



STALISFIELD

You're invited

It's Stalisfield's red, white & blue
Coronation Party
at Stalisfield Village Hall

Monday 8th May, 1pm - 4pm

Fare to Share

Please bring a plate of savoury food to
share with your neighbours.

Coronation cake,
Fizz, Wine, Beer and non-alcoholic
beverages will all be provided.

We look forward to seeing you there!

*Childrens prizes for
dressed up
Kings & Queens!*

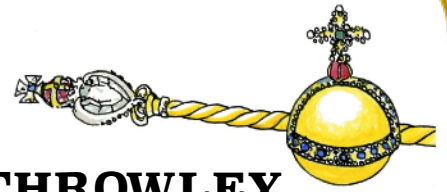
**Tea and Floral
Celebrations
for the Coronation
of King Charles III**

**St Mary's Church, Eastling
Sunday 7th May
2.30 - 5pm**

Come and see the wonderful floral
displays in our village church,
stay and enjoy a light afternoon tea,
chat to friends and fellow villagers as
we celebrate the Coronation of our new
King.

Everyone welcome

St Mary's Church
regrets that it cannot
ensure that the food is
suitable for persons
with allergic
conditions.



THROWLEY

**Coronation Thanksgiving
Service and Village Drinks
on 7th May at 5pm**

Come and join us at St Michael and
All Angels to celebrate the Coronation of
King Charles III.

The choirs of Throwley and Boughton
Under Blean will be accompanied by
Stuart Neame (Organist) and
David Elvin (Choir Master).

Drinks and Canapés will be served at
6pm in and around the church.
Everyone is welcome to come
to one or both events.



EASTLING

Parish Council

would like to invite all
Eastling residents to a
Celebration of the
King's Coronation on:

**Monday 8th May
from 12.30 to 3.00pm
Eastling Village Hall**

Ploughman's lunch, beer, bubbly and soft
drinks will be provided*

(*The parish council regrets that it cannot ensure the
food is suitable for persons with allergic conditions.
Please feel free to bring own food and drink if preferred)

Fun activities for adults and children
Cake Raffle (proceeds to Faversham Food Bank)

Free to Eastling residents

(friends and family very welcome for a small
donation of £5 per adult and £1 per child)

Please book your place for
catering purposes by
emailing: [jacksonand
adams@bt
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(Please also email with
any offers to make a cake
for the raffle!)



Stalisfield Youth Group Summer Programme

We are having all the usual things but thought we'd have some themes over the Summer term...

10th May – Joe's Bows Archery!

24th May – Table Tennis tournament & have-a-go-DJ'ing

14th June – Nail Spa & bring-a-cake Bake-Off competition

28th June – Chill zone

Saturday 30th June – Sunday 1st July – Campout Teynham church field

12th July – Sports activities

Saturday 15th July – Benefice Fun Day 10-3 & Newnham Village Fete 1-4

26th July – Summer BBQ and Party evening

Stalisfield Youth Group is free to all 11-18y olds on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month 7-8.30pm at Stalisfield Village Hall. We have table tennis, craft, games, summer outdoor sports equipment, music, Wii and Xbox gaming, tuck shop and free cake! See our programme for different activities we have planned for this Summer

We also welcome any Year 6 pupils during this Summer term so you can meet up with friends out of school and then continue to meet here with them next year if perhaps you go to different secondary schools

Any questions please contact Catherine 07929928046



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MAY 2023

- 1st Spring Fair 11am - 4pm
Belmont House & Garden
- 3rd Otterden & Stalisfield W.I.
Stalisfield Village Hall 7.30pm
- 7th Tea & Floral Coronation Celebration
Eastling Church 2.30 - 5pm
- 7th Coronation Thanksgiving Service
Throwley Church 5pm
Followed by drinks & canapés
- 8th Eastling Coronation Celebration
Eastling Village Hall 12.30 - 3pm
- 8th Stalisfield Coronation Fare to Share
Stalisfield Village Hall 1 - 4pm
- 9th Otterden Parish Annual Meeting
The Bowl Inn, Charing 7.30pm
- 10th Arts Society lecture, Egerton
Millennium Hall, Egerton 2.30pm
- 10th Stalisfield Youth - Archery
Stalisfield Village Hall 7 - 8.30pm
- 11th Stalisfield Annual Parish Meeting
Stalisfield Village Hall 7.30pm
- 14th Fun and Feast in the Field
Teynham Church starts 2pm
- 15th Eastling Annual P.C. Meeting
Eastling Village Hall 6.30pm
- 16th Throwley Annual Parish Meeting
Throwley Church 7.30pm
- 20th Copy Deadline for June Good News
goodnewsmagazine@me.com
- 24th Stalisfield Youth - T.Tennis & DJ'ing
Stalisfield Village Hall 7 - 8.30pm
- 25th Arts Society lecture, Faversham
Alexander Centre 11am
- 26th Eat, Pray, Walk
Doddington Church 1.30pm

JUNE

- 3rd Throwley Fete
Throwley Forstal Green
- 7th Otterden & Stalisfield W.I.
Stalisfield Village Hall 7.30pm

Mouse Makes

Find the answers in the word search

What hid Jesus from the Apostles?
a _____
Acts 1:9

Where was Jesus taken up to?
_____ Luke 24:51

Where did the Apostles return to?
_____ Acts 1:12

Forty days after His resurrection Jesus appeared to the Apostles one last time. He told them that the Holy Spirit would come, then He blessed them and ascended into heaven.

READ
Acts 1 4-17

What did Jesus say that the Holy Spirit would give the Apostles?
to be Jesus' witnesses.
Acts 1:8

Who appeared to the Apostles?
Two _____ and what were they dressed in?
_____ Acts 1:10

Where is Jesus seated?
At the _____ of God.
Mark 16:19

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May Message

Spring has sprung and, although at the time of writing we have been experiencing hail storms and chilly temperatures, I am hopeful that by the time you are reading this, it will be more spring like. There is of course new life all around us - lambs in the fields, spring flowers, some of which have already had their season but others will be in full bloom.



But the weather (isn't it just British to talk about the weather!) has seemed very unpredictable. I am told that February was one of the driest on record, but then we had March and the first half of April which only seem to have more than made up for it. Temperature wise, just as I thought about leaving a coat behind I had to get my thickest coat off the rack again. And then the sun comes out and disappears again making me doubt whether I have made the right decision with what I am wearing as I go out!

For example on the day I wrote this the sun was shining and warm, so I decided to try eating my lunch out on a bench

in one of our churchyards only to find a cold wind blowing against me and I didn't have a coat with me at all!

Easter has been and gone with its 4 day bank holiday weekend, chocolate eggs and bunnies, however in the life of the Church we are very much in the Easter season specifically remembering that Jesus rose again so that we might know new life, transformed life, life with God throughout eternity.

As part of the Easter season we read about Thomas, who was missing on the first evening after Jesus' resurrection, and wouldn't believe his fellow disciples about Jesus being risen from the dead.

Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

John 20:25

The account continues and we are back in the room with the disciples a week later, and this time Thomas is there when the risen Jesus again appears to them, and now Thomas believes.

Previously a polling company surveyed 2,010 British adults

and found that 31 per cent of Christians believed the Bible's account of the Resurrection, rising to 57 per cent among those who attended a religious service at least once a month.

So there is a lot of doubt around... Adrian Plass the Christian author has commented about doubt: "Doubt: 1) more or less frequent visitor who should be allowed in when he knocks and sat down firmly in a corner. As long as he is neither fed nor entertained he will usually get bored after a while and go away 2) often a very useful stepping stone from one's old distorted image of God to something more like the real thing."

The Resurrection baffled Thomas just as it baffles us. What sort of person - what sort of object - are we dealing with here? The whole point is that it is the same Jesus. The marks of the nails in his hands. The wound in his side, big enough to get your hand into. This isn't a ghost. Nor is it someone pretending to be Jesus. This is him. This is the body the grave-clothes couldn't contain any longer.

This is central to the Christian faith. Happy continued Easter!

Steve Lillicrap,
Rector



Prayer Pointers

Mondays - Pray for our Lord's blessing upon King Charles III and Camilla, The Queen Consort, during the Coronation day and throughout their reign.

Tuesdays - For Coronation events in our villages, across Britain and the Commonwealth.

Wednesdays - Pray for all we know who are unwell or in hospital.

Thursdays - For our local farmers and all involved in food production.

Fridays - Pray and give thanks for all who volunteer to serve others.

Saturdays - For families and small businesses trying to keep going in these difficult economic times.

Sundays - Praise God for the wonder of Pentecost and the birth of the Christian church.



Eastling Church Flower Rota



7th May Coronation Celebration

14th May - Gaby and Pippa

20th May - Angela and Julia M

28th May - Angela and Julia M

4th June - Gemma

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



Brian Curtis

The interment of ashes of Brian Curtis took place on Saturday 15th April 2023 at Stalisfield Church. Brian, a long term resident of Stalisfield and latterly Charing, died on 18th August 2022 and was cremated on 23rd. September 2022 at Charing Crematorium.

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch



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or 01795 890848

Police 101 Emergency 999

As is probably been noticed there are sheep with their lambs now grazing out in the fields and it is imperative that all dogs are kept on a lead within the sight of these animals and if at all possible make a wide detour to be on the safe side, the same applies to if you come across cattle.

With three bank holidays and a coronation within the next month I am sure we are looking forward to having a good time, why not with various problems over the last year everybody deserves a break.

Please be very careful if you are driving at all on any of these days or any time with the amount of alcohol consumed as the police will be on the lookout for any drink/drug driving especially in the areas where where alcohol is irresponsibly given away free.

Take extra care as the scammers will be more than ever after our monies over the next month again I have had another text on my mobile from a strange number telling me that it is one of my family whom have lost their mobile, delete it immediately.

There have been many instances of vehicles driving into farms and stealing various items including any metals. If any strange vehicles mainly vans are seen acting suspiciously please report it.

Have a good month
Take Care, Alan

Annual Parish Meetings

Open for all residents to attend.

Otterden

Parish Committee
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 9th May at 7.30pm
The Bowl Inn, Charing

Stalisfield

The Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting will take place on Thursday 11 May at 7.30pm in Stalisfield Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Eastling

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will take place on Monday 15 May at 6.30pm in the Committee Room, Eastling Village Hall. All welcome to attend.

Throwley

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 16th May at 7.30pm in Throwley Church. All welcome to attend.

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FUN AND FEAST
SUNDAY 14TH MAY
Starts at 2pm in the
field at Teynham Church**

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TO CELEBRATE THE CORONATION OF
KING CHARLES III
AT ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS



THE CHOIRS OF THROWLEY & BOUGHTON UNDER
BLEAN WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY STUART NEAME
(ORGANIST) & DAVID ELVIN (CHOIR MASTER)

DRINKS & CANAPÉS WILL BE SERVED AT 6.00PM
IN & AROUND THE CHURCH. EVERYONE IS WELCOME
TO COME TO ONE OR BOTH EVENTS

Stalisfield Bluebell Walk

Saturday 29th April 2023

Starting from Stalisfield Village Hall
Between 10.00am - 2.00pm

2 mile or 5 mile loop
£5/£2.50 per Adult/Child,
£12.50 / Family (Up to 3 children U16)

All proceeds to
St Mary's Church, Stalisfield.

Contact Jenny King
on 01795 890366



What's On at Belmont

Paper Peony Workshop

Monday 15th May, 11am-1pm

Join us at Belmont to learn how to make a selection of paper peonies and eucalyptus. All materials will be supplied including printed instructions for you to carry on your creative journey at home. £35.00 per person.

Meet the Head Gardener Tour

Tuesday 16th May, 1-3pm

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. £12.00 per person.

Screen Printing Workshop

Monday 22nd May, 10am-3pm

A one-day workshop, held in the breath-taking Orangery, introducing you to the art of silk screen printing. You'll learn the principles of screen printing and experiment with shape, texture and colour. £60.00 per person.

Creative Drawing Workshop

6th/13th/20th June

Over the three days a series of short and longer drawing tasks will be set. The aim of the course is to develop creativity and explore ways of seeing, enjoying considered and exciting mark making, working from nature. £150.00 per person.



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

www.belmont-house.org

Stalisfield Village Hall Events 2023

May 8th – Coronation Fare to Share

July 1st – TBD Event

August 26th – Stalisfield FETE

October 7th – Harvest Supper

December 8th and 9th – Pantomime

December 10th TBC - Seniors' Christmas Meal

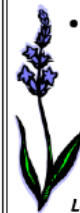
December 16th - Children's Christmas Party

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Sunday Services

7th May Easter 5

Acts 7. 55 - 60, John 14. 1 - 14

Eastling 10.30am Holy Communion and
High Downs Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Throwley 5.00pm Coronation
Thanksgiving Service

14th May Easter 6

Acts 17. 22 - 31, John 14. 15 - 21

Eastling 9am Holy Communion BCP

Throwley 10.30am Morning Prayer

Lynsted 10.30am All Together Now

Thursday 18th May Ascension Day

Ephesians 1. 15 - 23, Acts 1. 1 - 11

Newnham 7.30pm Holy Communion

21st May Easter 7

Acts 1.6 - 14, John 17. 1 - 11

Newnham 9am Holy Communion BCP

Eastling 10.30am Morning Worship

28th May PENTECOST

Acts 2. 1 - 21, John 20. 19 - 23

Throwley 10.30am Holy Communion

Teynham 4.00pm Evensong

4th June Trinity

2 Corinthians 13. 11 - end, Matthew 28. 16 - 20

Eastling 10.30am Holy Communion

Online Daily Worship Continues

As well as the services in our churches, the daily
9am Morning Prayer at Lynsted and
Breakthrough on Sundays at 6pm, will continue
and be live online on <https://kc-hd.org.uk> .

More information is updated weekly on
St Mary's Eastling 'A Church Near You':

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11982/>

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Throwley Vacant

High Downs Parish Safeguarding Officer

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From The Registers

Baptisms

Archie Pask

16th April 2023 at Eastling

Jax Williams

16th April 2023 at Stalisfield

Interment of Ashes

Brian Curtis

15th April 2023 at Stalisfield

Ben Wright

21st April 2023 at Throwley

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20th May to: goodnewsmagazine@me.com.

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The Coronation of King Charles III

By Canon Paul Hardingham

On 6th May His Majesty King Charles III will be crowned alongside Camilla, The Queen Consort, in Westminster Abbey. How can we pray for him, as he approaches this important event? Paul says: 'I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.' (1 Timothy 2:1,2).



PHOTOGRAPH BY HUGO BURNAND

For God's presence - to guide every aspect of King Charles' life

as he prepares for his Coronation and future roles. At his Accession, he was proclaimed Defender of the Faith, the Supreme Governor of the Church of England. Charles has talked about 'the Sovereign's particular relationship and responsibility towards the Church of England - the Church in which my own faith is so deeply rooted.'

For God's wisdom - as he provides leadership that will honour God and promote the wellbeing of our society. King Solomon prayed for wisdom for himself: 'So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong.' (1 Kings 3:9).

For God's love - to strengthen all relationships within the Royal Family; for reconciliation, understanding, forgiveness and good communication.

For God's purpose - to be fulfilled through the work of the King and Queen Consort and their family in the years to come. He has said: 'and whatever may be your background or beliefs, I shall

endeavour to serve you with loyalty, respect and love, as I have throughout my life.'

A Prayer for the new King:

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King. Bless his reign and the life of our nation. Help us to work together so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness flourish among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



United

An ancient ornate wooden seat
And an historic stone
Shall once again be joined and meet
To form a royal throne.

Our kings and queens, anointed there
O'er seven hundred years.
Upon this Anglo-Scottish chair
They heard their people's cheers!

The throne was formed of English Oak
And gilded with fine gold
It bears the marks of common folk -
Who slept there, so we're told.

The stone was used by Scottish kings.
Upon the Stone of Scone
Was marked the destiny it brings
In time-eroded rune.

And now, united once again
As royal anthems ring;
We sing, united just like them
Our hymn 'God save the King!'

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This lecture covers almost 2000 years of London's history illustrated through its stained glass windows - 19th century, 20th century and contemporary glass makers

Our lecturer, **Anna Warrillow**, Blue Badge Guide whose passion is Art and History. Anna was a curator in the Sculpture Department at the Victoria & Albert Museum as well as in smaller collections such as the Henry Moore Family Trust. As well as guiding she an adjunct lecturer at Richmond The

American International University in London where she teaches undergraduates The History of London.



Visitors are always very welcome at £6, refunded if you join. For further information please contact Christine Willis, our Membership Secretary via cmwillis75@gmail.com or 01233 756377.

See also our website www.theartsocietyegerton.org.uk

Image provided by lecturer

Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

One of our friends and neighbours, Judith Westrup, kindly came along to our April Meeting to guide us through a printing workshop. A well known linocut artist and printmaker, Judith first demonstrated, using such items as feathers, leaves or plants, the art of spreading the specialist inks onto glass plates to then transfer the impressions onto paper, using a portable press. The effects were quite stunning from quite mundane items. Then it was our turn to have a go! Some lovely impressions were created, although it was a bit messy at times.

On 3rd May it is the compulsory AGM. We have Officers and Committee members that have already volunteered to stand for another year. This is great news as last year, 5 W.I. Groups in West Kent had to disband due to ladies not stepping up to keeping them operational. Once the official business is completed, we will be then socialising for the rest of the time with tea and cakes of course.

Just a note about June's activities. The Meeting on 7th June we have invited a Speaker from the Guide Dogs association to showcase the work of these wonderful dogs. On 14th June a number of us will be going to The Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury to see Sister Act (seats already booked), then the following evening it has been proposed to visit Godinton House for the 'Jazz in the Garden' (tickets to be purchased by each individual).



We have a varied itinerary for 2023, so do come along and join us. Please contact either Helen Brookes on 07477580727 or Ellie Cameron on 01795 892016. We generally meet at Stalisfield Village Hall on the first Wednesday of each month.

North Downs Walk
for Cancer Research UK

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Weald of Kent

Sunday 11th June 2023

Details and registration online at
www.wealdofkentrotary.org.uk/north-downs-walk

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On that long ago first morning of Pentecost, Jerusalem was crowded with thousands of visitors, for it was one of the most popular feast-days in the Jewish calendar – the Feast of First Fruits, looking forward to the wheat harvest.

In one small room of that great city, a small group of people who had followed Jesus were praying. There was nothing else for them to do: Jesus had died, He had risen, and He had ascended, promising to send

Pentecost in Jerusalem



them 'a Comforter'. They were left alone, to wait at Jerusalem. And so they waited – on Him, and for Him.

They were not disappointed, for that morning the Holy Spirit fell upon that small room, and transformed those believers into the Church, Christ's body here on earth. Pentecost was not the first time that the Holy Spirit came to the world – throughout the Old Testament there are stories telling of how God had guided people and given them strength. But now His Spirit would use a new instrument: not just isolated prophets, but the Church, His body on earth.

Acts opens with the preaching of the gospel in Jerusalem, the centre of the Jewish nation. Within 30 years the Gospel had spread throughout the northern Mediterranean: Syria, Turkey, Greece, Malta... to the very heart of the Roman Empire: Rome. The Church was on the move – God was on the move! He was calling people from every nation to repent, turn to Jesus for forgiveness of their sins, and to follow Him.



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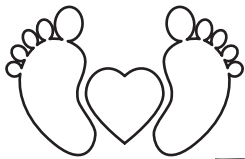
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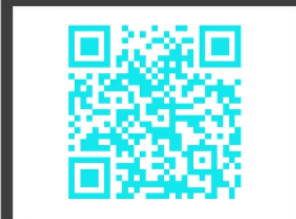
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The Arts Society Faversham

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We run regular monthly lectures on the fourth Thursday at the Alexander Centre, Faversham. Subjects cover all aspects of the Arts in its widest sense and are given by experts in their chosen field and include university lecturers, broadcasters and tour guides. Come along to a lecture as a quest (£5 fee) or join for a year's lectures.

Our next lecture is on the 25th May 2023 at 11.00am on "The Blue Hour" by Karin Fernald. Coffee and biscuits will be served from 10.20am

From late medieval times artists from the north have visited Italy in search of classical inspiration, not to mention prestige. "But why always Italy?" asks one 19th century Swedish artist, "Doesn't our northern nature reflect eternity? Does not our gaze embrace the sky as well – and what a sky!" In Denmark, Hans

Christian Andersen visits the little town of Skagen in the north of Jutland, a place of sand, storms and sky; describes it vividly and inspires artists to paint its wild and remote landscape where the North Sea meets the Baltic. Artists include a local girl, gifted Anna Ancher, whose personality and paintings are both compared by a contemporary artist to "a burst of sunshine". In Sweden, symbolist landscape artist Prince Eugen, youngest son of King Oscar II, finds romantic

inspiration in the lakes, forests, history and vivid folk art of Dalecarlia in central Sweden. Both Danish and Swedish landscape paintings feature the Blue Hour, that half hour or so just after sunset and before sunrise, when the landscape is suffused with a bluish light, highly atmospheric and iconic of the North.

Biography

Karin is known for her entertaining lectures on writers and diarists connected with the arts from the mid-18th to 19th century, and moving forward in time with Virginia Woolf. Extensive research into diaries and letters bring lectures to vivid life. Karin illustrates them with slides of contemporary pictures and portraits from varied sources.



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News from Citizens Advice Swale

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This month we're sharing some recent success stories from our specialist advice services. Our specialist debt team can help people deal with their debts and our approved intermediaries can process debt relief orders. Our specialist benefits advisers can ensure people receive what they are entitled to and help them challenge and appeal benefit decisions.

Client A

Our client has a number of medical conditions and is unable to read and write. She had been receiving PIP and reported a deterioration to her conditions. Her award was reviewed and it was decided she was no longer entitled to PIP. Our client

Client B

Our client wanted us to ask Swale Borough Council to write off a discretionary housing payment (DHP) overpayment. He is unable to afford to make payments. A payment plan of £40 per month was previously suggested by SBC but no payments were made as it was unaffordable. Our client did not deal with the DHP overpayment at the time he was informed about it due to his low mood and depression. He has no other debts. Our debt caseworker wrote to SBC to ask that they use their discretion to not recover, or to write off the debt. One week later SBC confirmed that the decision had been made not to recover the DHP payment for £5,400.

For general advice, or to contact our specialist advisers, please email us at www.citizensadviceSwale.uk/ email-general-advice or call Adviceline on freephone 0808 278 7979. To request a call back from our debt team please visit www.citizensadviceSwale.uk/debt

We run drop-in sessions at Swale House in Sittingbourne every Monday (10am-12pm) and at 43 Stone Street in Faversham every Wednesday and Friday (10am-12pm). No appointment needed.

Save the date – Sunday 13th August 2023
Join us to celebrate our 10th anniversary in Stalisfield
Details to follow but bands are already booked, tickets available soon



Richard, Marianne & Nathan

came to us for help with her appeal and was supported through the appeal process. She was awarded the enhanced rate of daily living and enhanced rate of mobility. She received £10,000 in arrears and ongoing will receive £627.60 every 4 weeks.

Beware your dog's tracker app

A number of apps which offer to keep an eye on your pet are also recording the login details and locations of YOU.

Such is the finding of a recent study. It seems that many tech companies which offer smart collars, GPS trackers, and wearable cameras for pets, may also be creating cyber security risks for their owners.

A recent study at Newcastle University and Royal Holloway, University of London, evaluated 40 such apps. It discovered that a good number of them were recording the login details and location of the owners without encryption. In addition, all but four of the apps included some sort of tracking software, which was gathering information on the owner, without their consent.

As one doctoral student at Newcastle University's school of computing explained, "Pet tech brings with it new security, privacy and safety risks to the pet owners.

"We would urge anyone using these apps to take the time to ensure they are using a unique password, check the settings and ensure that they consider how much data they are sharing or willing to share."

- When the late Dean of York was asked why he called his stumpy-tailed fox terrier 'Mark', he explained: "The New Testament contains the life-stories of our Lord by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Mark's is the shortest tale!"



STEP UP FOR A PAW-SOME CAUSE!
TAKE PART IN THE AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY KENT SURREY SUSSEX HOUND HIKE 100 AND HELP RAISE VITAL FUNDS

Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex (KSS) is inviting dog lovers to take part in *Hound Hike 100* to help raise vital funds for the life-saving charity. The event encourages participants to walk a total of 100 kilometres or

100 miles with their canine companions during the 31 days of May. Participants can walk at their own pace, in their own time, on days and times to suit them, and at locations of their choice.

Nick Turrell, Community Fundraising Manager, KSS said: "*Hound Hike 100* is a wonderful way to give your dog walks a purpose this May. Each year, KSS needs to raise £16.6M – the equivalent of £45K per day – to operate our life-saving service. With 87% of our income raised through the generosity of our supporters, we rely on members of our local communities fundraising on our behalf."

"Our specialist crews of emergency doctors and critical care paramedics respond to an average of eight urgent calls for help each day, giving patients the best chance of survival and helping to keep families together. By taking part in *Hound Hike 100*, you will help KSS to provide critical care whenever and wherever it is needed – whether at home, by the roadside, at a remote location or even when out on a dog walk."

KSS is the Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) for Kent, Surrey and East and West Sussex. The award-winning charity provides world-leading pre-hospital emergency care whenever and wherever required to save lives and ensure the best possible patient outcomes. When the call comes KSS can reach any part of Kent, Surrey and Sussex in under 30 minutes, bringing the emergency room to the scene to deliver life-saving care.

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