

## S Club

Sunday 15th September

10am in Eastling Village Hall

Open to all primary school aged children

## YoungStyle

Sunday 22nd September

10am in Eastling Church

Half an hour of fun and worship

Open to all ages

*Luke is 16 and lives in the Midlands. He's the co-founder of the website: [www.forchristianteens.com](http://www.forchristianteens.com)*

### Luke's Story

I grew up in a Christian household, but my parents left the decision to me over whether I'd decide to become a Christian. I attended church regularly with them and built up a nucleus of friends there, but ultimately I was left to make my own choice.

When I was 11 I attended a 'Saltmine' camp, which was a Christian summer camp. I got this amazing buzz through being in the meetings - a kind of spiritual 'high' - and this was the first time I began to feel like God was real. I made a decision that week that I would follow Jesus.

However, life quickly settled back into its status quo and a few years later I found myself fairly unhappy, and so looked to my Bible for help. I continued attending summer camps and, aged 14, felt a renewed sense of purpose. I decided that year to get baptised, and this is when I believe I truly became a Christian. I didn't want to just be a Sunday Christian and I wanted my faith to be for always. I didn't want to lose the feeling that I got at these camps and I knew that was only achievable through getting to know God better.

Since that point my life has slowly flourished. I began standing up for my faith at school and to my surprise people began to accept it. Of course there's a lot of banter around these sorts of things, but actually I've felt enabled to strengthen my friendships with people and tell them about God. I've begun reading my Bible more and have found that the more things I give over to God (exams, sports, etc.) the more things seem to grow and prosper.

I now have a solid church family, and a sense of belonging that is so important. I've now cofounded a Christian website for teenagers, and I've even begun to preach, which is something I'm extremely passionate about for the future. Loads of exciting things have happened since I became a Christian!

*Luke made a decision to follow Jesus. He prayed, asking God to forgive him for the things he does wrong, and then he promised to live God's way. To find out more about the Christian faith, visit <http://www.lookingforgod.com>*

## Ride and Stride

Saturday 14th September, between 10am and 6pm

Our village churches have benefited in the past by grants from Friends of Kent Churches - here is how you can help our churches for the future.

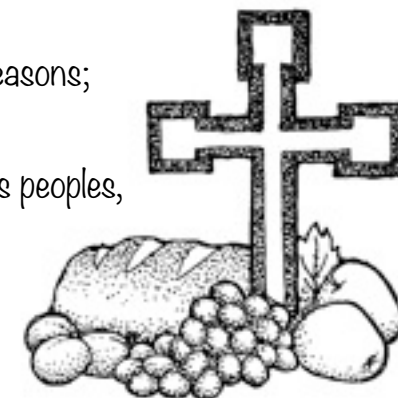
Riders and walkers receive sponsorship and 50% goes to the church or chapel of their choice, with the rest going to the Friends of Kent Churches, who use it to help the most needy churches and chapels in the county. There are a huge number of churches participating in Kent and now is the time to get sponsored. For more details of how to get involved, and for a full list of churches which will be open on the day go to [http://friendsofkentchurches.co.uk/bike\\_ride.php](http://friendsofkentchurches.co.uk/bike_ride.php) or ask your churchwarden.



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# HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Creator God,  
you made the goodness of the land,  
the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons;  
as we thank you for the harvest,  
may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Otterden Chapel  
**HARVEST**

Evening Prayer

Sunday 1st September

3pm

All welcome

## Harvest and Patronal Festival

Sunday 29th September, 10am

St. Michael and All Angels, Throwley

Harvest Lunch at Town Place follows the service,  
PTO for details.

## Harvest Festival

Sunday 6th October, 10am

Eastling Church

Sunday 6th October, 10am

Stalisfield Church



## QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 14th September

7.30pm

Eastling Village Hall

Held on behalf of Eastling

Seniors' Christmas Lunch

Tables of 6 - 8 at £3 per person.

Bring your own nibbles and drinks.

To book call Pam Bell, 01795 892194  
or Marion Willson, 890848



## STALISFIELD HIGHLIFE

Harvest Supper, 5th October, 7.30pm

*Clay with Flints*

Stane-feld, Stony Field; the early Saxon name  
Melded into Stalisfield, the stone stayed just the same.  
They call the soil "clay with flints" more nearly flints with clay!  
The ploughman with his blunted blade could call it either way.

Side by side the burnished shares cut through the stony ground,  
Row on row the furrows grow to the tractor's laboured sound.  
Harrow, drill and fertile seed, spring rain and summer sun,  
The seasons run their cycle and the yearly work is done.

Swaying stems give up their green and promise golden yield,  
Once again a miracle takes place in Stalisfield.  
Harvest time brings riches in the shape of ripened grain,  
Despite the stone, despite the clay, it's harvest home again.

Of all the harvests throughout the year and throughout the globe it is our grain harvest which prompts us to give a nod of recognition to the ultimate stackers of the supermarket shelves; the farmers of the world.

Come join us then, on Saturday 5th October for harvest supper at 7.30pm and enjoy good food, convivial company and entertainment with the odd glass or two from the moderately priced bar selection. Ticket price is £6 for adults, half price for children.

It may well be the old hut on the green sees its last harvest this year. To ensure your place phone Shirley on 01795 890167, leave a message if necessary. Alternatively send an email to [shirleylpritchard@btinternet.com](mailto:shirleylpritchard@btinternet.com)

*Good News Parish Magazine September 2013*

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

**The Canon's Column**

September is harvest time, the climax of the harvest activities. Fruits and vegetables of various kinds have been harvested as they have ripened from June onward. We have all enjoyed strawberries, raspberries, cherries, and many vegetables as they have come into season. One of my fondest memories comes from the time my wife and I were engaged. I flew out of northern Quebec at the end of the school year and Norma met me at the airport and took me to her place where I was treated to strawberry shortcake. Yum!

The huge combines in the fields in the area reminded us of similar equipment in the fields on the Prairies. In the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia, root crops, carrots, potatoes, beets were harvested with the large equipment. No matter where the harvest is, fall harvesting is often dictated by the elements, will the weather hold? Whether it is the reaping of grain, soy beans, or whatever, the concern is always about the weather, how will it affect the quality of the product for storage or sale?

At the end of harvest, there are celebrations with various festivals depending on the area of the country, many of them with

feasting and sharing. Before the days of refrigeration in rural Nova Scotia, the fall slaughter of pigs used to take place intermittently between the end of August to the middle of December, with families sharing and feasting on the meat that could not be cured, salted or smoked. Around here we have the Hop Festival in Faversham and other community events in the area. All of the festivities have one thing in common, the celebration of the blessings and bounty of the harvest. With this celebration comes sharing with others in the community and a subtle remembrance that it was not done all on our own, but with the help of others such as the seed and fertilizer agent, the fuel delivery driver, the mailman and the phone/internet provider and

many others. All have a part to play. Let us not forget God's place also, for it is by His grace that we are given care and responsibility for the earth, the farms, towns, villages and cities. And it is by His grace that we enjoy the bounty of the fields and gardens.

I would like to invite all of you to come to the various harvest festival services in the benefice and to the other harvest celebration activities. Take the opportunity this fall to thank God and to thank those who work directly on the land for the ways they contribute to the wealth and stability of our nation and for all that they do to feed us and contribute to our comfort.

Rev. Canon D. Lawton

*Come and help to decorate your village church for*

**Harvest Festival**

**Throwley**

Service - 10am on 29th September.  
Decorating - 10/11am on Friday 27th/  
Saturday 28th September: contact Barbara on 01795 890020.

**Eastling**

Service - 10am on 6th October.  
Decorating - from 10am on Saturday 5th  
October: contact Bay on 01795 892036

**Stalisfield**

Service - 10am on 6th October.  
Decorating - Contact Jean on 01233 712270.



**Please bring flowers, greenery or produce.**



Produce from the Eastling service will go to Age Concern, Faversham.

**Eastling Church  
September 2013 Flower Rota**

1st Sept Janet Bryant  
8th Steph Youle  
15th & 22nd Pim & Andrew Baxter  
29th Cerys Lister

**October 6th Harvest - All hands needed from 10am, to decorate for Harvest; flowers, greenery and produce all welcome.**

**Throwley Harvest Lunch**

On 29th September, 12pm at Town Place Barn, by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs T Osborne, after our Harvest Festival.

Please confirm numbers with Barbara Elliott (01795 890020 tombar72@hotmail.co.uk ) or Maggie Scutt (01795 890312 maggiescutt@hotmail.com) Food provided, please bring your own drink.

ALSO

**A Throwley Thrash**

Come and see the progress in the church on Friday 20th September, 6.30 - 8.30pm. Please bring a bottle and a neighbour, nibbles provided.

**Free help available from Kent Fire and Rescue Service**

Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS) offers free safety advice and a range of free services to ensure vulnerable members of the community are safeguarded from the risk of fire.

Just three breaths of fire smoke can be life-threatening and sadly, it is often older residents, or those with mobility problems, physical or mental health issues or impaired sight or hearing, who are injured by fire.

Where needed, KFRS community safety team can provide free home safety visits. These take around 30 minutes and include advice on escape routes, night time safety routines and fire hazards in the home and, if needed, the fitting of free smoke alarms.

In addition, KFRS's vulnerable persons team is able to provide specialist advice

to help people stay independent in their own homes for longer and equipment for more at risk residents, including smoke alarms designed for visually and hearing impaired people.

Specialist help might include providing items such as fireproof bedding and fire retardant materials for immobile smokers, and safety gadgets such as cooker switches for dementia sufferers who have become forgetful about turning the cooker off.

Free advice is available to all residents in Kent and Medway. Eligibility for a home safety visit is assessed on an individual basis and takes into consideration age, health, mobility, lifestyle and other risks.

For more information please go to www.3breaths.info, call 0800 923 7000 (free of charge from UK landlines) or email home@kent.fire-uk.org

**What is an angel?** Easy, people think.

A shining figure with glorious wings, who appears from time to time to do some mighty work for God or bring a very special message from him.

Well, that's right in one sense (apart from the wings, which owe more to stained glass windows than the Bible). But the fact that not all 'angels' in the Bible are 'glorious' or 'shining' should make us hesitate to categorise them in this spectacular way. After all, the three apparently ordinary men who visited Abraham and Sarah to tell them that she would have a son even though she was long past child-bearing age had none of those outward embellishments. Nevertheless Abraham recognised them as divine messengers.. The Bible is full of angels, from the early chapters of Genesis to the last chapter of Revelation, and often they had a key role in crucial events. It seems, from just two instances, that Michael was their leader, an 'archangel'. In stained glass he's often seen with a sword, because in a vision in Revelation he led the angelic host who fought and defeated Satan and his army.

In the Gospels an angel of the Lord appeared to Zechariah in the Temple, to tell him that his elderly wife was to have a son, the forerunner of the Messiah,

*St Michael and All Angels, Throwley, Patronal Festival, 10am on 29th September.*

**All the angels, led by St Michael**

the mother of the Messiah, the Son of God. An angel appeared 'in a dream' to Joseph, the village carpenter in Nazareth, to tell him to go ahead and marry his fiancée, Mary, and later - also in a dream - warned him not to go back to Bethlehem. A 'young man', whom we take to have been an angel, was sitting in the empty tomb on Easter morning, waiting to tell the startled women that Jesus wasn't there - he had risen (Mark 16:5).

Without going into every biblical reference to angels, those should be sufficient to show that the word covers an enormous diversity of experience. So the Letter to the Hebrews speaks of those who practice hospitality as sometimes 'entertaining angels unawares'. Sometimes people recognised angels for who they were, and sometimes they didn't. Angels, quite simply, are God's agents or emissaries, messengers and ministers of his will. Sometimes they are human; sometimes they seem to be spiritual beings.

Perhaps we could even say that anyone, in any situation, who is at that moment God's 'messenger' to us, or serves us graciously, is an 'angel'. So when we say, 'Oh, be an angel and pop up to the chemist for my prescription', we may be nearer the heart of the matter than we think!

by David Winter

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01795 890391**

**EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL**

The next meeting of Eastling Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 11th September at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall. Residents are always welcome to attend any meeting.

Jill Seaman, Clerk to the Council  
mick\_seaman@yahoo.co.uk

**Eastling Neighbourhood Watch**



Village Warden 07794 010394  
or 01795 890848

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111  
Swale Police 101 Emergency 999

In the local area/villages there have been more instances of sheds and outbuildings being broken into, so please be extra vigilant.

An extra warning has been issued by the police and trading standards about persons calling at houses purporting to be from the water board, or other service provider, needing to enter your home. Under no circumstance allow people in unless you have called them, or you have checked their identity thoroughly. If you are not sure please call the police or give me a ring.

Cyber bullying seems to be a serious problem in communities at the moment, according to the media. Parents are advised to keep a watchful eye on their youngsters' computers and other media devices.

Have a good month.  
Alan, Village Warden.

*Stalisfield Wild Life*



**Fete on the Green**

What a day! Weeks of sunshine and then, on the day - disaster. On the morning the weather lulled us into erecting the canopies and setting up the stands. Then precisely at opening time the skies opened. In a mini-break during the downpours the Faversham Air Cadets heroically played the fete into life. Stalisfield, as ever, showed steadfast solidarity and, brollies in hand, carried on and kept calm.

Much of the planned programme had to be abandoned which was especially disappointing for the children but, despite the atrocious day, a goodly number stayed all afternoon in support of the fete. Items for the stalls had been donated freely and most of the items were sold at good prices. At the end of the afternoon the produce stall for example was completely cleared.

The really good news is that the fete raised over £1000 clear, despite everything. Rest assured, the phoenix will arise again next year from the swamp!



**Prayer Pointers  
September 2013**

Sundays Those who worship in our benefice churches.  
Mondays Those working on the harvest.  
Tuesdays For those who mourn loved ones.  
Wednesdays Teachers and children starting a new school year.  
Thursdays All who suffer hunger and thirst.  
Fridays Those who suffer spiritual hunger and thirst.  
Saturdays Give thanks as our benefice settles down with Donald and Norma.

## Services in our Churches

### 1st September Trinity 14

Jeremiah 2. 4 - 13, Hebrews 13. 1 - 8, 15 - 16, Luke 14. 1, 7 - 14  
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)  
 Otterden 3 pm Harvest Evening Prayer

### 8th September Trinity 15

Jeremiah 18. 1 - 11, Philemon 1 - 21, Luke 14. 25 - 33  
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)  
 Throwley 10 am Holy Communion (CW) with Baptism  
 Eastling 10.30am Freestyle

### 15th September Trinity 16

Jeremiah 4. 11 - 12, 22 - 28, 1 Timothy 1. 12 - 17, Luke 15. 1 - 10  
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)  
 Stalisfield 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)  
 Eastling 10 am S Club in the Village Hall

### 22nd September Trinity 17

Jeremiah 8. 18 - 9.1, 1 Timothy 2. 1 - 7, Luke 16. 1 - 13  
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Eastling 10 am Youngstyle  
 Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

### 29th September Trinity 18

Jeremiah 32. 1 - 3a, 6 - 15, 1 Timothy 6. 6 - 19, Luke 16. 19 - end  
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Throwley 10 am Harvest and Patronal Festival, followed by Lunch

### 6th October Trinity 19

Lamentations 1. 1 - 6, 2 Timothy 1. 1 - 14, Luke 17. 5 - 10  
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Eastling 10 am Harvest Festival  
 Stalisfield 10 am Harvest Festival

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

The new season of

# FREESTYLE

starts on Sunday 8th September

10.30am in Eastling Church

All ages welcome

## Ministry in our Parishes

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

Non Stipendiary Minister with Permission To Officiate  
 Reverend Angela Cheeseman (01795 892124)  
 New House Farm, Eastling ME13 0BN

Reader Norman Fowler (01795 890412)  
 4 Meesons Close, Eastling

Reader Hugh Perks (01795 890603)  
 Weald Cottage, Eastling

### Churchwardens

Eastling Steve Youle (01795 890368)  
 Audrey Smith (01795 890469)

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

Stalisfield with Otterden Jean West (01233 712270)  
 Gillian Wallace (01233 714904)

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

Throwley Barbara Elliott (01795 890020)  
 Maggie Scutt (01795 890312)

### From the Registers

#### Weddings

Michelle Davidson and David Newman  
 3rd August 2013 at Stalisfield

Lisa Clayton and Rob Filmer  
 17th August 2013 at Stalisfield

#### Funeral

Gladys Emily Pilcher  
 9th August 2013 at Eastling

### Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: monthly Study Group - 10am on 10th September  
 at Garden Cottage, Newnham Lane.

Tuesdays: weekly Study Group 7.30pm Pinks Farm  
 Thursdays: weekly Prayer Group 10.30am Pinks Farm  
 Benefice group on 5th September.

You will be welcome at any of our groups.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
 to sing praises to the Most High.

It is good to proclaim your unfailing love in the morning,  
 your faithfulness in the evening.

Psalm 92.



## Stalisfield Pond Life

### Frog Racing Report

Promptly to time the Stalisfield Frog Race Meet set off at a good clip. Conducted with aplomb by Andrew and orchestrated by Anna, the event kept up its tempo throughout the evening, separated into two halves by the supper interval. The bar kept pace with a correspondingly brisk trade.

The going was firm but uniform, race time speedy and the atmosphere electric. Andrew auctioned ownership of the froggy steeds using his special skill to cajole bids from the audience. Seven races in all included the children's event and the Champion of Champions race won by Andy McCarron. Winners and losers alike shared the excitement of thrills and spills punctuated by shrill (but futile) exhortations to encourage greater effort. Tote manager Tracy, fed seamlessly with statistics by a team of gophers, performed mathematical gymnastics to enable winners to claim almost before they knew they had won.

At the end of the evening participants and frogs alike retired happily home.

We are again indebted to Andrew and Judith for permitting the temporary conversion of the magnificent Derbies Court Barn into a racecourse and to Steve and Bridget for allowing parking on their adjacent field. We are grateful to all the volunteers responsible for the detailed preparation, both on site and in the run-up to the event, including the energetic ticket campaign marshalled from Derbies Court. Without these and the officials on the night, the Stalisfield Frog Race Meeting just could not have happened. That it did, resulted in the raising of the amazing sum of over £1,400 after expenses, with generous donations on the night helping to swell the total.

The village had once again rewarded the organizers with its support in enthusiasm and generosity.

*The organizers assure the general public that no real frogs were harmed or took part in the Stalisfield Frog Races.*



### People and Places from the Past

by Dorothy Murray

Harvest time was always the most important season in the farming year. Many helpers were needed to gather in the corn: family, friends and neighbours as well as regular farm hands. Nobody who wanted a casual job was turned away.

Cutting the corn started in August. The binder was towed by either horses or tractors. The photo above is of Ray Elvey and his father Tom cutting corn at Frith Farm.

Knives, which had to be sharpened regularly, moved to and fro at the front of the binder between steel fingers. Wooden sails rotated bringing the corn onto the canvas which carried it up to be bound with binder string to the knoter. Then it was cut and thrown out in straight rows as sheaves. Next came many workers to



'shock' the sheaves. Eight or ten sheaves were stood up in a row to allow the air to pass through. The old saying was 'to leave them until the church bells had rung on three Sundays'. This enabled the ears and straw to dry and ripen. In September the wagons would be loaded, two people pitching and two loading, and taken to the stack yard.

The next photo is Ray and Tom building a stack using a 60 stave ladder to reach the top. Corn stacks were usually round, 21 foot in diameter, with a base of old straw, faggots or hop bines. When finished they awaited

the thatchers. If there was no farm worker skilled in the art of thatching, local thatchers would move in, being paid by the 'square'. The stacks were thatched as soon as possible to keep the corn dry until threshing. This excellent photo was taken in 1949 showing the finished stacks all thatched at Wingfield Farm.



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## BELMONT HOUSE & GARDENS EVENTS



### COUNTRY FAIR

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>  
September 2013,  
10.00am - 5.00pm



The Belmont Country Fair is a great family day out with a special unique atmosphere and a wide variety of activities for everyone interested in country life including falconry, ferret racing, terrier racing, shire horse display, 'have a go' archery, pet dog show, children's entertainers and, of course, great shopping and locally produced food! Adults £6 / Children under 16 free!

The House will be closed this day.

### MEET THE HEAD GARDENER

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 11.00am - 1.00pm

Graeme Watts, the Head Gardener at Belmont, will host a tour around our beautiful gardens. The tour will commence with coffee and an introduction in the Orangery and is expected to last 2 hours.  
Adult £5.00, Concession £4.00

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

Tel: 01795 890202 www.belmont-house.org



### COACH TRIP

to see the Christmas Lights  
in London's West End.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November  
Coach fare £20.00 - includes  
Pie & Mash

pick up point 2.45pm Jubilee Way, Faversham  
return to Faversham by 9pm  
Contact Janet on 01795 530854

**GUITAR CONCERT**  
*An Evening of Spanish Guitar*  
with classical guitarist Robert Drury

Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm  
**EASTLING VILLAGE HALL**  
Tickets £6.00  
To book call: 0778 999 1144  
www.robert-drury.co.uk

## All at Sea!

The Eastling walking group, which meets on Wednesdays at 10.30 am, has extended its scope to the high seas. Twelve of us took a day trip on the Edith May, Thames Sailing Barge from Lower Halstow to Southend on a beautiful sunny day in August. The trip included breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea with regular up dates for refreshments in between. We started a little becalmed but a breeze soon joined us and we had lovely trip. Of course the men all had to play at captain, with less enthusiasm for lifting the anchor or raising the sails. Two weeks later a group of six Eastling walkers volunteered to crew the Edith May in the Swale Thames Barge race. They had a thrilling day with strong winds and competition and they won. The celebration night was coupled with Alan Willson's birthday party in the Carps. You did not have to ask who had been on the trip, they all had reddened faces. There was much arms round shoulders and reliving of their great triumph.



The walking group has extended its range of activities to include trips to London to walk the parks and canals, theatre attendances and restaurant bookings. Our year ends with a beautiful Christmas lunch at the Carps.

If you would like to join our group please contact Harry Kyte on 01795 890703 or email him: hkyte@btinternet.com. If you are interested in finding out more about events involving The Edith May, the web site is www.edithmay.com

Julia Bailey, for the walking group.



### Do you enjoy singing Carols?

Come and join the Eastling choir preparing for the Christmas Eve Carol Service.

Weekly practices start Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 5 - 6pm in Eastling church.

### Eastling Gardeners' Club

Meets on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October in the village hall at 7.30pm for a talk on **Spring Bulbs** followed by wine and homemade nibbles. Free to members, otherwise £3. Contact Clive on 01795 890160

### LEIGH MILES DANCE & FITNESS



#### Eastling Village Hall

##### WEDNESDAYS

7.00pm ZUMBA® starting 11<sup>th</sup> September

##### THURSDAYS

9.15am FITNESS PILATES starting 12<sup>th</sup> September

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leigh.fitness@btinternet.com  
01795 890149 or 07873 431952

### Charing and District Local History Society

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September  
7.45 for 8pm  
Charing Parish Hall

#### The Green Man in English Churches:

or more correctly 'foliate heads' - discussing how the image may have evolved from pagan and classical times. *Speaker: Imogen Corrigan*  
Visitors welcome - £3  
Enquires to 01233 713749

### The Painters Forstal COFFEE CLUB



Join us in Whitehill Chapel,  
11 am - 12.30pm on 25<sup>th</sup> September. All welcome.

Champion Hall will also be open for cake sale, tea and coffee all day on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Please drop in for a cuppa and a chat.

### Two visits in one day!

Are you interested in visiting the Guru Nanak Darbar Gurdwara in Gravesend and The Pilsdon at Malling Community in West Malling? There are still places available so do come along and join us on an outing which is being organised by the Bunce Ecclesiastical Charity. The date is **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2013** from 10am to 6pm. For further details or to book a place please contact Jan Beckenham on 01795 892079 or via [jan.beckenham@googlemail.com](mailto:jan.beckenham@googlemail.com)

We look forward to seeing you.

### Guitar Lessons For Beginners

£5 per half hour  
Can loan guitar during lessons if needed (including small size for children) references available  
Also guitar maintenance, repairs and re-stringing  
Lessons at The Haven, Stalisfield or I can come to you (local only)  
Contact Joe 01795 890334  
[skellyjoe97@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:skellyjoe97@yahoo.co.uk)

### EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

To book ring Julia Bailey  
on 01795 890746



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.

### Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

Our September meeting is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, when we shall try our feet at Morris Dancing; 7.30pm in Stalisfield village hall. New members always welcome; just come along or call Kim on 01795 890691.

### Mobile Library

This free service, run by Kent County Council, visits Eastling on Tuesdays; September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> between 10.50 - 11.05am at Glebe Cottages, and Throwley Forstal Green on Thursdays; September 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 11.55am - 12.10pm. Visits are fortnightly thereafter and the vans are open to all ages.

## Thank You

Thanks to the generosity and kindness of so many people, the charity event at Eastling Manor raised nearly £4,500 for Cancer Research UK.

Many, many thanks to all the people who made this wonderful result possible by supporting the event.

Bay Lees and Trish Williams

### Painters Forstal with Ospringle W.I.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September  
2.15pm in the Champion Hall  
**Porchlight and Homelessness in Kent**

*Speaker: Rachel Van Hoven*  
Competition: A picture of an old house.

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## SEPTEMBER



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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Harvest Evening Prayer          | 3pm             | Otterden Chapel          |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Otterden and S/field W.I.       | 7.30pm          | Stalisfield Village Hall |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Benefice Prayer Group           | 10.30am         | Pinks Farm               |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Monthly Study Group            | 10am            | Garden Cottage           |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Eastling Parish Council        | 6.30pm          | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Zumba Classes resume           | 7pm             | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Fitness Pilates resumes        | 9.15am          | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Local History Society          | 8pm             | Charing Parish Hall      |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Ride and Stride                | 10am - 6pm      | Kent Churches            |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Autumn Fair                    | 10.30am         | Egerton Village Hall     |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Quiz Night                     | 7.30pm          | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Country Fair                   | 10am - 5pm      | Belmont                  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Deadline for October Good News |                 | See below                |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Meet the Head Gardener         | 11am & 1pm      | Belmont House            |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> P. Forstal & Ospringle WI      | 2.15pm          | Champion Hall            |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> A Throwley Thrash              | 6.30pm          | Throwley Church          |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> Magazine Folding               | 2pm             | Pinks Farm               |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> Coffee Club                    | 11am            | Champion Hall            |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> Guitar Concert                 | 7.30pm          | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> Bunce Coach Trip               | leaving at 10am | destination - Medway     |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival               | 10am            | Throwley Church          |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> Harvest Lunch                  | 12pm            | Town Place Barn          |
| <b>OCTOBER</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Harvest Supper   | 7.30pm          | Stalisfield Village Hall |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival                | 10am            | Eastling Church          |
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