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Faversham Foodbank September 2018

Foodbanks across the country reported record requests for help over the summer holidays so they will be extra grateful for your contributions as they run very low on certain products. However, they have asked me to let you know that they have plenty of milk, pasta and baked beans.

Urgent items for September: Tinned rice pudding; tinned sponge puddings; cooking oil; laundry powder/liquid; bleach; chocolate bars; dog food.

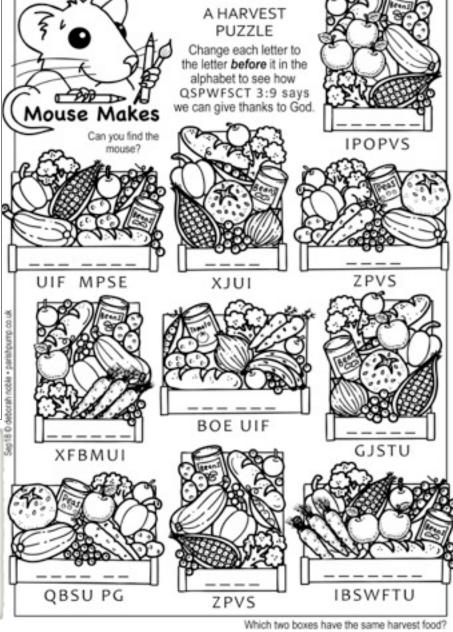






"I hope you don't mind me checking, but we've received an anonymous tip-off about your Harvest Festival offering."





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



- 4th Eastling Parish Council 6.30pm Eastling Village Hall
- 5th Otterden & Stalisfield W.I. 7.30pm Stalisfield Village Hall
- 8th & 9th WOODFEST 10am-5pm Belmont House & Gardens
- 9th CaféStyle 10am Eastling Village Hall
- 15th Deadline for October Good News goodnewsmagazine@me.com
- 17th Throwley Parish Council 7.30pm Parsonage Farm
- 18th Painters Forstal with Selling W.I. 2pm Eastling Village Hall
- 23rd Throwley Harvest Festival 10am **Throwley Church**
- 23rd Throwley Harvest Lunch 12.30pm Town Place Barn, Throwley
- 25th Magazine Folding 2pm Pinks Farm, Eastling

OCTOBER

- 4th Harvest Auction 7.30pm Carpenters Arms, Eastling
- 7th Eastling Harvest Festival 10am **Eastling Church**

High Downs Parish

Serving the villages of Eastling, Otterden, Stalisfield and Throwley

Good News

Parish Magazine September 2018



www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews

Harvest Festivals

Throwley Church, 10am Sunday 23rd September

Eastling Church, 10am **Sunday 7th October**



COME & JOIN US ON SEPTEMBER 23RD AT 12.30 PM

ROAST PORK & STUFFING, BAKED POTATOES & SALADS, FRUIT CRUMBLE & CREAM, CHEESES, BRING A BOTTLE (OR BOTTLES!)

TICKETS £10 & CHILDREN UNDER 10 ARE FREE PLEASE PREBOOK IN ADVANCE TO HELP WITH CATERING NUMBERS WITH ALISON YOUNG TIMYOUNG@VFAST.CO.UK 01795 890213

OVER LUNCH THERE WILL BE A DRAW OF THE 100 CLUB

THE HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE IS AT 11AM THROWLEY CHURCH

HARVEST AUCTION

THURSDAY 4TH OCTOBER, 7.30PM

CARPENTERS ARMS, EASTLING

ALL WELCOME

SALEABLE ITEMS ON THE DAY PLEASE AT THE PUB, OR RING 890848 TO ARRANGE COLLECTION OF YOUR DONATIONS. PRODUCE AND CAKES ALSO NEEDED.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON CENTRE PAGES

The Rev Paul Hardingham considers what God wants of us - everyday.

Back to School – and daily life

'Most Christians don't really believe that the ordinary things they do every day have anything much to do with God's purposes in time and eternity. But the reality is that God can and does work through His people... among the people they naturally meet, doing the things they normally do.' (Mark Greene)

September is the time when we get back to our normal routines after the summer break. It's a good opportunity to ask how God wants us to make a difference in our workplace, school, family or with friends. Paul writes:

'And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.' (Colossians 3:17).

As disciples, we are called to do the ordinary things in the name of Jesus, i.e. act in the way Jesus would in our situation.

'WHATEVER you do': God is at work in every aspect of our lives. He can use whatever we do to make a difference to those around.



Do we believe this? Our lives shouldn't be like an orange, segmented into the sacred and secular, but more like an apple, in which the whole is available to God.

'Whatever YOU do': God wants to use us to make a difference to the people and places where we spend time. We can trust Him for the resources we need hour by hour. day by day, year by year. What do we need from Him?

'Whatever you DO': Our work is for God alone, out of gratitude for God's love for us. How does this perspective make a difference when what we do seems hard, unrewarding, or unappreciated by others?

'Work doesn't take us away from God; it continues the work of God.' (Eugene Peterson)

A Healing Service

for survivors of abuse Open to all who have experienced any form of abuse, as well as their supporters.

Saturday 1st September, 2pm in St Martin's Church, Maidstone ME15 7LP

Contact Revd. Sarah Chapman, 01304 842847

Eastling Church

16th - Trisha Smith

2nd & 9th - Nervs Condrup

October 7th - HARVEST - All

hands please, on Sat 6th from 10am.

If you would like to join the

flower arranging rota, please call

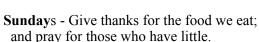
23rd & 30th - Pim Baxter

Bay on 01795 892036.

Flower Rota

September

Prayer Pointers September 2018



Mondays - Give thanks for our farmers; and pray for them as our climate changes.

Tuesdays - Give thanks for those who process our food; and pray for their working conditions.

Wednesdays - Pray for those who are ill, that God may grant their healing.

Thursdays - Pray for those who mourn. that God's grace may comfort them.

Fridays - Pray for the churches in our High Downs parish, our churchwardens and Lay Readers.

Saturdays - Remember that the gift of Christ is our greatest treasure and give thanks.



Throwley Church

Sunday 12th August saw the Baptism of Mia Heléna Steinitz Hamlin who is the first girl to be born in the Hamlin family for 117 years so great rejoicing! The daughter of Tim and Rebecca Hamlin, Mia is the grand daughter of John and Lisbeth Hamlin and a sister for Leo.

On 15th August the church was full to standing room only, 180 / 200 people for the sad occasion of the funeral of our Churchwarden Glynn Howland. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Glynn's family.

Security

(Jn1:4,5 Heb13:5)

God knows the end from the beginning, He knows His purposes are good. When darkness hides the path and signposts,

He keeps our feet on the safe road.

His light shines in Jesus, true forever,

Darkness a trick of troubled minds,

God is real and travels with us Guards our steps before, behind.

Let's be thankful for this moment,

Trust our questions to His grace. He knows the end from the beginning,

We are secure, He has a place... Prepared and waiting and beautiful,

For His children.

By Daphne Kitching

Excerpts from your County Councillor's July report Full report is available at Eastlingvillage.co.uk

As usual the first week of July started with 3 days in Birmingham at the Local Government Association Annual Conference which somewhat low key with slightly fewer National Politicians present, Local government finance is at crisis point and closely allied to this is the ever-increasing cost of Social Services that consume 54% of Council finance and is rising steeply. Another issue dominating the Conference was Housing. Young people find it increasingly impossible to afford a place of their own, whether to buy or rent and consequently homelessness increases. Government pressure to build ever more houses, often on high grade agricultural land, is never popular.

Plenty of local meetings attended in July including Parish Councils at Graveney, Newnham and Dunkirk. Also, a wellattended meeting with Doddington Parish Council and residents together with Faversham & Mid Kent MP Helen Whatley to discuss flooding during the one incidence of heavy rain on the 29th May. I am dealing with similar occurrences affecting residents in Lynsted, Bredgar and elsewhere which occurred on the same day. Many meetings and exchanges of emails and telephone calls have already taken place with Kent Highways Flooding Team and with Highways Cabinet Member Mike Whiting. I met the newly appointed Director of Kent Highways together with Councillor Whiting the morning after the Doddington meeting. They have agreed the County Council will be suitably represented at a future daytime meeting. If there are any residents of other Parishes who suffered on the 29th of May and are not sure that either they or their Parish Council have furnished me with the details, please send me an email or a letter. I have also had meetings with residents from both Boughton and from Hernhill to discuss local planning matters. The Executive meeting of the Kent Association of Local Councils which represents almost all Parish and Town Council's in the County also occupied one Saturday morning. I attend as an honorary Vice President, Swale Area Committee was represented by its Vice Chairman, Sheldwich, Badlesmere and Leaveland Parish Councillor David Austin.

There were Full Council Meetings at both Swale and County to attend during July as well as meetings of all Kent Council Leaders and of the Kent and Medway Economic Partnership

With the allocation of Secondary School Placements, I have Chaired three full days of Home to School Transport Appeals in July with at least four more scheduled during August.

The month closed with three major publications: The Thames Estuary Commission report into the future of the Thames Estuary in terms of both economic development and planning; the report on the future of Local Strategic Partnerships with suggestions on placing greater powers over strategic planning and economic growth with these Private Sector dominated bodies with correspondingly less influence for democratically elected Councils and Councillors. Potentially worst of all are the proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework making it even harder for Councils (and residents) to stop unwanted development in the wrong place. Plenty of fights ahead for the autumn!

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

Village Warden 07794 010 394 or 01795 890848

Police 101 Emergency 999

There has been an increased police presence around the village during the last month which I am sure the majority of us are quite pleased to see, it was obviously our turn for

A report on Radio Kent suggested that Kent has the highest number of dogs that get stolen each year, so please be careful to keep your dogs within sight and under your control at all times.

Now is the time of the year when the garden gets cut back which obviously creates a lot of rubbish. If you employ a person to dispose of your rubbish make sure they are registered for collection, as fly tipping is on the increase and is blighting our countryside. Remember it

the responsibility of the owner of the rubbish to make sure it is disposed of properly.

Take care and have a good month, Alan.

Parish Council Meetings

Eastling: Tuesday 4th September, 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall

Throwley: Monday 17th September, 7.30pm, Parsonage Farm conference room

Psalm 8 - A psalm of David.

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Lord, our Lord,

You have set your glory in the heavens. Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens,

the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them,

human beings that you care for them? You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.

You made them rulers over the works of your hands:

you put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds,

and the animals of the wild,

the birds in the sky,

and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the

earth!

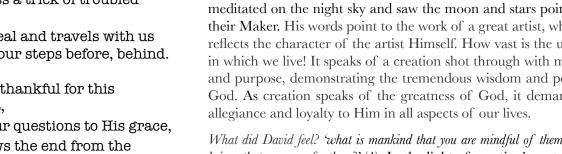
Psalm 8 – and the wonders of Creation

In this harvest season, the created universe can inspire our worship, as it did for David: 'Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!' (Psalm 8:1).

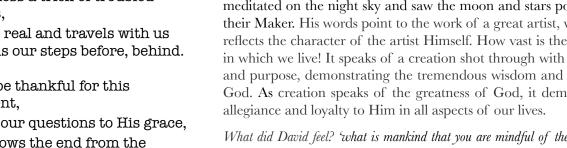
What did David see? When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place' (3). David was moved to worship as he meditated on the night sky and saw the moon and stars pointing to their Maker. His words point to the work of a great artist, whose art reflects the character of the artist Himself. How vast is the universe in which we live! It speaks of a creation shot through with meaning and purpose, demonstrating the tremendous wisdom and power of God. As creation speaks of the greatness of God, it demands our

What did David feel? 'what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?' (4). In the light of creation's vastness, we

tiny planet in such a vast universe? However, David goes on to answer his own question: You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honour.' (5). Human beings have a unique relationship to God, because we are created in His image. We are the means by which the invisible God is made visible to His creation. We are called to be partners with God in doing His work in the world, to care for the earth rather than exploiting it. It is a precious resource, along with the creatures it contains!



can feel a little insignificant! Why do human beings exist on this



Services in our Churches

2nd September Trinity 14

James 1, 17 - end. Mark 7, 1-8, 14-15, 21-23 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP) Eastling

Led by Caroline Ramshaw

Led by Revd. Canon Reg Humphriss

9th September Trinity 15

James 2. 1 - 17, Mark 7. 24 - end CaféStyle 10am in Village Hall Eastling

16th September Trinity 16

James 3. 1 - 12, Mark 8. 27 - end Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

23rd September Trinity 17

James 3. 13 - 4. 3, 7 - 8a, Mark 9. 30 - 37

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Celebrant - Revd. Caroline Pinchbeck Throwley 10 am HARVEST FESTIVAL

Led by Revd. Thomas Collett-White

30th September Trinity 18

James 5. 13 - end , Mark 9. 38 - end

No Services in High Downs Parish, however Newnham celebrates a family HARVEST at 10.30am

7th October Trinity 19

Hebrews 1. 1 - 4, 2. 5 - 12, Mark 10. 2 - 16

Eastling 10 am HARVEST FESTIVAL

Led by Norman Fowler

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

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

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facebook.com/highdownsbenefice

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> > Weald Cottage, Eastling

Reader Caroline Ramshaw (01795 892088)

4 Glebe Cottages, Eastling

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Eastling Andrew Baxter (01795 890598)

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(01795 890412)

Stalisfield with Otterden

Jean West (01233 712270) Administrator Sheila Moger (01233713212)

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Vacant Throwley

From the Registers

Baptism

Reader

Mia Heléna Steinitz Hamlin 12th August 2018 at Throwley

Wedding

Jonathan Edwin Horne and Michelle Louise Knight 25th August 2018 at Eastling

Funeral

Glynn Roger Howland 15th August 2018 at Throwley

Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: Study group, 11th & 25th September, 9.30am at Garden Cottage, Eastling. 01795 890368

Wednesdays: Study group, weekly, 7.30pm, Pinks Farm Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

Thursdays: Prayer group, weekly, 10.30am, Pinks Farm Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

Fridays: Study group, weekly, 10.45am, New House Farm, Eastling. 01795 890629

You will be welcome at any of our groups.

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Friday 14th - Sunday 16th September Including an ALE TRAIL Fish Night on Friday Medieval Day on Saturday Chef's Oyster competition and Sausage trail on Sunday www.favershamfoodfestival.co.uk

Bishop's Bill calls on MPs to add mothers to marriage certificates

The House of Lords has passed a bill from the Bishop of St Albans to end the historic inequality of excluding mothers' names from marriage certificates.

The Registration of Marriage Bill, which would also introduce electronic marriage registers, now moves to the House of Commons to be considered by MPs.

It is the first time a Bishop's Private Member's Bill has proceeded to the House of Commons in more than 20 years.

Speaking after the Lords passed the Bill, the Bishop of St Albans, Dr Alan Smith, said: 'As someone who has performed hundreds of marriages, it has always seemed shocking to me that mothers are systematically overlooked.

'This injustice dates to 1837 when children were viewed as a father's property and little consideration was given to women. In this centenary year of women's suffrage it is time to make this long overdue change.

'I am pleased to have had the backing not only of Peers and many in the Church, but a huge number of others, including tens of thousands who have signed public petitions, campaigners for women's equality, and even genealogists.

'MPs from all parties support the aims of this Bill. I hope and expect the Government to treat it as a legislative priority when it comes to the Commons this autumn, and urge MPs to give it their approval.'



The Friends of Kent Churches Sponsored Bike Ride and Walk (part of the national Ride+Stride) takes place on Saturday 8th September 2018.

www.rideandstrideuk.org/counties/kent/

Plan your own route, there are about 750 of places of worship open. Ask your relations, friends and colleagues to sponsor you - so much per church or chapel visited between 10am and 6pm on the day. This is recorded on a special sponsor form. Please ask them to tick for Gift Aid if they are tax payers; this increases their donations by 25% with no cost to them.

Sponsorship forms are available in Eastling Tea and homemade cakes. Church.

50% of sponsorship money raised goes to the church or chapel chosen by the participant, with the other 50% going to the Friends, who use it to help the most needy churches in the County.



Leaveland Church ME13 ONP Saturday and Sunday, 889th September 10am - 5pm Over 60 varieties for sale. Junior Chilli growers

contest





PLUCKLEY QUILT & CRAFT SHOW 2018

Pluckley Village Hall (TN27 0QZ) Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd September. 10.30am to 5pm each day

Entrance is £5 to include some refreshments.

There will be a showcase by Louise Jessup. Several traders, many patchwork quilts, wall hangings and other needlecrafts

Full disabled and wheelchair access, Free parking. Contact Judy on 01233 840280 or email judith.pool@hotmail.co.uk for further information.

Christmas with a difference!



Can you make some room for an international student to learn what true British Festive hospitality can mean? Should you like to add that international

element to your Christmas, learning another countries traditions and enjoying the connection and friendship that such sharing brings? HOST UK arranges for international students to enjoy brief homestays with UK hosts, one day, a weekend or, over the festive period-a three day visit. We need more hosts so that a smile such as Marine's can spread across many more faces...and across our fragile

If you should like to know more, please go to our website www.hostuk.org or leave us a message on

http://visits.hostuk.org/Public/ApplyToBecomeAHost



Missing Cat Otterden

Our cat is microchipped and castrated doesn't have a collar as he managed to lose 3 so I gave up! He's pure black with a

small fleck of white on his neck. He's been gone just over 4 weeks. Please call if you think you have seen him: 01795 890317 or 0784 183 8561

Women's Institute

In September Painters Forstal with Selling WI will be having a talk by a member of the Kent Wildlife Trust. He will be telling us what wildlife can be found in our own garden and no doubt what to plant to encourage bees etc to visit.

As usual more info from the president Elliott Barbara tombar72@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 01795 890020. We meet on the third Tuesday afternoon of each month at 2pm in Eastling Village Hall.

Stalisfield Highlife

Harvest Supper and Autumn Quiz Sadly the Supper will not take place this year and the Quiz Night has had to be postponed, but please go to the website:

www.stalisfieldvillagehall.co.uk for a list of future events.



A Gift to the Village.

As many of you know Joan Thomas left Eastling in June to live close to her family in Cambridgeshire. She has left several items which may be of use to residents who are recovering from surgery or have an illness. These include a walking frame, commodes, a toilet support and several other items. The village volunteers can access these items for your use. Please contact Marion Wilson 01795 8980848 or Julia Bailey 01795 890401.

The volunteers are still operating a car service to help residents attend medical appointment, collect prescriptions or get shopping. Again contact Marion or Julia.



Yes it is back again and we would welcome all your SALEABLE items on the day please at the pub, or ring 890848 to arrange collection of your donations. Produce and cakes also needed.

As usual proceeds will be shared between the village and local charity.

Special thanks to Carl and Marc for loaning the pub!



FOR SALE

Lec 32 litre work top Freezer Kenwood 30 litre stainless steel Microwave with grill 900w Both under a year old £40 and £50 respectively. Please contact Marion on 01795 890848

BELMONT HOUSE & GARDENS

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Belmont House and Gardens

WOODFEST & COUNTRY FAIR

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th September.

10am - 5pm

Now in its fourth year, the Belmont Woodfest & Country Fair is an event not to be missed. We have lots of exciting woodland demonstrations taking place over the weekend including chainsaw carving, pole lathe turning, willow weaving, bushcraft and much more.

The main arena attractions run continuously throughout the day will include Xtreme Falconry, The Dog and Duck Show, Ferret Racing, Fun Dog Show (Sunday only) and more.

We have craft making activities, creepy claws animal display, climbing wall and boulder for the children to enjoy. With music, entertainment, local foods, craft stalls and a bar, whether you're interested in wood or just looking for a great family day out, this show is for

Adult £10, Concession £8 and Children under 16 free! Early bird tickets available online - save 20%

MEET THE HEAD GARDENER

Monday 17th September, 1pm – 3pm

Join our Head Gardener, Graeme, for a walking tour around our beautiful gardens to see some of the many species of plants and trees we have at Belmont. He will also tell you about the seasonal work involved in maintaining the gardens here. £6.00 per person.

Belmont House & Gardens, Throwley, Nr Faversham, Kent ME13 oHH www.belmont-house.org

Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

The summer holidays are a quieter time due to people being away, so there is just the one Meeting to report on this time. Elizabeth Hall came along to speak to us about her passion for Dragons. It turned out she was the Treasurer of Barming W.I. so she did not have that far to travel. Elizabeth bought along quite a collection of dragon related items including a (small) Chinese Dragon, kite, lampshade, various plants and other items which took her some time to set out and pack up!



Our Meeting in September will be on Wednesday 5th and our Speaker will be Rick Fitzsimmons and his subject will be The Titanic. This will be followed by tea, cake and socialisation. If you would like to join us at

Stalisfield Village Hall, we start at 7.30 p.m. Please contact Ellie Cameron on 01795 892016 or Helen Brooks on 07477 580727 for more details on joining our W.I. Group.

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





Short Mat **Bowls**

Are you looking for Friday evening entertainment?

COME BOWLING

in Eastling village hall, 7.30 -9.30pm every Friday, and join the enthusiastic team of bowlers. No previous experience or special kit needed, except a pair of flat soled shoes to wear.

Call Roy on 01795 537162 for further details.

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self-catering occasions.

Manor Gardens for the N.G.S. It was a magnificent afternoon and the Teas and Cakes raised £555.00 which will be going towards the Christmas Lunch for the

This was run in conjunction

with the opening of the

THANK YOU

To everyone who

helped at the Tea and

Cake event at Eastling

Manor on 21st July.

Seniors of Eastling. A huge thank you for your much appreciated support.

Eastling Pig Society Summer Event

The sum of £200.00 has been raised towards Eastling Church Funds following a very successful hog roast held at the Carpenters Arms on Saturday 4th August.

Our thanks for all their help, brilliant cooking and food skills go to Mark and Karl in the preparation and services of the fabulous food. Eastling Pig Society

Open afternoons for Charity



Bay and John are delighted to inform you that the NGS open afternoon on the 21st July, at Eastling Manor, raised 1,500 pounds for the NGS charities.

The delicious teas, run by Marion and Dorothy did very well, raising money for the Senior Citizens' Christmas lunch.

In addition, opening the garden on Tuesday, the 7th August to Selling Gardening Society and friends raised a magnificent 860.00 pounds for Motor Neurone Disease Research.

Many thanks to everyone who gave their support and help - it was very much appreciated.