

3 Days to Christmas

My Christian family
said to me

"Come and Join us
Decorate our tree"

Saturday **22nd** December,
12 noon

Eastling Church

Soup and Crusty bread lunch and
festive Sweetmeats for all helpers.

Contact Lorraine on 890719.

Young fun FJ (following Jesus)

CAROL SINGING IN STALISFIELD AND OTTERDEN

Please join us again this year for an
evening of Carol Singing around our
parish - all are welcome - children and
adults and singles and families.

Starting at the Green outside the
Plough Inn at 6.30pm on Thursday 20th
December. There will be a charitable
collection and we will be
singing all the favourite
carols with musical
accompaniment.

Please wear warm
clothes, gloves and hats and bring a
torch - carol sheets will be provided as
will refreshments for the singers.

For more information call Jane Baker
01622 858332

Eastling Carol Singing

We shall be Carol Singing around
Eastling on Friday 21st December in aid
of the Maitreey Mission refuge for
leper children. All welcome. Meet at
6.30pm outside Eastling Village Hall.
Please bring warm clothing, gloves and,
if possible, a torch. Enquiries to Angela
Cheeseman 892124

Y - Generation

Club for Year 7+

Eastling Village Hall
Sunday Nights 6.30-8pm

Eastling Angels Girlie Cell Group

The Wiltons, Newnham Lane
Friday Nights 7.00-8.00
A time for Girls 12+

Contact Joy Faulkner for more
information or if you want to
help on 07999 807 519



Craft Club

7th December
& 4th January

6.15 - 7.15pm

Champion Hall,
Painter's Forstal.

50p a session.

Contact number
532756.

S Club

Christmas Party

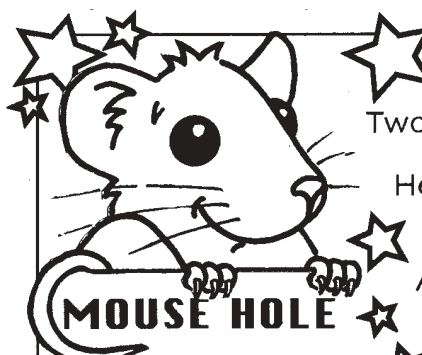
Eastling Village Hall
Sunday 16th December, 3pm.

Every 1 welcome

Festive craft,
refreshments and fun

Christmas YOUNGSTYLE

Eastling Church,
Sunday 23rd December,
10am. All Welcome



Christingles

Make a 'Christingle' this
Christmas to
celebrate the birth of
Jesus Christ our
Saviour and Light
of the World.



The orange = the world
The candle = Jesus,
the light of the world
The red ribbon
= the blood of Jesus
when he died for us.
The fruit and sweets
= God's goodness and
provision.

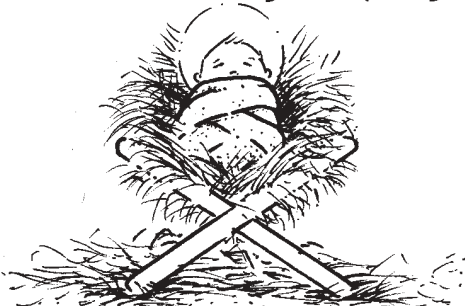
'Christingle'
means
Christ-Light

A Wonderful Promise

Two thousand, seven hundred years ago,
God spoke to the prophet Isaiah,
He had an important message to tell,
About a coming Messiah.

A Saviour would be born one day,
The greatest King of all,
Born in a lowly stable,
And laid in a cattle stall.

He'd teach us about God our Father,
Of how he loves us so,
He'd open the way to be friends with God
And show us the right way to go.



And JESUS was born in a stable:
The Messiah, the Saviour, the King,
The Mighty God, the Prince of Peace,
God's Son, OUR Saviour and friend!

Read the message God gave Isaiah in
Isaiah 9 verses 1-7

There are other names and titles for Jesus in the Bible.
Look up the references to find out what they are.

— M —	John 1:29	— G —	Revelation 17:14
— OO —	John 10:9	— I —	John 8:12
— A —	John 14:6	— S —	P —
	John 10:11		
V —	John 15:1	— W —	John 1:1

Come and sing your favourite Carols



Christmas Eve
Midnight Mass
Stalisfield Church
11.30pm

Christmas Morning
Family Communion
Eastling Church
10am

*A Joyful Christmas to our
Readers and Advertisers
from the **Good News
Parish Magazine**
December 2007*

Crib Service

Stalisfield Church
Sunday 16th December
6.30pm

Stalisfield Carol Singing
Thursday 20th
Start from The Plough at
6.30pm

Eastling Carol Singing
Friday 21st
Start from the Village Hall at
6.30pm

Christmas Youngstyle
Sunday 23rd
Eastling Church
10am

Traditional
Nine Lessons and Carols
Christmas Eve
Eastling Church
4pm



The Perfect Christmas ?

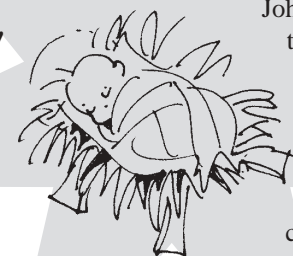
There is a much repeated episode of the sitcom 'The Good Life', when Margot Leadbetter works hard to provide the *perfect Christmas*. It all becomes a disaster because the tree that is delivered, is too tall and Christmas for the Leadbetters is cancelled. Tom and Barbara (Good) come to their rescue with homemade gifts and crackers. The finale is that they have had the *perfect Christmas*, but not one that has cost a fortune, rather one that has been made rich by friendship, compassion and love. In the midst of the preparations for many, that is their aim - friendship, love and compassion. But this is lost or shrouded by the busyness and stress of making sure that everything is perfect.

For others, it is a surprise that Christmas has arrived! One company is kindly advertising that Christmas Day will fall on 25th December. They go on to say, 'We mention this for the benefit of our many customers who are often taken unawares by its approach'. You might ask, 'How can this be?' Surely, they have seen that mince pies, Christmas cake and crackers have been in many shops since October, and some are already well past their sell by date! Yet, there are those, not just children, for whom

"On Christmas"

by John Betjeman

And is it true?
And is it true,
This most tremendous tale of all,
Seen in a stained-glass window's hue,
A Baby in an ox's stall?
The Maker of the stars and sea
Become a Child on earth for me?
And is it true? For if it is,
No loving fingers tying strings
Around those tissue-dripping
The sweet and silly Christmas things,
Bath salts and inexpensive scent
And hideous tie, so kindly meant.
No love that in a family dwells,
No caroling in frosty air,
Nor all the steeple-shaking bells
Can with this single Truth compare—
That God was Man in Palestine
And lives today in Bread and Wine.



Christmas is a time of specialness, and joy. For some there might be the joy of having family together again, for others a time of sadness knowing that loved ones are no longer there to share in the celebrations. For others, it might be that they have been able to prepare themselves to celebrate the good news that Christ's birth brings to the world.

Throughout the world, Christians will be beginning their preparations on Sunday 2nd December when the season of Advent begins. Advent is a season of preparation and expectation, as we prepare for the coming (Adventus) of Christ. It is a time when the Church looks afresh at the prophecies that point towards the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. We are encouraged to look for the signs of the times. In services throughout the season, Christians will be hearing again the words of Isaiah, 'the people that walk in darkness have seen a great light.' We hear again the words of expectation about the good news that the Messiah will bring to the world from the Gospel of John who writes, 'The Word became flesh and dwelt among us'. We will be lighting candles too on the Advent wreath, a sign of the light and life that Christ brings, but also as a focus on the stories of those who point us to Christ; the prophets,

John the Baptist, and Mary. For during the Advent season we are also travelling with the shepherds and Wise Men as they make their journey to the Manger. We, too, will arrive on Christmas Day to gaze in awe and wonder at the little child who has changed the course of history, and still transforms the lives of people today. So that we too can sing as the Carol states - 'ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth'.

May God bless us all as we celebrate Christ's birth, and may He bless you richly in 2008.
Caroline Pinchbeck
Priest-in-Charge.

There are no Prayer Pointers

this month, but we hope you enjoy the enclosed Advent Prayer guide, which has a short bible reading and reflection for each day. If you would like extra copies, please call Hilary on 890338.



All Souls Service

On November 4th a service was held at Stalisfield Church in memory of loved ones who had died: both recently and in the more distant past. A candle was lit for each one. The altar end of the church (the chancel) was lit up by the glow of about 100 candles as the sun set (see photograph). Those who attended said they found it helpful. There will be a similar service next November.

December 22nd - Winter Solstice

A Midwinter festival has been a part of life since pre-Christian times. When the hours of daylight are fewest, the warmth of the sun weakest, and life itself seemingly at a standstill, our ancestors, the pagan peoples of Europe and Western Asia, kept festival by lighting bonfires and decorating their buildings with evergreens.

Perhaps they believed that the dying sun could be enheartened by fire, and the life of the buried seed assured by the presence of evergreen branches.

With the advent of Christianity, the Spring gods became identified with Christ, and the birthday of the sun with the birthday of the Light of the World.

The early church father Tertullian did not approve of Christmas decorations. "Let those who have no light in themselves light candles!... You are the light of the world, you are the tree ever green...." But by the time of St Gregory and St Augustine, four centuries later, this had changed. Pope Gregory instructed Augustine not to worry about harmless outward customs, as long as the right God be worshipped through them. And so many Anglo-Saxon customs were never discarded, but simply endowed with a new significance.

By 1598 one John Stow of London wrote how: "Against the feast of Christmas, every man's house, as also their parish churches, were decked with holme, ivie, bayes, and whatsoever the season of the year afforded to be green."

EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

Eastling Parish Council held its bi-monthly meeting on 14th November.

Village Warden's report: There was a call received about vehicles parked up by the Old Rectory at Otterden. Mrs Kepz was called and advised. The vehicles were checked and they were all okay.

There was also a call from the area of Meesons Close to check out a vehicle. The registration number was passed onto the Police and checked out.

The Police requested that various aspects of the growing of illegal substances in Eastling were checked. This matter was investigated and the information was passed on to the Police.

There was a call from the area of Newnham Lane and Otterden Road relating to car windows being shot in over a weekend. This was part of a larger crime that involved all local villages. A meeting was held with the Police and information was obtained that 4 persons had been arrested and charged with this incident.

After meeting with the Police, information regarding Speedwatch was passed onto Parish Council.

The Treasurer reported £1,229.00 in the Current Account and £3,721.00 on deposit of which £2,600.00 was for the Village Sign and could be returnable. He reminded the Council

that 'small grants' could be made available to groups within the community, by the Council. These groups needed to be able to show access to certain funds and must be of non-religious or non-political orientation.

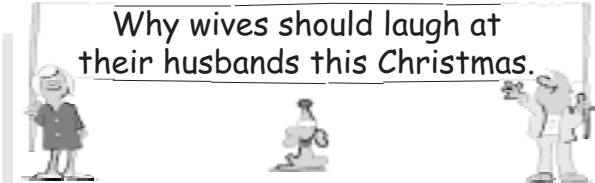
Cllr Bailey reported that the Village Study was complete, had been distributed throughout the village and published on-line and so was available to the general public. She made available to the Council copies of the distribution list. The Parish Clerk still has a number of copies which are available on application.

Cllr. Bickerdike reported that he had no further progress in his quest for a 30 mph speed limit, although the Police now pledged their support. His latest letter to KCC, dated 5th November 2007, had elicited no reply. The Chairman pointed out that the chevrons still had not been replaced although it was made clear that this was a 'Health and Safety Issue' and should be regarded as a priority.

He also said that, in his opinion, Newnham Lane was far more in need of the 'top dressing' treatment than North Eastling Hill as it was used far more widely.

The next regular meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 9th January 2008 at 6.00pm in the Village Hall.

Why wives should laugh at their husbands this Christmas.



If you are going to be stuck in the same house as your spouse for more than a week this Christmas holiday, remember this: humour fulfils different functions for men and women.

Men rate higher on humour creation: women rate higher on humour appreciation. A recent study of 50 married couples confirmed this complementary interaction. Men tended to create humour, and wives appreciated it by laughing or smiling, thus reinforcing the husband's creation.

In other words, happy is the husband whose wife truly appreciates his jokes.

However, when one psychologist earnestly advises couples to: "laugh together for ten minutes each morning... laugh each time your partner laughs, and giggle together right before going to sleep...." you can't help but pity any children who still live at home!

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch.

Now that Christmas is only a few weeks away please be extra vigilant with locking doors and closing windows as there will be certain people about whom will want to improve their Christmas at the expense of good people.

After Christmas take care when you leave any present cardboard boxes out for collection as these presents will be noted by undesirables for future reference.

As is general knowledge there was weekend spate of vehicle windows being shot out within our village and surrounding areas. Four persons have been arrested and charged with this incident and awaiting sentence.

The police will be running their usual extra patrols this Christmas looking out for drink driving. So, the message is, as always, don't drink and drive; the cost of a taxi or bus is far less than the loss of your licence or, worse, a life.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Alan

Contact numbers:

Parish/Village Warden Telephone 07794 010 394
Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 (24 hours, free and anonymous)
Sittingbourne police station 01795 477055
Emergencies or crime in progress always use 999

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Services in our Churches

Ministry in our Parishes

2nd December Advent Sunday

Romans 13. 11 - end, Matthew 24. 36 - 44

Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)

9th December Advent 2

Romans 15. 4 - 13, Matthew 3. 1 - 12

Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling	10.30 a.m.	Freestyle

16th December Advent 3

James 5. 7 - 10, Matthew 11. 2 - 11

Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Stalisfield	6.30 p.m.	Crib Service

23rd December Advent 4

Romans 1. 1 - 7, Matthew 1. 18 - end

Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Christmas Youngstyle
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)

Christmas Eve

Eastling	4 p.m.	Nine Lessons and Carols
Stalisfield	11.30 p.m.	Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Eastling	10 a.m.	Family Communion
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30th December Christmas 1

Hebrews 2: 10 - 18, Matthew 2: 13 - 23

Stalisfield	10.30 a.m.	BENEFICE Service (CW)
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6th January 2008 Epiphany

Ephesians 3: 1 - 12, Matthew 2: 1 - 12

Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)

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

Priest  
in  
Charge

Reverend Caroline Pinchbeck (01795 890487)  
The Rectory, Newnham Lane, Eastling  
Faversham ME13 0AS  
<caroline.pinchbeck575@btinternet.com>

Curate

Reverend Angela Cheeseman (01795 892124)  
New House Farm, Eastling. ME13 0BN

Reader

Mr. Norman Fowler (01795 890412)  
4 Meesons Close, Eastling.

Reader

Mr. Hugh Perks (01795 890603)  
Weald Cottage, Eastling.

#### Churchwardens

Eastling

Mr S. Youle (01795 890368)  
Mrs. A. Smith (01795 890469)

Stalisfield with Otterden

Mrs P. Thompson (01795 890376)  
Mr M. Beckenham (01795 892079)

#### Contacting the Church's staff

For general enquiries and for specific enquiries about Weddings or Baptisms please phone 01795 890487. If you would like the parish staff to conduct a funeral, either in our churches or elsewhere, please ask the funeral director to make the necessary arrangements.

#### Services at Whitehill Chapel

|               |            |                        |
|---------------|------------|------------------------|
| 2nd December  | 10 a.m.    | Brunch                 |
|               | 10.40 a.m. | Family People's Choice |
| 4th December  | 2.15 p.m.  | Holy Communion         |
| 16th December | 6.30 p.m.  | Carols by Candlelight  |
| 23rd December | 11 a.m.    | People's Choice        |

2nd January (Wednesday) 2.15pm Holy Communion

For Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals at Whitehill, please contact Revd. D. Hodgson on 01795 532461

#### Mid Week Fellowship

|                       |         |                                                |
|-----------------------|---------|------------------------------------------------|
| Monday Prayer Group   | 2pm     | Seven Acres, Newnham Lane.                     |
| Tuesday Study Group   | 8pm     | The Barn, Pinks Farm                           |
| Thursday Prayer Group | 10.15am | Pinks Farm. No group on 13th or 20th December. |

New members welcome at any midweek group.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS at your local

Simon and Emma Wills thank everyone for their warm welcome to the village and look forward to seeing you at the Carpenters Arms

The long awaited restaurant opened on Saturday 24th November where Simon serves fine English rustic country food.

We will be open on Christmas Eve 12.00 - 22.30. Christmas Day for drinks only 12.00 - 14.30 and New Years Eve from 12.00 - 1am. Details to be confirmed, but we look forward to a fun festive season with you all. Thank you again for bearing with us while we get settled.

The Carpenters Arms 01795 890234

### The Bowl Inn

Special Christmas hours  
Open Noon to Midnight from  
Friday 21st December to  
Tuesday 1st January.  
01233 712256  
www.bowl-inn.co.uk

### The Plough

at Stalisfield Green  
Christmas Eve - closed  
Christmas Day 12 - 4pm  
Boxing Day 12 - 3pm  
New Years Eve 6pm - late  
New Years Day 12 - 3pm  
Closed 2nd and 3rd January  
Open 4th January at 6pm.  
01795 890256



My Dog - Bonnie

My dog is tired  
And lies asleep  
By the fire that glows.  
She stretches out her hairy paws  
And wrinkles up her nose.  
To a dog this must be heaven,  
A life that's filled with bliss,  
A life I know, that my dog  
Just wouldn't want to miss.  
A. Keen

### Family Club.

Thank you to all who have attended Family Club this year. We have had some lovely evenings and the children have made new friends within the village.

There will be no Family club in December or January, but we will be back as the days begin to get longer in February.

Have a wonderful Christmas  
Su and Andy.



Just a quick note of thanks to our kind neighbours who welcomed the village children on Halloween.

Every year we escort the children in their costumes on a short walk along Stalisfield road, and knock on a few pre-arranged doors. The children are all in costume and very excited, and the houses we knock on are very generous with the sweets and crisps they provide for the children.

Thanks also to the pub who allow us to end up in there and make a real effort to decorate ready for the children arriving.

This year was a real success with more children than ever, so once again thank you to all who took part and all who treated the children.

Best wishes  
Su and Andy

## Eastling-A-Ding Dong Sing Along 2 Silent Night Auction

In aid of the Youth Worker fund.

Why not have a go at our Silent Auction!

Please use the enclosed sheet  
to send in your bids for:

- \* A 'Wake up to Wogan' Sweatshirt, (medium)
- \* TOG Sticker & signed photo of Sir Terry Wogan
- \* A 10 Downing Street Parker Pen in a Presentation box - donated by the PM
- \* Full Afternoon Tea for Two  
At Chilston Park Hotel
- \* Full Afternoon Tea for Two  
At Eastwell Manor
- \* Channel 4's Countdown, Poloshirt (large)  
Mug & 25th Anniversary programme  
For more details phone 01795 892093

### The Baby and Toddler Group

will meet in Eastling Village Hall on Thursdays 6th and 20th of December, 11.15am - 12.30pm.

We will have a craft time, lunch for the children and song time. All babies and toddlers welcome with their parent/s.

Contact number  
01795 892124.



### PUDDLEDUCKS

Parent & Toddler Group

at Champion Hall, Painters Forstal  
This month the children can join in with festive activities. We will be making decorations, calendars and party hats. Do bring your toddler along to join us on Tuesday and Friday mornings, 9.30am to 11.25am. The group party will be held on Friday 21st December which will be held from 9.30am to 11am.

We will reopen after the New Year on Tuesday 8th January.  
Jill Seaman. 01795 890519

### Wit and Wisdom

Unfortunately, due to coughs and colds, the Wit and Wisdom, held in the village hall on 10th November, was not quite so well supported. Even so, another £94.00 has been added to the Senior Citizens Christmas account. Thank you to everyone who helped and supported.

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We had a very interesting November meeting where Kate Connell gave us a talk about the history of Otterden. It was good to hear Otterden has such a long and distinguished past. Everyone enjoyed Kate's talk which produced much interest in finding out more about Otterden's individual houses. Our Christmas dinner is at the Harrow on the 11th December at 7.30pm. The cost is £20.00. We will be making Christmas wreaths before hand ,just turn up anytime between 6pm and 7.30pm. The cost of the wreath is £6.00 .We are providing the wreath and lots of foliage but if you have any interesting greenery or anything particular you want to go in yours please bring it with you. I would be grateful if you could let me know ASAP if you would like to come and whether you would like to make a wreath. Please do come and you are welcome to bring any female guests, it will be a fun night. Our January meeting will be on Thursday 24th at 7.30pm in the Harrow. Our topic will be "Foods from around the world" where we will be sampling lots of different cuisines. Merry Christmas Emma Norwood 01795 892138

## Otterden W.I.

### Painter's Forstal with Ospringe W.I.

December meeting is 2.15pm in the Champion Hall on Tuesday 11th. New members welcome to come and hear Mr M. Lloyd speak about *Becoming a Famous Author*. Competition: - a pair of bookends, plus flower of the month. Further information from Bobbie on 01795 532756.

### Please come and join us WHITEHILL CHAPEL Painter's Forstal at 12.30pm Tuesday 4th December ADVENT LUNCH

homemade soup and rolls and a selection of fresh fruit, with tea and coffee to follow.

Donations can be made towards the flood appeal in Mexico There will be communion at 2.15pm, taken by Revd. Philip Barker (But please do not feel obliged to stay for communion however, if you wish to, you will be most welcome.) Alison Tracey



### FITNESS CLASSES @ EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

#### WEDNESDAYS

7.00pm BUMS, LEGS & TUMS  
8.00pm FIT DANCE, Burlesque  
Chair Dance Last class 12th Dec resumes 9th January

#### THURSDAYS

9.15am FITNESS PILATES  
Last class 13th Dec resumes 10th January  
All classes £4.00 or £7.00 for double class on Wednesdays

#### MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Thank you to everyone who has supported the classes this year. Looking forward to keeping fit with you in 2008.

More info on any of the classes contact Leigh on 890 149 <leigh.fitness@btinternet.com>

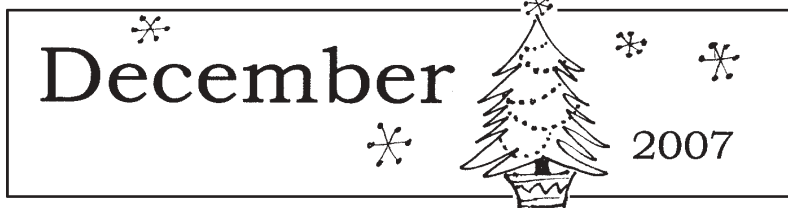


### Stalisfield Over 60's Christmas Tea

on Saturday 15th December 4 till 6pm in Stalisfield Village Hall. Invitations have gone out, if you would like to come and haven't received one, please call Ian on 01795 890475.

### Cantiana by Candlelight

Cantiana Choir present their Christmas Concert in Newnham Church on Saturday 22nd December at 7.30pm. Tickets £7 including mulled wine and mince pies. All proceeds go to support British Humanitarian Aid. Available from Doddington Service Station or by calling 01795 886847



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|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 4th Eastling Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch | Eastling Village Hall          |
| 4th Advent Lunch                              | 12.30pm Whitehill Chapel       |
| 5th Cakes at Pop-In                           | 9 - 11am Eastling Village Hall |
| 6th Afternoon Club (Bingo)                    | 2pm Champion Hall              |
| 7th Children's Shopping Afternoon             | Eastling School                |
| 11th Painter's Forstal W.I.                   | 2.15pm Champion Hall           |
| 11th Otterden W.I. Christmas dinner           | 7.30pm The Harrow              |
| 13th EARLY DEADLINE FOR JANUARY GOOD NEWS     |                                |
| 13th Afternoon Club Christmas Party           | 2pm Champion Hall              |
| 14th School Disco and Raffle Draw             | Eastling School                |
| 14th Eastling-a-dingdong-singalong            | 7.30pm Eastling Church         |
| 15th Over 60's Christmas Tea                  | 4pm Stalisfield 'Hut'          |
| 15th Eastling-a-dingdong-singalong            | 7.30pm Eastling Church         |
| 16th S Club Christmas Party                   | 3pm Eastling Village Hall      |
| 16th Crib Service                             | 6.30pm Stalisfield Church      |
| 16th Carols by Candlelight                    | 6.30pm Champion Hall           |
| 19th School Carol Service                     | 1pm Eastling Church            |
| 20th Stalisfield Carol Singing                | 6.30pm from The Plough         |
| 21st Puddleducks Party                        | 9.30am Champion Hall           |
| 21st Eastling Carol Singing                   | 6.30pm from Village Hall       |
| 22nd Decorate our Tree                        | 12noon Eastling Churh          |
| 22nd Cantiana Christmas Concert               | 7.30pm Newnham Church          |
| 24th Nine Lessons and Carols                  | 4pm Eastling Church            |
| 24th Midnight Mass                            | 11.30pm Stalisfield Church     |

#### Early deadline for January 2008 Good News

If you would like to advertise in this magazine, submit articles, features or stories for publication, or would like any forthcoming events publicised, send your magazine contribution by the 13th December to Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, Faversham ME13 0BA. Tel: 01795 890338. Where possible, please submit your entries by e-mail: h.f.harlow@btconnect.com

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### CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

followed by light refreshments. Sunday 16th December, 6.30pm in the Champion Hall Readings by the young people. Collection in aid of NCH, the children's charity.

### Afternoon Club

The contents of 'The Pig' yielded £51.04 in cash. The Chairwoman and Afternoon Club members wish to thank Jill, Mervyn and the customers of The Alma, for their generosity in donating this amount to the Afternoon Club.

December Activities:

Thursday 6th - Bingo

Thursday 13th - Christmas Party  
Welcome to all members.

### CHRISTMAS Freestyle Eastling Church

Sunday 9th December 10.30am

Come and join us for Freestyle with a Christmas flavour.

All ages welcome.

Free breakfast from 10am  
Please ring 890338 for any further information.

### Coffee Pop-In

We will have homemade cakes for sale on 5th December, 9 - 11am in Eastling Village Hall. Last Pop-In for 2007 will be 19th and we return on 9th January 2008. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our regulars.

#### EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

To book ring Julia Bailey on 01795 890401



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 occasion.

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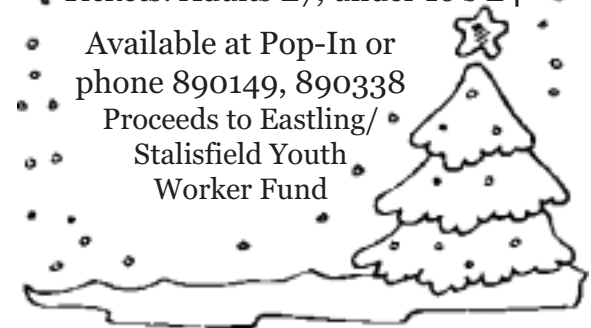
DING DONG SING ALONG 2  
Friday 14th and Saturday 15th  
December

### Family Entertainment in Eastling Church

Doors and bar open at 7pm  
Show starts at 7.30pm

Tickets: Adults £7, under 16's £4

Available at Pop-In or  
phone 890149, 890338  
Proceeds to Eastling/  
Stalisfield Youth  
Worker Fund



### Charing and District Local History Society

On Thursday 13th December, CHRISTMAS SOCIAL at 8pm in the Parish Hall, Charing.



### Eastling Gardeners' Club New Year's Party

Thursday, 10th January at 7.30 pm in Eastling Village Hall with Derek Macey of Pawley Farm 'Ramblings of a Cider Maker'

Renew your membership for the coming year for £5 or come just for the evening for £2.50.

### EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

The Trustees are looking for a volunteer to act as Booking Clerk for Eastling Village Hall. Duties would consist of showing the hall to prospective hirers and dealing with the booking diary. Would need to live fairly local to the Hall to be able to arrange for key collection etc. Appointment for one year from January 2008 in the first instance. If you are interested or would like to discuss the post further, please call the Trust Chairman, Julia Bailey, on 01795 890401 or 890746.