

Have you bought all your Christmas Presents yet?
Here are a few suggestions:-

Books for Christmas

Unusual pets by Terry Dactyl
Do It Yourself by Andy Gadgett
Rice Growing by Paddy Field
Keep Fit for All by Horace Zontalbars
Swimming the Channel by Francis Near
Home Heating by Arthur Mometer
Springtime by Teresa Greene
Hark to the Singing! by Harold Angels
The First Noel by Carol Singer

Gary: What's the best present you've had for Christmas?
Steve: A mouth organ. My mum gives me a £1 a week **not** to blow it!

And some presents you can't buy!

A button for a coat of paint.
A saddle for a clothes horse.
Sheets for an oyster bed.
Music for a rubber band.
False teeth for a river's mouth.
Shoes for a walking stick.

If you can think of any more, send them to the editor and we'll print them in the next issue.

Y - Generation

Club for Year 7+

Eastling Village Hall
Sunday Nights 6.30-8pm
(no club on 28th December, starts again on 16th January)

Contact Joy on
07999 807 519

Mouse Makes

At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus... and it all started with a message from an angel. The angel **Gabriel** came to **Mary** with a message from God that she would be having a very special baby boy and his name was to be **Jesus**, which means 'the Lord saves'.

The night Jesus was born a great number of angels appeared to the shepherds. They sang, praises to God because Jesus, our Saviour, had been born!

Read about the angel's visit to Mary and the shepherds in Luke chapters 1 and 2

- Make this angel box to hang from the Christmas tree.
- Glue onto thin card then carefully cut around the outside.
- Fold back the sides along the dotted lines.
- Punch out the holes then cut 30cm of wool or thin ribbon and thread through the holes.
- Pull together and knot to form a box. Hide small sweets inside.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

• Photocopy this page onto card to make lots of angels!

Bring your completed angel to Eastling Church, 10am on 20th December, and help decorate the tree.



S Club

Christingle Party
in Eastling Village Hall
Sunday 21st December, 10am
Come and join the Christmas celebration and make a Christingle.



Craft Club

5th December
6.15 - 7.15pm
Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal.
50p a session.
Contact number 532756.



The Otterden WI Children's Nativity

An invitation to come to our live Nativity at Snoad Farm on 11th December, at 5.15pm (Finish 6.30pm) Children, please come dressed in a costume of your choice. Mulled wine, hot Snoad Farm sausages and mince pies will be available. Everybody will be welcome.

Crib and Carol Services in our Parishes

The Crib Service

on Sunday 14th December will be at 3pm in Stalisfield Church.

Carols by Candlelight

in Whitehill Chapel, will be at 6.30pm on Sunday 21st December.

Otterden Chapel will have a **Carol Service** this year, at 3pm on Sunday 21st December.

The Traditional **Nine Lessons and Carols** will be at 4pm, in Eastling Church, on Christmas Eve.

Midnight Mass will be held in Stalisfield Church at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve

Christmas Family Communion will be celebrated in Eastling Church at 10am on Christmas Day

VILLAGE CAROL SINGING

Eastling

A small group will be Carol Singing in Eastling, starting from the Village Hall car park at 6pm, on Tuesday 16th December. Please come and join us.

Stalisfield and Otterden

All welcome to this Traditional event starting on Stalisfield Green Please join us starting at 6.30pm at the Green, outside the Plough Inn on Monday 22nd December. Wear warm clothes and boots/hats/gloves and bring a torch. Musical accompaniment from Ray Sprawson.



The Greatest Gift that Money Can't Buy ...

The time has come to buy those gifts for Christmas. For those who are easy to buy for you will have no fears, but for that difficult relative or friend it seems nothing will be adequate, appreciated, or fulfilling. In response to the recent financial crisis there have been numerous radio and TV programmes giving time to those who come from the Scrooge School of Christmas Enjoyment. "Bah Humbug!" they cry, protesting their anger and hatred at the Christmas celebrations.

Undoubtedly, there are those for whom this Christmas will be a time of sadness, pain, and loneliness; as family and friends are remembered who have died in the year. For some, getting the 'family round' will be fraught with danger as Uncle Sid and Great Aunt Ethel continue their dispute for another year. For others, the dread that Uncle Fred is going to organise charades with difficult books or films that no-one has ever heard of, and little Johnnie who has been waiting for the much longed for 'this year's toy' cries because within the first hour of playing with it, it is broken!

BUT! Christmas should not be seen as a time of dread, frustration, and lacking in

humour. Take a moment to think of the time when you have bought that special present, which may have been inexpensive, but 'THE ONE' that your relative or friend has been wanting. Think for a moment of that time, when you have given or received a gift which, in the giving, has spoken volumes which thousands of words could not have achieved. It is in those moments that the true Spirit of Christmas is fulfilled. In the Bible, we read in St John's Gospel Chapter 3 verse 16 – God so loved the world that he gave his only Son. THE greatest gift of all is that of love. For love, takes account of our need, it is compassionate, it is unconditional, and as we love one another it celebrates what we are and who we are. All the money in the world cannot buy it, and it can never be synthetically created.

The Church celebrates God's gift of Christ, his son to the world. We sing in our carols 'Immanuel' – God is with us. In the carol, In the Bleak Midwinter, the final verse goes -



*What can I give Him Poor as I am,
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man
I would do my part,
Yet, what I can I give him,
give my heart.*

To give yourself to another in love is the greatest gift that we can receive. For that love, accepts all our faults, it cares for us in need, that love also encourages us to grow and be whole. This is what God wants for us, that we should have life in all its fullness. As we read in the First Letter of John chapter four, verse sixteen he states that 'God is love, and those who live in love live in God, and God lives in them ...' The gift of love is one that grows the more it is shared. If we keep love to ourselves in cannot be given space to breathe and grow. So as we celebrate the ultimate gift of love, I pray that God will bless us all, and all those whom we love: as we come to the year's end I pray for those whom 2008 has been difficult, that 2009 will bring new light and hope, and for all of us that 2009 will be one of many blessings. I wish you a very blessed Christmas and New Year.

In His love. Caroline



Hymns for the Road

If you MUST speed on the road during this Christmas season, at least sing these hymns loudly as you go:
at 45 mph.... "God Will Take Care of Me"
at 55 mph.... "Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
at 65 mph.... "Nearer My God to Thee"
at 75 mph.... "Nearer Still Nearer"
at 85 mph.... "This World is Not My Home"
at 95 mph.... "Lord, I'm Coming Home"
at 100 mph.... "Precious Memories"



Eastling Neighbourhood Watch.

Contact numbers:
Parish/Village Warden Telephone 07794010394
Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 (24 hours, free and anonymous)
Sittingbourne police station 01795 477055
Emergencies or crime in progress always use 999



Now the Xmas is 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 Xmas at the expense of good people.

After Christmas take care when you leave any present cardboard boxes out for collection. These presents will be noted by undesirables for future reference. The paper collection at the village hall is a good place to put them.

The old chestnut about dog fouling on footpaths etc., has reared its ugly head again. It was a bit better earlier in the year but has steadily gone backwards. The Dog Warden and the Street Wardens have been

advised and will be taking the appropriate action. There was one conviction earlier this year, so please clear up after your dog. One particular area is on the main road, in front of Meesons Close, and the church path where the children walk to school. If you do see any persons not clearing up after their dogs please give me a call.

With the celebrations that yuletide brings do not bring misery on yours or any other family by drink driving. The cost, putting aside the ban and fine, is far too high, the cost of a taxi is small against death or injury.

Have an excellent Christmas and thank you all for your help this past year.
Alan Willson, Village Warden.



1 CORINTHIANS 13 - THE CHRISTMAS VERSION

Author unknown
If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family, *I'm just another decorator.*
If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas puddings, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, *I'm just another cook.*

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home, and give all that I

have to charity, but do not show love to my family, *it profits me nothing.*
If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata, but do not focus on Christ, *I have missed the point.*

Love stops the cooking to hug the child. Love sets aside decorating to kiss the husband.

Love is kind, though harried and tired. Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't yell at the children to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way.

Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return, but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. Computer games will break, cashmere jumpers will wear out, golf clubs will get lost.

But giving the gift of love will endure. Happy Christmas!



Prayer Pointers CHRISTMAS 2008

Sundays For Peace and the restoration of the world God intended.
Mondays To be joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer.
Tuesdays For those in debt.
Wednesdays The elderly and the infirm.
Thursdays For a fresh welcome to all who come to church.
Fridays Praise for all who sing the Christmas message through carols, in homes, churches, or on the street.
Saturdays Give thanks for the miracle of birth and of new life in Jesus.

From Angela Cheeseman,
writing on 29th October:

"A big "Thank you" to all who donated at the Eastling Harvest Festival collection towards the Zambian Community School for orphans, which I am about to visit. The amazing sum of £135 was raised, which will be an enormous help to the centre, especially as the children are very hungry and having difficulty concentrating at school. An extra food supplement has just been started for them to drink before the beginning of the school day, but it is yet another cost. It will help with a lot of other things too.

I leave next week together with Eve Lee and Krieder Chanda, a Zambian nurse. We are going to visit the community school for orphans, take your gifts, and also perform a puppet show to the children! We are then hoping to stay with Krieder's family, 5 of whom are orphans whom she supports from England, and I am going to visit my pen-friends who are in a Zambian prison.

Thank you for your wonderful support.
God bless you. Angela"

*Thanks
Marina,
Maureen
and Linda,
sisters of Shirley
Leedham who was
tragically knocked
over and killed on the
A20 at Harrietsham
recently, would like to
thank everyone for their cards
and messages of sympathy at
this sad time.*



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Services in our Churches

Ministry in our Parishes

30th November Advent Sunday

1 Corinthians 1. 3 - 9, Mark 13. 24 - end
 Eastling 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Stalisfield 10am Benefice Service

7th December Advent 2

2 Peter 3. 8 - 15a, Mark 1. 1 - 8
 Eastling 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10am Holy Communion (CW)
 Stalisfield 10am Holy Communion (CW)

14th December Advent 3

1 Thessalonians 5. 16 - 24, John 1. 6 - 8, 19 - 28
 Eastling 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10.30am Freestyle
 Stalisfield 3pm Crib Service

21st December Advent 4

Romans 16. 25 - end, Luke 1. 26 - 38
 Eastling 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10am Morning Prayer (BCP)
 Eastling 10am S Club in the village hall
 Otterden 3pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve

Eastling 4pm Nine Lessons and Carols
 Stalisfield 11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Eastling 10am Family Communion

28th December Christmas 1

Galatians 4. 4 - 7, Luke 2. 15 - 21
 Eastling 10am Holy Communion (CW)

4th January Epiphany

Ephesians 3. 1 - 12, Matthew 2. 1 - 12
 Eastling 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10am Holy Communion (CW)
 Stalisfield 3pm Epiphany Evening Prayer

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

Mid Week Fellowship

Tuesday Study Group 7.30pm The Barn, Pinks Farm
 Thursday Prayer Group 10.15am Pinks Farm.
 New members welcome at any midweek group.

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

Stalisfield with Otterden
 Patricia Thompson (01795 890376)
 Martin 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.

From the Registers

Baptism

Reece Darren Davison
 16th November 2008 at Eastling

Services at Whitehill Chapel

2nd December 12.30 p.m. Advent Lunch
 2.15 p.m. Holy Communion
 7th December 10 a.m. Brunch
 10.40 a.m. Family People's Choice
 21st December 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

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

Deadline for January 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 15th December to Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, Faversham. ME13 0BA. Tel: 01795 890338. Where possible, please submit your entry by e-mail: h.f.harlow@btconnect.com

Past and current issues of the Good News may be viewed on www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews

From: My Stable Diary

My working life with Granville Wheler

by Audrey Keen

The happy days of working for Granville Wheler are no more, though the memories, photographs and diaries live, as do the house, farm buildings and landscape. Whatever alterations are made, these will be standing reminders that this time which I record, happened. Those times did exist and the Wheler family name will live on: Mr. Wheler would sit in my office from 10am until noon, to talk and I never knew then, how much I would miss him. As a child, I would dream of working with horses and through him I was able to realize my childhood dream. But now, of course, the horses and house cows that my father used to tend, are no longer there. The rides and trackways where Numa and I used to hack, are not as they were. The hurricane took the ivy covered yew trees along the path which wound toward Little Snoad. The new trees, though welcome, are not the same, not the same at all. I remember this path as a dark avenue where yew, ivy

and beech would meet to resemble jungle vines, bent over so that the sun could not reach the moist undergrowth. Eerie it was, and mysterious, but now it is open to the sky and robbed of its mystery. I remember too, another wood on the estate before the hurricane - a beech wood, majestic and gracious in autumn, special and fairylike in spring, where myriads of bluebells grew. As with all things, it came to an end and how sadly. But life goes on and we embrace the present and look forward to the future. Though still, I believe that if I venture near to the stables and breathe deeply I will sense the presence of my once precious charges and, when it is time for my body to rest in the churchyard close by, my spirit will return somewhere in Otterden. For, in truth, I could never really leave.

'The morning awoke to drizzle,
 But the birds did not mind,
 It was spring
 And their chorus had to be sung.'

AIK

Thank You

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Wit and Wisdom on Saturday 15th November. Although our numbers were slightly down this time, we still managed to raise £182 towards the Senior Citizens' Christmas lunch.

Norman and Marina

Eastling Church Flowers December Rota

w/e 6/7 No Flowers
 w/e 13/14 No Flowers
 w/e 15/16 Janet Bryant
 w/e 20/21 Christmas Tree Erected
 w/e 27/28 Christmas flowers

If you are interested in helping on the rota, please call Emma on 07940 490896.

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Bluebell Walk 2009

Did you enjoy the 2008 walk?

Can you help in 2009?

Angela and Peter Cheeseman have done amazing work organising the walk for several years now and 2008 was their last one. We need one, two or a team of people to organise next year's walk or it cannot happen. There are a lot of different things to arrange, so people with different skills will be needed: writing letters, copying maps, making posters, walking the routes and siting markers, as well as help on the day. Please contact Caroline on 890487, as soon as possible, if you can offer any help.



Christmas Church Decoration

Would you be able to help decorate Eastling Church for Christmas?

We would be very grateful for any enthusiastic assistance - whatever your age or experience. Equally, if you have any homemade decorations that you would like to contribute they would also be much appreciated. We shall be leaving some containers just inside the church from 15th December for this purpose.

This year our decorating session will be held on Saturday 20th December from 10am - 12 noon. Refreshments, mince pies and other, will be served. Please do come. It is a wonderful way to get in the Christmas spirit and to thank all those who have been involved in the Parish ministry in Eastling over the past year.

RURAL HOME REQUIRED

For mature, professional local family (2 adults, 2 young ladies and very well behaved pets)

We have sold our house in Otterden and we are looking for a home to rent. Otterden, Stalisfield, Throwley, Eastling, Newnham, Doddington, Warren Street, Egerton and nearby areas.

We are seeking 3 Bedroom house, unfurnished, with good sized garden on quiet road, equine facilities a bonus but not essential.

Long lease required, up to two years, from December/January.

Up to £1,200 per month and can pay large deposit.

Excellent references provided

Debbie & Andy 01622 859848

FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

The weather stayed fine for the Rural Fair held on 9th November and the wide variety of stalls gave shoppers an opportunity to purchase items for themselves and gifts for friends and family. Everyone enjoyed lovely cakes with a cup of tea or coffee and the children enjoyed taking part in the activities. A total of £258 was raised. Thank you to all who helped on the day.

The next event will be the Eastling School Children's Shopping Afternoon on Friday 5th December. More details will be sent home soon.

Don't forget to buy your Christmas Raffle tickets - £1 for a book of five. Prices include a Christmas Hamper, Chocolates, Bottles of Wine and many others.

The last event of the year will be the school Christmas Disco on Friday 19th December.

We wish you all a peaceful and merry Christmas.

Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity
Jill.b.s@hotmail.co.uk, 01795 890252

FITNESS & DANCE CLASSES @ Eastling Village Hall

MONDAYS

9.15am FITNESS PILATES

A blend of Pilates & dance exercises
Helps develop muscle tone, balance, flexibility & relaxation

4.30pm FREESTYLE DANCE

Fun & funky dance class for school years 3-11 (IDTA)

There will be **NO** Fitness Pilates or Freestyle Dance on **Monday 1st December**

7.00pm "Mama Mia"

Bums, Tums & Dance Fusion

Get fit and have fun to the sounds of ABBA. Class helps to control and burn body fat and tone muscles.

Last Classes 15th December

Resumes on Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th January 2009

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 2009.

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THE PAINTER'S FORSTAL COFFEE CLUB

Come and join "The Painter's Forstal Coffee Club" in Whitehill Chapel on Wednesday 17th December at 11.00am to 12.30pm.



Whitehill Chapel invites you to an

ADVENT LUNCH

Tuesday 2nd December at 12.30pm,

followed by Holy Communion taken by Revd. Ali Duguid.



Eastling Gardeners' Club New Year's Party

Saturday, 10th January 2009
In the village hall starting at 7.30pm

Wine tasting and excellent food & drink

Eastling Short Mat Bowls

We do not start our first league game until 27th November, but in the mean time, we have run our internal club Pairs and Fours competition, which was very well attended, by all club members. The first to be run was the pairs, which was won by Chris Smith and Roy Piles, winning through with some very tight games. For the final we put the mat diagonally right across the hall, by doing this no team has an advantage. The fours was run for the first time in a round robin format and the team of John Hobbs, George Bawden and Mick Heath came out the winners. We now look forward to the Singles competition on 23rd November, and our dinner on 6th December. Roy Piles, 01795 537162.



You are cordially invited to ... **A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!!!**

Guest of Honour: Jesus Christ

Date: Traditionally, December 25th, but he's always around, so the date is flexible.

Time: Whenever you're ready. Please don't be late, though, or you'll miss out on all the fun!

Dress Code: Come as you are, because Jesus will give you fresh, new garments of his righteousness and purity to wear.

Place: In your heart.... he'll meet you there. You'll hear him knock.

Merry Christmas

Painters Forstal with Ospringe W.I.

For our meeting on 9th December, Mr Peter Davis will give a talk on 'Views of Lynton and Lynmouth'.

The competition will be a seaside postcard, plus flower of the month meeting at 2.15pm in the Champion Hall - new members always welcome.

Pop-In

We would love to welcome some new faces to join us for a cuppa and a chat, in Eastling Village Hall between 9 and 11am on Wednesdays. Free tea, coffee, squash and biscuits. Toddlers welcome.

No Pop-In on 24th or 31st December. Homemade cakes for sale on December 3rd and January 7th. Contact Hilary, on 890338, for further information.



Otterden WI

Our October meeting incorporated our annual general meeting. We also had a great time carving elaborate pumpkins for Halloween. Our trip to see the Calendar Girls at the Marlowe Theatre proved to be a most enjoyable evening, with the cast receiving a standing ovation. Our next meeting is on 25th November and will be a flower demonstration in Stalisfield Village Hall at 7.30pm. Dates for your diary:



We will be making Christmas Wreaths on Tuesday 9th December at 7.30pm in Stalisfield Village Hall. Please bring any greenery if you can and anything specific you might want on your wreath. Mulled wine, tea, coffee and mince pies will be served.

Our Christmas dinner has been booked for the 17th December at the Harrow Hotel, 7.30 for 8pm. Please let me know if you wish to attend (guests welcome). January's meeting will, be a 'Swap' meeting on 27th January at the Harrow at 7.30pm.

The Otterden WI Children's Nativity

An invitation to come to our live Nativity at Snoad Farm on 11th December, at 5.15pm (Finish 6.30pm) Children, please come dressed in a costume of your choice. Mulled wine, hot Snoad Farm sausages and mince pies will be available. Everybody will be welcome. For any further information please contact Emma Norwood on 01795 892138.



"It's easy to tell when it's Nativity Play time - I can never find a tea-towel!"

Afternoon Club

Members will meet at 'The Alma' at 12.30pm, on 4th December, to enjoy a Christmas Luncheon together. No further meetings will be held until February 2009.

Stalisfield Highlife

A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVENING IN STALISFIELD

On **FRIDAY 12th DECEMBER**, at 7.30pm, we will be holding a special Christmas Get-Together at The Hut and presenting a selection from the **HISTORIC**

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formed by Stuart and Dorothy Murray over many years and recently transferred to CD-ROM. Stuart will provide commentary and answer questions.

There will also be a very special **Christmas Raffle** as part of our 'New Village Hall' fund-raising activities and, knowing how generous and fun-loving Stalisfield and Otterden folk can be, we are sure that many of you will want to be there. So come along to The Hut on the 12th to

Eat, Drink and be Merry - One and All!
Tickets are priced at £5 (or £3 for under 12s) and will include your first glass of wine, free festive nibbles, mince pies, etc - but be assured, no one need go thirsty, as wine will be for sale by the glass or bottle throughout the evening.

To secure your place and get your tickets, please ring Ian on 01795 890475.

December



2008

2nd Senior Citizens' Lunch	Eastling Village Hall
2nd Advent Lunch	12.30pm Champion Hall
3rd Cakes for sale at Pop-In	9-11am Eastling Village Hall
3rd Parish Council meeting	6.30pm Eastling Village Hall
4th Afternoon Club Luncheon	12.30pm The Alma
5th Children's Shopping Afternoon	Eastling School
5th Craft Club	6.15pm Champion Hall
9th Painters Forstal W.I.	2.15pm Champion Hall
9th Otterden W.I.	7.30pm Stalisfield Village Hall
11th Live Nativity	5.30pm Snoad Farm
12th Historic Stalisfield	7.30pm Stalisfield 'Hut'
13th Over 60s' Christmas Tea	4pm Stalisfield 'Hut'
14th Crib Service	3pm Stalisfield Church
15th Deadline for the January 2009	Good News Pinks Farm
16th Carol Singing	6pm Eastling Village Hill
17th Coffee Club	11am Champion Hall
17th W.I. Christmas Dinner	7.30pm The Harrow
19th School Disco	Eastling School
20th Christmas decorating	10am - 12noon Eastling Church
21st S Club Christingle Party	10am Eastling Village Hall
21st Carol Service	3pm Otterden Chapel
21st Carols by Candlelight	6.30pm Champion Hall
22nd Carol Singing	6.30pm Stalisfield Green
24th Nine Lessons and Carols	4pm Eastling Church
30th Magazine Folding	2pm Pinks Farm
January	
10th Gardeners' New Year Party	7.30pm Eastling Village Hall