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THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who kept the contributions coming through the summer holidays. It was gratifying to pop into church at different times and see that more food had arrived. The food is taken to Faversham Foodbank which is open for those in need on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1.30 - 4pm at the Gospel Mission Church, Tanners Street.

Please keep your contributions coming

Food list for September

Urgent items: tinned vegetables; tinned custard/rice pudding; cooking oil; long life fruit juice; toilet rolls; washing powder; children's toothbrushes

Also needed: savoury snacks; chocolate bars; egg noodles.



Good News

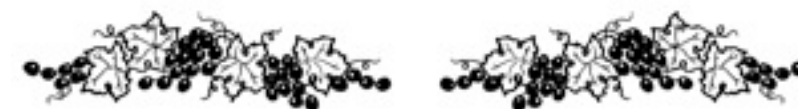
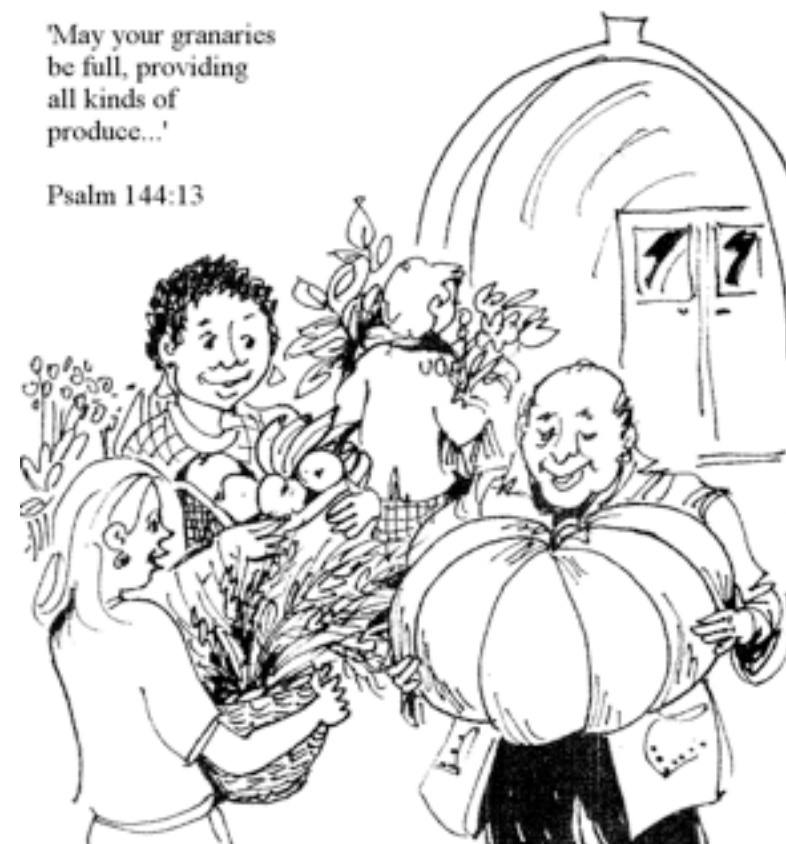
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'May your granaries be full, providing all kinds of produce...'

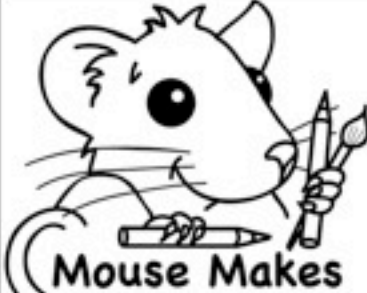
Psalm 144:13



Eastling School News


As we start a new school year we stand ready to welcome a new set of 17 children into our care, whilst maintaining a whole range of exciting activities for everyone! Term starts on Tuesday 6th September 2016 from 8:50am and, within the very first week back (Thursday), we will be supporting all our new Year 6 children who want to take the Kent test, also known as the Pupil entry to secondary education (PESE) test (or even 11+). We have a very stable staff again this year with the return of Miss Beard to teach Tigers and Miss Williams joining us to support in Leopards class. This year we have arranged a new after-school sports club on Thursdays to join the regular favourites of football and netball, whilst we also hope to provide gymnastics and active play for our younger children. Our clubs all begin from Tuesday 13th September adding to the sports provision with the return of Cinema club, ICT, cookery and, new this year, pottery. We'll be inviting guests into school such as the Dogs Trust (15th), as well as competing at the inaugural cluster September sports day. Look out for us on Saturday 1st October when we have a stall on Faversham Market providing badge making experiences (for prospective new entries to the school for next year!!) as well as within the Faversham Times 'First photo' spread due to be photographed on 27th September.

Dave Walsh, Head Teacher




Mouse Makes

Thank you
God for...




See how many words can you make using the letters from
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HARVEST THANKSGIVING




Lord God, you made the world;
You made the land we live on,
the air we breathe,
the water we drink,
the food we eat.
Thank you Lord for the harvest.



Lord God, you give us all that
we need each day to live.
Thank you Lord for the harvest.



Lord God, help us to share all that you give us.
Thank you Lord for the harvest.



"May the peoples praise you, O God,
may all the peoples praise you.
The land has yielded its harvest and
God, our God, has blessed us."
Psalm 67:6

What foods can you think of to finish this acrostic?

H _____

A _____

Raspberries..

V _____

E _____

S _____

T _____

F _____

E _____

S _____

T _____

I _____

Vegetables...

A _____

L _____

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Otterden Chapel
Sunday 11th September, 3pm

Throwley Church
Sunday 25th September, 10am

Eastling Church
Sunday 2nd October, 10am

Stalisfield Church
Sunday 2nd October, 3pm



Saturday 10th September
10am - 6pm

No entry fee - all ages welcome.
£2.5 million raised in Kent so far.
Churches are open all over Kent. There are sure to be some in your area which you will be very welcome to visit. Plan your own route to start and finish any time between 10am and 6pm.
Go to friendsofkentchurches.co.uk for a list of churches open and entry forms.

Stalisfield Highlife

Stalisfield Harvest Supper

Saturday 1st October, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The passage of grain and straw in prodigious quantity along the roads of Stalisfield reminds us that our most basic need is met from the soil, sun and rain in season accompanied by unrelenting labour.

Come join us as we celebrate the harvest, with convivial company in the village hall. Good food is offered at the traditional price of £6 for adults, children half price. The bar will serve modestly priced drinks.

The meal is prepared by volunteer cooks and if you are able to offer your help with part of the menu, organizer Shirley will be happy to hear from you on (01795) 890167. Reserve your place at the table also



with Shirley leaving a message if necessary. If you have special dietary needs please check at the time of booking for options.

The news magazine for the parishes of Eastling, Stalisfield with Otterden, and Throwley
www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews

Canon’s Column

A Christian’s thoughts after the Terrorist Attacks

These past weeks we have been splattered by the news of several terrorist attacks, the Nice truck massacre, the Munich McDonald’s shootings, and the martyrdom of Père Jacques Hamel in front of a church altar in France where he was celebrating Mass. The news sends us reeling through a range of emotions. We ask ourselves, “What can we do?”

I would suggest that we start by recognizing our own feelings and then try to understand what is happening to us. One of our initial feelings is anguish and upset. We ask, “Why?” And we feel overwhelmed by the horror of the incident. Another feeling is anger - *Someone has to stop this! Someone must pay for it!* We want to retaliate in some way. And coupled with these feeling is fear. It could happen here! I could have been there! What would happen to me if something like this happened when I am on holiday? These feelings are real and powerful and we all have them. But if we give in to them then the terrorists have gained and we have lost. These feelings emerge from our most basic, reactive brain processes, they are automatic responses. But, is this the way we really want to respond? By reacting at this level, we are allowing the terrorists to dictate our own actions, to control us. How do we

respond when we use our more sophisticated, rational and morally based decision making processes?

The terrorists have chosen to look at the world from a “them or us” basis. They want to divide society into their kind and the other group and when we react with fear, anger and retaliation, we are helping them to build that wall and destroy the relationships we may have with our neighbours from another country or religion. We are allowing them to fulfil their goal of separating and controlling people on the basis of race, religion or culture.

Our Christian Faith calls us to live above our most basic fears and raw emotions. We can have them as initial reactions, but as we acknowledge them, we then choose to respond from the power and resources that come from our Christian values, from Christ living in our lives. So where do we start with our Christian response?

I would like to think that our first starting point is to accept others as our neighbours. We have the parable of the Good Samaritan, Luke 10. 25-35, which is really focused on not the goodness of the Samaritan, the outsider, but the reality of him being the neighbour whose response was

based on his values not his fears. The others, who passed by the victim, responded out of fear, fear of becoming another victim, fear of becoming involved, fear of being inconvenienced in scheduled duties. They reacted at their most basic level. But the Samaritan responded to the needs before him from a higher level, he set aside his fear of the robbers, he set aside his schedule, he involved himself in the care and costs of meeting the victim’s needs, the needs of someone from another culture. So for us, as we deal with our reactions to a terrorist incident, we consciously choose not to allow our fears and reactions to build barriers between us and those who are different from us.

This is the beginning of our Christian response to these terrible incidents. We then can slowly reach out in reconciliation to bring healing and renewal to our society and our world. At the moment I am looking again at writers such as Canon Andrew White, *Faith Under Fire*; Oliver Schuegraf, *The Cross of Nails* (about the reconciliation ministry of Coventry Cathedral); and the Croatian theologian Miroslav Volf. Perhaps you might like to look them up on Wikipedia and get a flavour of their ideas. I will write further on this topic in another issue. If any one would like to talk about anything in this column, do not hesitate to call me at the Rectory.

Blessings,
Canon D Lawton

Early notice:
Ospringe Deanery
Sunday 27th November
10am – 3.30pm
West Faversham
Community Centre
“CLAIMING CHRISTMAS
FOR CHRIST”
To be led by
Archbishop Justin Welby
(There will not be any services
in churches across the Deanery
on this day)

Eastling Church
Flower Rota

September 2016

4th Sue Chandler
11th & 18th Janet Wood
25th Susie Hill and Mum
October 2nd Harvest - all hands
please



An app for refugees

TWR (Trans World Radio) has unveiled *"Refugee Bridge"*, a smartphone app to meet the psychological and spiritual needs of displaced people by offering practical and biblical content in Arabic.

The smartphone is a staple item for migrants for communication with home countries, navigation and information. By providing programmes that address trauma and loneliness, the *"Refugee Bridge"* app provides support beyond physical needs.

TWR is a multinational evangelical Christian media distributor.
<http://twreurope.org>

Nigel Beeton writes: Love them or hate them, those two larger-than-life characters, Boris Johnson and Donald Trump, continue to enliven the political scene on either side of the Atlantic.... which begs the question – what might happen if they teamed up!!!!

The United States of the Blonde

Now Boris and Donald, they went to see
The effect on the world of blonde blokes;
They spent lots of money, but you know it was funny
That the world saw a couple of jokes.

So Donald looked up at the stars in the sky,
And sang to a guitar he had there
“Oh Boris! Oh Boris! You’ve quite caught my eye
With your wonderful head of blonde hair!
Blonde Hair! Blonde Hair!
With your wonderful head of blonde hair!

“You say that of mine, but yours is quite fine!”
So Boris then spoke to his mate.
“Our futures entwine, our hair is a sign
“That our lives are united by fate!”

And Donald could see that his friend was quite right;
“Wow! Boris! Of that I am fond!
“Your Brexited country and mine must unite
“In the United States of the Blonde!
“The Blonde! The Blonde!
“The United States of the Blonde!”

(With apologies, profound ones, to Edward Lear)

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Eastling Parish Council

The next parish council meeting
is on Wednesday 7th September
at 6.30pm in the Village Hall. All
residents are welcome to attend.

St Protus and St Hyacinth

victims of mindless violence

On this, the 15th anniversary of the Twin Towers, we remember two innocent people who also met their death in the flames of mindless violence. These were Roman martyrs mentioned in the 4th century list of martyrs. Hyacinth’s tomb was discovered in the cemetery of Basilla, with his name and the date of his burial (11 September). Inside were charred bones, indicating death by fire. An inscription by Damasus says Protus Hyacinth were brothers, and another ancient source called them ‘teachers of the Christian law’.



Eastling
Neighbourhood
Watch



Village Warden 07794 010 394
or 01795 890848

Police 101 Emergency 999

There have been reports of dogs attacking and killing pheasants in the valley area where the footpath from the church meets the bridleway. This is totally against the country code and these birds are the property of the Belmont Estate. Dog walkers are reminded to keep to the public foot paths and to keep their dogs on a lead in the area mentioned and any other areas on the Belmont Estate.

The usual amount of telephone calls have been received in the locality by people trying to con us out of our money, so please be extra careful.
There is a report of a brutal attack and robbery in the Throwley Forstal area - please report any suspicious activity in our area.
Have a good month and take care
Alan

The Gardening Group at Charing Surgery

Since our last article, the vegetable sections of the garden have proved to be very productive and rewarding for the gardeners. We have harvested kale, garlic, carrots, courgettes, beans and more, and are beginning to think of ways that we could market surplus produce next year! We have saved one planting area for rhubarb and, if

anyone plans to divide their own rhubarb this autumn, we would be very grateful for any spare plants.

The new wildflower section had a slow start, but provided a good talking point, with some mixed comments from everyone passing by.

In June, the Group received a Gold Award from the Ashford Access Group, in recognition of the easily accessible design of the gardens, which means they can be enjoyed and worked in by people with any degree of disability.

July saw a visit from Andy Garland of BBC Radio Kent’s Sunday Gardening programme. Andy was very interested in the background to the Group and amazed when he was shown the ‘before’ and ‘after’ photos. The interview was broadcast the following weekend, and we are hoping Andy may follow this later in the year with a item emphasising the benefits of gardening for our general well being.

We will be developing the area directly opposite the surgery reception doors this autumn and are in need of more help. If you are a registered patient at Charing Surgery, aged 16 or over, and are feeling unsure about what would be involved by being part of the group, please come along for a chat any Tuesday between 9-12, or give Jo’anne a call on 01233 713582.

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Services in our Churches

The High Downs Benefice

4th September Trinity 15

Deuteronomy 30.15-20, Philemon 1 - 21, Luke 14. 25-33

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

Stalisfield 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

11th September Trinity 16

Exodus 32. 7-14, 1 Timothy 1. 12-17, Luke 15. 1-10

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Eastling 10 am CaféStyle

Throwley 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

Otterden 3 pm Harvest Festival

18th September Trinity 17

Amos 8.4-7, 1 Timothy 2. 1-7, Luke 16. 1-13

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion

25th September Trinity 18

Deuteronomy 26. 1-11, Philippians 4. 4-9, John 6. 25-35

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Throwley 10 am Harvest Festival

2nd October Trinity 19

Deuteronomy 26. 1-11, Philippians 4. 4-9, John 6. 25-35

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Eastling 10 am Harvest Festival

Stalisfield 3 pm Harvest Festival

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(BCP) Service taken from the Book of Common Prayer, 1662.

(CW) Service follows Common Worship Liturgy, 2000.

St Mary's Church presents...

CAFE STYLE

Sunday 11th September

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

Prayer for Healing

in our Churches

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

4th September, 10am service at Eastling

18th September, 10am service at Stalisfield

The Healing Prayer support group runs a 'Prayer Circle' which is open for anyone to phone 01795 534083 and speak to Chris or David, who will be only too happy to pass on your prayer request.

|                           |                                            |                                             |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Rector                    | Revd Canon Donald J. Lawton (01795 890487) | The Rectory, Newham Lane, Eastling ME13 0AS |
| Reader                    | Norman Fowler (01795 890412)               | 4 Meesons Close, Eastling                   |
| Reader                    | Hugh Perks (01795 890603)                  | Weald Cottage, Eastling                     |
| Reader                    | Caroline Ramshaw (01795 892088)            | 4 Glebe Cottages, Eastling                  |
| Churchwardens             |                                            |                                             |
| Eastling                  | Andrew Baxter (01795 890598)               |                                             |
| Parish Administrator      | Janet Payne (01795 890487)                 | E mail: eastlingchurch@gmail.com            |
| Stalisfield with Otterden | Jean West (01233 712270)                   |                                             |
| Parish Administrator      | Sheila Moger (01233 713212)                | E mail samhawksnest@aol.com                 |
| Throwley                  | Vacant                                     |                                             |

From The Registers

Baptism

Leo John Steinitz Hamlin

14th August 2016 at Throwley

Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: Study group, 9.30am on 6th & 20th September 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, Eastling. 01795 890629

You will be welcome at any of our groups.

Christians in Sport: Stuart Weir introduces a woman whose courage and determination have got her to the top.

Stef Reid – Christian paralympic athlete on her way to Rio

Stef Reid is a paralympic athlete. She does long-jump and also sprints. In the 2008 Paralympics she won a bronze medal in the 200 metres and in 2012, a silver medal in th long jump. She has broken the world record for long-jump in the F44 (below the knee amputees) class several times.

She had a life-changing accident in her teens as she describes: “I was in a boating accident when I was 16. The propellers caught me across my lower back. The water around me was blood red. I thought I had been cut in half. The next issue was that we were three hours away from a half-decent hospital.

“I survived but unfortunately the leg was so mangled that it had to be amputated. So I was really thankful to be alive. But with my love for sport, I was absolutely devastated. The stuff that you love to do, you are told that you cannot do it any more.

“I don’t come from a Christian family but my parents sent me to a Christian

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school. We had Bible classes. I had a very good head knowledge of the Bible but it wasn’t a major part of my life.

“Everything changed when I was in the accident. I remember lying in the ambulance. I was scared because I knew in my heart that I wasn’t going to heaven. I did not know God. I had never asked Him what His plan was for my life. I remember praying for a second chance. It was a complete miracle that I survived the accident. I know that God had a hand in that.

“I also know that by me not dying, I still had a purpose here. There is a reason for me to be here and it completely changed my perspective. It changed me as a person and I committed my life to Him in the ambulance. Now, I look at things from the perspective of hope. I have always got hope. I think that is the biggest difference”.

In September 2016 Stef will represent Britain in the Paralympics in Rio.

Jo’s Diary of Country Walks

(A dog tells the story of her life in the countryside)

by Audrey Keen

Jo reflects on the Joys of the Countryside.

Rhoda likes to walk with me on a stormy day across Gunners Banks and feel the wind tug her hair. She enjoys the autumn in Dedsbury woods gathering chestnuts while I run through the coloured leaves. We both like rain and when the puddles are large and deep we watch the birds bathe and sometimes join them in a game of splash. Rhoda looks through her binoculars and describes the picture that she sees through the glasses. Sheep, she says, walk slowly along a pathway clearly defined. I can

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Lynsted Festival Weekend

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17th - 18th September

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A Festival for all ages and interests celebrating the Parish of Lynsted with Kingsdown, featuring free events and entertainments.

It includes stalls, children’s art, a guided walk, small collectibles valuation by television’s Clive Attrell, a presentation by local historian Helen Allinson on “Crime in Victorian Kent” and, on Sunday, services of celebration.

Details at [www.lynsted.com/lime](http://www.lynsted.com/lime).

Contact: John Huggins, assistant curate ([john.p.huggins1@gmail.com](mailto:john.p.huggins1@gmail.com))

Chilli Festival

St Laurence Church, Leaveland

3rd and 4th September

10.30am - 3.30pm

Displaying more than 60 varieties of chilli plants, all for sale, and offering teas and homemade cakes, a chilli-themed tombola and advice and conversation on the chilli theme. Contact: 01795 890210



smell the sheep. We search for dock plants as Rhoda would like to sketch a ladybird today and she feels she may find one there. Instead we see wasps come to eat fallen fruit and hear the noisy grass hoppers along the grass ride. Dragonflies form eerie shadows on the silent banks. Rhoda spots a glider and shades her eyes as she tries to follow it sweeping gracefully through the sky, soundless. Here below, peewits have joined us call alarm as we approach. Quite close by I hear the friendly note of a red brown robin on the wire fence, another indication of time passing....



Pluckley Village Hall are holding their third

## Quilt and Craft Show

**24th and 25th September 2016.**

We open from 10.30am to 5.00pm each day and the entrance cost of £5 includes a drink and eats as well as access to an amazing exhibition of quilts, patchwork and other needlecraft and several associated traders. We are delighted to be able to have showcases this year from Mandy Munroe and the late Sue Russell, plus a collection of beautiful locally made quilts, some of which we expect to be on sale.

We are actively looking for local exhibits so if you have any needlecraft, patchwork items, or quilts that you would like displayed please get in touch with us soon! Contact Judy on 01233 840280 or email judith.pool@hotmail.co.uk for further information or if you have any work to show off!

Please put this date in your diary and come and join us, (probably in the tea tent!) for a wonderful inspirational day.



Eastling Village Hall

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## Charing and District

### Local History Society.

Meetings are held in the Parish Hall, Station Road, Charing TN27 0JA. The lecture starts at 8pm. Annual Membership: £9 for adults, £8 concession for senior citizens and a joint family fee of £15. Full time students are free. Non-members: £3 per meeting.

On Thursday 8th September, Rod LeGear give a talk on **UNDERGROUND KENT**, a look at the types of underground sites in the county from the simple deneholes to large mines, shelters and cold war bunkers

## Advent Decorated Windows

### around the village

On a recent visit to Northamptonshire friends showed us their internet copy of what the villages in the county do for advent. 24 property owners undertake to decorate a window visible from the road. The windows are lit by lights or candles with each owner lighting their window on their allocated day. By Christmas Eve 24 windows are alight. I wonder if any of our Eastling residents feel they would like to do this. The main road through the village, school lane, Otterden road and Newnham lane would be favourite locations. Let me know if you feel you would like to take part. You can look at examples of the windows by Goggling Helmdon advent window project. You can contact me on 01795 890401 or email [Julia.bailey@virginmail.co.uk](mailto:Julia.bailey@virginmail.co.uk)



## THROWLEY WALKERS

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**Wednesday 14th September** Bysing Wood. 2 miles. Meet at West Faversham Community Centre at 10:30am

**Friday 23rd September.** Seasalter to Whitstable and catch bus back. 4 miles. Please contact me if you would prefer to arrange car sharing. The first 660 bus back is not until 2:26pm. The 5 bus is more frequent and will involve a 30 minute walk at the Seasalter end. Meet at 10:30 in the Faversham Road car park opposite the caravan park and between the sailing club and Waldens shop.

## PAINTERS FORSTAL WITH SELLING W.I.

Our next meeting will be at Eastling Village Hall on Tuesday 20th September at 2pm. Our speaker for the afternoon is Mrs Pat Marshall who will bring along her guide dog Chloe, and will speak about Guide Dogs for the Blind. If you are interested in finding out more about our small and friendly WI please pop along on the day. You will be made very welcome. All enquiries please to our president Barbara on 01795 890020.



**CRAFT  
CLUB**

Painters Forstal with Selling WI craft club will meet at Eastling Village Hall on Wednesday 14th September at 11am - 1pm for an air-dry clay workshop when we will have a go at making a gargoyle, or other small animal/object. Charge is £5 which includes all material along with refreshments. If you wish to join us please phone Pat on 01795 539629.

## Eastling Gardeners' Club

On Thursday 6th October, a talk by Ylva Bild-Mackenzie of the Madrona Nursery, 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. Clive Jolliffe 01795 890160



## Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

Our August meeting was both enjoyable and interesting, listening to historical author, Elizabeth Marrion and her links to Bunce Court in Otterden. A special thanks also to those who live locally who gave us further information about Bunce Court.

In September, local Artist and Illustrator, Nigel Wood will be giving us a talk entitled Art from a Prison Cell, this relates to his time teaching art to high security prisoners.

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



## Stalisfield Wild Life

In response to invitation around twenty ladies of Stalisfield enthusiastically embraced hedonism by attending the Ladies Open Lunch held in the Stalisfield Village Hall on 19th August, hosted by Cat and Tracy.



Sparkling discourse triggered by a sparkling reception showed no sign of flagging throughout the afternoon as the dazzling array of goodies on the tables gradually diminished. The principle of fare-to-share once again proved to be most effective in that the banquet assembled provided quantity and variety to satisfy the most discerning taste and appetite. As with all happy occasions the afternoon slipped all too quickly away.

Note: This report is based on intelligence passed to the gender-excluded reporter by infiltrated agents. To that extent it may be inaccurate in minor detail.

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## Autumn Quiz Party

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm

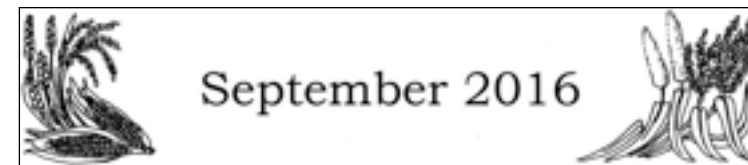
Reserve a table for the Stalisfield Autumn Quiz Party where erudition and entertainment go hand in hand. Our quiz masters are already busy preparing brain teasers in preparation and Ian stands ready to take your reservation for a table of six (maximum). The entry price stays at £2.50 per person as ever. Bring your own nibbles and tipples to sustain you throughout the evening.

To reserve your place call Ian on (01795) 890475



## It is with regret

that I will be unable to do my usual Macmillan Coffee Morning this year in September. The reason being, I have just moved and also I will be away for two weeks in September. Because of this I just haven't had the time to arrange everything and at the moment my garden isn't equipped for this. Hopefully next year will be a different story! Kim Curtis.



September 2016

|                                     |         |                          |
|-------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|
| 7th Parish Council meeting          | 6.30pm  | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 7th Otterden & Stalisfield WI       | 7.30pm  | Stalisfield Village Hall |
| 8th Charing History Society         | 8pm     | Charing Parish Hall      |
| 10/11th Woodfest & Country Fair     | 10am    | Belmont Gardens          |
| 11th CaféStyle                      | 10am    | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 11th Harvest Festival               | 3pm     | Otterden Chapel          |
| 14th Craft Club                     | 11am    | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 15th Deadline for October Good News |         | See below                |
| 20th Painters Forstal W.I.          | 2pm     | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 24/25th Quilt & Craft show          | 10.30am | Pluckley Village Hall    |
| 25th Harvest Festival               | 10am    | Throwley Church          |
| 27th Magazine Folding               | 2pm     | Pinks Farm               |
| <b>OCTOBER</b> 1st Harvest Supper   | 7.30pm  | Stalisfield Village Hall |
| 2nd Harvest Festival                | 10am    | Eastling Church          |
| 2nd Harvest Festival                | 3pm     | Stalisfield Church       |
| 6th Gardeners' Talk                 | 7.30pm  | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 14th Quiz Party                     | 7.30pm  | Stalisfield Village Hall |

## FROM THE EDITOR

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## BELMONT HOUSE & GARDENS EVENTS

## WOODFEST & COUNTRY FAIR

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th September, 10am - 5pm

This year we are combining our two biggest events for the first time, to give our visitors the very best of both worlds!

We have a variety of exhibitors from the wonderful world of wood who will be demonstrating their traditional skills and craftsmanship, including chainsaw carving demonstrations, horse logging, willow weaving, pole-lathe turners, steam engines and more.

Our arena displays this year will include the Galloping Acrobatics, birds of prey flying display, terrier racing and ferret racing.

The fun dog show will take place on **Sunday only**.

£10.00 per person / day, children under 16 free! Please note the House will be closed this weekend. For more information please visit our website.

## 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. Spaces are limited. To book please call 01795 890228 or email: [events@belmont-house.org](mailto:events@belmont-house.org)

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