

Eastling School News

May has a very strange timetable for the school with the provision of two bank holidays (1st and 26th) reducing the number of days the school is open before the end of term 5 on Thursday 22nd. Even so, our activities have not been diminished - most important is the SATs week - when we cautiously expect to reach the upper reaches of the performance tables for local and national schools (in line with our excellent, 100% success rate for grammar school placement!). This week is from Monday 12th May.

Our extra-curricular events also continue to provide a rich and vibrant education for the children of the school. These include a magistrates visit (16th May), a rescheduling of our GIST road safety event (the last one was cancelled due to unbelievably inclement weather!), our next football tournament (20th May) where we defend our position as league champions and a visit by the local fire prevention team.

On Friday 9th May, the FOES group not only opens its arrangements for the school fête (Sunday July 13th) with a non-uniform 'bottle' day, but also tries out a new event on the Friday evening - a 'field' disco (for children who attend the school) which takes place between 3.30 and 5.30pm. FOES have a planning meeting for all sorts of events on Thursday 8th May if you feel you could help out!

On Friday 23rd May, whilst children are off enjoying the sunshine and the start of their half term break (23rd May - 1st June), staff will be discussing the way that the new National Curriculum will be implemented in the school from September 2014.

As anticipated, the school does have a number of additional places available from September 2014 throughout the year groups, so if you know of any children who might enjoy the life at Eastling, please ask their parents to contact the school directly even if they have already been allocated a placement elsewhere! Mr. Dave Walsh, Head Teacher 01795 890252,

Head@Eastling.kent.sch.uk

www.Eastling.kent.sch.uk

YoungStyle

half and hour of fun
and worship

Sunday 25th May

10am

Eastling Church

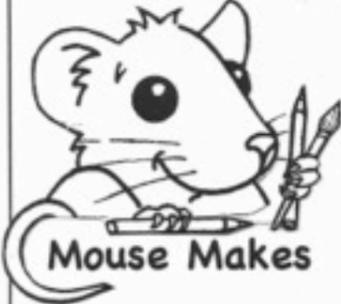
All young at heart
welcome

Madagascar School Project

Our Lenten giving programme for the Madagascar School Project run by Kathy Lucking, has raised an amazing £438.88 so far.

Anyone who still has their jam jar with money should return them to Norma Lawton at The Rectory as soon as possible.

Thank you to all who have contributed.



Mouse Makes

THE ASCENSION
Forty days after his resurrection JESUS led his disciples out to Bethany and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. As he blessed them he was taken up into heaven.

"Christ Jesus is the one who died for us and was raised to life again for us and is sitting in the place of highest honour next to God, pleading for us there in heaven" Romans 8:34

"For there is only one God and there is only one way that people can reach God. That way is through Christ Jesus" 1 Timothy 2:5



Lord,

Amen

Christ Jesus,

Amen

Jesus,

Amen

Lord please

Amen

Jesus,

Amen

THE LORD HEARS YOUR PRAYERS

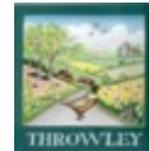
Write your prayers to GOD in the prayer hands above knowing that JESUS is in heaven at God's right hand speaking to God for us

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Good News

Parish Magazine

April 2014



The Throwley Arms

The Pub on the Forstal

Quiz ? Night

Saturday 31st May

Teams of up to 6. Entry £5 per team

Open to All. Pub Opens 7pm. Quiz starts 8pm

Come and Enjoy a Convivial Evening in the Pub in the Marquee on Throwley Forstal

You only get the chance once a year!
Spread the Word and Bring Your Friends

GRAND PLANT SALE

In aid of the Seniors' Christmas Lunch

Saturday 24th May

on the green at Eastling Manor

from 11.00am onwards.

A timely reminder about our Plant Sale.

Donations of plants can be dropped off outside the

Manor, from 10 o'clock on the morning.

Please come and treat your gardens for the summer and yourselves to coffee and cake.

EASTLING SENIORS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH COMMITTEE



Eastling Bluebell Walk

Bank Holiday Monday, 5th May

A choice of three circular walks in the locals woods and paths.

All walks start from Eastling Village Hall anytime from 10.00am till 2.00pm (maps and notes provided)

£3.50 per adult, £1.50 per child (£8 per family)

NEW
this year

Raising funds for the Village Hall:
Alan's and Tim's

Bacon & Sausage Butty Tent
serving breakfasts from 9.00am

The Bluebell Bistro

will be open all day in the hall providing hot & cold lunches and refreshments

The church will be open all day

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT HARRY KYTE:
01795 890703 or email hkyte@btinternet.com

Proceeds from Walk and Bistro will go to our Church Appeal

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

www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews

Canon's Column

In a few weeks time, Norma and I will be going on a holiday in Yorkshire and as part of our preparations, I have been searching for a church to attend along our route. I came across this description of one of the churches:

Large Victorian structure with a big "wow factor" on entering through the west door. Sympathetically re-ordered 2000-2006 with flexible seating, enhanced lighting, heating system, decorations, nave altar, sound system with loop, stations of the cross. Community area comprises Reception/Meeting Room, Kitchen, Toilets with Baby Change, Parish Office. Facilities for the disabled include access pathway from public highway, reception and nave on the same level. A warm, friendly welcome from an all age congregation.

It's obvious that the church and its parishioners have put a lot of time and effort in to meet the needs of the present community in the restructuring of their building. They have modernized to make the church more comfortable and accessible. In my own experience, having or not having a toilet affects people's attendance as they age. That was the case in my previous parish.

Barney White-Spunnel in his column in the Daily Telegraph on Easter Monday talked about the need to again make the village churches the centre of the community where the church is not only open daily but in use on a daily basis.

The kind of changes made by the rural church in Yorkshire requires planning, commitment and involvement of the whole community. The church of St. Michael and All Angels, Throwley, is beginning this process with the acquisition of land for a parking lot and

driveway access. They have also completed the relocation of the vestry and opened up the back of the nave. St. Mary's, Stalisfield, is moving forward as well with plans to put in a toilet, a kitchen counter and some open space at the back of the church. St. Mary's, Eastling, has begun its process with the changes to its worship patterns and the installation of a toilet.

Whenever we are faced with making changes in our lives or our situations, we are really involved in a three step process. The first step is the ending process, the letting go, the losing. This applies to changes at work, to the loss of a spouse or family member, even a pet. We need to recognize that we will lose something significant and that the loss is painful. We have to prepare ourselves to move on. Problems arise for us whenever we have trouble letting go and we hold on in spite of the loss, the death, the change.

The second stage of the transition process is called the neutral zone. This is that time of the ups and downs, the confusion as we reorganize our thoughts and patterns of doing things as we deal with the change or loss. But this is also the time of exploration and innovation, a time to check our options and new activities to do.

The final stage is the new beginning. This brings with it renewed energy and purpose, a new fuller identity that is full of possibilities and potential.

As Christians in our present world, we are already in a time of change. I would like us to take control of our situations and work out our own futures, remaining an important part of our communities. That is only possible if we work to be a creditable service and resource to the community.

Blessings,
Donald J. Lawton

Eastling Church May 2014 Flower Rota

4th - Cerys Lister
11th & 18th - Janet Wood
25th & 1st June - Bay Lees

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the decoration of the church for Easter. The Easter lilies looked beautiful and it was so lovely to see all the Spring flowers filling the church after Lent. Bay Lees.

Good Friday

Walk with the Cross

A band of intrepid pilgrims from the parishes of Eastling, Stalisfield and Throwley toured the churches of our benefice as part of a new 'Walking the Cross' venture this Good Friday.



The objective was to hold short services in each of the 3 churches coupled with a walk carrying a large cross in each of our communities, as a procession of witness.



We started at 12 noon in Eastling church followed by a walk round the centre of the village. We then drove to Belmont where we parked and walked to Throwley church for the second short service, and then drove to Stalisfield church for the third service. This was followed by a drive to Stalisfield Green where we walked around the Green and ended with the final part of our short services in the open air on the Green.



The weather was very kind and we all enjoyed this new experience, ably helped by 5 of the Eastling youth who did most of the carrying of the cross.

Photos from Steve Youle and Sandy Rogers

Spring Clean time?

Are you a hoarder? The recent TV series on hoarders was an awesome insight into how some people struggle to throw anything away at all. Some people get very sentimental about clothes, books, papers, knickknacks and other belongings which they tie to different memories of their lives.

One thing for sure – we can't hang on to our things forever. We can't take them with us when we die. Jesus said as much in the gospels. He urged people not to spend their valuable time on earth piling up lifeless things that they would one day lose. He urged them to invest their time and energy instead on building a relationship with God which would never die, and which would ensure them an eternal future. (Matthew 6:19,20)

A life spent following Jesus is well worth everything. It may cost us everything we have – it does in many places in the world today. So – this Spring, have a good clean of your heart and let go of the useless things. See Jesus for the treasure he is, and hang on to him instead. He will never let you down.



BOOK SALE
Charity book sale in
Eastling Village Hall
Monday 5th May: all day - during
Bluebell Walk
In aid of Cancer Research.

EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting will be the Annual Meeting on Wednesday 21st May at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall.

Residents are welcome to attend any meeting.

Jill Seaman, Clerk to the Council
jseaman444@btinternet.com

Carpenters Arms EVENTS

Sunday 4th May:
Live Music 'Magestic 12' during the day.

Saturday 17th May:
Jazz music in the evening.

Saturday 31st May:
Two live bands in the garden 'Lakota and Steve Boltz' with BBQ and hopefully a hog roast.

Saturday 14th June:
Murder Mystery Dinner (limited ticketed 3 course meal and 'Who done it?' event).

Saturday 28th June:
Approx 8:30pm Live music 'Kelly's Heroes'.

Saturday 19th July:
'Top Carpenters Gear Challenge' fun event, (build your own propelled vehicle at a cost of £50 or under and get it to go 80 feet without clonking out... No motorbikes or motor carts! Must be 'mad' made and extra point given for the most outrageous cup holder included!).

Also on 19th July
Approx 8:30pm Live Music
'Where's my Thing'.

<http://carpentersarmseastling.co.uk>
01795 890234

EASTLING

share a

CURRY NIGHT

Friday 16th May, 7pm
Eastling Village Hall

£2 per head, Indian dress optional
Cook a curry and come along and share your gastronomic expertise.

Free Curry Spice mix and full instructions to make your curry are provided as part of your ticket purchase.

Tickets are sold on a first come first served basis and are based on a table for 6 to 10. Each table has to elect someone or more from their party to cook a curry or two to bring along to this wonderful event.

Don't forget your favourite Indian relishes, condiments and drinks. Bring along knives, forks, plates and glasses for your table.

* Prize for best dressed table.*
All the curries will be available for all the guests to try out and enjoy.

Apply for your tickets and obtain your curry spice mix from John:

sailingdays@btinternet.com,
or from Marion 01795 890848 and Julia 890401
We have 16 curry spice mixes to give away so be quick and reserve your table today.

All proceeds for the Eastling Village Hall fund

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch



Warden 07794 010394
or 01795 890848

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111
Swale Police 101
Emergency 999

There are many sheep and lambs around at the moment, some straying on to the roads, so please take care whilst driving and remember to keep dogs on leads in the vicinity of sheep.

Usual reminders about making sure your doors and windows are locked before you leave your house and make sure that your outside buildings are suitably locked as the bad guys are still around and unfortunately will not go away. Thankfully, the majority of the potholes have been repaired but there are still large holes on the approach to the school, so take care.

There has been the odd incident in Kettle Hill area recently, if anything is deemed to be suspicious within this area, please ring in.

Have a good month
Take care, Alan.

'Singing for the Soul'

on Wednesday afternoons
from 1.45 to 3.00pm at
Newnham Village Hall.



There will be 6 sessions from 11th June but you can join at any time. No previous experience needed. Simple songs and chants to lift the spirits and soothe the soul. Cost is £3.50 per session (includes tea & biscuits).

For more information please contact: Lis Bayford on 01795 886392
music@cantiana.co.uk

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to prepare series of paintings
for exhibition.

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or email

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Services in our Churches

4th May Easter 3

Acts 2.14a, 36 - 41, 1 Peter 1. 3 - 9, Luke 24.13 - 35
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
 Otterden 3 pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

11th May Easter 4

Acts 2. 42 - 47, 1 Peter 2. 19 - end, John 10. 1-10
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Throwley 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
 Eastling 10.30 am FreeStyle

18th May Easter 5

Acts 7. 55-60, 1 Peter 2. 2 - 10, John 14. 1-14
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer
 Stalisfield 10 am Morning Prayer

25th May Easter 6

Acts 17. 22 - 31, 1 Peter 3. 13 - 22, John 14.15 - 21
 Eastling 8 am Morning Prayer (BCP)
 Eastling 10 am Youngstyle
 Throwley 10 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Stalisfield 10 am Morning Prayer

1st June Easter 7

Acts 1. 6 - 14, 1 Peter 4. 12 - 14, 5. 6 - 11, 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.



Thank you to Jimmy West for this photo of Eastling resident, Pim Baxter, on her installation as Lay Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral on 4th March 2014.

Ministry in our Parishes

Priest of Revd Canon Donald J. Lawton (01795 890487)
 the Parishes The Rectory, Newham Lane, Eastling ME13 0AS

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 Andrew Baxter (01795 890598)
 Assistant Warden Steve Youle (01795 890368)

PCC: Secretary: Marion Willson
 Treasurer: Liz Bell

Deanery Synod Rep: Mark Harlow
 Other members: Stuart Bromley, Sarah Bell, Julie Kyte,
 Bay Lees, Caroline Ramshaw.

Parish Administrator

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

Stalisfield with Otterden

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

PCC: Secretary: Sheila Moger
 Treasurer: Steve Ruston

Deanery Synod Rep: Laura Lloyd
 Other members: Philippa Wigdahl

Parish Administrator

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

Throwley Maggie Scutt (01795 890312)
 Alastair Malcolm (01795 890258)

PCC: Vice-Chairman: Tim Young
 Secretary: John Owen
 Treasurer: post vacant

Other members: Barbara Elliott, Laurie Evanson-Goddard,
 John Hamlin, Alison Young.

From the Registers

Interment of Ashes

Albert Parrett
 4th April 2014 at Eastling

Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: Monthly study group, 10am on 13th May at
 4 Meesons Close, Eastling. 01795 890412

Tuesdays: Weekly study group, 7.30pm Pinks Farm,
 Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

Thursdays: Weekly prayer group, 10.30am Pinks Farm,
 Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

Fridays: Weekly study group, 11am 6 Kettle Hill Cots,
 Eastling. 07780661275

You will be welcome at any of our groups.

WW1: Woodbine Willie

by David Winter

The Rev George Anketell Studdert Kennedy was the son of a parson who followed in his father's calling and in 1914 became vicar of St Paul's, Worcester. Within a few weeks the Great War began and George, like many other young clergy, immediately volunteered as an army chaplain and soon found himself on the western front, right in the middle of the 'war to end all wars'. By the time the war was over he had achieved an odd new name, a Military Cross for 'exceptional bravery' and an honoured place in its annals. The young chaplain had become 'Woodbine Willie' - a nickname given him by the soldiers in the trenches, but which stuck with him for the rest of his life.

People under fifty probably won't have any idea what a 'Woodbine' was, but for my generation it was the cheapest way into the forbidden joys of smoking. 'Woodbines' - small cigarettes - were available in packets of five (rather than ten or twenty) and so even pocket money could buy them. During the Great War they were the standard popular 'fag' in an era when almost all men smoked. Indeed, my father, tending wounded and even dying men as an army medic, would routinely light a cigarette and place it between their lips.

'Woodbine Willie' carried a permanent supply of Woodbines in his pockets along with his Bible - hence the nickname. He gave men a 'fag', and at the same time, in the most natural way, offered them encouragement, sympathy and prayer. He insisted on sharing all their experiences, including going into No Man's Land to minister to the injured and dying - allies or enemies.

The chaplains serving on the battle-field won the universal respect of the troops. They insisted on sharing the life of the trenches and getting to know the soldiers personally. This led many chaplains, including Studdert Kennedy, radically to alter their approach and even their theology. They quickly realised how remote the average soldier was from formal church services and the language of the Bible and the Prayer Book. They came back after the War determined to change things in church, but it wasn't easy.

Studdert Kennedy moved from being a typical Edwardian parson, who thought that the main object of a war was to win it - he once joined the troops for bayonet practice - to being a convinced pacifist who thought the best thing to do with wars was to end them.

After the war he became a vicar in the City of London, a published poet and in the early days of radio a popular broadcaster. When he died in 1929 it was reported that crowds lined the pavements as his funeral procession made its way through the streets. Food for the Fed-up was the title of a book he wrote principally for the soldiers in the trenches. It was the Creed explained in their language. The Unutterable Beauty was the title of his Collected Poems, many of them based on his experience of the western front. He did indeed find a mysterious beauty in the grim humour, honest fear and raw courage of the men with whom he had so often shared a fag and a prayer.

High Downs Benefice

Eastling, Throwley,
 Stalisfield with Otterden

1914 Commemorations Prayers for Peace

This year on the 4th of August, we will mark the 100th anniversary of the beginning of World War I - the Great War. In our parishes we will light a candle and pray for peace at the beginning of our services from Sunday, August 3rd to Remembrance Sunday.

Also, we will assemble a collection of prayers for peace and publish, for our own use, a booklet of prayers for peace. To this end, please submit prayers that you have come across or composed focussing on remembrance and peace. Such a collection could be a wonderful support for our regular prayers as individuals and as groups.

Please send them in by the middle of May to: The Rectory, Newham

Lane, Eastling,
 Faversham, ME13
 OAS, or email:
 eastlingchurch
 @gmail.com, for
 publication towards
 the end of July.
 Canon Lawton



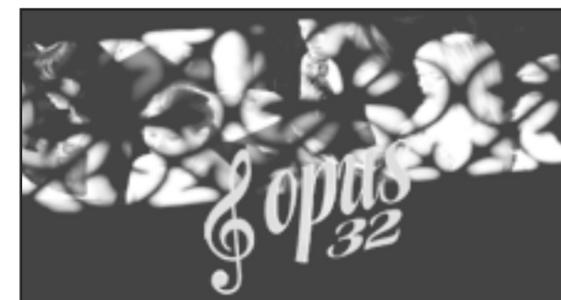
THE GREAT WAR
 1914 - 1918

Exhibition on Charing in the First World War

From 14 June to 23 July Charing and District Local History Society will hold a major exhibition, sponsored by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Ashford Borough Council among others, about Charing during the First World War. It was probably typical of many larger Kent parishes near a railway station, in that it ran two VAD hospitals and frequently billeted troops. As well as telling the story of the 280 men (and occasionally women) who served, it will also look at how the village coped and how lives were affected.

The exhibition will be staged in 14 venues across the parish, each displaying relevant material - e.g. the churches will concentrate on the fallen, the school will have details of the schools and the lives of children.

There will be two open weekends - 14/15 June and 5/6 July when all the material will be available to view (Sat: 10am-5pm, Sun: 2-5pm), and there will be various extra events. Please see the website www.charinghistory.co.uk, local paper etc., for details. Admission is free.



'Simply Summer'

Join Opus 32 in the grounds of St Mary's Church for a programme of summer music suitable for the whole family.

Don't forget your picnic!

Sunday 29th June at 3.30pm

Church open from 3pm

St. Mary's Church, Stalisfield

Tickets £5 adults - under 18yrs free
 available from

Jean West: 01233 712270

www.opus32.co.uk



Opus 32

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CANCER RESEARCH UK NORTH DOWNS WALK

Sunday, June 22nd 2014.

Harrietsham Village Hall,
 Church Road - ME17 1AP.

Start between - 8 and 11am.

Phone the North Downs Walk-line on
 01622 890650

www.wealdofkentrotary.org.uk

For 29 years

the Rotary

Club of the

Weald of Kent

has organised

this event,

which offers the option of a 3, 6 or 9 mile
 walk across the beautiful North Downs.

On completion all walkers are given a
 free Ploughman's Lunch, strawberries
 and are entertained by a local Jazz Band.

See the website for Maps/Poster/Route
 Details/Registration Forms etc. all of
 which may be downloaded. Alternatively,

you may register at the Hall on the day
 for a minimum donation of £15 per person.

Apart from the beautiful scenery the
 event has the added bonus that walkers
 may retain 50% of their sponsorship

money for their own charity/church/
 school etc. with the remainder going to
 CRUK.

To-date this Walk has raised over
 £440,000 for local & national charities,
 with over £210,000 for CRUK alone.



**BELMONT HOUSE
& GARDENS
EVENTS**



PLANTS AND CRAFTS

Sunday 4th & Monday 5th May,
11.00am until 4.00 both days

Belmont Plants and Crafts event is the perfect way to spend a Spring day and a great opportunity to get some expert advice on how to get your garden looking beautiful this Summer.

There will also be a variety of local art and crafts stalls where you could find a perfect gift for a special occasion or perhaps treat yourself! Locally produced food will also be available during the day.

Adults £2.00 & Children (under 12) free.

**WW1 CENTENARY
COMMEMORATION WEEKEND**

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th May,
11.00 until 5.00pm both days

Come to Belmont House and step back in time to experience what life was like on the frontline. We will have demonstrations and displays reflecting the key aspects of the history in this period.

See different WW1 encampments with weapons and equipment on display and much more! Children can take part in drill display and the WW1 army signal school. £2 per person and free for children under 12.

OPEN FARM SUNDAY

Sunday 8th June,
1.00pm until 4.00pm - **FREE EVENT**

Open Farm Sunday is a fantastic opportunity for everyone, young and old, to enjoy the living vibrant countryside.

Discover at first-hand what it means to be a farmer.

Belmont House & Gardens,

Throwley, Nr Faversham, Kent ME13 0HH

Tel: 01795 890202 www.belmont-house.org

*Craft
Club*

Our April meeting was 'Decorating cup cakes for Easter' and great fun was had by all. They tasted good too! 14th MAY meeting - 11.15am - 1.15pm in the small room at Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal. - A small mosaic project/ and porcelain painting. If you have never had a go at either of these activities please do pop in and join us. Cost £3 which includes tea/coffee and home made cake. Enquiries to Pat on 01795 539629 or email patyounger@sky.com

**The Painters Forstal
COFFEE CLUB**

Join us in Whitehill Chapel,
11 am - 12.30pm on 21st May.
All welcome.



Painter's Forstal with Ospringe WI has now been joined by Selling WI, and we are now known as

**Painter's Forstal
with Selling W.I.**

Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month up at the Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal, from 2.15pm - 4pm. New members are always welcome to come along and see if they like it. We are a small and friendly WI. Enquiries regarding joining to Pat on 01795 539629. or email patyounger@sky.com.

Our next meeting is on 20th May when we will be discussing the '2014 Resolution-Increasing organ donation'. Arguments for and against the resolution will be discussed, and a vote taken. We will have the usual break for tea/biscuits and a chat. Please note that our June 17th meeting will be an OUTING. Further details to be advised.

Stalisfield Update

The poor old Hut is no more. Its bones were carried up Stalisfield Road in a succession of trailers to the place of ultimate disposal. A gigantic heap of soil behind steel constructors' fencing bears witness to the work of site clearance. Good weather prevailed as ton after ton of concrete poured into freshly dug foundation trenches. There is little at present to see but we can now truly believe that the new Stalisfield Village Hall is on its way.

In the meantime, the first Farmers' Market organized by The Plough in April presented a lively scene of tents and stalls on the Green. As ever the village responded with an equally lively turnout.

The market is set to be repeated on the second Saturday of each month throughout the summer.

Subject to a little uncertainty, this is our projected programme for the year:

Friday July 4- **Frog Racing** - Derbies Barn

Saturday August 23- **Fete on the Green**
Saturday Sept 28- **Harvest Supper.**

Subject to available hall

Sept/October - **New Hall Launch Party**
Friday November 21- **Autumn Quiz Party**

Fri/Sat December 12/13- **Pantomime**

Saturday Dec. 20- **Over 60s' Tea Party**

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Eastling Village Hall

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7.00pm ZUMBA®

THURSDAYS

9.15am FITNESS PILATES

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leigh.fitness@btinternet.com

01795 890149 or 07873 431952

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Eastling Gardeners' Club

Summer Outing to Copton Ash Nursery
105 Ashford Road, Faversham ME13 8XW

Thursday 29th May

Meet at the nursery at 6.30pm.

£4.50 for members, £5.50 non members,
to include refreshments.

Telephone Clive on 890160 for further
information.



**THE WEDDING OF
JENNY & BOB**

The wedding will be held at St Mary's Church, Eastling on Saturday 10th May 2014 at 2.00 pm. We would be pleased to see anyone who would like to come to the service and share this special moment with us.

Join us as we Thank God for our many blessings

FREESTYLE

Sunday 1 1th May, 10.30am in Eastling Church.
All ages welcome.

**Charing and District
Local History Society**

Outing to Faversham, 17th May.

A guided tour visiting the Church, Old Grammar School, Fleur de Lis Museum and the centre of the historic town.

Followed by a W.I. cream tea in Painters Forstal.

Cost: £21 members; £23.50 non-members.

Lunch is not provided.

Pickup: School Road, Charing 9am.

To book, ring 01233 713971 or 713357

**FRIENDS of EASTLING
SCHOOL**

Congratulations to the winners of the decorated egg competition they received a chocolate Easter rabbit at the assembly the following day. All the children enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt on a lovely sunny last day of term, 4th April.

There is a FOES Committee Meeting on Thursday 8th May at 7pm in the Carpenter's Arms.

The children are invited to wear non-uniform on Friday 9th May and Friday 13th June in exchange for a bottle and a gift for stalls at the School Fete which will be on Sunday 13th July from 12 noon to 3pm.

Jill Seaman 01795 890252

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2014

Saturday 7th June

1pm to 5pm

Throwley Forstal

The *Throwley Arms* Bar

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Otterden & Stalisfield W.I.

The Bluebell Walk on 29th April, looks like it will be a walk without the bluebells, as I think they will be nearly finished by then, but there will still be light refreshments at the Plough after.

On Wednesday 7th May our meeting, to be held at the Harrow, is the AGM, when we will vote in a new President & Secretary. Then for a bit of light entertainment after, we will play Bingo. The Biddenden Vineyard visit in June is now programmed for Wednesday 11th.

Julie Murray

Diary **May** 2014

5th Bluebell Walk	Start 10am - 2pm	Eastling Village Hall
5th Charity Book Sale	10am - 3pm	Eastling Village Hall
7th Otterden & Stalisfield WI	7.30pm	The Harrow
10th Farmers' Market	10am - 1pm	The Plough, Stalisfield
11th FreeStyle	10.30am	Eastling Church
13th Mobile Library	10.50 - 11.05am	Glebe Cottages, Eastling
14th Craft Club	11.15am	Champion Hall
15th Deadline for June Good News		See below
15th Mobile Library	11.55am - 12.10pm	Throwley Forstal Green
16th Curry Night	7pm	Throwley Village Hall
17th Outing to Faversham	9am pick up	School Road, Charing
20th Painters Forstal W.I.	2.15pm	Champion Hall
21st Coffee Club	11am	Champion Hall
21st Parish Council meeting	6.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
24th Grand Plant Sale	11am	Eastling Manor
25th YoungStyle	10am	Eastling Church
27th Mobile Library	10.50 - 11.05am	Glebe Cottages, Eastling
27th Magazine Folding	2pm	Pinks Farm
29th Mobile Library	11.55am - 12.10pm	Throwley Forstal Green
29th Gardeners' Outing	6.30pm	Copton Ash Nursery
31st Throwley Arms annual opening	7pm	Throwley Forstal
31st Quiz Night	8pm	Throwley Arms
JUNE 7th Throwley Fete	1 - 5pm	Throwley Forstal
29th Simply Summer Concert	3.30pm	Stalisfield Church

FROM THE EDITOR

If you would like to advertise in the June magazine, submit articles or stories for publication, or would like any forthcoming events publicised, send your contribution by 15th May to: Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, Faversham, ME13 0BA. Tel: 01795 890338. Where possible, please submit your entry by email: goodnewsmagazine@me.com

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Eastling Short Mat Bowls

On March 20th the competition team, Eastling Cherries, played away to Borden with Roy Piles winning his singles 11 shots to 5, sadly from the whole match the team came home with only 4 points overall. The away match to Aylesham on 25th saw Dec Briggs, Bryan Searly and Roy win 18 shots to 13, and our other team lost by only one shot, making two more points for overall shots. Two days later Aylesham came to Eastling and we won on both mats earning 6 points. On April 1st Hornhill (Milsted) came to Eastling and Roy won the singles 12 shots to 5, but despite this a strong Hornhill side went home with 10 points. On 8th April we played Teynham at home and had a very good win 10 points to 4, but the return match on 14th April was a different story with Teynham winning 10 points to 4. (In five years there has only been one team to beat Teynham at their place) The Cherries will stay in the 1st division of the East Kent League, but in the Swale League we shall drop to the 2nd for the new season. Still, we shall meet different teams and new players. Do come along to the village hall on Friday afternoons 2.30pm - 4.30pm or 7.30pm - 9.30pm if you would like to try your hand at bowling. All equipment is provided, all you need is flat soled shoes. Roy Piles, 01795 537162.

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