

St Mary's Church presents...

CAFÉSTYLE
Sunday 14th October
10am - 11am

Eastling Village Hall

A creative time of worship:
Church in a Café setting.
worship discussion reflection
prayer fellowship

Tes, 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

Faversham foodbank

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

Thank you for your donations

The Foodbank organisers have asked me to thank you for your continued contributions which are so needed. they appreciate the regular supply of food that we are able to give them from such a small community. It is so sad that Foodbanks have become an accepted part of the provision for those in need but great that communities around the country respond so generously.

Urgent Food list for October: long life fruit juice; tinned rice pudding; tinned sponge puddings; cooking sauces; tinned ham/ corned beef; tinned spaghetti; tinned hot meals; biscuits; chocolate bars for a treat.

the trussell trust

What's On

WEEKLY EVENTS:

Tuesdays
Table Tennis 7 - 9pm Stalisfield Hall

Wednesdays (Alternate)
Eastling Walkers 10.30am Call 01795 892194

Thursdays
Fitness Pilates 9.15am Eastling Hall

Thursdays
Zumba 6.30pm Stalisfield Hall

Fridays
Short Mat Bowls 7.30pm Eastling Hall

Good News
Parish Magazine
October 2018

www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews

Harvest Festival

Eastling Church,
10am
Sunday 7th October



GUARDIANS OF ANCORA

Guardians of Ancora is a world-class, free to down-load, Scripture Union app game.

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STALISFIELD

Halloween Trick or Treat

Organised Halloween trick or treat walk - please come along with your little monster (and a torch), we'll depart from The Plough Inn at 4.30pm returning there for some more Halloween fun from 6pm.

God's prophet **Elijah** built a big bonfire and had the prophets of the god **Baal** build one too. Elijah said "Call on Baal to light the fire and burn the sacrifice" ... but Baal did not answer because he was just an idol made of stone. Elijah had his bonfire drenched in water then he called on the Lord God. The fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the water around it. All the people saw this and cried: "The Lord - He is God!"

Mouse Makes

READ the whole story in 1 Kings 18:16-40

How many stones did Elijah use to build the altar?
How many jars of water were poured on the altar?

Can you find these words from the story in the word search?
ELIJAH • ISRAEL • PROPHETS • BAAL • CARMEL • GOD
BULL • WOOD • LORD • TEST • ALTAR • SHOUT • STONES
WATER • POUR • FILL • FIRE • SKY • CONSUMED • DIRT



October 2018



3rd Otterden & Stalisfield W.I. 7.30pm
Stalisfield Village Hall

4th Harvest Auction 7.30pm
Carpenters Arms, Eastling

6th Cathedral Choristers Concert 7pm
Charing Church

7th Eastling Harvest Festival 10am
Eastling Church

10th Cribbage Friendly Evening 7.30pm
The Plough, Stalisfield

11th Eastling Gardeners' Club 7.30pm
Eastling Village Hall

14th CaféStyle 10am
Eastling Village Hall

15th Deadline for November Good News
goodnewsmagazine@me.com

16th Painters Forstal with Selling W.I. 2pm
Eastling Village Hall

30th Good News Publication

31st Halloween trick or treat. 4.30pm
from The Plough at Stalisfield

NOVEMBER

11th WW1 Centenary Commemorative Event
Stalisfield Village Hall

11th Remembrance Service 10.40am
Throwley Church

High Downs
Parish

Serving the villages of
Eastling, Otterden,
Stalisfield and Throwley

HAUCTION

HARVEST AUCTION
at
THE CARPENTERS ARMS
Thursday 4th October,
from 7.30pm

Auctioneer Paul Adams.

All items for the auction can be dropped off on the day or contact Alan on 890848

Come and play
CRIBBAGE

The new season of the Stalisfield & District Crib League starts on Wednesday 10th October at the Plough Inn; meet at 7.30pm.

The first evening will be a 'friendly' before the league starts in earnest a fortnight later. Matches will then be held regularly every two weeks through till March, with an extended break over the Christmas period.

As well as the doubles league there will be a singles and doubles knock-out competition.

New players of all abilities will be made welcome. Come along for a fun evening: we always enjoy tremendous hospitality at the Plough.

Please contact Jayne for details: 07951 411337.



Preb Richard Bewes considers the occult. This comes from his book, 'The Top 100 Questions' (Christian Focus)

What is the origin of evil spirits?

Halloween is the month of ghosts and witches and evil spirits. Have you ever wondered where evil spirits come from, and how we are to view the unseen world of evil and occultism?

The Bible tells us that evil spirits come from the created angelic order. They were not created as evil beings, for all of God’s creation was good (Genesis 3:1). The Bible tells us that a number of angels, headed by Satan, or Lucifer, rebelled against God’s authority and fell (Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:11-19).

The serpent, Satan, is leader of the fallen angels, and opposes himself to God. But evil and good are not co-equal. ‘Dualism’ (belief in the equal and permanent existence of evil alongside the good) has no place in the Bible. Unlike goodness, evil has a beginning and will have an end. Satan’s final destruction is already assured. (Revelation 12:12; 20:10). The world of the occult (from the Latin: occultus, ‘secret’, ‘hidden’) is the intrusion into the forbidden territory of superstition, fortune telling, magic and spiritism. Its downfall is finally assured through Jesus. His early ministry established a bridgehead against the evil unseen world; hence the hostile, and sometimes violent, reaction of the demons. (Mark 1:23-27; 32-34).

Jesus had no fear of demons, and nor need the believer. It is important that Christians avoid becoming obsessed by the unseen world, to the extent that we become either intimidated, or fascinated. After the showing in London of a film featuring the occult, a number of cinema viewers went for counselling. They were under the impression that they had been ‘taken over’ by evil spirits. They had not and all 20 recovered. They had been victims of suggestion.

We are wise, then, not to imagine, as some do, that every sin, habit, illness or misfortune is due directly to the activity of the Devil and must therefore be ‘exorcised’. Terrible damage has been done in this respect by well-meaning but uninformed Christian leaders.

Faced by Christ’s authority, the kingdom of spirits has no option but to shrink and retreat. Magic spells and charms have no power over the true Christian (provided we do not open ourselves to their influence), for ‘the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world’ (1 John 4:4). If we resist the devil, he will flee from us (James 4:7). All occultism is to be ruthlessly shunned (Leviticus 19:31; 1 Samuel 28; Isaiah 8:19, 20; Acts 19:18-20).

The Bible is quite clear that the demonic world is already doomed and defeated (Colossians 2:15; Hebrews 2:14,15). It is the death of Jesus that has achieved this victory. We are to be confident, but not complacent – for Satan’s kingdom has yet to concede its defeat at the Cross. Its final destruction will be at the return of Christ.

Prayer Pointers

October 2018

- Sundays** - Give thanks for the wonderful colours of Autumn.
- Mondays** - Give thanks for the freedom to give witness to our Christian faith.
- Tuesdays** - Pray for those who in need of healing.
- Wednesdays** - Pray for our clergy, to be gifted with wisdom.
- Thursdays** - Pray for our government in the turbulence of Brexit decisions.
- Fridays** - Pray for our local councils as they tackle an increased work load.
- Saturdays** - As the nights become colder, pray for those without a home or money for heating.



Eastling Flower Rota October

- 7th - HARVEST FESTIVAL - All hands please, on Sat 6th from 10am.
- 14th & 21st Di Kemp
- 28th & Nov 4th - Sue Chandler

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



The Rev Tony Horsfall, a former missionary in East Malaysia and now retreat leader based in West Yorkshire, considers the power of being thankful.

Grow an attitude of gratitude

Harvest is a time of thanksgiving to God for all His provision for us. It is good to cultivate a grateful heart, and studies have shown that people who practise thankfulness tend to have a more positive outlook on life, be more optimistic about the future, and are generally healthier than those who do a lot of grumbling and complaining.

On one occasion Jesus met a group of ten lepers (Luke 17:11-19). They called out to Him in a loud voice, asking for Him to have pity of them, which He did. He sent them to the priest, and on the way they were healed. However, only one of them returned to give thanks to Jesus, and he was a Samaritan. He threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked Him, giving praise to God in a loud voice.

It occurs to me that most of us make a loud noise when we are in need of help, but we are much quieter about giving thanks. We are not inhibited when making our needs known to God, but how many of us make a point of giving Him thanks when we have received His help? Do we sing His praises loudly? Do we give clear testimony to what the Lord has done?

Why not try and cultivate the discipline of gratitude in your life? Make it a rule to thank anyone who helps you in some way, or who encourages you. Let them know you appreciate them. Review each day before you sleep, reminding yourself of every good thing that happened, and offering your thoughts to God as a prayer. Introduce a short time of giving thanks in your church service. In your home group have a time of praying short, sentence prayers of gratitude to God. Keep a gratitude diary.

Rather than focus of what you don’t have, or what has gone wrong, train your mind to focus on what you do have, and what has gone right. You will be surprised at the difference it can make.

News from our M.P. Helen Whately

It’s been a busy start to the new term in Westminster where I’ve asked questions on International Trade and Equal Pay, and spoken in debates on upskirting and proxy voting. The headlines may be all about Brexit but there is other work going on too. I’ve also got some new responsibilities as the Conservative Party’s Vice Chair for Women. Meanwhile there’s plenty going on with my with local campaigns on Cleve Hill Solar Farm, East Kent Hospitals, Operation Stack, Brenley Corner, Farming and Accessibility.

At the moment, disabled passengers, parents with buggies – anyone who can’t use stairs – can’t get onto the London-bound platform at Headcorn. There are similar problems at Faversham station where the lifts constantly break down. Thankfully, after years of campaigning, the Faversham lift is finally getting replaced with bigger, easier-to-use and more reliable lifts. Works have already begun and are due to finish in November. As for Headcorn, I’ve been arguing that this station should get a share of £300 million fund to improve step-free access at train stations and we’re expecting an announcement soon.

If getting a train is tricky when you have a disability – catching a plane can be uncomfortable, undignified and unsafe. Being maneuvered into your seat in front of the entire plane can be mortifying, and risky if the person assisting you isn’t properly trained. Once you’re in your seat, you can’t get out, even to go to the toilet. I’ve heard that people avoid drinking water for hours before a flight and wear incontinence pads. During the flight, your wheelchair may be stored in the hold and could be lost or broken, so when you arrive at your destination you’re stuck. I’ve introduced a new Bill to make sure airline staff are properly trained and that wheelchairs are stored safely.

As well as equality for people with disabilities – including hidden disabilities like mental health problems – I’m fighting for equality for women. I sat on the Committee for the Bill to make upskirting – the awful, intrusive practice of taking a photo up a woman’s skirt – a crime, and I was pleased when this Bill passed its third reading in the House of Commons.

As the Conservative Party’s new Vice Chair for Women, it’s my mission to encourage more women to step forward and stand for election. Since

I’ve become Vice Chair, almost everyone I’ve spoken to knows someone – a woman – who would be a good MP or Councillor. But too often, women don’t quite have the confidence – they say things like “I’m not sure I’m good enough...” or “I don’t think I’d have time to really do it justice...” even though I know they are the sort of people who are brilliant at fitting things in and would give more time than others already in the job. If you’re reading this and thinking “that sounds like me”, please drop me a line and let’s have a chat. Or if you know a woman like that, please encourage her to do so. Don’t get me wrong, we need capable men to stand for election too, it’s just that there are a lot more men putting themselves forward than women.

There are so many passionate campaigners locally who make an enormous contribution to our public life. Like the Graveney Rural Action Team, who are doing a great job raising awareness of a proposal to build a solar farm the size of Faversham on the Graveney marshes. I’m extremely concerned about the scale of this proposal. I want Britain to have more sustainable energy, but this solar farm is just huge. I want much stronger reassurances from the developer that the beautiful landscape and local wildlife will not be harmed.

Our countryside is precious and needs looking after. Farmers work hard to protect the environment, but it’s a tough business and profit margins can be slim. For two years, I’ve been campaigning for a seasonal agriculture workers’ scheme, so that fruit growers can hire the workers they need to harvest their produce. There were growing fears that beautiful Kent fruit would be left to rot in the fields – so I’m delighted that the Government has listened and is now piloting a seasonal workers’ scheme. While the numbers are small at the moment, it’s a step in the right direction. If this pilot is a success I hope the scheme will be extended so that farmers can continue to access migrant labour after we leave the EU.

To make sure the country is prepared for Brexit we need to make sure our roads can cope if there are delays at the border – and that we won’t be paralysed by Operation Stack. The A2/M2 is a crucial corridor leading to and from the port, but at the moment Brenley Corner junction is completely unfit for purpose. It’s busy and dangerous, and while some sections

Throwley Parish Council

Vacancy for Parish Clerk .

If any one would like details of this interesting and important work (an honorarium is paid) please contact the Chairman, Roger Clarke. Tel 01795 890332

Eastling Parish Council

VACANCY FOR A CO-OPTED PARISH COUNCILLOR

Would you like to assist in making decisions that affect your community?

If so, why not apply to become a Parish Councillor

To find out what’s involved, please contact the Clerk Mrs Wendy Licence, 14 Trapfield Close, Bearsted ME14 4HT, 01622 739324 or email eastlingpc@gmail.com

have recently been upgraded with a new surface, the job’s only half finished. I recently met with Highways England to get some answers. They explained that two separate improvement schemes are underway at Brenley Corner. The first is the resurfacing scheme, and the second is the installation of pedestrian and cycle – ‘toucan’ – crossings. The proposal is that the remainder of the roundabout will be resurfaced when the crossings are installed. This is expected to take place before the end of the financial year, subject to approval.

On Operation Stack, Highways England have come up with a temporary plan to keep traffic on the London-bound part of the motorway while stacking lorries coast-bound. At the same time they are working on a permanent alternative to Stack. The Prime Minister is rightly working to get a deal that keeps movement at our borders as smooth as it is at the moment – but it is responsible to be prepared.

It’s tricky to fit all my news in here, so if you’d like to keep up-to-date with my campaigns on local healthcare, transport, housing, business and schools why not sign-up to my monthly email newsletter? You can subscribe at www.tinyurl.com/helenwnews

Services in our Churches

30th September Trinity 18

James 5. 13 - end , Mark 9. 38 - end
No Services in High Downs Parish, however
Ospringe has Holy Communion at 10am

7th October Trinity 19

Deuteronomy 8. 7 - 18, Luke 13. 6 - 9
Eastling 10 am HARVEST FESTIVAL
Led by Norman Fowler

14th October Trinity 20

Hebrews 4. 12 - end, Mark 10. 17 - 31
Eastling 10am CaféStyle in Village Hall
Led by Murray Wilkinson

Throwley 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)
Led by Caroline Ramshaw

21st October Trinity 21

Hebrews 5. 1 - 10, Mark 10. 35 - 45
Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
with Baptism
Celebrant - Revd. Canon Reg Humphriss

28th October Last Sunday after Trinity

Hebrews 7. 23 - end, Mark 10. 46 - end
Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Celebrant - Revd. Caroline Pinchbeck
Throwley 10 am Holy Communion
Led by Revd. Thomas Collett-White

4th November 4th Sunday before Advent

Deuteronomy 6.1-9, Mark 12.28-34
Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)
Led by Caroline Ramshaw

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

### CONTACT THE *GOOD NEWS* EDITOR

If you would like to advertise in the November 2018 magazine, submit articles or stories for publication, or would like any forthcoming events publicised, send your contribution by 15th October to: Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, Faversham, ME13 0BA. Tel: 01795 890338. Where possible, please submit your entry by email: [goodnewsmagazine@me.com](mailto:goodnewsmagazine@me.com)

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# High Downs Parish

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| Reader        | Caroline Ramshaw                                                                                                                                                     | (01795 892088) |
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### Churchwardens

|                           |                                                                                |                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Eastling                  | Andrew Baxter                                                                  | (01795 890598) |
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| Throwley                  | Vacant                                                                         |                |

## From the Registers

|         |                                                                                     |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Baptism | Noah Kaiden Baxter<br>Fleur Imogen Newton<br>22nd September at Eastling             |
| Wedding | Mark Peter Baxter and Steffi Jane Borromeo<br>22nd September at Eastling            |
| Funeral | Doris May (Dot) Parrett<br>5th September 2018 at Eastling with Cremation at Charing |

## Midweek Groups

|             |                                                                                       |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesdays:   | Study group, 9th & 23rd October, 9.30am<br>at Garden Cottage, Eastling. 01795 890368  |
| Wednesdays: | Study group, weekly, 7.30pm, Pinks Farm<br>Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338   |
| Thursdays:  | Prayer group, weekly, 10.30am, Pinks Farm<br>Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338 |
| Fridays:    | Study group, weekly, 10.45am, New House Farm,<br>Eastling. 01795 890629               |
|             | <i>You will be welcome at any of our groups.</i>                                      |

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your doorstep.

Dates for your diary . . .

**Band Night Friday 5th october**  
Live music from Hullabaloo from 8.30pm  
- free entry  
Why not pitch a tent or bring you caravan  
so everyone can join in the fun!

**Halloween31st October, 7.30pm**  
Following the village Halloween walk we  
all meet up back at the pub for a kid's  
spooky cocktail

**Wonderful Women's Wednesdays -  
31st October, 7.30pm**  
A great excuse for the ladies to meet up  
at the pub - please call or email for details  
and to book for food £6.50 per lady!

Keep up to date by following us on  
**Facebook, Twitter or Instagram**  
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### Rotary Club of the Weald of Kent

in association with BOVIS HOMES  
presents

### A Winter Concert with a Christmas Theme

performed by Ashford Invicta Singers  
**8th December, 7.30pm, Headcorn  
Village Hall**

Proceeds raised will go to Headcorn Patient  
Participation Group and other local Rotary  
charities

Ticket - £10 including a glass of wine  
Tickets available from Headcorn Delicatessen  
and Sweet William (Florist)  
Headcorn Village Hall, Church Lane, Headcorn,  
TN27 9NR

[www.ashfordinvictasingers.org.uk/](http://www.ashfordinvictasingers.org.uk/)  
[www.wealdofkentrotary.org.uk](http://www.wealdofkentrotary.org.uk)

## Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

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



There have been reports coming in that,  
because of the early harvest this year,  
the nasties who carry out the hare  
coursing have already stated their evil  
sport so if any are seen please contact  
the police or me. Under no circumstances  
do you approach these people, just make  
a mental note and leave the area asap.

As you will have seen there are many  
game birds around at the moment, so  
please keep your dogs under control in  
the vicinity of these birds as I am sure  
you know that there are people's  
livelihoods at stake if these birds are not  
protected.

The village defibrillator is available to any  
person within the community. Should  
assistance be required after the call of  
999 has been made volunteers are  
available on 01795 342990 at any time.  
In all probability the ambulance service  
will automatically contact the volunteers,  
as this number is lodged with them. The  
funding that we have enjoyed in the past  
has now been withdrawn and there will  
be fundraising throughout the next year  
enabling the continuation of this  
excellent village facility.

Have a good month and take care,  
Alan

## Halloween is on the way



It is that time of year again – when the  
pumpkins with scary faces appear in our  
shops, surrounded by skeleton costumes,  
zombie masks, witch's hats and sweets with  
gruesome names.

How do Christian parents deal  
with this annual celebration of  
evil and death? For of course 31<sup>st</sup>  
October has pagan Celtic roots –  
it was the evening when the souls  
of the dead were meant to revisit  
their old homes on earth.

Most kids just want the fun of  
dressing up and scaring their  
friends half to death. They are  
oblivious to the darker forces  
behind it all, or at least do not  
take them seriously.

Many Christian families and  
churches have resolved the  
problem not by ignoring  
Halloween, but by taking it as  
only the starting point in a  
festival, not the end in itself.  
Hence, they allow their children  
to dress up, but then take them to  
a Lights Party, where the whole



## In Autumn - I like;

The rust red sun  
The golden oak  
The rook, starling and crow;  
The berries of the hawthorn,  
Bramble fruits and sloe;  
The rutted track where  
chestnuts fall  
And settle at my feet,  
And all the woodland creatures  
that here I often meet.

*Audrey Keen*

## St Luke's Service of Healing and Blessing

Canterbury Cathedral Crypt  
Sunday 21st October, 6.30pm

Everyone is welcome to attend  
this service of healing and  
blessing at which there will be an  
opportunity to receive anointing  
and healing prayer. The preacher  
will be Revd Canon Sarah  
Chapman, Chaplain to the Living  
Well.



story is told, not just the pagan  
bit. Instead of discouraging any  
thoughts of evil and death, they  
encourage the children to  
consider the darkness – but  
through a Christian lens.  
Christians do not deny death and  
dying and evil, but they know  
that death has no real terrors for  
us at all, because it has been  
defeated through the cross and  
resurrection of Jesus. Halloween  
is only half the story:  
Christianity is the completion,  
because God in his love sent  
Jesus to save us from darkness.

So - Halloween is a time to  
remind our children that Jesus is  
with us in both the good and bad  
times of life.



## The Canterbury War Horse 20th October - 3rd November in the Cathedral Precincts

To commemorate the centenary of the end of The First World War, students and staff from Canterbury School of Visual Arts at Canterbury College (CSVA), in partnership with The Canterbury Journey, are to create a large-scale wooden horse for Canterbury Cathedral Precincts. The Canterbury War Horse's head is bowed in respect, facing oncoming visitors to the cathedral.

It aims to encapsulate symbols of resilience, struggle, peace and solemnity. The horse is sculpted from repurposed materials supplied by Jacksons Fencing, the poppies at the horse's feet are made from discarded plastic bottles.

Please visit [canterbury-cathedral.org](http://canterbury-cathedral.org) for opening times. Usual precinct charges apply.

## Service of Remembrance at Throwley Church

Sunday 11th November  
Please gather outside by  
10.40am where the names of the  
local fallen will be read out.  
Eastling & Stalisfield parishioners  
are very welcome to join us.



## Cathedral Choristers Concert

Saturday 6th October, 7pm  
Charing Church  
Tickets £8 on the door.



## Stalisfield and Otterden villagers:

### FIRST WORLD WAR CENTENARY

Commemorative event on Sunday 11th  
November - further details to follow.

Do you have family memorabilia or stories from  
The First World War which could be included in  
a temporary display at the Village Hall?

Contact Anna for more details (01233 712918)

## Eastling Gardeners Club

There will be a meeting at the village hall  
on 11th October at 7.30pm.

Mr Martin Newcombe will speak on  
'Mushrooms and Toadstools'

Entry free to members and £4.00 for non members.



## Painters Forstal with Selling W.I.

Members had a good time in August in the  
garden of the president. The weather was  
good so we were able to sit outside on the  
patio with cold drinks and there was so  
much food brought by all the ladies that it  
wasn't all eaten.



In September we were entertained by Simon Pollard  
about the wildlife to be found in our  
gardens. Unfortunately about half our  
members couldn't make it for one reason or  
another.

This month should be very good as we will be having a  
talk by Sandra Hendry about her life as a barrister, at  
2pm in Eastling village hall on Tuesday 16th October.  
Details as usual from Barbara Elliott on 01795 890020 or  
e-mail [tombar72@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tombar72@hotmail.co.uk)



## Christmas Eve Carol Service Choir

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

All voice and abilities welcome.

Sunday practices, 5 - 6pm, in Eastling Church  
starting on 12th November.



## A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

This year's Eastling Seniors' Christmas Lunch  
will be held on Thursday 13th December.

Invitations will be going out at the beginning of November so  
please let us know if you or other half have had that special  
60th birthday and would like to be included.  
Bay 892036 Dorothy 890144 Marion 890848



## Another successful Stalisfield Fête

Stalisfield Village Fête was held on  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August - what more  
could you want - a traditional local fête  
on a beautiful sunny day, well until  
4.30pm anyway!

Twinned with the Plough offering a wide  
range of alcoholic and non alcoholic  
drinks at the beer festival a good time  
was had by all.

Tea and cakes served by our local WI  
were consumed, the choc o lotto was  
sold out before the rain, the bottle  
tombola, hoopla and lucky dip were  
revisited time and again until each and  
every one got the prize they wanted!

Fruit was pulled by the human fruit  
machine, a rat was splatted at regular

intervals and plastic ducks were chased  
around a pool by determined toddlers.  
With crockery smashing galore, dunkings  
in the greasy pole pool and continuous  
shows and workshops by Memory Man  
(Sponsored by Applause) there was  
something for everyone. Even man's best  
friend got their own event with a dog  
show running classes throughout the  
afternoon.

Admittedly it was curtailed early by the  
rain but not only an enjoyable day was  
had by all but monies raised contributed  
over £2000 towards a new stage,  
tables and chairs. Thank you to  
everyone for your support and hard  
work.



## Charing and District Local History Society

### 11th October - Dover's Bronze Age Boat

Keith Parfitt will tell us about the discovery and  
excavation of the Bronze Age Boat in 1992.

Meetings are held in the Parish Hall, Station Road,  
Charing TN27 0JA at 8.00pm on  
Thursday evenings. Doors open  
at 7.30pm.

We have just published our book  
on Charing in WW1 which is on  
sale for £10 at the Charing Post  
Office or through the Society.

**CLOCKS  
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27/28TH  
OCTOBER**



## Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

The nephew of one of our group was our  
Speaker for September, Rick  
Fitzsimmons. His day job is Postman,  
but his hobby is The Titanic. Apparently  
his flat is absolutely full of artifacts and  
memorabilia, so possibly bordering on an  
obsession!

Rick kindly bought along framed photos  
of the crew and ship, along with a few  
items from his collection. It was his  
first time speaking, so was a little  
nervous to start, but gradually his  
passion for his subject overtook and it  
proved to be a thought provoking talk.  
Various theories were put forward as to  
the causes of the catastrophe, other  
than just the collision with the iceberg.

October's meeting, on Wednesday 3rd,  
will be more of a Craft/Social occasion.  
Our Secretary Helen has plans for  
many ways to use a Candy Cane,  
other than just eating them!  
It will be nice to have some  
social time with a chat over  
tea and cake.



November will be another  
edible meeting with Derek March coming  
along to talk on English Country Cheeses,  
with a tasting session too.



The West Kent Federation has  
organised Centenary Carols at  
All Saints Church, Maidstone  
on 18th December, to get us in  
the Christmas mood. These events are  
always well attended, so a group of us  
will be applying for tickets.

We are a small, friendly group, who meet  
the first Wednesday of each month at  
the Stalisfield Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.  
If you would like to join us, please  
contact our President Ellie Cameron on  
01795 892016 or our Secretary Helen  
Brooks on 07477580727.

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## BELMONT HOUSE & GARDENS EVENTS

### HALLOWEEN AT BELMONT

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October.  
11am - 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. Our  
Tea Tent will be open from 11am for soup, cakes and treats.

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