Eastling School News

Eastling Primary School has had a wonderful start to the academic year 2017-18. We are pleased to welcome our new Reception children who are now full time. It is lovely to see their enthusiasm and keenness to embrace all the wonderful new and exciting challenges that lay ahead of them. We must also welcome our new Reception teacher Victoria Waugh who has quickly settled into school life.

The school council have already been very proactive taking responsibility for leading the change of our new class names. This process has been pupil led with every child having an opportunity to be listened to. During the summer term the school council had asked for a new more consistent approach to behaviour. We have listened to them and introduced 'Good to be Green.' It focuses on children demonstrating good learning behaviours. This encourages children to stretch themselves academically, support others, ask questions and develop their emotional resilience.

Over the last two weeks Years 5 and 6 have been working with Project Salus on a Social Awareness Programme. They have been focusing on Core Social Skills, Resilience and Community Membership. The children have enjoyed this opportunity and will utilise their new skills throughout the year.

The school will be celebrating Harvest in St Mary's on Wednesday 11th October and we are supporting the church with their collection for the food bank.

Melanie Dale, Head Teacher



Help feed local people in crisis faversham.foodbank.org.uk

Thank you!

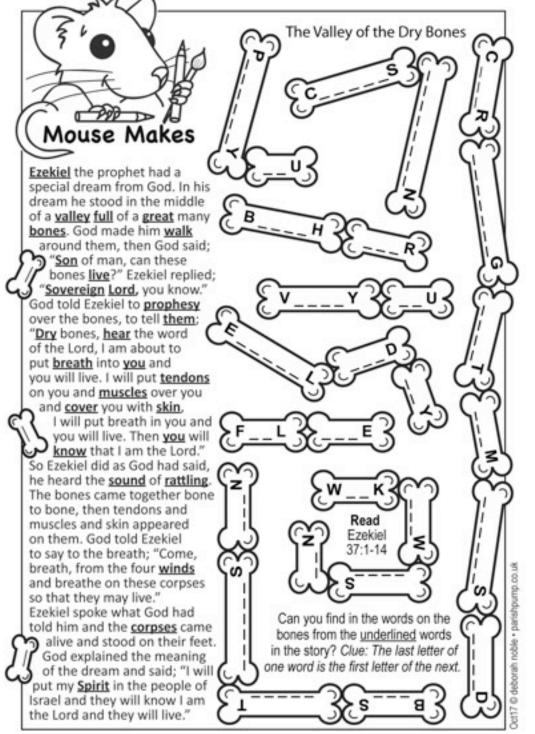
Your generous contributions are much appreciated. Don't forget: if you know someone in need of these services please check the Foodbank site at www.faversham.foodbank.org.uk to find details of opening times and how to access help.

Food list for October

Urgent items: tinned vegetables; tinned mince; tinned steak; tinned spaghetti; instant mash; tinned/packet custard; dog food Also needed: chocolate bars as a treat.







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Eastling Church Sunday 1st October, 10am

Help needed to decorate the church on Saturday 30th, from 10am. Flowers and vegetables very welcome. Stalisfield Church Sunday 1st October, 3pm



Archdeacon Stephen Taylor

will be leading
a service of
Holy
Communion

on

Sunday 5th November in Eastling Church at 10am

Folk from all our parishes will be very welcome.

Refreshments will be served after the service.

All Souls' Service

Remembering our loved ones.

Thursday 2nd November 7pm, in Stalisfield Church.

All Souls is a time when we 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 contact Jean West on 01233 712270.

All Welcome





The Autumn quiz will be held on Friday October 13th, - unlucky for some but only if you don't get your table booked in time - contact Ian on 01795 890475. Quiz starts at 7.30pm in Stalisfield village hall, take your own food and drink, £2.50 per person.



"Wait a moment, dear, this isn't a tourists'attraction ratings guide, it's a Health and Safety warning!"

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS THROWLEY WILL HOST A CATHOLIC MASS AT 3PM ON SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER

SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER AT 10.40 AM

THE MASS WILL BE LED BY FATHER BRENDAN GRADY FROM WHITEFRIARS FAVERSHAM

ALL WELCOME

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AT THROWLEY CHURCH

PLEASE GATHER OUTSIDE BY 10.40 AM WHERE THE NAMES OF THE LOCAL FALLEN WILL BE READ OUT. EASTLING & STALISFIELD PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US

David Pickup, a solicitor, takes a humorous look at what happens when a lawyer gets involved...

Legal advice to the prodigal son's parent

A parent goes to his lawyer and tells him or her that he has two sons. One wants some money. He wants to enjoy himself while he is still young and has some ideas for making money. The son says he can pay it back by having a smaller inheritance. What advice would the solicitor give?

First of all the lawyer would ask is it a gift or loan? What are the terms? Will interest be added? Will there be security for the loan? If the son is buying a house he could give some security. There may be tax benefits for the father in making a gift.

How will it be funded? Has the father got the ready money? If dad hands over most of his cash. he will not have any money for any unexpected expense.

Is it fair to the other son? It might be better to give a smaller amount to both. The best advice is to think carefully about it and not be rushed into making rash decisions.

Supposing it all goes wrong and the son wastes the money. He then wants to come back home. The father then goes to his solicitor again and asks for

Eastling Church Flower Rota

October 2017

1st - Harvest all hands please, from 10am on 30th September 8th & 15th - Pim & Andrew Baxter 22nd & 29th - Susie Hill & Mum 5th November - Emma Norwood

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advice. Legally he does not have to have him back. It would be wise to think carefully and if he is allowed back he should be asked for proposals to repay the money. He should not be lent any more money and the father could change his will.

The father thanks the lawyer for his wise advice. He goes home and looks out of the window hoping to see his son whom he misses and thinks about every



minute of the day. Far in the distance he spots him on the road home. He welcomes him and forgives him everything.

The other son then goes to see his solicitor for some advice....

As always this is a light-hearted guide and always take proper advice.

St Mary of Charity, Faversham, will be hosting the

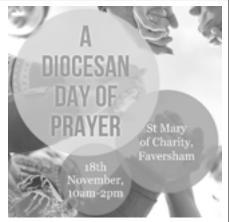
Diocesan Day of Prayer on Saturday 18th November, 10am - 1.30pm

Prayer connects us to God: the air we all breathe, our magnetic north, our daily bread. Through prayer we are rooted in God and discern a direction of travel. As a diocesan family, we are a praying people, together in community, rooted in a shared life of prayer.

The day is for anyone of any age who wants to come and pray together in our diocesan community for a renewed world. There will be opportunities for everybody to get involved in all kinds of ways, whoever and wherever you are.

The day is 24 hours of prayer from lunchtime on Friday 17th to lunch time on Saturday 18th November 2017. Satellite events can take place at any point in the 24 hours. Events involving schools will be taking place on Friday afternoon. The central event in Faversham is taking place on Saturday 18th November from 10am-1.30pm.

Wherever we can, either centrally at St Mary of Charity in Faversham or



locally (in groups or individually) with resources provided. There will be resources provided to join in with what's happening in Faversham even if you can't be there. If you're praying on your own elsewhere or with your family then you're a 'Prayer Partner' and you can register as a Prayer Partner using the links on the Diocesan website: www.canterburydiocese.org/ diocesan-day-of-prayer.

We will pray as we can, together, open to God's Spirit, wherever we are, especially between 11.30am and 12.30pm which will be an hour of focused prayer. There will be many different ways of praying to participate in, suitable for all ages and all people. There will also be opportunity and resources to join in with fasting and/or pilgrimage if you want to.

A Message from your County Councillor

Autumn seems to be upon us misty mornings, heavy showers and a distinct nip in the air. I am hoping for an 'Indian summer' but who knows.

The lesser number of Borough Council meetings held during August allowed me to visit more Parish Councils, although not all meet in August. As your County Councillor, I have attended Selling, Tunstall, Newnham, Bredgar, Dunkirk and Hernhill, being especially pleased to be able to get to Tunstall and Bredgar as these two parishes are in the 'new' part of my County Division which I inherited this year due to the boundary changes.

For the second year running I was at all three days of the New Day Festival at Mount Ephraim, Hernhill. I felt this year the organisation was better and I was pleased to hear only good reports at Hernhill Parish Council a few days later.

On the last day of August I had a very productive meeting with Kent's Chief Constable and some of his senior team. We discussed at length his Kent Police change programme - Project New Horizon. Despite declining funds and increasing population Mr Pughsley is determined to maintain visible local policing. Modern technology such as body worn cameras are an essential element in keeping officers on the beat rather than in the office.

After that meeting I attended a site meeting in Teynham with Kent County Council cabinet member for highways Matthew Balfour, together with Teynham & Lynsted borough councillors Lloyd Bowen and Mike Whiting. I believe we have made great progress in getting County to see the seriousness of the highway issues in these two villages. We must now await the proposals the officers bring forward and then seek to secure funding.

Andrew Bowles

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch



Village Warden 07794 010 394 or 01795 890848

Police 101 Emergency 999

After a slight hitch last month now back to normal.

A reminder that the clocks will go back an hour on October 29 and to reset your timers etc.. It is a deterrent to would be nasties to have lights on in your property after dusk and I am sure your insurance company would be impressed.

With the return to school there are one or two motors on the school run who tend to drive with more speed than is necessary through the village so please take care. Every effort will be made to make it a safer environment in the village.

We experienced another power cut in the middle of September. Unfortunately all our electric comes via overhead lines and the odd tree does tend to come down and disconnect the power. I personally think that UKpowernetworks do a grand job in getting our supplies back very quickly. Should you require information or assistance during a power cut you can ring 105 and you will receive the help you require.

There have been some strange vehicles in the vicinity but these have been carefully monitored.

Have a good month and take care, Alan





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Services in our Churches

Trinity 16 1st October

Philippians 2. 1-13, Matthew 21.23-32

Eastling 10 am Harvest Festival

Led by Reader - Norman Fowler

Stalisfield 3 pm Harvest Festival

Led by Rev'd Caroline Pinchbeck

8th October Trinity 17

Philippians 3.4b-14, Matthew 21.33-end

10 am CaféStyle in the Village Hall

Led by Murray Wilkinson

3 pm Catholic Mass Throwley

Celebrant - Father Brendan Grady

15th October Trinity 18

Philippians 4.1-9, Matthew 22. 1-14

Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW) Celebrant - Revd Canon Reg Humphriss

22nd October Trinity 19

1 Thessalonians 1. 1-10, Matthew 22.15-22

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Celebrant - Revd Caroline Pinchbeck

10 am Holy Communion (BCP) Throwley

Led by Revd. Thomas Collett-White

29th October Last Sunday after Trinity

1 Thessalonians 2.1-8, Matthew 22.34-end No Services

Thursday 2nd November All Souls

Stalisfield All Souls service

5th November All Saints

1 John 3.1-3. Matthew 5. 1-12

Eastling 10 am Holy Communion Celebrant - The Venerable Stephen Taylor, Archdeacon of Maidstone

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

Come and join us for a free

Curry and Film Night

showing "The Shack" in Lynsted Church, Saturday 28th October.

6pm serving curry, 7.15pm showing film. Soft drinks provided

High Downs Parish

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Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: Study group, 9.30am on 10th & 24th October at Garden Cottage, Eastling. 01795 890368

Wednesdays: Weekly study group, 7.30pm, Beech Close, Faversham Info: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.



HALF TERM FUN

The Three Musketeers

Sunday 22nd October 2pm in the Alexander

Centre, Faversham.

Slapstick comedy trio The Three Half Pints as seen on the BBC's CBeebies channel, come to Faversham with their hilarious act The Three Musketeers.

The performance is suitable for 5 to 11 year olds and has been described as "hilarity to the point of exhaustion" by The Stage.

Tickets are £9 per adult and £7 per child, and are available bookings@thealexandercentre.com / 01795 594460

Halloween

in the Orchard at Park Farm, Lynsted 💉

Saturday 28th October, 4.30 - 6.30pm

Live music, Spooky Games, Costume Parades, W.I. refreshments, Story-teller, Bar and Barbecue. Bonfire. Parking £3: NO DOGS For more information visit the Park Farm website - www.lynsted-orchard.org.uk

The Diary of Tammy the Siamese Cat

by Audrey Keen

Tammy tells her story:

When I took my first breath, I instinctively knew that it was my good fortune to be born of a loving mother, who taught me to respond with affection when raised and housed by kind and gentle people. After a blissful few weeks with my mother and siblings, I was transported by whicker basket to my

new home and owners. I sensed that I could look forward to a happy life living with people who would keep me safe, well fed and loved.

> At first I missed my feline family terribly and felt my new surroundings strange.

My guardians sensed my sadness and paid me much attention until I felt quite at home. It was several days before I left the comfort of my blanket bed and the warmth of the open fire but, after playing with my toys paled, I found the courage to walk outside and that I was in the countryside. This proved to be great fun, though at times a little frightening.

I have much to tell you and will keep you up to date with my diary entries as the days unfold.

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Wooden it Be Crafty - Nature's Favourite Foods

Cromer's Wood, Sittingbourne, Tuesday, 24th October A walk to spot all the different things that could be eaten - if you are a mouse!

We will be going on a walk through the woodlands identifying different food sources that are available at this time of year and discovering what different animals might eat them. Free entrance, donations welcome at the end of the sessions.

Booking is essential as these events are limited to 20 participants. 07561 855612 kentwildlifetrust.org.uk



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October 31st marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses to the Wittenberg church door in 1517, signaling the start of the Protestant Reformation. He was

protesting against the practice of indulgences, where the good deeds of the saints could be purchased to reduce time spent in purgatory, before arriving in heaven. For Luther, this cheapened grace, repentance and forgiveness: 'You can't buy God's friendship!

Luther rediscovered the truths of God's grace: 'For in the gospel the righteousness

Paul Hardingham considers the reason why the Reformation was so important....

The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

of God is revealed – a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: 'The righteous will live by faith'.' (Romans 1:17). He recognised that righteousness (being right with God) and forgiveness is not earned by good works, but faith. The undeserved love of God and His acceptance is a matter of trust. This challenge to the Church of Luther's day remains so today! At the Diet (Council) of Worms, he refused to recant his views: 'Here I stand; I can do no other!

Luther stood for the free forgiveness of the gospel, by which God accepts us because of the death of Jesus on our behalf to deal with our sin. Is this what we believe? Only trusting Jesus can make us right with God. In what ways can we slip into a mindset that seeks God's approval for what we achieve in our spiritual lives, rather than in how we can serve as a response to all He has done for us? We will continue to get things wrong, but God never gives up on us!



Charing Local History Society Bad King John?

King John is familiar to everyone as the villain from the tales of Robin Hood greedy, cowardly, despicable and cruel. But who was the

man behind the legend? Was he truly a monster, or a capable ruler cursed by ill luck? In this talk historian Dr Marc Morris will examine John's career and character, and assesses the king's actions against the standards of his own age. Drawing on contemporary chronicles and the king's own letters, Marc aims to bring the real John vividly to life.

Thursday 12th October in the Parish Hall, Station Road, Charing, Kent. The talk starts at 8pm, doors open at 7:30pm and visitors are welcome at £3 each.

www.charinghistory.co.uk

The Great Stalisfield Summer Fete

A wonderful day was had by all at the event! The greasy pole was, as always, popular all day particularly due to the summer heat - all but forgotten now, with Children's Table Tennis choc o lotto sold out before the end of A number of village children turned up the day! With the usual children's for the table tennis afternoon and games, bric a brac, home produce, bottle enjoyed a few hours break in the summer tombola, hoopla and the book stall, the holidays along with biscuits. Another ice cream stand - which turned into a afternoon is planned for the Christmas smoothie stand by the end of the day and the inaugural human fruit machine there was something for everyone. The smash the crockery stand managed to dissipate a huge amount of aggression well based upon the size of the pieces left at the end of the day and the stocks had the same result! Thanks are given to the Plough for their support for the set up

workers, Jonathan Ryan for the use of his PA system and the WI for their usual traditional Summer Fete, from the early excellent fare in the village hall, to all the morning set up, to enjoying the day, to many volunteers who made the day the early evening clear up, nearly possible. Rat Choc Chip, sponsored by everyone in the village was involved in Applause, was a great hit during the day some way, a true traditional community with a "Pied Piper" following of children.

Autumn Ouiz

The Autumn quiz will be held on Friday October 13th - unlucky for some but only if you don't get your table booked in time. Contact Ian to book tickets on 01795 890475.



Eastling Gardeners' Club

meets on Thursday, 12th October at 7.30pm in Eastling Village Hall for a talk by Sue Scrivens

'Something for every month of the year' The talk will be followed by wine and nibbles. Free to members, non-members pay £4

Painters Forstal with Selling WI.

On October 17th, in Eastling village hall from 2pm, we will be learn about Bags, beads and embroidered books.

Also in October members will be asked about nominations to the committee. Please do give this plenty of thought as we do have great fun and lots of laughter as well as getting the work done. Tea and biscuits or cake are also available.

As usual more information can be had by contacting the president Barbara Elliott on 01795 890020 or e-mail tombar72@hotmail.co.uk



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BELMONT HOUSE & GARDENS EVENTS

AUTUMN FORAGE

Tuesday 10th October, 10am – 4pm

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HALLOWEEN AT BELMONT

Sunday 29th October, 12pm – 3pm

Children can reveal their inner artist with pumpkin carving and creepy craft making with 'Creative Mash Ups'. There will also be a spooky trail around our gardens for everyone to enjoy. The Tea Tent will be open from 12.00pm for soup, homemade cakes and treats.

£5.00 per child, £1.00 per adult (all materials included).

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Sat 25th & Sun 26th November, 10am – 3pm Kick off the festive season with a spot of Christmas shopping. We are teaming up with Keep it Local to bring you a two-day Christmas Market with a variety of locally hand-made gifts and treats. £2pp including garden entry.

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EASTLING SENIORS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Just a note for you diary. The lunch this year is on Thursday 7th December.

> More details in next month's magazine.



Christmas Eve **Eastling Carol Service**

Come and ioin our choir - it's a once in a year opportunity! Sunday practices starting in Eastling Church on 12th November, 5-6pm. (No practice on 3rd December)

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Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

Some of our ladies were fortunate to be able to visit Jane Boorman's garden in August, to view her collection of award winning chickens. They included a breed originally bought over by the Romans and the largest collection in the country of beautiful white Sussex.

Our Speaker for September was a husband of one of our Members, Nigel Wood. Nigel was highly entertaining. illustrating how we could make pop up cards and the majority of us did have a go. Nigel is a natural speaker and was guite hilarious.

Don't forget our 'Puddings Evening' on Wednesday 4th October at Stalisfield Village Hall starting at 7.30 p.m. where you can sample the delights of our favourite puddings. We are a friendly group of ladies who meet at Stalisfield Village Hall the first Wednesday of each month, with occasional outings organised as well. If you wish to join us please contact our Secretary, Lesley Andrews on 01795 890581 or our President, Stephanie Culver on 01795 890748.



WEEKLY EVENTS:

1st Harvest Festival

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		

Eastling Church

OCTOBER

1st	Harvest Festival	3pm	Stalisfield Church
4th	Ott/den & S/field W.I.	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
8th	Catholic Mass	3pm	Throwley Church
11th	School Harvest Service	Eastling	Church
12th	Gardeners' Club	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
12th	Local History Society	8pm	Charing Parish Hall
13th	Autumn Quiz	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
15th	Deadline for November	Good News	Details see below
17th	Painters Forstal W.I.	2pm	Eastling Village Hall
29th	Halloween at Belmont	12-3pm	Belmont House & Garden
31st	Magazine Folding	2pm	Pinks Farm, Eastling

NOVEMBER

2nd All Souls Service Stalisfield Church 7pm 5th Archdeacon Taylor leads service 10am Eastling Church

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