

## Eastling School News

Eastling school had an updated inspection just 5 days into the new year, which came as a bit of a surprise. The full inspection report available from our website [www.Eastling.kent.sch.uk](http://www.Eastling.kent.sch.uk).

On September 30th we welcome Bishop Trevor to the school to award the prize for the Diocesan cookery competition "Delicious Kent" which we took part in last term. On Saturday 1st October you'll find the school down in the Faversham market, talking to prospective parents whilst running a badge making workshop for their children. Back in the normal Mon-Fri world, we have our first Cubs outing on Monday 3rd to Trowley Park for woodland art activities, followed by McNades the following week. They are also involved in our Drama4all workshops on the 4th along with Lions and Tigers. Swimming sessions continue for Lions throughout the month and they're doing brilliantly as did our School sports team who came back from a local sports day last week with a host of prizes and certificates!

Our Friends group goes from strength to strength planning activities throughout the year, starting with our traditional disco on the 21st October, split for our younger and older children. Cinema club runs each Friday and Soft play club each Tuesday.

Parents are invited into lunch on the 5th October (delicious roast chicken with our new catering company - Nourish) and also to our first curriculum event on Thursday 20th when Cubs will be carving the pumpkins they went out to collect on the Monday of that week.

We're now starting our publicity to gain children for next year and have an Open afternoon on Thursday 13th October from 1.10-4.30pm. Please let anyone you know with 4 year old children know about our marvellous village school so that they can share in our favourable facilities and activities.



Eastling pupils preparing their winning entry at the 'Delicious in Kent' competition at the Kent County Show, Detling.

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

**Mouse Makes**

**GOD'S WORD IS...**  
Look up the bible verse and fill in the blanks.

Your \_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_ for my \_\_\_\_\_  
and a \_\_\_\_\_ for my \_\_\_\_\_

*Psalm 119:105*

**BLESSING COMES FROM...**  
Cross out every second letter to read the bible verse.

"BALEEYSYSPESDV ADREEM TKHCOSMED  
WAHROS HPEKAMRS TWHAU WHOGREDN  
ATNODL OABLEPYW IFTO"

*Lpurkdes 11:28*

**WISDOM COMES FROM...**  
Change the backwards words to read the right way.

"For the Lord gives wisdom  
from his mouth come knowledge  
and understanding."

*Proverbs 2:6*

Is not my \_\_\_\_\_ like  
\_\_\_\_\_ declares the Lord, and  
like a \_\_\_\_\_ that breaks a  
\_\_\_\_\_ to pieces?

*Jeremiah 23:29*

**UNDERSTANDING COMES FROM...**  
Change each letter to the letter **after** it in the alphabet.

SGD SDZBGHMF NE XNTQ VNQC  
FHU DR KHFGS RN DUDM SGD  
RHLOKD TMCDQRSZMC

*Orzkl 119:130*

St Mary's Church presents...

## CAFESTYLE

**Sunday 9th October**  
10am - 11am

### 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

## Quiz Night

Saturday 22nd October

Eastling Village Hall

Kick off 7.30pm

Entry £3 please bring own vittles.

To book table please ring Marion on 890848 or Pam on 892194.

Proceeds go to the Seniors' Christmas Lunch which will be on Thursday 8th December this year. Further details of the lunch will be in the November Good News.

## Good News Parish Magazine October 2016

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### What the Dickens.....?

A Dramatic Reading of Dickens' Christmas Carol

We're looking for some dramatic readers, a ghost or four, and a few merry souls to walk across the drama of Dickens' Christmas Carol to be presented in December in Eastling Village Hall. Open to all from the three communities of Eastling, Throwley and Stalisfield. This will be a fundraiser for the High Downs Benefice funds and the Faversham Food Bank.

Contact Bob Lind ([rob.j.lind@gmail.com](mailto:rob.j.lind@gmail.com)) or Canon Lawton ([donaldjlawton@gmail.com](mailto:donaldjlawton@gmail.com)). First planning meeting Tuesday, 11th October, 1900 hrs, Eastling Village Hall.

## Stalisfield Highlife Autumn Quiz Party

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October

The party begins at 7.30pm in the Stalisfield Village Hall, guided by quizmasters Ian and Nick through an evening designed to entertain and inform. Ian stands ready on (01795) 890475 to register your reservation for a table of six (maximum) or your interest in joining a pot-luck group. Table charges remain at £2.50 per person and you are invited to bring your own nibbles and tipples.

Come join us.



## All Souls' Service

Remembering our loved ones.

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>  
November at 4pm,  
in Stalisfield Church.**

All Souls is a time when we, as a Church, remember those who have given us life and those who have guided us in our faith, but now rest in peace. Part of the service includes a time when you can light a candle in memory of your loved ones.

If you would like to have a loved one remembered at this service please write their name on the slips provided in our churches, alternatively contact Jean West on 01233 712270.

**All Welcome**

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

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What does it mean to *Work for Reconciliation*


It was 1993 and the lecture was on the theology of Forgiveness and Reconciliation. During the question and comment period, the speaker was challenged by one of the eminent members of the audience; “But Mr. Volf, can You really embrace a *Cetnik*?” Professor Jurgan Moltmann had cut through the academic and theological to the heart of reconciliation. His simple question to Miroslav Slav, the visiting Croatian theologian, whose homeland, at that time, was in a state of terror because of Serbian, *Cetnik*, aggression and atrocities, takes us to the heart of our Christianity and our response to acts of terror. Could the man, who had just spoken about embracing our enemies in the process of reconciliation, reach out and embrace one of those who were committing rape, murder and terror to his homeland, his friends and his families? What would this do to his identity as a human being, as a Croat, as a Christian?

Leaving the theologian for a few minutes, let’s look at a family caught in the drunken murder of a young man, who was a son, a husband, and a father; and his family’s response.

In northern Canada, one Christian family’s story was transformed because they saw it in light of God’s reconciling story—the story of Jesus’ mercy and forgiveness.

Duril McKay, from Red Earth First Nation, northern Saskatchewan, died tragically on New Year’s Eve, 2012. He and his wife, Christy, were expecting their third child when Duril attended a New Year’s Eve party with his friends. Duril’s life ended that night at the hands of some of the other people at the party. In the midst of such terrible grief and tragedy,

**Prayer Pointers**  
**23rd October 2016**  
**Bible Sunday**



Sundays	Give thanks for those who translated the Bible into English.
Mondays	Give thanks for those who taught us to read.
Tuesdays	Pray for wisdom to explain our faith to others.
Wednesdays	For those who prepare worship in our parishes.
Thursdays	Give thanks for the Bible Society and the Gideons.
Fridays	For the safety of Bible missionaries overseas.
Saturdays	Open our hearts and minds to better understand Your Word.

Duril’s family and community showed amazing grace. In the time between his death and the funeral his family wrote a letter to the community expressing their grief and their invitation for all to support them in their intent to forgive and support the members of the accused’s family—and to welcome them to the wake and funeral.

In the letter they also wrote: “...Any act of retaliation or retribution by anyone or on anyone or against anyone, or turning to alcohol for escape or comfort, will not bring Duril back or change the events of that evening. This is not how we wish to remember Duril. Our family does not wish Duril to be remembered as the cause for further hurting.”

In the midst of tragedy and grief, the light of the Gospel was still shining in the lives of these believers. Their faith, and their willingness to see their own story in the light of God’s Kingdom, was transformative, bringing healing out of brokenness. (Copied from Northern Witness, Council of the North, Anglican Church of Canada)

Jesus said to us, “Love your enemies, and be good to everyone who hates you. Ask God to bless anyone who curses you, and pray for everyone who is cruel to you.” (Luke 6. 27-28)

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German theologian and martyr, wrote; “The will of God, is that men should defeat their enemies by loving them.” (Bonhoeffer, Cost of Discipleship, 1948, pg 132)

He then goes on to write: “By our enemies Jesus means those who are quite intractable and utterly unresponsive

**Eastling Church**  
**Flower Rota**  
**October 2016**



2nd Harvest -	All hands please
9th & 16th -	Pim & Andrew
23rd & 30th -	Tish Neaves
November 6th -	Emma Norwood.

**Thank you to all our wonderful flower arrangers, cleaners and 'church sitters' for your marvellous work over the 'Flowers for the Queen' weekend at the end of August. Many compliments were heard in our three churches - well done to the whole benefice.**

It's back to the whirl of Westminster after the summer recess and I've been getting stuck in. A new Prime Minister at the helm of a new Cabinet means there are fresh opportunities to shape the Government's agenda.

With that in mind, I called a House of Commons debate on fly-parking – lorries parking in inappropriate places – to push sorting this problem out to the top of the Roads Minister's to-do list. As people living in Kent know, trucks fill every lay-by, line up on the hard shoulder of slip roads, crawl onto the verges of country lanes and tuck themselves away in housing estates. None of these places have facilities for drivers, so as well as the problem of huge HGVs parked on the roadside, there's also littering and fouling of verges and hedges with human waste. Residents nearby are understandably upset, and it's pretty bad for the drivers themselves.

So we need more lorry parking spaces in Kent. The Government has committed £250 million for a new lorry park at Stanford West with space for 3,600 trucks, to provide a desperately needed alternative to closing the M20 for “Operation Stack” when there is disruption at the Channel. This will be an enormous relief for residents and businesses across Kent, especially those who live near the motorway. To make the most of this investment, there's surely a strong case for making the lorry park available for overnight parking of HGVs outside of Operation Stack.

I made these points in the debate and afterwards the Roads Minister, John Hayes, announced the launch of a fresh piece of work looking into how many more lorry parking spaces are needed and how they can be made available. He also wants to do more about litter on roadsides – a particular problem along parts of the A2-M2. I'm looking forward to taking him up on his offer to meet me and other Kent MPs as well as councillors and hauliers to thrash out some concrete solutions.

Ever since I became MP for Faversham and Mid Kent I've been badgering the council about the state of local playgrounds. I use the one at Faversham Rec with my own children, but it is dilapidated and out of date. So I was delighted when the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Big Lottery Fund have approved Swale Borough Council's £1.7 million upgrade proposal. The funds will go towards improving the buildings in the Rec, updating the playground and the skate park, a new café and an outdoor performance area. Since then I've met the SBC team responsible for the project and urged them to plan for a ‘destination playground’ at the Rec which would be

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used by families across the town and surrounding villages. I welcome the work the council is doing more broadly reviewing local playgrounds, many of which are in poor shape. I'm looking at national policy on this too, as it playgrounds which often get overlooked in favour of heritage and mainstream sport, yet they're so important, especially for children living in flats or houses without open space.

Of course the biggest issue facing the country at the moment is Brexit, and how to build a successful future outside the EU. I'm keen to get a sense of what you think about the big changes that are on the way, so I've been knocking on doors over the summer asking people what they're looking for in our new deal with the EU; what they'd like our new relationship with Europe to look like; and how Brexit will affect them personally. Some of you joined me at a meeting in Lenham recently - to which I invited everyone who had written to me about the EU – for an excellent discussion on this. If you have strong views, do please write to me.

Changes could be coming to this parish too. The Boundary Commission has recommended that my constituency be broken up and the East Downs ward, which includes Eastling, Stalisfield, Otterden and Throwley, become part of a new Canterbury and Faversham constituency.

I'm honoured to represent Faversham and Mid Kent. It's a glorious constituency, stretching across the North Downs, taking in beautiful farmland and the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, to the Low Weald.

I hold my surgeries in beautiful medieval villages, and in new community centres built to support growing populations on the edges of Maidstone and Faversham. Some of the pleasure of the job is representing such different communities and being an advocate for all my constituents.

It's sad that the Boundary Commission's draft proposals would split up the Faversham and Mid Kent constituency - but the rationale behind the review is to make all parliamentary constituencies a similar size, so each person's vote carries the same weight. There is currently a consultation underway and I encourage you to share your views on the proposals at <http://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/>

As ever, if there is anything I can help you with, big or small, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

**Helen Whately**  
MP for Faversham and Mid Kent

**Eastling Neighbourhood Watch**



Village Warden 07794 010 394  
or 01795 890848

Police 101      Emergency 999

Over the weekend 17/18<sup>th</sup> Sept there was a wedding at the church and subsequent reception at the Village Hall. These are supposed to be happy events but due to the behaviour of a minority of guests the evening turned out be to anything but happy for people in the village.

Police were called to the village around midnight to reports of dubious persons attempting to either steal or break into motor vehicles. These persons were wearing attire that you normally would associate with a wedding and were still believed to be in the village. When the police arrived at the village hall they were confronted by a vehicle being driven by someone with too much alcohol in their system, and proved it by hitting their vehicle. He was subsequently arrested and taken away and his car was impounded and taken away by a car transporter. The rest of the guests disappeared by taxi around the 2.30 am mark.

It was seen the next morning that the school playing field had not missed some of the guests’ attention with goalposts trashed and items from the children’s play area strewn about. The headmaster was informed and, on closer inspection, it was seen that some drug paraphernalia was around. A full inspection was carried out the following morning to make sure the area was completely cleared.

Although these incidents are very upsetting we must remember this is really the first crime that we have experienced in the last couple of years and be put in its correct perspective.

Now the darker nights are creeping in remember to adjust your lighting timers and make sure all your outbuildings are securely locked. Please keep going with your calls about suspicious vehicle and persons around, it all goes into police intelligence.

Have a good month and take care Alan

**Eastling Parish Council**  
The next parish council meeting is on Wednesday 9th November at 6.30pm in the Village Hall. All residents are welcome to attend.



Services in our Churches

2nd October Trinity 19

Deuteronomy 26. 1-11, Philippians 4. 4-9, Matthew 6. 25-35  
Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Eastling 10 am Harvest Festival  
Stalisfield 3 pm Harvest Festival

9th October Trinity 20

2 Kings 5. 1-3, 7-15, 2 Timothy 2. 8-15, Luke 17. 11-19  
Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Eastling 10 am CaféStyle  
Throwley 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

16th October Trinity 21

Genesis 32. 22-31, 2 Timothy 3. 14- 4.5 Luke 18. 1-8  
Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)  
Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

23rd October Bible Sunday

Isaiah 45. 22-25, Romans 15.1-6, Luke 4. 16-24  
Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Throwley 10 am Holy Communion (BCP)

30th October Reformation Sunday

Hosea 11. 1-11, Romans 3. 21 -30, Matthew 18. 15-30  
Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Stalisfield 10 am Benefice Service

6th November All Souls

Lamentations 3. 17-26, 31-33, Romans 5.5-11, John 5. 19-25  
Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)  
Stalisfield 4 pm All Souls Service

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

Prayer for Healing  
in our Churches

Members of the team will be available for  
private prayer with you during and after  
Communion on:

2nd October, 10am service at Eastling  
16th October, 10am service at Stalisfield  
23rd October, 10am service at Throwley



The High Downs Benefice

Rector Revd Canon Donald J. Lawton (01795 890487)  
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4 Meesons Close, Eastling

Reader Hugh Perks (01795 890603)  
Weald Cottage, Eastling

Reader Caroline Ramshaw (01795 892088)  
4 Glebe Cottages, Eastling

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**Parish Administrator** Sheila Moger (01233 713212)  
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**Throwley** Vacant

From The Registers

**Wedding**  
Amelia Pomeroy and Kier Jackson  
17th September 2016 at Eastling

**Funeral**  
Cyril Atkins  
14th September 2016 at Eastling

Midweek Groups

**Tuesdays:** Study group, 9.30am on 4th & 18th October  
at Garden Cottage, Eastling. 01795 890368

**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, 10.45am, New House Farm,  
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You will be welcome at any of our groups.



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On October 18th, we celebrate St. Luke

with his focus on healing, as Luke was a doctor by profession. The healing of the paralytic man by Jesus (Luke 5: 17-26) gives us a couple of ‘breakthrough’ principles of healing for our lives, remembering that the man was brought to Jesus through the roof!



*The Principle of Faith:* It was the adventurous and persistent faith of man’s four friends that brought him to Jesus to be healed. Jesus was the object of their faith, which trusted His ability and willingness to transform the man’s life. We are also called to such trust, exercising faith in a great God!

*The Principle of Wholeness:* Jesus’ first words are surprising, ‘Friend your sins are forgiven’ (20). Jesus’ challenge is that before anything else the man’s relationship with God must

be right. God wants to bring wholeness to our lives, including spiritual, emotional, relational, as well as physical healing. Often He wants to deal with sin, hurt, unforgive-ness, guilt or fear before physical restoration.  
*‘Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.’*  
(Collect, Common Worship).

Stalisfield Wild Life  
Fête on the Green

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August was a day for records to be made and broken. Record sunshine greeted record attendance at a fête with record attractions culminating in record returns for the village hall funds of over £2,100 after expenses. Overwhelming goodwill from the whole village and beyond provided the means to stage a memorable event. The formidable list of helpers and contributors begins with the “A Team” responsible for set-up and clearance, fuelled by bacon rolls and coffee generously provided by “The Plough”. It takes in the stalwarts operating the attractions including those doing sterling work at the barbeque and then continues with those whose donations contributed handsomely to the financial success and wellbeing of the event. Eric Baker mowed the field in advance of the Dog Show, Richard and Roger Vant supplied big bales for the construction of the “Greasy Pole” pool, Jonathon Ryan again provided the sound system, innumerable donors contributed to prizes and sale items and Paul Ryan donated his newly won barrow-of- booze for auction. Cash donations came from the W.I. from refreshments receipts and from the organizers of Beth’s Dog Show, held to support The Brain Tumour Charity. The dog show was a new co-



operation which attracted over fifty doggy entrants and brought visitors from afar. This was an outstanding village event superbly organized and marshalled by Tracey who retained sublime composure throughout.

Stay Tuned!

November sees the preparations for the pantomime in full swing. This year’s offering will be staged on Friday and Saturday, 09<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of December. The children’s Christmas Party will be on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December and the Over 60s’ Christmas Lunch will follow a week later on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Mark the dates!



Help feed local people in crisis

THANK YOU

There was an urgent message on the Faversham Foodbank Facebook page today saying that they are down to their last 5 bottles of squash. It is a reminder of how necessary our contributions are and how suddenly the demand fluctuates.

Please keep your contributions coming.

Food list for October

**Urgent items:** long life fruit juices; squash; tinned vegetables; cooking oil; toilet rolls; coffee, children’s toothbrushes and toothpaste  
**Also needed:** biscuits; chocolate bars; washing powder; tinned vegetables.



**Mrs Ruby Droscher (née Eyles)** contacted Janet Bryant of Forge House, Eastling, explaining that her father was Dick Eyles, village Blacksmith 1927 – 1934. Ruby has many happy memories of her childhood in Eastling which she will share with us over the next few months.

*Memories of Eastling - Ruby Droscher (nee Eyles)*

*Harvest time* ⑥

*Whereas some of the children were only allowed to play in the street, we were always allowed to roam - We always knew when to come back. I always went out with my brother, Cyril and we usually met up with another pair. We used to play in the Cherry Orchard or roam the meadows. At harvest time, we liked to help the men. We used to 'shuck' the corn, putting it in stacks. The men would take a break and drink cold tea. Their lunch was made with the 'top and bottom' of the loaf with a big lump of cheese in the middle. They used to share it with us. They were ever so nice. We never worried about talking to these men. Kiddies wouldn't be allowed to do that now!*



## Charing and District Local History Society.

On Thursday 13th September,

Dr Ann Knief give a talk on **THE BEVIN BOYS.**

Directed to the mines in the 2nd world war. Find out what awaited the young men who were sent down the pits by Ernest Bevin, the Minister of Labour in Churchill's coalition government.

Meetings are held in the Parish Hall, Station Road, Charing TN27 0JA. The lecture starts at 8pm. Non-members: £3 per meeting.



## Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

Nigel Wood, a local Artist and Illustrator, gave us an interesting talk in September, about his time teaching art to high security prisoners. It was amazing to see how people express their feelings through their artistic talents.

At our October meeting, our talented member, Carol Morris will be giving us a demonstration on her work on stained glass. Members will also have the opportunity to try their hand at glass painting.

For information about our very friendly group please contact: Lesley Andrews (01795 890581) or Stephanie Culver (01795 890748).

Next meeting is on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October in Stalisfield Village Hall at 7.30pm.



## THROWLEY WALKERS

Find us on facebook

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**Wednesday 5th October** A slow-paced fungal foray with Mary Gray. Meet at 10.30 in the main car park at King's Wood, Challock.

**Wednesday 12th October.** 10.30am. Bysing Wood and Four Oaks. Meet in Sainsbury's car park.

**Friday 14th October.** A slow-paced fungal foray with Mary Gray. Meet at 10.30am in the main Perry Wood car park. Directions: Coming away from Throwley/Faversham, pass the Rose & Crown and continue until you meet the cross roads. Turn right, and there is a car park shortly on your left.

**Wednesday 19th October.** A leisurely bird-watching walk with Irene and Anthea at 10.30 at Oare Marshes. Bring binoculars. Directions: Turn off The Street, Oare, (at The Three Mariners). There is a car park at the very end of Church Road, ME13 0QA. 01795 83015; 07719988257. [irenehealdwood@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:irenehealdwood@yahoo.co.uk)

**Wednesday 26th October.** 10.30. Start from Throwley Forstal for a walk to Tong Green and Dodds Willows.

**Wednesday 2nd November.** 10.30. Meet at South Wilderton to walk through Walk Wood and pass Parsonage Farm and Town Place.

**Friday Walks:** To find out about Friday walks, please contact Ann to join the email list. Friday walks are usually faster paced and 3-4 miles in length. The exception this month is the fungal foray on 14 October.

## CRAFT CLUB

Our next meeting will be 11am on Wednesday, 12th October at Eastling Village Hall when we will be making a Material Notice Board. An ideal Christmas gift possibly? A £5 charge for the session, which will include all materials along with tea, coffee and home made cake. Any enquiries please telephone Pat on 01795 539629.

## Painters Forstal with Selling WI

will hold their October meeting on Tuesday 18th October at 2pm in Eastling Village Hall. Our speaker for the afternoon will be The Rev. Tracey Bateson who will speak about 'Life in the Army'. If you are interested in popping along to see what the WI is all about please do come and join us. You will be made very welcome. Any enquiries please telephone our President Barbara, on 01795 890020.



Bethersden, is entitled 'A plantswoman's choice - unusual and interesting plants'. She will have plants for sale.

The meeting starts at 7.30pm in Eastling Village Hall and will be followed by drinks and nibbles. Members free, non-members pay £3. Clive Jolliffe 01795 890160



## Christmas Eve Eastling Carol Service

Come and join our choir - it's a once in a year opportunity!

Sunday practices start 5 - 6pm in Eastling Church on 13th November. (No practice on 27th)

## EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

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## Eastling Village Hall THURSDAYS

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## Eastling Gardeners' Club

On Thursday 6th October, a talk by Ylva Bild-Mackenzie of the Madrona Nursery,



2016/17 season. So you can see the Eastling Cherries are going to be very busy.

**Come for a taster .....**

We are still looking for new members so, don't just keep thinking about it - come and give it a try for something to do for the winter evenings. We meet on Friday afternoons, 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm, and Friday evenings, 7.30 to 9.30 pm. All equipment provided, all we ask is to bring flat soled footwear, then have a go. We stop half way through for drink and biscuit, try it out only once a week in Eastling Village Hall. Contact Roy Piles 01795 537162.



## October



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## WEEKLY EVENTS:

Wednesdays Throwley Walkers 10.30am see separate ad.  
Alternate Wednesdays Eastling Walkers 10.30am Call 01795 892194  
Thursdays Fitness Pilates 9.15am Eastling Village Hall  
Fridays Throwley Walkers 10.30am Call 07948 038993  
Fridays Short Mat Bowls 2.30pm & 7.30pm Eastling Hall

## OCTOBER

|                                      |        |                          |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------|
| 1st Harvest Supper                   | 7.30pm | Stalisfield Village Hall |
| 2nd Harvest Festival                 | 10am   | Eastling Church          |
| 2nd Harvest Festival                 | 3pm    | Stalisfield Church       |
| 5th Otterden & Stalisfield WI        | 7.30pm | Stalisfield Village Hall |
| 6th Gardeners' Club Talk             | 7.30pm | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 9th CaféStyle                        | 10am   | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 11th Dickens' planning meeting       | 7pm    | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 12th Craft Club                      | 11am   | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 13th Charing History Society         | 8pm    | Charing Parish Hall      |
| 14th Quiz Party                      | 7.30pm | Stalisfield Village Hall |
| 15th Deadline for November Good News |        | See below                |
| 18th Painters Forstal W.I.           | 2pm    | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 22nd Quiz Night                      | 7.30pm | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 25th Magazine Folding                | 2pm    | Pinks Farm               |
| 30th Halloween at Belmont            | 12pm   | Belmont House & Gdns     |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>                      |        |                          |
| 6th All Souls Service                | 4pm    | Stalisfield Church       |

## FROM THE EDITOR

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## BELMONT HOUSE & GARDENS EVENTS

### AUTUMN FORAGE

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 10am – 4pm

Join us on this fascinating day, for a journey to unearth the delights of Mother Nature's larder and store cupboard.

£40.00pp including lunch. For more information, please visit our website. To book please call 01795 890228 or email: [events@belmont-house.org](mailto:events@belmont-house.org)

### HALLOWEEN AT BELMONT

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 12pm – 3pm

Spend your Halloween at Belmont where there'll be lots of tricks and treats for all the family, including a spooky trail around the gardens, pumpkin carving and a craft workshop hosted by 'Hand Crafted Events'.

The Tearoom will be open from 12.00pm for soup, cream teas and homemade cakes.

£5.00 per child, £1.00 per adult.

### CHRISTMAS MARKET

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 10am – 3pm

Looking for inspiration for those special presents?

For the first time we are hosting a Christmas Market, with locally hand-made Christmas gifts and treats. Wrap up warm, we are indoors and outdoors. Admission to this event is **free of charge**.

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