

The perfume at Christmas that Willie sent, Was highly displeasing to Millicent, They quarrelled, I'm told, Till they were

That season that should not be named (well, not until 1st December anyway!) is nearly upon us with a range of exciting activities at school. These include the traditional FOES funded pantomime on 19th December which all pre-school (and home schooled) parents and children are cordially invited to come along to and enjoy the Christmas fun! In addition the school takes over the first 80 seats at the Marlowe Theatre pantomime on Wednesday 11th December, when we take parents and children to this seasonal sensation. Not only that, but we also have Santa's Number One emissary - Miss L Toes visiting the school in person to

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take Christmas letters direct back to the North Pole (28th November). Our Cinema Club continues to run each Friday after school and we move to more the seasonal fayre of "The Santa Claus 2" on December 13th.

Class parties, carol singing and Christmas cheer abound in the school with Miss Freeman's first Nativity as 'Director' taking place on Wednesday and Thursday 11th/12th December from 1.40pm. FOES turn the hall into a giant Christmas shopping Mall for the children to buy surprise presents for their parents on Friday 13th December and even

provide a seasonal club of Christmas Crafts for all on the Thursday 5th December. Our 'end of term' finale is the next FOES disco which takes place between 6pm-8pm on the final day of term, Friday 20th December, with just 5 sleeps to Christmas.

On Monday 16th December we visit St Mary's Church for our Christmas Christingle from 9.20am - an ideal opportunity to come and see the children read their pieces and entertain with their singing.



Everyone at the school would like to wish readers of the parish magazines a Happy Christmas and thank them for all the community support we have enjoyed over the year.

*eight years old. Through the silly scent Willy sent Millicent! * Why did Father Christmas take his barber with him on his sleigh? Because he knew the short cuts!*



Merry Christmas

to all our readers and our advertisers



Your Gift of Life - at Christmas

Creaking on the staircase -
Noise outside my door -
A rustle in the chimney -
It's 'Santa-time' once more.

St. Nicholas is on his way
With all his Christ-life gifts
To fire every child-light with
The loving Christ-mass kiss.

In some he'll place the gift of gold -
In others frankincense -
While others will be given myrrh -
All signs of God's presence.

For in each earthly crib or bed
In squalor, comfort, splendour -
The Christ child has been placed again
To call the world to wonder.

So come you kings, come one, come all,
Come shepherds to the cradle stall
And hear the angels sing a-new
The heavenly song they sing for you.

Your God is in your gift of life -
The life He gives with love -
So take the gift and use it,
Use it wisely, don't abuse it,
Let the Christ-life fire your spirit
That God in you may LIVE.

By Sam Doubtfire



Come and Sing the Christmas Story

Crib Service

Stalisfield Church, 3pm, Sunday 15th December

School Christingle

Eastling Church, 9.20am, Monday 16th December

Christmas Celebration

Champion Hall, 7pm, Monday 16th December

Stalisfield Carol Singing

Start on the Green, 6pm, Thursday 19th December

Carol Service

Throwley Church, 4pm, Sunday 22nd December

Carols in Market Place

Faversham, 7pm, Monday 23rd December

Nine Lessons & Carols

Eastling Church, 4pm on Christmas Eve

Midnight Mass

Stalisfield Church,
11.30pm on Christmas Eve

Christmas Day Family Communion

Eastling Church at 10am
Throwley Church at 10am



S Club Christmas Crafts and Carols

15th December
10am - 11am
in Eastling Village Hall

The Bible - on TV

A 10 hour mini-series that brings the Bible to life is scheduled to start at 9pm on Saturday 30th November on Channel 5. It will be followed by a Blu-ray and DVD release by Fox. From Genesis to Revelation, THE BIBLE series features some of the most famous stories, such as Noah's Ark, the Exodus and Daniel in the Lion's Den, to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. Go to <http://www.thebibleuk.org> for clips from the episodes.



We've got online carol-singers again!

A SAVIOUR HAS BEEN BORN!
"Good news! - wonderful, joyous news for all people. A Saviour has been born. He is Christ the Lord."

Mouse Makes

- Make this crib 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.

A Saviour is born

"Glory to God in the heavenly heights, Peace to all men and women on earth who please him."

Read about the birth of Jesus in Luke chapters 1 and 2

• Punch out the holes then cut 30cm of thin ribbon and thread through the holes.

• Pull together and knot to form a box. Hide small sweets inside.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

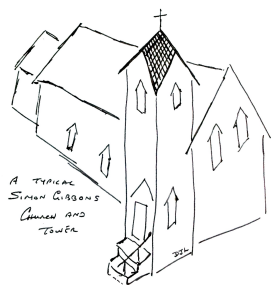
• Photocopy this page onto card to make lots of crib boxes.

The Canon's Column

The church calendar for December is full of commemorations of interesting people and situations. We all remember St. Nicholas, bishop of Myra, famous for his kindness to children and sailors and from whom we get our traditions of Santa Claus. His life lived out the spirit of Christ and so he has become a part of our Christmas celebrations.

I would like to tell you about Simon Gibbons, an Inuit orphan from Labrador who became an Anglican priest and missionary. He ministered as a reader in outposts of Newfoundland, as a theological student in rural Quebec, and as a priest in three parishes in Nova Scotia. His first parish in Cape Breton, covered the whole of Victoria County, nearly the size of Kent, where he traveled by boat along the coast, walked in the summer and snow shod in the winter. He risked his life many times, travelling through blizzards, crossing inlets on ice flows and frozen sea slush to minister to the sick and dying. The communities were far apart with no proper roads, only woodland trails in the 1880's, and to serve his churches regularly, he travelled a hundred mile circuit.

Simon Gibbons made several fundraising trips to England, once preaching for Queen Victoria and raised enough money through these trips to



build six churches in small out of the way communities in Nova Scotia, such as Neil's Harbour, Beddeck, Jordan's Falls and three communities in the Parsboro Parish. All the

churches have a distinctive cap roof on the tower that only the Simon Gibbons' churches have. He worked alongside his parishioners in building these churches, nailing clapboard, setting windows and doors and making furnishings.

He died on December 15th 1896 at about the age of 46. Simon Gibbons is remembered as a true servant of Christ and of the people; he was an entertaining speaker and gifted person who did not let the prejudice against his Inuit ancestry interfere in his work of ministry.

Can you imagine the first celebrations of Christmas in these small churches in isolated parts of Nova Scotia, priest and people celebrating together in the churches they had built to the glory of God?

Norma and I would like to invite you to come to as many of the Christmas celebrations as you can. May Christ, who is at the centre of Christmas, be present in your celebrations that you may know the meaning of life that the Shepherds and the wise men found in that first Christmas.

Blessings,
Canon Donald J Lawton

Confirmation

There will be a Deanery Confirmation service on Tuesday, 4th March, 2014. If there are adults or youth who would like to be confirmed in their faith at that service, please contact Canon Lawton, 01795 890487, as soon as possible so we can schedule a programme of preparation. In the past in other places, there have been people who have wished to do some review and make a recommitment or rededication at the Confirmation service. If there are any who would like to explore this, please contact me as well.

This may seem a downbeat article to offer at Christmas, but the threat is of real concern....

The legal drugs which are killing our young people

Will your teenager survive to reach Christmas? That might depend on the Christmas parties he or she attends – and what is being offered there. For while the use of traditional drugs may be in decline, more than 70 new varieties of drugs were recorded in the UK in 2012 alone. Every few days in the UK a new variety of legal high goes on sale, specifically packaged to appeal to youngsters.

This Christmas season, teenage party invitations will be sent with web links advertising where to buy the drugs. According to a recent report from Iain Duncan Smith's Centre for Social Justice, at least one in 12 young people in the UK – more than 670,000 – have already tried legal highs.

Laughing gas (nitrous oxide) was used by at least 350,000 16-24 year olds last year, and is the second most popular drug after cannabis. Yet doctors warn it can lead to strokes, seizures and death. Ketamine, a horse tranquiliser, has been at the vanguard of so-called party drugs. But now urologists report a significant rise in young people who use it needing to wear nappies, or to have their bladders removed altogether.

As well as websites, so-called head shops are springing up around the country. These openly advertise legal highs, which can be sold to young people of 18 or over, as long as they are clearly marked 'not fit for human consumption' (!) Factories in India and China mass produce these lethal legal highs for the global market.

Sadly, Britain has become the 'addicted man of Europe', with some of the highest rates of substance abuse. The authorities admit they are losing the fight to control the new wave of pills, powders and even canisters of laughing gas that is sweeping Britain. Britain's addiction to drugs and alcohol now costs the taxpayer £36 billion a year. "Our appetite for destruction seems voracious" says one worried expert. An addict says it simply: "Legal highs fry your brains."

Eastling Church December 2013 Flower Rota

1st Catherine Ochs & Fiona Swatland
8th Mel Jordan
15th Cerys Lister & Catherine Ochs
22nd Christmas communal decorating on Saturday 21st at 10am. All hands needed!
29th Christmas Flowers

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch



Warden 077940 10394
or 01795 890848

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111
Swale Police 101
Emergency 999

There have been several break-ins / burglaries in villages very close to Eastling over the last month, so please, especially at this time of the year, be very alert to any strangers or vehicles not known to you in the area. If at all possible try and obtain number plate details of vehicles which seem suspicious. Again we are at the time of year for fun and frivolity and the extra message at this time is not to drink and drive. The police will have extra patrols out again this year and the cost of a taxi, or arranging a lift for your journey if you are going to drink alcohol, is a lot cheaper than gambling with your licence or worse your life, or someone else's.

The time has arrived when the nasties decide that they are going to do a bit of hare coursing. They travel into our area from far and wide, so if you see any signs of this happening please give me a ring or the call police, under no circumstances approach them yourselves.

Enjoy your Christmas
Have a good month
and take care
Alan



EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on 6th November and discussed repairs to the Highway which had been carried out, noting there were outstanding repairs needed and the poor state of the roads with debris washed onto the highway was discussed.

A recent Planning Application for a barn at a local farm had been received and Parish Council comments would be forwarded to Swale Borough Council.

The next meeting of Eastling Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 8th January 2014 at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall. The precept for the year will be discussed.

Residents are always welcome to attend any meeting.

Jill Seaman, Clerk to the Council
mick_seaman@yahoo.co.uk

News from Dave and Polly at the Carpenters Arms, Eastling.

We moved in as the new tenants on the 25th October and we are both pleased to become new members of the Eastling community. We would like to thank everyone for your very warm welcome. As you may also know we have had quite a testing time with the work needed to bring the pub kitchen back to life. I will elaborate on our 'adventure' in the next Good News issue. Lastly as a reminder, we are open 7 days a week.

Help for Heroes charity **Quiz Night** on Saturday 30th November, 8pm approx', £3 per head, cash prize first and second with the rest of the quiz proceeds to the charity.

Steve Boltz free live music Saturday 14th December from 8pm.

<http://carpentersarmseastling.co.uk>

Prayer Pointers December 2013



Sundays	For a true understanding of this time of Advent.
Mondays	For all who work for food banks.
Tuesdays	That family peace will abide everywhere.
Wednesdays	Help us to appreciate the true meaning of Christmas.
Thursdays	Give thanks for God's gift of His Son.
Fridays	Pray for the hungry, the cold and the oppressed.
Saturdays	For peace throughout the world.

Trios of chickens or bantams available.

I have the following birds available to good homes:

- a trio of beautiful, point of lay, mottled Pekin bantams (one cockerel & two hens)
- a fine pair of white pekin bantams- one cock and hen.
- a trio of Fred Ham's Cherry Orchard utility light Sussex- one cock and two laying hens.

The Light Sussex lay large buff eggs. The Pekins are friendly and quiet and make perfect pets.

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Services in our Churches

1st December Advent Sunday

Isaiah 2. 1 - 5, Romans 13. 11 - end, Matthew 24. 36 - 44
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
 Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

8th December Advent 2

Isaiah 11. 1 - 10, Romans 15. 4 - 13, Matthew 3. 1 - 12
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Stalisfield 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)
 Throwley 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
 Eastling 10.30am Advent Freestyle

15th December Advent 3

Isaiah 35. 1 - 10, James 5. 7 - 10, Matthew 11. 2 - 11
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)
 Eastling 10 am S Club in the Village Hall
 Stalisfield 3 pm Crib Service

22nd December Advent 4

Isaiah 7. 10 - 16, Romans 1. 1 - 7, Matthew 1. 18 - end
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Throwley 4 pm Carol Service

24th December Christmas Eve

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

25th December Christmas Day

Isaiah 52. 7 - 10, Hebrews 1. 1 - 4 [5 - 12], John 1. 1 - 14
 Eastling 10 am Family Communion
 Throwley 10 am Family Communion

29th December Christmas 1

Isaiah 63. 7 - 9, Hebrews 2. 10 - end, Matthew 2. 13 - end
 Stalisfield 10 am Benefice Communion (CW)

5th January 2014 Epiphany

Isaiah 60. 1 - 6, Ephesians 3. 1 - 12, Matthew 2. 1 - 12
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
 Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

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

Ministry in our Parishes

Priest of Revd Canon Donald J. Lawton (01795 890487)
 the Parishes The Rectory, Newham Lane, Eastling ME13 0AS

Non Stipendiary Minister with Permission To Officiate
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 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

Throwley Barbara Elliott (01795 890020)
 Maggie Scutt (01795 890312)

From the Registers

Funeral

Albert (Bert) Victor Ernest Parrett
 31st October 2013 at Eastling
 followed by cremation at Charing

Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: monthly, Study Group - 10th December
 10am at Garden Cottage, Newnham Lane.
 Tuesdays: weekly, Study Group 7.30pm Pinks Farm
 Thursdays: weekly, Prayer Group 10.30am Pinks Farm
 Benefice prayer group on 5th December.

You will be welcome at any of our groups.

Come and join us for

Advent FREESTYLE

Sunday 8th December
 Eastling Church,
 10.30am
 All ages welcome.



People and Places from the Past

by Dorothy Murray

Snow has always been very picturesque in the country, but makes journeys difficult. The North Downs, being mainly 400' to 600' above sea level, have often had heavy snow falls. The first photo is looking down Eastling Street, showing Forge House and the adjoining forge. Herbert Whibley and his son Alan were the blacksmiths from 1930, shoeing heavy horses for local farmers and the Brewery horses for Shepherd Neame. The forge was demolished in the late 1950's.



The next photo is the Elvy family digging out the road from Corner House to Frith Farm in 1947. The third photo was taken in 1890, a view from Otterden Rectory.

Eastling Short Mat Bowls



On October 22nd, in the East Kent league, the Eastling Cherries played at home against Ashford Road Community Association (A.R.C.A.) with Des Briggs, Bryan Searly and Roy Piles winning on their mat, but the other mat lost. Sadly on the return match they did not bring home a single point as Des, Bryan & Roy went into the last end 13 shots to 13, and were holding shot right till the last wood, then lost by the one shot.

November 3rd saw Des Briggs, John Graham, Roy Piles playing at Bysing Wood Community Centre, in an East Kent competition, but they lost in the semi-final to the eventual winners. On November 5th the Cherries made the long trek to Minster, Thanet, where Mick Heath, Eileen Piles and Chris Smith won their mat but the other team lost, so only came home with 2 points. A week later, at home to Minster, and Des Briggs, Bryan Searly & Roy Piles won 21 shots to 12 shots. John Graham, Eileen Piles & Mick Heath drew - good, 5 points.

In the Swale League Eastling played away to Hornhill only managing to come home with 4 points, very difficult on away mats. Roy Played for the Kent "B" team at Snodland against Surrey, the team winning 30 points to 10 points. Don't forget we meet every Friday Afternoon, 2.30 - 4.30pm, and evening, 7.30 - 9.30pm, at Eastling Village Hall, so drag your self away from the television and see what it is all about.



Horse drawn snow ploughs were used to keep the country roads open. The one in Eastling was kept in School Road and the Stalisfield one was parked on Rooks Hill. They were constructed mainly of wood and iron and pulled by three or four horses. The photo of a snow plough in use was taken in Lenham Square.

Lastly there is a view of Otterden Rectory in 1898, showing a glass conservatory (since removed) and the south wing which was demolished in late 1950's. The hymn 'In the bleak mid-winter' which says 'Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone', is descriptive of severe winters.



The 12 Local History writings during 2013 and accompanying photos are being compiled into a booklet, together with 32 additional old photographs of 'People living and working on the North Downs'. Details in the new year.



A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS

Stalisfield Highlife

Quiz Party

Stalisfield's autumn quiz party opened to a full hall. Participants were not disappointed as the quiz masters managed yet again to contrive an atmosphere of good humoured rivalry posing quirky questions and awarding inter-round prizes of questionable desirability. The overall winners received their customary prize of wine and the overall losers went home with their armful of prizes calculated to ensure that they try harder next time. Despite the low table fees and the bring-your-own refreshment principle the event raised over £130 net of expenses.

Bonfire at The Plough

At the invitation of Marianne and Richard the new owners of The Plough, the village hall committee took part in a joint effort to celebrate Bonfire Night in the Plough field. Attendance was good, the bonfire was superb and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by the participants who were offered hamburgers and sausages from the Hall barbeque, virtually at cost. Ellis Wines donated mulled wine which was sold across the bar. The Plough donated a generous £100 from the receipts to the Village Hall funds. We are appreciative to both.

Over 60s' Christmas Tea Saturday 14th December

If you haven't received your invitation to the Over 60s' Christmas function please don't hesitate to ring Elaine on 01795 890518. Leave a message if necessary. We try hard to catch everyone but occasionally we slip up.

Pantomime

Friday and Saturday 6th and 7th December **SOLD OUT!**

Your chance to see the last pantomime to be staged in the old Hut has all but faded unless you have already secured your ticket. Judith has a waiting list but we have to confess the chances of seats becoming vacant are pretty low.

A second chance to see Cinderella

The Kingswood players present the pantomime Cinderella at the Challock memorial hall on the 31st January at 7.30pm and on 1st February 2014 at 2pm matinee and 7.30pm. Tickets £6 adult and £4 children are available from Challock post office or call 01233 740313. All profits to Kent Air Ambulance.

FRIENDS of EASTLING SCHOOL

What great designs for the Pumpkin Competition at the end Term 1. Well done to all the children and especially to the winners. The Halloween Disco was enjoyed by the children (and parents) with some scary costumes on show!

The school Children have some great events for December starting with the Christmas Craft Club on Thursday 5th December. Open to all ages, the cost is £2 for making 3 items.

FOES will be serving drinks, cakes and biscuits at the infants Nativity on 11th and 12th December.

The children will be able to purchase their Christmas Gifts for family and friends at the Christmas Shopping Afternoon on Friday 13th December. These will be gift wrapped for them ready for Christmas Day. The term finishes on Friday 20th December with a 'Dress Down Day' plus a Disco in the evening.

All details of these events will be sent home with the children so make sure you look in their book bags!

Happy Christmas!

Craft Club

The Craft Club will be holding their next meeting up at Champion Hall on Wednesday 11th December 2013 from 11.15am - 1.15pm. We will be making Festive Christmas Decorations for your home. Come along and join our small and friendly craft club, and enjoy a mince pie, home made cake and a cuppa.

Further details from Pat on 01795 539629. You will be made very welcome. Cost £3 per session.

A Sparkling 'Thank You'

Just a small note to all who organised the evening, on 2nd November, not forgetting the Landlord in his first week of running the Carpenters Arms; our small Throwley contingent really enjoyed themselves and were privileged to join your community. Many thanks - the rest of Throwley do not know what they missed!!

Ben and Anne Wright.

Eastling Gardeners' Club

Saturday 11th January at 7.30 p.m.

New Year's Party

In Eastling Village Hall

Wine tasting provided by Andrew Higgs

Followed by a buffet supper with wine



REMINDER

Thank you to everyone who has replied to the invitation to the Eastling Seniors' Christmas Lunch.



A reminder to let us know by 2nd December if you are definitely coming as catering needs to be finalised. If we do not hear from you we will assume you have declined.



Eastling Village Hall

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Christmas Tree Festival

Ospringe Church

Saturday 30th November, 10am - 5pm
Festival with stalls & refreshments
7pm Sing-a-long evening led by
Faversham Uke Players.

Tickets £5, includes refreshments

Sunday 1st December, 10am - 4pm.
Festival with stalls & refreshments
5pm Advent Service.

The Painters Forstal COFFEE CLUB

Join us in Whitehill Chapel,
11 am - 12.30pm on 11th
December. All welcome.



Painters Forstal with Ospringe WI

will hold their next meeting on Tuesday 10th December 2013 from 2.15pm - 3.45pm. at the Champion Hall, Painters Forstal.

Our talk will be 'Why Dungeness is Special' with speaker Heather Chantler.

We are a small but very friendly WI group and have a varied and interesting programme for the coming year, so do please come along and join us if you are interested in finding out what the WI is all about. Just turn up on the day and you will be made very welcome.

Volunteers Wanted.

The Eastling Church flower arrangers want to add a new Rota for volunteers who will clean the brasses, perhaps once every two months, to keep them looking bright. If we can get a list of names and organise them into pairs, or larger groups, the task will become less onerous. Please let me know if you are able to help.

Julia Bailey. Tel 01795 890401 or email julia.bailey@virginmail.co.uk

WEDDING OF ELEANOR BAILEY AND PHILIP CARROTTE.

The wedding will be held at Eastling, St Mary's Church, on Saturday 21st December 2013 at 2.30 pm. We would be pleased to see anyone from the village who would like to come to the service.
Graham and Julia Bailey.

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Eastling Bee Group



In 2014 The British Beekeeping Association (BBKA) is going to open a new branch in Faversham covering our area.

This will provide the perfect opportunity for those who are interested in beekeeping to learn more about it without having to travel to Ashford or Detling. Ospringe already have a small group who meet at the Alma and the aim is for beekeepers from local villages to work together to form a larger group. If you are interested in keeping bees or already do so (or if you just want to learn more about them) please contact John Lees on sailingdays@btinternet.com



OTTERDEN and STALISFIELD W.I.

Our November meeting was well attended and we spent a very enjoyable evening making decorations for Christmas trees. Our thanks to Val Clark from Kingwood WI for showing us what can be achieved.

Our December meeting is wreath making and our Christmas dinner.

Merry Christmas to you all and a Happy New Year,

DECEMBER



2013

4th Christmas Workshop	11am - 3pm	Belmont House
4th Otterden and S/field W.I.	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
5th Benefice Prayer Group	10.30am	Pinks Farm
6/7th Cinderella Pantomime		Stalisfield Village Hall
10th Monthly Study Group	10am	Garden Cottage
10th P. Forstal & Ospringe WI	2.15pm	Champion Hall
11th Coffee Club	11am	Champion Hall
11th Craft Club	11.15am	Champion Hall
12th Eastling Seniors' Christmas lunch		Eastling Village Hall
14th Stalisfield over 60s Christmas Tea		Stalisfield Village Hall
15th Deadline for January Good News		See below
15th S Club crafts and carols	10am	Eastling Village Hall
15th Crib Service	3pm	Stalisfield Church
16th School Christingle	9.20am	Eastling Church
16th Christmas Celebration	7pm	Champion Hall
18th Last Zumba before Christmas	7pm	Eastling Village Hall
19th Last Pilates before Christmas	9.15am	Eastling Village Hall
19th Stalisfield Carol Singing start	6pm	on the Green
22nd Carol Service	4pm	Throwley Church
23rd Carols in the Market Place	7pm	Faversham Market
24th Nine Lessons and Carols	4pm	Eastling Church
31st Magazine Folding	2pm	Pinks Farm

Deadline for the January 2014 Good News will be 15th December

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

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