The Carps with trestle tables in the courtyard and car-park. There will be a traditional style hog-roast and the bar will be available all day.

Guests are invited to bring along your own food and snacks to share to create a real party atmosphere. Lots of flags and bunting with a band playing at lunch time and a string quartet later in the afternoon, a magician wandering the tables and the grand finale will be "A night at the Proms" performed live in the courtyard. Messrs Simon Thorpe and Ben Saul will be performing all the classic prom favourites to conclude our celebrations of Queen Elizabeth's diamond jubilee. Free entry and all welcome.

Many thanks and best wishes, Mitch, Donna and the dogs.

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

Contact Nos
Parish /Village Warden 07794 010 394
Crimestoppers 0800 555111
Swale Police 101
Emergency 999



As is normal after the NWS report last month of saying that it has been a quiet month things changed within a short time. Towards the middle end of March an incident occurred at Bankside, Newnham Lane, where a Land Rover vehicle was vandalised and was stripped of various parts, including a mechanical winch which was attached to the front of the vehicle.

Prior to this a Land Rover Discovery was vandalised outside Porch House in The Street. A large rock was thrown through the windscreen for which, as yet, the perpetrators have not been caught but enquiries are continuing.

Two BMX bikes were stolen from premises in Newnham Lane. These were subsequently recovered and the case is now closed.

A fire was reported as reported at the paper bins and bottle banks at the village hall. Thankfully quick thinking people were able to attend and put the fire out before it became too serious. Two bottle banks have been destroyed and obviously they have to be replaced which are very costly to the village hall as no revenue is received for glass. It is believed youngsters were responsible for this and it is very disappointing all round. The police are treating this incident as arson and enquiries are continuing as this sort of behaviour has to be stamped out before someone gets hurt. Anyone who has any information on any of the above please ring either me, where it stays confidential, or the Police.

Have a good month and take care.
Alan Willson, Village Warden

Services in our Churches

29th April Easter 4

Acts 4.5 - 12, John 10.11 - 18

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Throwley 10 am Benefice Communion

6th May Easter 5

Acts 8.26 - end, John 15.1 - 8

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

13th May Easter 6

Acts 10.44 - end, John 15.9 - 17

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Throwley 9.30 am Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling 10.30 am Freestyle

20th May Easter 7

Acts 1.15 - 17, 21 - end, John 17.6 - 19

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Stalisfield 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling 10 am S Club in Village Hall

27th May Pentecost

Acts 2.1 - 21, John 15.26 - 27, 16.4b - 15

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Throwley 9.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling 10 am Youngstyle

3rd June Trinity

Romans 8.12 - 17, John 3.1 - 17

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Stalisfield 10 am Diamond Jubilee
Thanksgiving Service

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

Ministry in our Parishes

Priest in Charge Vacant

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)

Parish Administrator Janet Payne (01795 890487)
E mail: eastlingchurch@gmail.com

Stalisfield with Otterden

Jean West (01233 712270)
Gillian Wallace (01233 714904)

Parish Administrator

Sheila Moger (01233 713212)
E mail samhawksnest@aol.com

Throwley Alastair Malcolm (01795 890258)
Barbara Elliott (01795 890020)

From the Registers

Baptism

KIERA-LEIGH MAY Ramshaw
8th April 2012 at Eastling

Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: monthly Study Group 15th May,
10am Garden Cottage, Newnham Lane, Eastling
Tuesdays: weekly Study Group 7.30pm Pinks Farm
Thursdays: weekly Prayer Group 10.30am Pinks Farm

You will be welcome at any of our groups.

*A fool's proud talk becomes a rod that
beats him, but the words of the wise
keep them safe. Proverbs 14.3*

Warm weather and sunshine result in a feel-good factor that leads to benefits for the economy - but long term dry weather can have very serious consequences - especially for our farmers and growers.

At the time of writing, much of the UK lacks rain, an official drought has been declared in several regions and there is no sign that we can expect a quick return to the reservoir levels we normally experience at this time of year. The implications are serious, more so because this is part of a pattern affecting large parts of the globe resulting in reduced crop yields and consequent rises in commodity prices.

Assuming the current state of affairs continues, the law of supply and demand is likely to have a significant effect on food prices. We know that, if we are to effect food security in the future, the UK must become more self sufficient in regard to food production. In years to come this won't just relate to our farmers and growers: every household will have a part to play.

Environmentalists and other commentators suggest that we should perceive the current drought situation as a challenge and use it to 'practise' growing as much as possible of our own five-a-day. Our ability to do so is probably going to be reliant on conserving every single drop of water possible. This will demand planning - and some work!

So called 'grey water' largely goes to waste down the drains because very few homes

CLIMATE CHANGE IS HAPPENING.

Pat Crawford provides the HADLOW COLLEGE COMMENT AND ADVICE COLUMN.

and business premises are equipped with storage tanks that allow water to be collected and recycled. This means that most households will need to devise a simple means of recycling. It will probably involve a bit of time and effort to operate the system because it is unlikely to involve a plan as sophisticated as simply turning on a tap! The only serious threat to this operation would arise if water becomes so short that supplies are cut off and we have to resort to standpipes in the road. In the worst case scenario, it could happen.

Some environmentalists are suggesting gardeners should research sites dealing with xeriscaping (*xeros* ξηρος - the Greek for 'dry' and *landscaping*). Although generally associated with growing in desert-like conditions, it is increasingly being applied to gardens in all parts of the world. Xeriscaping some areas of the garden devoted to flowers and other ornamentals could mean more water is available for growing fruit and vegetables.

A member of the panel of Gardener's Question Time recently stated she was thinking of *not* growing any food crops this

year in light of predicted water shortages! Environmentalists are suggesting we tackle the problem by initiating water-saving practices that would enable us to concentrate on priorities such as food production! Their suggestions include: Making water conservation a habit that involves the entire household. *Harvesting 'grey water' for secondary use. *Only sowing realistic quantities of salad and vegetable seeds thereby watering *what will be eaten rather than producing gluts!*

*Watering early in the morning to avoid loss through evaporation. *Watering *deep* once a day rather than *shallow* twice a day. *Only watering established plants when they need it - this way their roots will be encouraged to explore for water deeper in the soil. *Considering cutting down on annual flowers in favour of planting and establishing perennials. This will pay off in later years if water shortages become a pattern of the weather. *Mulching - mulching - mulching! This will help to prevent evaporation and will also discourage weeds that would compete for water!

HADLOW, one of the UK's elite land-based colleges (graded Outstanding) offers degree and further education programmes in agriculture, various branches horticulture, et cetera. Telephone 0500 551434. Pat Crawford, press officer, can be contacted: pat.crawford@hadlow.aca.uk 07771 635684.

A Wonderful Day

by Audrey Keen

It is ten o'clock in the morning and I decide to post some letters and walk to the post box to include a little exercise. I step onto the public footpath, cross the field and note the idyllic scenery. The pathway is clear so I can take in the view. Feeling protected and secure by two rows of barley, my ears are open to the cheery sound of the skylark singing from a sky brightened by the hot, blazing sun. All is edged by thick woodland trees and I smell honeysuckle and meadow sweet, and hear turtle doves join the lark. The atmosphere is one of perfect peace and harmony.

Later, on the same day, we picnic near the pleasant town of Rye. We park by a stream where white water lilies and king cups grow sheltered by reeds. A group of charolais cows graze contentedly behind a rustic fence, and the scene is reminiscent of an old masters painting. Flies buzz, the sun is warm, and the distant landscape perfect. It could be stunning. But is spoilt., spoilt by speeding vehicles that throw up dust and noise, disturbing the pleasant surroundings. It came to me that while days gone by may have been tough, they were quieter and somehow less disturbing. We cannot change this as it is progress but we can dream and let our imagination unite the scene described with that distant and hazy recollection of times gone by.



*If I stand still and listen, I hear:
Rabbits rustle in the bluebells
Wood pigeons fly from bottle green
Boughs of conifer trees,
The fading notes of a cuckoo,
Sparrows,
Flapping wings of wood rooks.
A pheasant
A blackbird
And an owl.*

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THE PILGRIMS WAY ARTISTS

Invite you to visit their

15th Annual Summer Exhibition
in Lenham village 14c Tithe Barn, ME17 2QD

Friday 18th May to Sunday 27th May 2012
10am to 6pm Daily - Entry & car parking free
(Late night 8pm Friday 18th . Closes 4pm on Sunday 27th)

30 local artists, potters and sculptors exhibiting over 400 works - illustrated catalogue £1

New this year Art Workshops to encourage you to have fun and come and have a go.

Monday 21st May: 10.30am to 12.30pm - Making the most of charcoal, chalk and sepia with Lesley Feakes
2pm to 4pm - Introducing pastels with Barry Elphick
Thursday 24th May: 10.30am to 12.30pm - Portraits in oil by Clive Lennard

2pm to 4pm - Using watercolours with Peter Robson
Cost per session £15 including all materials, but bring your own if you have them

Further details and bookings email:
keithjanetjackson@btinternet.com or Tel: 01622 8633554

ARTISTS "DEMO" EVENING WEDNESDAY 23rd May
6:30pm to 9pm admission £5 including refreshments
All welcome - Enquiries 01233 770425

Friday/Saturday 25th & 26th May 11am to 5pm
Cobbled Barn Craft Show Members will be selling and demonstrating jewellery, ceramics, glass and fabric work in the adjoining barn.

Refreshments available at all times.

Organ Recital

St. Mary of Charity, Faversham
7.30pm

Saturday 26th May
Organist Keith Moxon will be playing music suitable for the Jubilee celebrations.
Tickets £7, concs £5, on the door.

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Belmont Spring Fair

Sunday 6th & Monday 7th May 2012,

11.00am till 5.00pm

Come along to the Belmont Spring Fair where we have a variety of local arts and craft stallholders, where you could find a perfect gift for every occasion or treat yourself! Admission to spring fair is FREE! Normal house tour admission applies.

Meet the Head Gardener

Thursday 10th May 2012,

11.00am till 1.00pm

Graeme Watts, the Head Gardener at Belmont - will host a tour around our beautiful gardens.

The tour, which will commence with coffee and introduction, is anticipated to take 2 hours.

Normal gardens admissions apply only pay no extra for the guided tour. £5 Adult / £4 Concession

Belmont House & Gardens, Throwley, nr Faversham, Kent ME13 0HH T:01795 890202

Otterden W.I.

Many thanks to Corrine Goodman for her wonderful demonstration of Indian Cookery.

Don't forget our table top sale on 28th April at 10am in Stalisfield Village Hall; tables are £5.

Or if you have anything you would like to donate please contact Carol Morris on 01795 892038 or Kim Curtis on 01795 890691. Our famous WI cakes, teas, coffees and goodies will be on sale as well. From 10am onwards.

All our meetings unless otherwise stated, will be held at Stalisfield village hall at 7.30pm.

Next meeting is **2nd May**, our annual meeting to discuss WI Resolutions, then a game of Bingo!

Friday 18th May is our **QUIZ NIGHT** everyone welcome. £8 per person all refreshments included, tables of 6-8. Please call Julie Murray 01795 890700, to book a table.

18th June Lavender farm visit. Arrangements to be confirmed.

4th July Wine tasting with Andrew Higgs.

1st August Air Ambulance talk, all welcome. Please come and support this cause.

5th September Pampered Chef.

3rd October English apple tasting with Chris Morris.

7th November Sugar craft night.

5th December Wreath making.



Stalisfield Onion Society

The onions stand poised and waiting for TLC to swell their girths to winning dimensions. Claim your chance for fame at £3.50 for five plants by ringing Brian on (01795) 890697. Judgement at the Stalisfield Annual Fete ends the suspense.

Stalisfield Highlife

Quiz Party Success

The traditional Stalisfield quiz party atmosphere accompanied this event on Friday 13th April. Our quizmasters succeeded once again in providing a perfect mix of entertainment and enlightenment to an appreciative audience. As ever, appropriate inter-round prizes were provided to winner and loser alike. The final overall winning team were rewarded with wine whilst the losers went away with an armful of treasure.

As an added bonus the Village Hall funds benefitted from a net contribution of around £140.

Painters Forstal with Ospringle W.I.

Tuesday 15th May at 2.15pm

Resolutions Meeting

Competition: A small attractive box.
Contact Bobbie Richards on 01795 532756

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Eastling Gardeners' Club

Visit to Torry Hill Gardens, Frinsted, ME9 0SP on 14th June.

Meet at the gardens at 6.30pm or at 6.00pm in the village hall car park for car sharing.

The cost is £4 for members and £5 for non-members to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

Telephone Clive on 890160 for further details.

CHARITY BOOK SALE

Monday 7th May,

10am - 4pm

in Eastling Village Hall.

Free admission.

Proceeds to the Alzheimer's Society.

The Annual Meeting of the Otterden Parish Meeting

will be held at

Otterden Place on

Wednesday 9th May 2012
at 7.30pm.

All residents are welcome to attend.

FRIENDS of EASTLING SCHOOL

The weather stayed fine for our Easter Egg hunt on the last day of Term 4 and the children enjoyed hunting numbered stones to exchange for little eggs, with the lucky stone winning a large Easter Egg. Various 'bring a bottle' days are planned for the Bottle Tombola at the Summer Fete on Sunday 1st July. Donations of other items will be welcomed. Please let us know if you can help in any way at the fete.

End of Term Social - Thursday 19th July
Second Hand school uniform always available for parents to purchase at very reasonable prices. Please leave me a note of any requirements in the school office.
Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity
01795 890252



Fantastic achievement!

Congratulations to the children of S Club who raised **£72.30** during Lent by doing jobs for their parents and family. The money is being sent to the Hands of Compassion Community School in Chipulukusu Zambia to help provide education, food and shelter for the children there.

In Chipulukusu, a large shanty compound near Ndola, we set up a community school for orphaned and vulnerable children, providing free basic education to 500 children.

Education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty. Giving hope to these orphaned children in their lives rather than see the heartache they live with daily, struggling and not knowing how they will survive. Living in houses that have roofs which leak,

they are hungry, they have few clothes that are already torn, many don't even have a blanket.



www.handssofcompassion.org.uk

S Club

for primary school aged children

20th May

10am - 11am in
Eastling Village Hall

Youngstyle

27th May

10am in Eastling Church
Half an hour of fun and worship



2012

Youth Club

Come and relax with friends on Sunday evenings at 6.30-8.30pm in Eastling village hall.

It is run by the Youth and supervised by adults. Facilities include snooker table, table tennis, punch bags- also a tuck shop and much more!

If you are between the ages of 10 and 16 come and enjoy yourself!!

For further information

Jordan Turner on 01795 890991,
Ben Parker on 01795 890495, or
Angela Cheeseman on 01795 890629



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

It is open to everyone, free of charge. May dates are Tuesdays

1st, 15th and 29th, 10.50 - 11.05am.

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.

1st Mobile Library	10.50am	Glebe Cottages
2nd Otterden W.I.	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
6th & every Sunday Youth Club	6.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
6/7th Spring Fair	11am	Belmont House
7th Bluebell Walk	10am	Eastling Village Hall
7th Book Sale	10am - 4pm	Eastling Village Hall
9th Otterden Annual Meeting	7.30pm	Otterden Place
10th Meet the Head Gardener	11am	Belmont House
13th Freestyle	10.30am	Eastling Church
15th Deadline for June Good News		Pinks Farm, Eastling
15th Study group	10am	Garden Cottage
15th Mobile Library	10.50am	Glebe Cottages
15th Painters Forstal W. I.	2.15pm	Whitehill Chapel
18th W.I. Quiz Night	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
20th S Club	10am	Eastling Village Hall
24th Magazine Folding	2pm	Pinks Farm, Eastling
27th Youngstyle	10am	Eastling Church
29th Mobile Library	10.50am	Glebe Cottages
30th Annual Meeting	6.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
JUNE 1st Jubilee Street Party	6pm	Throwley Forstal
2nd - 5th Jubilee Flower Festival		Stalisfield Church
3rd Jubilee Thanksgiving Service	10am	Stalisfield Church
4th Jubilee Picnic	1pm	Otterden Park
4th Jubilee Tea Party	3pm	Eastling Manor
4th Jubilee Street Party & Beacon	6.30pm	Stalisfield Green
9th Study Day with Russ Parker	10am	Eastling Village Hall
JULY 1st School Fête		Eastling School
AUGUST 11th Wilderness Down Open Day		Stalisfield
25th Fête on the Green		Stalisfield Green

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