

# Eastling School News

What an eventful term 4 at Eastling Primary School! Due to the weather the school had to close for a few days as access to school was not possible. Being new to the school since September I was looking forward to seeing not just Eastling Primary School but also the surrounding villages covered in a blanket of snow. Unfortunately I did not get the opportunity to witness Eastling in all its snow white beauty due to the roads. The children shared their experiences with one another when school reopened and of course for our younger pupils this was their first time of seeing, playing in and learning about snow.

World book day was delayed but we were fortunate to be able to reschedule our planned African workshops. The children sang, danced, learnt facts and African words throughout the day. The school had a whole week dedicated to books and the children's learning was centred around a chosen book. This included learning about rainforests and immigration. The week ended with an open afternoon where parents were invited to look around the school to see all the wonderful learning that had taken place.

Other exciting learning which took place this term included Willow class learning about volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis and Oak class learning about London. As a school we are delighted to be continuing working with Canterbury Christ Church University. Willow class thoroughly enjoyed working with Miss Draper-Gooch.

Acorn class learnt about traditions, stories and food from around the world. For Mother's Day the children's mums and nans came for breakfast. The children's learning involved lots of cooking with many delicious aromas coming out of the classroom. Miss Waugh and Mrs Taverner organised a visit to Pizza Express where the children each made their own pizzas. In the last week of term they focused their learning on England. The children wrote invitations kindly inviting Mrs Youle and myself to afternoon tea. We had a wonderful afternoon enjoying sandwiches, cakes, fruit and scones all made by the children.

The term concluded with the traditional Easter hunt organised by the wonderful Friends of Eastling School (FOES), even the rain did not scupper our plans!

Melanie Dale, Head teacher.



Help feed local people in crisis

faversham.foodbank.org.uk

## Faversham Foodbank May 2018

Urgent items for May: instant mash; cooking sauces; squash; tinned sponge puddings; bleach; multi purpose spray cleaner; J-Cloths.

Faversham Foodbank is located in the Gospel Mission Hall in Tanners Street.

Don't forget: If you know of someone in need of accessing Foodbank help all the details are on the website:- <http://faversham.foodbank.org.uk>

Thank you for your continued support



**Mouse Makes**  
Read the full story in Acts 2

Which city were they in?  
Which countries had people come from?  
Who spoke to the crowd?  
How many were baptised that day?

It was the festival of Pentecost and the Apostles and other believers were all together in one place, when they heard a sound like a strong wind and saw what looked like flames of fire which spread out and touched each person. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages as the Spirit enabled them.

A crowd gathered outside, they were excited and confused because each of them heard the believers speaking in their own language about the great things God had done.

**PENTECOST**

The words in bold in the story have all been jumbled up in the flames, can you unjumble them?

See how many other words can you make using the letters from **PENTECOST**

SATURDAY 2ND JUNE

# THROWLEY FETE

1PM TO 4PM

CREAM TEAS, STALLS,  
THROWLEY ARMS BAR  
FUN DOG SHOW AND  
ACTIVITIES FOR ALL THE FAMILY

7PM TO 11.30PM

BAR AND LIVE MUSIC:  
UNDER THE WOOD

## Eastling Bluebell Walk Bank Holiday Monday, 7th May

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

All walks start from Eastling Village Hall any time from 10.00am until 2.00pm (maps and guide notes provided)

£4 per adult, £2 per child (£10.00 per family)

### Village Hall Bluebell Bistro

open 10am - 2:30pm

providing hot & cold refreshments

The church will be open all day

### WE STILL NEED MORE HELPERS

on the day. Can you offer an hour or two?

Further information from Steve Youle :  
01795 890368 or 07554 510270 or email:  
[steve.youle@btinternet.com](mailto:steve.youle@btinternet.com)

All proceeds from the walk and Bistro will be given to Eastling Church

Please come and join us in Eastling Church on Sunday 29th April at 10am, for a "Thank You" Songs of Praise

Come and hear about the folk who have worked hard to keep our church open, sing some favourite hymns and listen to Liz Mullins from the Diocese of Canterbury as she helps us prepare for the future.

All ages are welcome, refreshments after the service.



### ROYAL WEDDING

### Fayre to Share

Saturday 19th May 2018, 11am onwards

Bring a plate of food to share and a bottle of your favourite tittle and join us all at Stalisfield Village Hall to celebrate the wedding of Harry and Meghan.

Contact Angela Lee 01795 890143

[angelalee@vfast.co.uk](mailto:angelalee@vfast.co.uk)

## Musical Recital

with  
Cheese and Wine

Saturday 12th May

at 7.30 pm

at Stalisfield Village Hall

Tickets: Adults £12.50 Students £3.00

Contact: Sheila Moger 01233 713212

(Proceeds towards upkeep of Stalisfield Church)

## Good News Parish Magazine May 2018

### High Downs Parish

Serving the villages of Eastling, Otterden, Stalisfield and Throwley

[www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews](http://www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews)

## Why do people suffer when they do not deserve it?

To be frank, there is no convincing answer to the question, 'Why am I suffering?' It is something that is experienced by every individual (indeed, everything that lives and breathes). Jesus, who grieved, agonised and finally died in shameful circumstances, was no exception. It is an unavoidable part of the world we have inherited.

There are a few things that Christians are able to say with confidence. Firstly, you are not suffering because God hates you. Secondly, your suffering will come to an end, and there will be an eternity in which peace and justice will compensate you. And thirdly, knowing the presence of God alongside you will make you stronger as you face painful circumstances.

The Christian faith teaches that God hates suffering. It was not part of His intention for humankind. However, He has created a world that has two features. Both these features are wonderfully beneficial to humans, but also result in a planet where suffering is inevitable.

First, the humans who are the part of creation that God loves are created capable of making choices. To a greater or lesser degree everyone chooses to do some bad things as well as some good things.

Much of the suffering of the world is caused by humans in large numbers choosing together to do things that are evil. Wars, poverty and hatred are not caused by God. They are caused by people who are rejecting the ways of God. Tragically, people who are entirely innocent often suffer most.

Second, the world is held in a delicate balance in which every part of creation is dependent on every other part. This is true from heaving oceans to microscopic seeds to meat-eating animals. Science calls this ecology. A planet that sustains human life as part of this glorious inter-dependent system needs certain features in its design. They include the movements of the planet's surface that set life in motion, but also cause terrible destruction through earthquakes and volcanoes. They include the viruses that bring death to humans but life to other parts of our ecology.

How do we know that God cares about this? Christians recognise that God's loving commitment to a suffering world was so great that He visited it in person. Jesus was God. He experienced the very best and very worst of being human - living, dying in hideous circumstances and overcoming death. All we know of Jesus leads Christians to believe that wherever there is suffering, there is a sense in which God is alongside each human, hurting with them. Although Christians find pain terrible and hard to understand, this belief allows them to cling to the possibility that suffering is not meaningless and death will not be the end.

*You can find answers to questions about Christianity at [www.christianity.org.uk](http://www.christianity.org.uk). [Christianity.org.uk](http://www.christianity.org.uk) is the website of the Christian Enquiry Agency, an agency of Churches Together in England.*

## United Catholic and Anglican Service

Sunday 13th May

### Throwley Church

at 3 pm

### All will be very welcome

To be led by - Revd. Thomas Collett-White and Fr. Brendan Grady from St. Jude's Faversham



## Novena:

a nine day journey of prayer

Friday 11th - Saturday 19th May 2018

The Novena is traditionally the nine days between Ascension and Pentecost when the disciples prayed waiting for the Holy Spirit.

*Booklets are available in Eastling Church*

During the Novena we **LOOK** at a series of remarkable illustrations by Ian Pentney (a London based Christian illustrator); we **READ** the Bible stories about individuals whose lives and the lives of those around them have been changed by their encounter with God; we **WAIT** on the Holy Spirit to come to us through the bible text and image; we **LISTEN** in prayerful anticipation and we **RESPOND** with prayer and action. Other resources available from [www.canterburydiocese.org/novena](http://www.canterburydiocese.org/novena) include daily service sheets to use on your own or in a group called **Daily Waitings**. Please join us this Novena as we pray *Come Holy Spirit: Thy Kingdom Come*. May the Spirit bless us through our waiting with encounters that encourage and transform as we journey on together.

## Eastling Church Flower Rota



May  
6th & 13th - Fiona & Catherine  
20th & 27th - Tish Neaves  
June 3rd - Dorothy & Marion

If you would like to join the flower arranging rota, please call Bay on 01795 892036.

## Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

Village Warden 07794 010 394  
or 01795 890848  
Police 101 Emergency 999



Now that the weather is improving it means that the nasties will be around and about.

One of the most common crimes at the moment is distraction burglary, when a person may call at your front door for whatever reason, perhaps asking for a drink of water or purport to come from any service industry, and whilst you are distracted an accomplice will enter into another part of your property and carry out a crime. Please take care and if you are not sure say no then either call the police or give me a call.

Whilst the penalties for using a hand held mobile phone at the wheel of a moving vehicle have increased it does not seem to have made a lot of difference to people driving through our village, including tractor drivers, who do not come from the Eastling village area. I have actually seen one driver texting at the wheel as he roared through our village.

We shall be seeing an increase in the police rural teams in the near future and the culprits will be brought to account.

With the summer approaching please remember the drink drive rule - too many families suffer from irresponsible people not being sensible.

Have a good month  
Take care, Alan.

There are four brass plaques on the walls of St Mary's Church, Eastling which record those men of the parish who died as a result of war.

Two members of the Ditcher family are recorded on the wall of St Katherine's chapel: Albert Thomas died in the Boer War in 1902, and Frederick Charles died in France in May 1915, at the age of 23.

The WW1 memorial on the south wall of the nave records ten deaths, two of whom died after the end of the war (\*). These are:

P Burbridge	E T Kent
*A Clackett	J Rutledge
*S Court	J Reynolds
F C Ditcher (see above)	A E Slingsby
L P Kent	A C N Smith

J Pettett died in 1923 from wounds suffered during WW1, and is recorded on a separate plaque on the north wall.

Finally, the WW2 memorial on the north wall records the deaths of two men of the parish, F C Croucher and F C White.

## Stalisfield Annual Parish Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in Stalisfield Village Hall

This is a yearly get together for the village and we really hope you'll be able to join us. There will be several guest speakers from the village and beyond who will talk about the groups and organisations who run events and clubs in the parish. It is also your chance to have your say any issues you would like the Parish Council or other bodies to address in the village in the coming year. At the end of the meeting we will be presenting a Kent Association of Local Council's Community Award to a special someone who has been actively involved in village life for many decades. The meeting will be followed by refreshments and then the Parish Council will be holding their Annual General Meeting at 8.30pm which you are also welcome to attend.

## Why become a Canterbury Samaritan volunteer?



Can you think of anything more worthwhile than being thanked for "... helping me realise all was not lost" or "... your support has kept me alive"? With our training you can be there to listen and support people when they need someone to talk to, whatever their problems, without judgement and in confidence. We welcome and value every volunteer, from all walks of life.

**We need your help** For more details and information please contact Jessie at [the.samaritans@btconnect.com](mailto:the.samaritans@btconnect.com) and view our website at [Samaritans.org/canterbury](http://Samaritans.org/canterbury)

**If you need our help** - Phone: 116 123 (free to call), email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org) Visit: 32 Northgate, Canterbury CT1 1BL See our website (as above) for opening times.

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## EASTLING WAR MEMORIALS

All the brass plaques are permanent fixtures. The faculty documents for the installation of the two main memorials are held in the archives of Canterbury Cathedral. The decision to apply for a faculty with respect to the WW1 memorial was made at a meeting of the Church Council on June 15<sup>th</sup> 1922, and the memorial was in place by the end of July in that year. The installation of the WW2 memorial took longer: the resolution to install a memorial was made at a meeting of the Welcome Home Committee in December 1946, but the memorial was not unveiled until June 5<sup>th</sup> 1949.

A fifth memorial hangs in the church just to the left of the entrance. This is a framed and glazed Roll of Honour, listing 73 men of the parish who served in WW1. A gold crown appears alongside the names of the eight who died during the war, so this list must have been completed some time before the brass WW1 plaque, which includes the two men who died soon after the end of the war. The Roll of Honour is

hand written in black ink on silk material. But when was it completed, and by whom? It is easy to assume that it was made by the women of the parish. The Womens' Institute was in its infancy in 1918, and it would be interesting to know if there was a parish group of women in Eastling, or whether it was made by an individual.

There must be mention of this memorial somewhere, perhaps in a Parish Magazine or in minutes of meetings. Or perhaps just a family memory?

This memorial is an important piece of local social history. No doubt descendants of the men listed still live in the parish. It has survived on the wall of the church for nearly 100 years. It is still easy to read, but the red pigments especially are no longer as vibrant as they once were. It is much less resilient than the formal brass plaques. Let us not allow it to fade away.

If anyone can help me in any way, please get in touch - my email address is [foreman@btinternet.com](mailto:foreman@btinternet.com)

## Prayer Pointers

### May 2018



**Sundays** - Give thanks for the new growth of Spring.

**Mondays** - Praise the Lord for His love for you.

**Tuesdays** - Rejoice in company of fellow Christians.

**Wednesdays** - Be inspired by those who have a deep faith in our Lord.

**Thursdays** - Give thanks for your food, pray for those who are hungry.

**Fridays** - Give thanks for your home, pray for the homeless.

**Saturdays** - Pray for our Lord's blessing upon all being married, especially Prince Harry and Meghan.

## Services in our Churches

### 29th April Easter 5

Acts 8. 26 - end, 1 John 4.7 - end, John 15. 1 - 8  
Eastling 10 am 'Thank You' Songs of Praise

### 6th May Easter 6

Acts 10. 44 - end, 1 John 5.1 - 6, John 15. 9 - 17  
Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)  
*Led by Caroline Ramshaw*

### 13th May Easter 7

Acts 4. 32 - 35, 1 John 1.1 - 22, John 20. 19 - end  
Eastling 10 am CaféStyle in the Village Hall  
Otterden 3 pm Evening Prayer (BCP)  
*Led by Norman Fowler*  
Throwley 3 pm United Catholic and Anglican Service

All are very welcome

*Led by - Revd. Thomas Collett-White and Fr. Brendan Grady*

### 20th May Pentecost

Acts 2. 1 - 21, John 15. 26 - 27; 16. 4b - 15  
Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)  
*Celebrant - Revd Canon Reg Humphris*

### 27th May Trinity Sunday

Romans 8. 12 - 17, John 3. 1 - 17  
Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
*Celebrant - Revd. Caroline Pinchbeck*  
Throwley 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)  
*Led by Caroline Ramshaw*

### 3rd June Trinity 1

2 Corinthians 4. 5 - 12, Mark 2. 23 - 3. 6  
Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)  
*Led by Norman Fowler*

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

## High Downs Parish

Rector	Vacant	
Parish Office	Email: eastlingchurch@gmail.com facebook.com/highdownsbenefice	
Reader	Norman Fowler (01795 890412)	4 Meesons Close, Eastling
Reader	Hugh Perks (01795 890603)	Weald Cottage, Eastling
Reader	Caroline Ramshaw (01795 892088)	4 Glebe Cottages, Eastling

#### Churchwardens

<b>Eastling</b>	Andrew Baxter (01795 890598)
<b>Administrator</b>	Janet Payne E mail: eastlingchurch@gmail.com
<b>Stalisfield with Otterden</b>	Jean West (01233 712270)
<b>Administrator</b>	Sheila Moger (01233 713212) E mail: samhawksnest@aol.com
<b>Throwley</b>	Glynn Howland (01795 890094)

### Midweek Groups

**Tuesdays:** Study group, 9.30am on 8th & 22nd May  
at Garden Cottage, Eastling. 01795 890368

**Wednesdays:** 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, 10.45am, New House Farm,  
Eastling. 01795 890629

*You will be welcome at any of our groups.*



St Mary's Church presents...  
**CAFÉSTYLE**  
Sunday 10th April  
Sunday 13th May  
**Eastling Village Hall**  
A creative time of worship:  
Church in a Café setting.  
worship discussion reflection  
prayer fellowship  
Tea, coffee & yummy nibbles will be available throughout the service, which will include sung worship, times of prayer, with opportunities for discussion & reflection, and space for the youngest & oldest to worship altogether

## Kent Wildlife Trust

**OPEN GARDEN,** Tyland Barn ME14 3BD  
Sunday 6th May, 11am - 3pm  
A chance to explore the gardens at Tyland Barn and learn some useful tips on wildlife gardening.  
Meet the volunteers and staff and enjoy a tour of the cottage garden, see orchids in the nature park, plus get tips and advice to help you make your own green spaces welcoming to nature from the 'Wild About Gardens' team.  
Light refreshments will be available from the cafe. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Booking advisable. Adults £5, children free.

## Murder On Cue

May 17th @ 7:30 - 10:30 pm  
in the Church Barn, Charing  
The Charing Guild of Players present  
Murder On Cue by Robin Jennifer Miller. Tickets £9 which includes programme, available from Saddlers Estate Agents from May 7th  
01233-713127

## Summer Evening Prayer

starts Sunday 13th May  
in Otterden Chapel  
at 3pm.  
Join us for quiet time of prayer with hymns in this historic chapel, not usually open to the public.  
The service is taken from the Book of Common Prayer.

## A Cup of Tea

by Audrey Keen



When faced with daily problems  
And life seem 'all at sea',  
It is at such a time as this  
I make a cup of tea.  
I eat some cake or a biscuit  
And note an hour has passed  
And find that happy feeling  
Has returned to me at last.  
With added energy and zest  
I take a cloth and do my best  
To clean the windows,  
Sweep the floors  
And execute a myriad chores;  
Like check the laundry,  
Cupboards, beds,  
And see the cat and dog are fed.  
I pick up letters the postman brought  
To find one there I eagerly sought.  
As noon arrives and flies on by  
I see the washing is almost dry  
To iron and air and put away  
To use again another day.  
But the clocks ticks on,  
It's almost three,  
And time for another cup of tea!

## Poppy Cascade

The Royal British Legion in Canterbury is hoping to construct poppy cascades on prominent buildings in Canterbury; Westgate Towers, Clock tower, Castle wall, inside the Marlowe Arcade, ready for installation in October. The cascades will be made from the bottoms of plastic bottles, cut about 4 inches from the base - they estimate that will need about 10,000 and are hoping that individuals and churches can help by donating them. The installation within the Marlowe Arcade will be made from knitted, crocheted or felt poppies. Further information is available from C&H fabrics in St Margaret's Street - wool for the cascade is sold at a discounted price, a free pattern is available. If you can help with either, please email Andrew Heatlie: heatiejah.heatlie@gmail.com




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## Dogs prefer baby talk

Do you talk to your dog as if it were a baby? You know how your voice goes a bit higher, and gets warm and emotional? Well, that is good - your dog will appreciate it.



In fact, scientists at the University of York have found that such 'dog speak' is important for helping owners form a bond with their pets. Dogs prefer to spend time with people who speak to them in a friendly, soft voice, rather than with people who speak to them flatly, as if to another adult. The research was published in the journal Animal Cognition.

## Faversham Doggy Day

Sunday 29th April,

Market Place and Court Street,  
10 - 4pm

Faversham Market holds its fourth Doggy Day in association with Happy Endings Rescue and The Dog Ate It Gourmet Dog Treats.

The celebration of all things doggy will feature a fun dog show, with classes including Cutest Couple (one must be a dog) and Best Sausage Eater and dog-related businesses and charities.

## Job Vacancy

Part time work [ approx. 20 hours per week] available in an administrative support role for a national Not for Profit organisation based in the Swale area

Main duties will involve coordinating our event and training programmes and processing membership applications/renewals

There will be some additional Word and Excel based work

We need an enthusiastic, self motivated person who is 'tech savvy' and willing to learn to work our website back office database system. Training in this aspect will be given

You would work as part of a small but dynamic and supportive team

This role is home based and the hours are flexible to fit in with other commitments

£11 per hour

If you would like to be considered please do email us with your CV and a covering letter  
jane@societyoflaterlifeadvisers.co.uk

## Canterbury Cathedral

### Ascension Day Services, 10th May

7.30 am Matins  
8.00 am Holy Communion  
12.30 pm Holy Communion  
4.30 pm Said Evening Prayer  
5.30 pm Sung Eucharist for Ascension Day

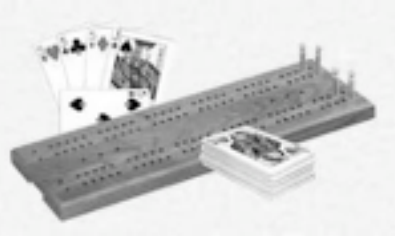


## The Stalisfield & District Crib League

came to a successful conclusion at the Plough Inn during March. Overall Doubles Champions were Pete Burton and Kirsten Muller; whilst the singles title went to Andy Harland. On finals night £150 was raised for the Kent Air Ambulance.

Throughout the season players enjoyed tremendous hospitality at the Plough and we would all like to thank the team there for making us so welcome. We would also like to thank Jayne for organising the league. Anyone that enjoys a game of crib would be more than welcome to join the league for next season. We meet fortnightly on alternate

Wednesday evenings throughout the winter. Please contact Jayne for details: 07951 411337.



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Belmont House and Gardens



## BELMONT HOUSE & GARDENS

### SPRING FAIR

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 11.00am – 4.00pm

A perfect way to spend a spring day and a great opportunity to get some advice on how to get your garden looking wonderful this Summer. With a superb collection of local crafters and artisans, you can expect to find some unique, quality hand-made gifts  
£3.00 per person and free for children under 16.

### MEET THE HEAD GARDENER

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Join our Head Gardener, Graeme, for a walking tour around our beautiful gardens to see some of the many species of plants and trees we have at Belmont. He will also tell you about the seasonal work involved in maintaining the gardens here. £6.00 per person. No booking required.

### HERB WALK

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 1.00pm – 3.00pm

This relaxing walk will introduce you to different herbs used today and historically to treat illness and maintain health. A great chance to see, smell and taste the plants in a beautiful garden setting. To book please email [events@belmont-house.org](mailto:events@belmont-house.org) £8.00pp.

### WW1 Commemorations - LIVING HISTORY WEEKEND

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 11am – 4pm

The event will focus on the discharge of soldiers which started towards the end of the war; what the soldier ate in the field and how it was prepared; the Regimental Aid Post and the various injuries tackled by medical personnel; the farrier and how he fixed carts and created horseshoes; and more! ***This event is free of charge!***

**Belmont House & Gardens, Throwley, Nr Faversham, Kent ME13 0HH**



## Eastling Gardeners' Club

### Coach outing to WAKEHURST PLACE, Haywards Heath

THE COUNTRY ESTATE of THE ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS, KEW  
2nd JUNE 2018

Leaving Eastling Village Hall at 8.45am,

Returning at 5.30pm.

The cost of the coach is £16.50 for Club members, £17.50 for non-members

Entrance to Wakehurst Place is free to National Trust members. Non-members pay £10 if booked in advance.

If you would like to come please send your cheque (payable to Eastling Gardeners Club) to Clive Jolliffe (tel: 01795 890160) at The Old Rectory, Eastling, ME13 0AN by Monday, 14th May. Please also enclose the entrance fee to Wakehurst Place (if not a NT member) as we have to book the tickets in advance to get the cheap rate. Please also give a telephone number.

**The Plough Inn, Stalisfield;** a family run, independent, award winning pub & restaurant offering an extensive menu of restaurant quality food and pub snacks as well as a large range of unique & locally produced drinks.

**World Whisky Day - May 19th**  
Come and try one or two of our selection of 20 Malt Whiskies

**Wonderful Women's Wednesday - May 30th**

A great excuse to meet up at the pub for some food and drink with the ladies, pre booking required, please call for details.

**Boughton Monchelsea Morris Dancers - June 14th**  
A bit of 15th Century English tradition

**Band Night - June 15th**  
Hullabaloo - Kent based band, free entry

Keep up to date by following us on **Facebook, Twitter or Instagram**  
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Email: [info@theploughinnstalisfield.co.uk](mailto:info@theploughinnstalisfield.co.uk)

Stalisfield Village Hall

## Barn Dance

Saturday 16th June, 7pm

Band, BBQ, Bar & Bucking Bronco

Tickets now on sale!!

£7 Adult, £5 Child

Contact Melanie by either email: [mjcarter64@outlook.com](mailto:mjcarter64@outlook.com) or Phone: 07961 566 814



CHARITY

## BARN DANCE, TONG GREEN FARM 23RD JUNE.

MORE DETAILS IN THE JUNE GOOD NEWS



A huge **thank you** to everyone who contributed to the Throwley Church and Churchyard Spring Clean.

Eighteen valiant people worked hard to make a great success of the day. Thank you, your efforts were very much appreciated. Throwley Church Council



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[www.eastlingvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.eastlingvillagehall.co.uk)



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.

At the time of writing the Otterden & Stalisfield group have not held the April Meeting. It is deferred until 18th April to enable the bluebells to be flowering for our annual walk around Spuckles Wood.

The WI 100th Annual Council Meeting at The Assembly Hall, Tunbridge Wells filled the theatre on 21st March. After the business was quickly completed, the main speaker was Baroness Floella Benjamin of Playschool fame. She is aging extremely well, given that next year will be her 70th birthday! The theme of her talk was childhood generally, including her own. Her life experience since leaving Trinidad, experiencing racial discrimination, the years on TV with Playschool and Play Away, through to becoming a Life Peer was quite exceptional. Floella also bought along Humpty for those of you that remember him from Playschool!

The West Kent Federation organise various events during the year, one of which was a Home Economics Day at Ditton, which several of us attended. There were three Speakers covering different subjects; the Manager of Fare Share (Kent) which distributes supermarket good to Charity (thus preventing waste), The Social History of Afternoon Tea - All Rituals including Tea Gowns & Tea Dances, culminating with Billingsgate Fish Market Seafood Cookery School giving a talk about sustainable fish, filleting and concluding with a cookery demonstration. The day cost just £10, so not an expensive outing. There were also Farmers Market Stalls proving a good range of local produce.

Our next Meeting will be the AGM on 2nd May at 7.30 p.m. at Stalisfield Village Hall, when we will have a new President and Secretary voted in, then on 8th May many of our group will be going to The Marlow Theatre, Canterbury to see Hairspray. June 6th Meeting has a very topical Speaker who will be covering the subject of Packing for your Holidays. If you would be interest in joining us contact: Secretary Lesley Andrews 01795 890581 or Stephanie Culver 01795 890748.

## Women's Institute

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Painters Forstal with Selling are having their Resolutions meeting this month(May). It is a very important meeting as we will be discussing Mental Health issues and voting yes or no as to whether we support the motion so that we can let our rep know how to vote at the Cardiff Annual meeting.

This will be followed possibly by a "taster" session.

Please come along with your thoughts on mental health issues on the 15th May.

Next month will be the annual outing. Further details June issue of the Good News.

As usual details from Barbara on [tombar72@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tombar72@hotmail.co.uk) or 01795 890020.

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### WEEKLY EVENTS:

Mondays	Zumba	9.30am	Stalisfield Village Hall
Tuesdays	Table Tennis	7 - 9pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
Alternate Wednesdays	Eastling Walkers	10.30am	Call 01795 892194
Thursdays	Fitness Pilates	9.15am	Eastling Village Hall
Thursdays	Zumba	6.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
Fridays	Short Mat Bowls	2.30pm & 7.30pm	Eastling Hall

### MAY

2nd Otterden & Stalisfield W.I.	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
7th Bluebell Walk start between	10am - 2pm	Eastling Village Hall
7th Belmont Spring Fair	11am - 4pm	Belmont Gardens
13th CaféStyle - church for all	10am	Eastling Village Hall
12th Musical Recital	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
13th Evening Prayer	3pm	Otterden Chapel
13th Catholic/Anglican Service	3pm	Throwley Church
15th Deadline for June Good News		Details see below
15th P/Forstal & Selling WI	2pm	Eastling Village Hall
19th Royal Wedding Fayre to Share	11am	Stalisfield Village Hall
24th Magazine Folding	2pm	Pinks Farm, Eastling
30th S'Field Annual Parish Meeting	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall

JUNE 2nd Coach outing to Wakehurst Place leaves Eastling	8.45am
2nd Throwley Fete 1pm Bar & Live Music	7pm
16th Barn Dance	7pm
23rd Charity Barn Dance	time tba

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