

Holiday Club is back for One Day Only

On Saturday 17th December
between 9.30 and 12.30,
in Eastling Village Hall,
for children of primary
school age.



We will be doing everything from
craft, to games, to quizzes and
lots more surprises!

The morning costs £5 per child,
and can be booked by emailing

Sarah to request a form at
eastlingyouthworker@hotmail.co.uk . Email or
call 01795 890233 with any questions! Places
going fast so don't delay in booking yours!

Eastling Youth Club

There is a New Youth Club in Eastling
Village Hall. Come, relax with friends
on a Sunday evening at 6.30-8.30pm.
It is run by the Youth and supervised
by adults. Facilities include snooker
table, table tennis, punch bags- also a
tuck shop and much more!

If you are between the age of 10 and
16 come and enjoy yourself!!

For further information

Jordan Turner on 01795 890991,
Ben Parker on 01795 890495, or
Angela Cheeseman on 01795 890629

Go Green this Christmas

Christmas is coming and with it an
opportunity to have a more sustainable
Christmas tree - one that is 'green' and
also benefits wildlife. Instead of buying a
cut tree, more and more people are
decorating a tree that is growing in the
garden with 'gifts' for birds! The
'presents' consist of pieces of suet, thick
slices of apple and other fruits, nuts, -
raisins threaded onto long strings - and
other goodies.

Needless to say, when attaching the
'presents' it is important to be careful not
to leave loose or trailing
threads in which birds'
claws might become
trapped. The tree
could be made more
festive by hanging
waterproof
decorations. The
birds will benefit at a
time of the year when
'natural' food is often
frozen - and bird-
watching will take on a
new dimension!



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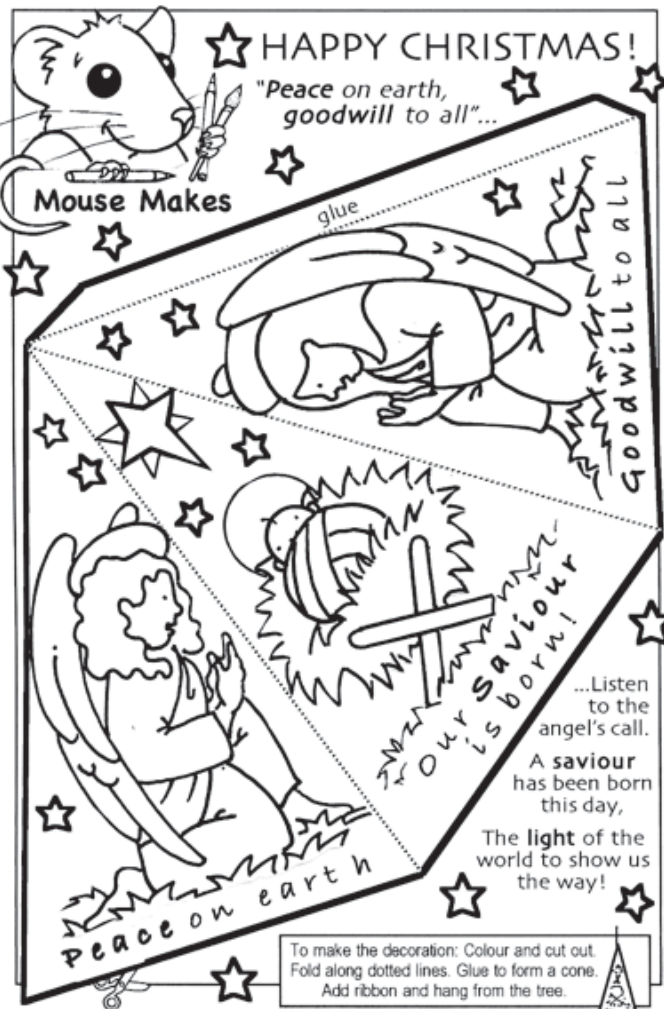
for primary school aged
children

Christmas Party and Nativity Play

18th December
10am in
Eastling Village Hall



"Nice idea, Amelia, but I don't think the
Angel of the Lord texting the shepherds
would have the same dramatic effect."



Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky look down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me for

Christmas to Me

Christmas to me is nativity
And the sound of carol-singing;
But to others it is revelry
And the sound of shop tills ringing.

Christmas to me is shepherds
On a hillside attending their sheep;
And the sound of angelic voices
Over a town bathed in sleep



Christmas to me is the Magi
Who put all of their faith in a star
And in search of the little Christ child
They willingly travelled so far.

Christmas to me is worship,
Giving thanks for the Saviour's birth;
But to many of the folk I know
Christmas has no real worth.

So what will YOU see at Christmas?
Will you think of that baby so small?
And recognise that the love of God
Came to earth that first Christmas of all?

By Colin Hammacott



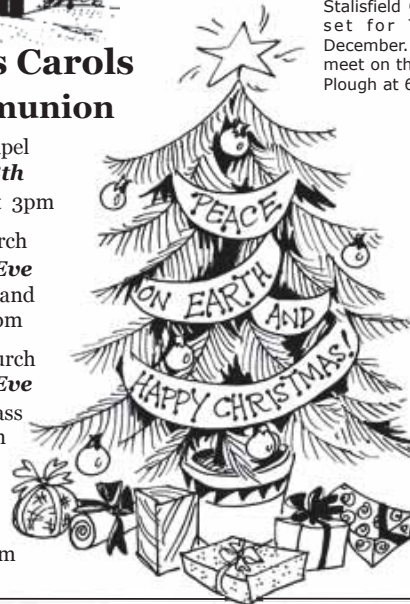
Christmas Carols and Communion

Otterden Chapel
Sunday 18th
Carol Service at 3pm

Eastling Church
Christmas Eve
Nine Lessons and
Carols at 4pm

Stalisfield Church
Christmas Eve
Midnight Mass
at 11.30pm

Eastling Church
Christmas Day
Christmas Family
Communion at 10am



OTTERDEN W.I.

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Real Life Nativity

Snoad Farm, Otterden

Sunday 4th December, 3pm

Children's Christmas Fancy

Dress Welcome

Seasonal Refreshments Available

Crib Service

by Candlelight

Stalisfield Church

at 3 pm on

Sunday 11th December.

All very welcome

Stalisfield Carols

Maintaining our wonderful
tradition of celebrating
Christmas with singing
with our community, The
Stalisfield Carols has been
set for Tuesday 20th
December. Carol singers to
meet on the green outside The
Plough at 6pm.



Painters Forstal Village Carols

with Readings

Monday 19th December,

7pm in the

Champion Hall.

Collection for
Action for Children.

Good News

Parish

Magazine

December 2011

The news magazine for the combined parishes of Eastling and Stalisfield with Otterden

ever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for Heaven to live with thee there.

"Bah!", "Humbug!"

said Scrooge, as Christmas, which he hated, approached. Scrooge was a character in Charles Dickens' novel "A Christmas Carol". He hated people, he was rich and he was a miser. He was also miserable.



Nowadays a lot of people in England hate Christmas. They say it starts too early, is too commercial, and puts pressure on people to spend time pretending to enjoy themselves with people they don't like. Certainly Scrooge would have agreed with that last comment!

As for Christmas starting early, I remember an occasion on holiday in Scotland in July, years ago. Peter my husband and I were amused by the sign in a shop saying "Half price Christmas cards for sale! Buy Now and save later!"

There is now an enormous commercial build-up to Christmas, everything pointing to acquisitiveness, which really leads to nothing meaningful except the symbol of getting or not getting what you want. Moreover, the build-up is so great that it inevitably leads to a anticlimax of some degree. In other countries where Christmas is more low-key, the potential for disappointment is not so great. And to top it all, the strain of trying to get on with people in the family you don't

normally have to spend time with, can be depressing. But at the heart of Christmas is something which is completely opposite to all the above. It is a time when we celebrate love and

peace-all that is best in humankind; what is worth living for: the point of life. All this is symbolised in the form of a tiny baby born in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago-vulnerable and weak but giving its life to help us all draw closer to God, and show us His nature-which is Love.

At the end of Dickens novel, Scrooge changes. Frightened by the loneliness and pointlessness of his existence, he takes the risk. He sheds his shell and opens himself to the humans around him. He starts to learn to love others and to accept their love, and to enjoy their company.

So may we likewise cast off our grumpiness and cynicism about Christmas, and take another deeper look at the babe in the manger, and join with the humble shepherds and the majestic kings in acknowledging something that is bigger than we are or can ever be- the Love of God. May Christ give you his love and peace this Christmas.

Angela Cheeseman



Prayer Pointers December 2011



Sunday	Pray for our Archbishop and all who minister to us.
Monday	Bring peace to all of Your world.
Tuesday	Bless families at this time of Advent.
Wednesday	Continue to pray for our Church officers.
Thursday	Be with all whose loved ones have died.
Friday	Continue to pray for all at The Living Well.
Saturday	Give us true understanding of the Joy of Christmas.

POWER OF PRAYER

The great sage in our times-Mahatma Gandhi stated:

"Prayer is the very soul and essence of religion and therefore prayer must be the very core of the life of man"

My daughter Shoba was in ITU -hospital for six weeks after the birth of her twins. She was very poorly. Her recovery has been a miracle facilitated by prayers of family, friends, neighbours and many good people. Healing is a long process. It requires of patients faith, trust and confidence in the healer.

"You can do more than pray after you have prayed: but you can never do more than pray until you have prayed"
A. J. Gordon

Rev. Angela Cheeseman will conduct a Service of Thanksgiving at Saint Mary's, Stalisfield, at 12 midday on Wednesday 28th December, 2011. There will be light lunch (vegetarian) served after the service.
Raghu Gatind

December Wordsearch

December	Trees	Messiah	Busy
Cold	Concerts	Manger	Joyful
Cards	Carols	Bethlehem	Celebrate
Presents	Pudding	Angels	Gift
Mistletoe	Cake	Shepherds	Son
		Birth	Magi



The Carpenters Arms

01795 890234

December sees us enter our fourth year at "The Carps" and we would like to thank all of you for your continuing support and friendship, without which The Carps simply would not work.

We wish all of you a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

Friday 2nd December

Fisticuffs live from 9pm

The punk band from Southend return for a special Christmas gig at The Carps

Christmas Hours

As normal till Christmas Eve then we have

Kellys Heroes playing in the bar from 8:30 till 11pm

Christmas Day 11:00 till 2pm bar only

Boxing Day, 12 till 6pm bar and food

Then normal hours till New Year's Eve

New Year's Eve will be a black tie evening with a buffet available, at £10 per head, with fireworks at midnight.

DJ starts at 8pm

Sunday 1st January, 12 – 6pm

Monday 2nd January 12 – 6pm

Tuesday 12 – 3pm & 6pm – 11pm

Wednesday 4th Closed

Thursday 5th Closed

Happy Christmas
Mitch, Donna and the dogs

Eastling Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th January 2012, at 6.30pm, in Eastling Village Hall.
Residents are always welcome to attend any meeting.
Jill Seaman, Clerk to the Council.
mick_seaman@yahoo.co.uk

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

Parish /Village Warden 07794 010394
Crimestoppers 0800 555111

Swale Police 101
Emergencies 999



The new *non emergency* number for Kent Police is now 101. Call handlers in the force control centre will connect callers to the local neighbourhood officer, or team, or relevant department, to deal with the incident as required.

There have been more instances in the village of the cold calling on the telephone from computer persons telling you of a fault on your computer. Just put the phone down and stop the call. Trading Standards have been advised again.

There is another national scam at the moment regarding a delivery company called PDS (parcel delivery service) who are dropping cards into letterboxes suggesting that they tried to deliver a parcel and that you were out. The card tells you to call an 090 number (*premium rate number*) - Do Not call this number, as you might end up with rather a very large telephone bill.

A silver saloon car was reported touring the village recently. It was reported to the police who subsequently stopped the car and the occupants questioned. Well done to the persons who reported it to me.

Two barrels of beer were stolen from outside the village hall. I saw the persons concerned moving the barrels in a green wheelie bin. At the time of writing this, one barrel has been recovered and those concerned are under police investigation.

Christmas is coming so make sure that all windows and doors are securely fastened. Remember the police will have extra patrols out at this time of the year so please, no drink driving.

A person was recently apprehended by the police in the village trying to scale a garden fence and did not have a good reason, should you see this person trying to do the same again please ring Donna on 890234, the person is about 5ft 10 ins , greyish hair, quite old and answers to the name of Mitch !

Have a good month and a Merry Christmas
Alan

Decorating Eastling Church for Christmas

Everyone on the Church Flower Rota is warmly invited to join in with the annual Christmas decoration of the church, on Thursday, 22nd December, at 10.00am.

Please bring as many seasonal flowers and foliage as you can, in order to make the church as festive and as beautiful as possible.

Refreshments will be provided.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible,

Cerys and Bay.

The Way I See It – Bath Salts for the Baby

I suppose in a way you've got to blame those 'Wise Men'. Their gifts to the infant Jesus - gold, frankincense and myrrh - have probably got something to do with the fact that we give gifts at Christmas.

We can't give them to Jesus on his birthday, because even Amazon can't deliver to heaven, so we give them to . . . well, Auntie Jo, grandson Reuben and the nice woman next door who takes in our parcels when we're not there. And then there's the nephews and nieces, the brothers and sisters, friends at church and of course the beloved, who always poses the biggest dilemma. 'In as much as you do it for the least of these my brothers and sisters, you do it for me', said Jesus, but as I look at my presents list it doesn't honestly look like 'the least'. My nephew works for a merchant bank and his annual bonus would probably pay off my mortgage. What do you give to the young man who's got everything?

Which brings me back to those Wise Men, who weren't all that wise, in fact - pedlars of spells and high class fortune tellers, really. But their gifts were clever. What do you give to the child who is 'born king', as they described him (rather unisely) to Herod? Their answer was gold (because he was royal), frankincense (because he would be our great high priest) and myrrh (because he

had been born in order to die). Their gifts may seem strange at first sight - and must have completely baffled poor Mary and Joseph - but they were absolutely right for the recipient: king and priest and sacrifice, as the carol says. When it comes to getting the presents exactly right, they're top drawer. Which probably won't help much as we try to fathom out our presents list this Christmas. Do you remember John Betjeman's list of goofy gifts - 'bath salts and inexpensive scent, and hideous tie so kindly meant'? His lines make me wince every time I read them because it sounds exactly like my last minute Christmas shopping. But his wry list of inappropriate gifts is to be found in a poem about the Nativity. And in it the pathetic presents we buy and wrap up and hand over at Christmas are contrasted with God's greatest gift - 'the Maker of the sky and sea, become a child on earth for me'.

'It isn't the gift - it's the spirit in which it's given', we say. True. True, too, of that greatest gift of all, 'the baby in the manger stall'. And true, too, for the Wise Men, who got their gifts so exactly right. I reckon they'd thought hard and long about them, which suggests a truly wise approach to choosing presents. But on the whole I'd still avoid the myrrh for great-aunt Beryl (or the inexpensive scent).



Services in our Churches

Wednesday Worship

Eastling 9.05 - 9.20am Morning Worship
This service will be suspended over the winter months - last service on 14th December.

4th December Advent 2

2 Peter 3. 8 -15a, Mark 1. 1 -8

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

11th December Advent 3

1 Thessalonians 5. 16 - 24, John 1. 6 - 8, 19 - 28

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling 10.30 am The Point
Stalisfield 3 pm Crib Service

18th December Advent 4

Romans 16. 25 - end, Luke 1. 26 - 38

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling 10 am S Club in Village Hall
Otterden 3 pm Carol Service

24th December Christmas Eve

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

Christmas Day

Eastling 10 am Family Communion

1st January Christmas 2

Galatians 4. 4 - 7, Luke 2. 15 - 21

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

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

If I decorate my house with beautiful bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny baubles, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of mince pies, roasting a perfect turkey, and lay a magnificent table, but have no love for my guests, I am 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 have compassion in my heart for those in need, I am just another social service; it profits me nothing.

The 1 Corinthians 13 of Christmas

attend a myriad of holiday parties but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point. Love stops the cooking to hug the child. Love sets aside the decorating to help one's wife with boring housework. Love puts the Christmas present shopping on hold in order to run the elderly neighbour to the doctor. Love is kind, though harried and tired. Love doesn't envy another's home that has more expensive presents, or even coordinated Christmas china and table linen. Love

Ministry in our Parishes

Priest in Charge Vacant

Non Stipendiary Minister with Permission To Officiate
Reverend Angela Cheeseman (01795 892124)
New House Farm, Eastling ME13 0BN

Reader Norman Fowler (01795 890412)
4 Meesons Close, Eastling

Reader Hugh Perks (01795 890603)
Weald Cottage, Eastling

Churchwardens

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

Parish Administrator Janet Payne (01795 890487)
E mail: eastlingchurch@gmail.com

Stalisfield with Otterden

Jean West (01233 712270)
Gillian Wallace (01233 714904)

Parish Administrator Sheila Moger (01233 713212)
E mail samhawksnest@aol.com

From the Registers

Baptism

Charlotte Beth Wilkinson
6th November 2011 at Eastling

Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: monthly 20th December, 9.30am
Garden Cottage, Newnham Lane, Eastling
Tuesdays: weekly Study Group 7.30pm Pinks Farm
Thursdays Prayer Group 10.30am Pinks Farm
All welcome.

Throwley Church Christmas Services

18th December Carol Service at 5pm
Christmas Day Family Communion at 11am

doesn't yell at the children to get out of the way; love is glad that 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, even irritating relatives. It believes all things, and encourages teenagers to aim high for their future. It hopes all things, endures all things, even a spouse who is depressed about their job prospects. Love never fails other people. Computer games will crash, even cashmere jumpers will wear out, and golf clubs will get lost. But the gift of love will endure forever. Happy Christmas!

The Gulls

by Audrey Keen

As the muddy waters of the Swale recede at low tide, I note for the first time the remains of many flowers on the shifting bank. Their beauty so recently eclipsed by the magnificence of the sea. Viper's bugloss and yellow sea poppy grow among the dry shells, untouched by the water. The breakwaters give life only to winkles that cling to the damp salty wood. But now, when the moon persuades the tide to rise high again and touch the shore, little by little the sea bank is eroded and the water creeps ever nearer and eats up the land. Meanwhile, marsh harriers call and hover over the reed dyke behind the sea wall where swans nest and small birds struggle to bring up their young to maturity.

Only a few miles inland, as the crow flies, I see a landscape different, but the sea, the shell beach and wading birds, make this a fascinating walk, especially as the gulls fly, tilt their bodies and extend their legs in preparation to land and settle on the



reed island of mud flats. While in the distance the sea sparkles on the horizon and inches back to the land to take a little more of the beach, the grass bank, the earth, coaxing it all back into the sea. And all the while the gulls, oblivious of this erosion, glide and settle, eat, rise, fly and call again.

*Shall I not see the blue white sky and merry sun,
Or gulls that come to peck at food from here?*

The rooks and pigeons gone, their call is numbed

*Quiet so by time,
And noiseless mists creep on to dim and so devour*

*The day that I concede be shadowed further by each hour.
AIK (From A Winter Landscape)*

Thank You

Following the Harvest Festival Service at Stalisfield, the produce donated was taken to Catching Lives, a centre for the Homeless by Canterbury East Station. Pat Thompson has received a note thanking all and saying that donations at this time of year were very gratefully received as the weather gets colder and the Centre prepares for winter service provision. Apparently the jams and marmalade were particularly appreciated.



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Stalisfield Jubilation!!

NatWest CommunityForce

We did it! You did it! Thanks to all our supporters who ploughed undaunted through all complications in the voting process, we reached a winning total in telephone and web votes sufficient to persuade the Community Force Fund executives that our application merited an award of £6,275. This grant gives a substantial boost to our rebuild fund and to our hopes for success.

We thank everyone for their support. Without it we would never have achieved this result, no matter how good our case. That our case was so good is mostly to the credit of Cat whose video spoke so eloquently for Stalisfield and to Tracey for her persistence in making our case so effectively. Their energy made sure that no-one remotely connected to Stalisfield remained unaware of the importance of casting a vote.

In all of this we mustn't forget to also thank NatWest for creating the CommunityForce programme in the first place.

Congratulations all round.

Stalisfield Limelight

Jack and the Beanstalk

Friday and Saturday 9th and 10th December

Despite extending the run from one to two performances, unprecedented demand ensured that the Stalisfield pantomime tickets sold out in early November. Judith will open a waiting list for possible cancellations. Applications should be left by message on (01795) 890203. Our inability to accommodate demand for the Stalisfield Annual Theatre underlines the need for a renewed and expanded village hall and provides added incentive for all concerned in the rebuild project. Hopes are high.

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Pop-in-the end of a chapter

I would like to thank the helpers of pop-in, past and present, who have faithfully come every Wednesday for the last 8 years since its inception, to set up the Hall, serve coffee, tea and refreshments for our benefit.

Pop-in was started in 2003 as a church initiative to help the community. It has enabled people to meet and chat in the village hall when they have needed it and been a place for school mums to meet for a quick cuppa after dropping off their children, before going to do their home chores. Pop-in has provided the first place to which new mothers could bring their new baby to be admired and to be given some encouragement before walking back to their empty homes. It has provided an open space and smooth floor for toddlers to run about and play and ride toy cars when the weather is too wet and cold outside. Pop-in has also been a meeting place for the older members of the community - people just bereaved, or in need of a chat with their friends, also people new in the village have met the first Eastling inhabitants here. It is said that "All good things must come to an end", and just recently the numbers at pop-in have dropped steeply, so it seems time to call it a day. Maybe it is time for a new initiative.

We will see. Meanwhile it is time to thank Hilary, Jill, and past helpers very much indeed for all they have done to make Eastling a better place.

Angela Cheeseman

Carols

in the Market Place

Friday 23rd December, 7pm

Organised by Churches together in Faversham



Eastling Short Mat Bowls

On 3rd November the Eastling Cherries played Hornhill (Milsted) at home, in the Swale league, and won 58 shots to 40, giving Eastling 10 points to 4 points. In the East Kent league they went all the way down to Ash and, in their club house, they have mat on mat which makes for slow running, but we soon picked this up with Des Briggs, Bryan Searly and Roy Piles winning 22-shots to 7 shots, earning two points. The team of Chris Smith, Brian Fisher and Eileen Piles fought back from being down and, with four ends to go, drawing 14 shots to 14. We came away with 36 shots to 21, a total five points to one. On 10th November Tunstall came to Eastling and we played some very hard games but in the end we won by 50 shots to 48, so two extra points for that finishing 8 points to 6. We are now in full swing with league fixtures, so will keep you posted each month.

Wednesday roll up could do with some more members. Come along to the village hall, 2.00pm to 4.00pm, just bring along some flat soled shoes.



POP - IN

Book Sale and Homemade Cake Sale

Eastling Village Hall
Wednesday 7th December
9 - 11am

Free entry and a cup of tea or coffee.
Cake proceeds to Pop-In hall hire.
Book proceeds to Alzheimer's Society.
Toddlers welcome.

LAST POP-IN is 14th December.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year.



Ospringle with Painters Forstal W.I. Christmas Party

Tuesday 13th December

2pm at Brook Farmhouse.

Carols

with Faversham Choral
Society

including the FCS Youth Choir
and Faversham Mission Band
St. Mary of Charity Parish Church
Saturday 10th December at 7.30pm
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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Thank you to everyone who has supported the classes this year.
Looking forward to keeping fit with you in 2012

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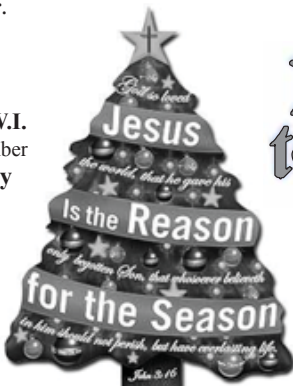
Eastling Gardeners Club

New Year's Party

Saturday, 14 January 2012

In Eastling village hall,
starting at 7.30pm.

Beer Tasting provided by
Tonic Prins of the Hopdaemon
Brewery, Newnham,
followed by a buffet with wine
Free to members,
non-members £2.50



The Eastling School children's carved pumpkins were judged by the Chair of the Governors and the winners were awarded Halloween prizes whilst all entrants were given goodies.

The school's 'Bring your parent to Lunch' day on Thursday 17th November was attended by a number of parents and children who all enjoyed the event.

The Eastling School children's popular Christmas Craft Club is to be held after school on Thursday 1st December - £2 per child - don't forget to book!

The infants Nativity Play will be held on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th December at 1.30pm. Teas and Coffee will be available while you wait for the children to get changed!

Trick or Treating in Stalisfield

A big thank you to all who helped make this year's Halloween a successful evening.

We had lots of well behaved children in their finest scary outfits, and many of the villagers opened their doors to our frightening bunch and kept them well supplied with goodies.

Thank you to all who generously provided sweets and crisps for the occasion, and to the children for all their hard work with their costumes.

Su and Andy

(and Doug M. Upp, from 'The Coffin'!)

Happy Christmas to all our Readers

The Eastling Senior Citizens'

Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 6th December, 12.30 for 1pm.

Please let us know if you qualify and have not received an invitation. Norman and Marina, 01795 890242.



FRIENDS of EASTLING SCHOOL

The Eastling School children's Christmas Shopping afternoon will be on Friday 9th December when the children will be able to buy their presents and have them gift wrapped ready for Christmas Day.

The term will finish on Friday 16th December with a non-uniform day and afternoon Discos for the Infants, followed by one for the Juniors; more details will be sent home with the children.

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Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity,
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Stalisfield Highlife

Weather permitting, the Village Hall Committee invites the more mature members of the community to join them in the Hut on the Green for a mince pie or two and a chat to mark the Christmas season. If you haven't received your personal invitation in good time, please ring Ian on (01795) 890475.

You will be welcomed at 4pm on
Saturday 17th December.

Transport will be available if wanted.

Help!

Organist /Piano
Player Needed



Our grateful thanks are due to Graham Galer, who has provided organ music for our Services in Stalisfield with Otterden.

Graham is now moving and we urgently need an Organist/Piano Player to assist us with the music, when possible.

If you can help, and to discuss, please contact Jean West on 01233 712270.

Otterden W.I.

The WI are having a Wreath Making Night, but as the Village Hall is getting ready for the Panto, we are going to have it at Judith Saunders Barn, Derbies Court, Stalisfield.

This is on Wednesday 7th December at 7pm.
Any ladies wishing to come and join, it will cost them £5 for the bare wreath. Please bring greenery etc.

December



2011

1st Christmas Craft Club	after school	Eastling School
4th 'Live' Nativity	3pm	Snoad Farm, Otterden
6th Senior Citizens' Lunch	1pm	Eastling Village Hall
7th Cakes and Books at Pop-In	9am	Eastling Village Hall
7th W.I. Wreath making	7pm	Derbies Court Barn
9th Children's Christmas Shopping		Eastling School
9/10th Jack and the Beanstalk		Stalisfield Village Hall
11th Crib Service	3pm	Stalisfield Church
13th Ospringle W. I.	2pm	Brook Farmhouse
14th Last Pop-In	9 - 11am	Eastling Village Hall
14th Last Wednesday service	9.05am	Eastling Church
15th DEADLINE for January 2012 magazine		See below
17th Holiday Club	9.30am	Eastling Village Hall
17th Over 60s Christmas Tea	4pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
18th S Club Christmas Party	10am	Eastling Village Hall
18th Otterden Carol Service	3pm	Otterden Chapel
19th Carols and Readings	7pm	Champion Hall
20th Stalisfield Carol Singing	6pm	outside The Plough
22nd Christmas decorating	10am	Eastling Church
24th Nine Lessons and Carols	4pm	Eastling Church
27th Good News Publication	2pm	Pinks Farm
28th Thanksgiving Service	12 noon	Stalisfield Church
JANUARY 14th Gardeners' Party	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall

Deadline for January 2012 Good News

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