



## Eastling School News

Life at school will be moving towards the excitement of our Christmas season with our traditional Nativity on 10th and

production, just needs to let us know by calling our school office on 01795 890252 and then turn up for the 1:30pm start.

All the excellent work from pupils from our art week will be on display to brighten the school as dark days draw in. Each of our school clubs continue, with some great turn-outs for Cinema club and Youth club each week; look out for our Christmas films towards the end of term. The School library continues to open for all family members each Tuesday night (some parents have loved the simplified Shakespeare texts

that we have in the library!), with a collection of Christmas themed books being available at this time of year.

Members of the Eastling community are warmly welcome to our Christingle service at St Mary's Church, on Tuesday 16th December from 9:10am, when there will be beautiful singing and readings from our children.

Term ends on Friday 19th December with a non-uniform day. Dave Walsh, Head Teacher



11th Dec, the Christmas shopping afternoon on 12th Dec, our Class parties on 16th Dec and Card delivery service (Our postbox opens on 1st Dec.) the visit to the Marlowe Panto, Aladdin is on 11th Dec and our very own panto troupe will visit school on 18th Dec. Any pre school child (with parent), who would like to come to this interactive Mother Goose

## The Everlasting Turkey

On the first day of Christmas my true love said to me

I've bought a big fresh turkey and a proper Christmas tree.

On the second day of Christmas much laughter could be heard

As we tucked into our turkey - a most delicious bird.

On the third day of Christmas people came from just next door,

The turkey tasted just as good as it had done before.

On the fourth day of Christmas came relations young and old

We finished up the Christmas pud and had the turkey cold.

On the fifth day of Christmas, outside the snowflakes scurried,

But we were nice and warm inside, and had the turkey curried.

On the sixth day of Christmas, the Christmas spirit died.

The children fought and bickered - we had the turkey rissoles fried.

On the seventh day of Christmas my true love he did wince

When he sat down at table - and was offered turkey mince.

On the eighth day of Christmas, the dog had run for shelter,

For he'd seen our turkey pancakes and the glass of alka-seltzer.

On the ninth day of Christmas, by lunchtime dad was blotto,

He knew that bird was back again, this time as a risotto.

On the tenth day of Christmas we were drinking home-made brew,

Anything to help us face that steaming turkey stew.

On the eleventh day of Christmas our lovely tree was moulting,

And with chilli, soy and oyster sauce, the turkey was revolting.

On the twelfth day of Christmas we had smiles back on our lips,

The guests had gone, the turkey too - WE DINED ON FISH AND CHIPS.



## ANGELS

We hear a lot about angels at Christmas. A lot of the carols we sing have angels in them - like 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing' and 'While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night'.

Angels are God's messengers and you can read about the good news they brought to the shepherds in Luke's Gospel, chapter 2, verses 8-20.

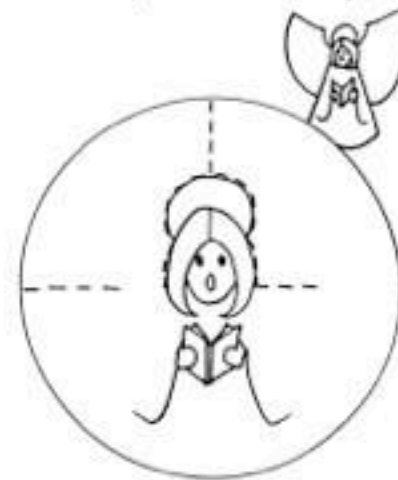
## MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS ANGEL

You can make a whole host of angels, one for the top of the tree and a row of them, all different sizes, to go on a windowsill. To alter the size simply draw a bigger or smaller circle, you could use a dinner plate or a small tin to draw round. You could even make a giant angel using a dustbin lid!

### You will need:

Scissors, thick white paper or thin white card, some felt tip pens and something circular to draw round (use a small plate or saucer to start with).

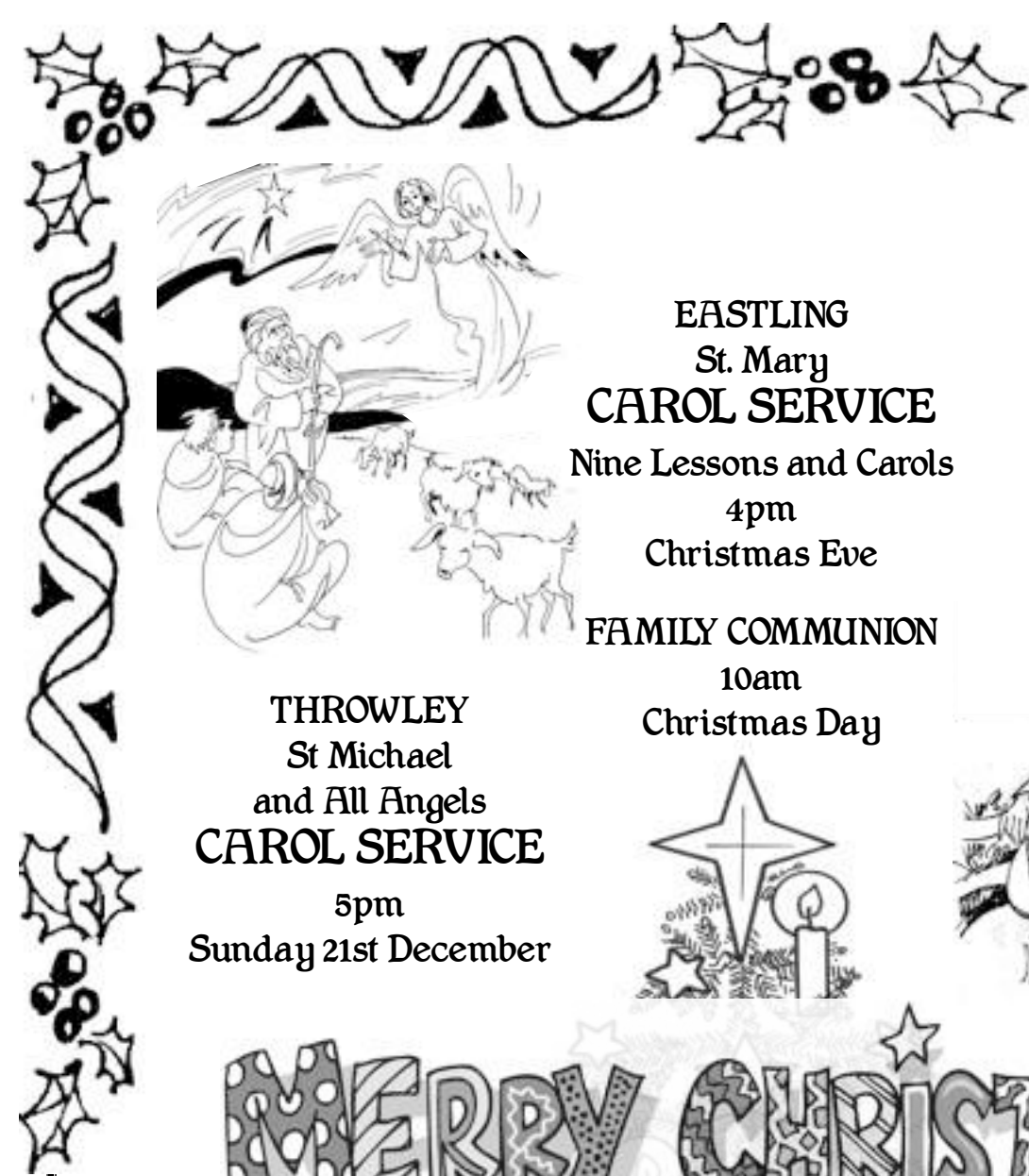
- Draw a circle on the paper and cut it out. Mark the centre of the circle (lightly fold it into quarters to find the centre).
- Copy the face and features on to the circle and colour them in.
- Mark the dotted lines and cut around them and around the halo and hair as marked.
- Fold the angel into a cone by putting one wing over the other and slotting them together. A little piece of sellotape will hold it firmly.



How do angels greet each other?  
They say, Halo.



What do fish sing at Christmas?  
Shark, the herald angels sing.



**EASTLING**  
**St. Mary**  
**CAROL SERVICE**  
Nine Lessons and Carols  
4pm  
Christmas Eve

**FAMILY COMMUNION**  
10am  
Christmas Day

**THROWLEY**  
**St Michael**  
**and All Angels**  
**CAROL SERVICE**  
5pm  
Sunday 21st December



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## EASTLING SENIORS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Could you please make sure that we know by 4th December, if you are coming to the lunch so that we can confirm catering. If you haven't told us already that you would like your lunch delivered, please let us know and also if you need a lift on the day. We look forward to seeing you on 11th December. Marion Willson 01795 890848



## Stalisfield Highlife

### Over 60s' Christmas Tea

This is one more reminder that the Stalisfield Retirees' Rave takes place this year in the new hall on The Green just one year after the last one in the old hall.

The date is Saturday 20th December.

The time is 4 pm.

If you have not had your personal invitation or know someone who should be invited please call Ian on 01795 890475. We don't want any one to miss out so transport can be arranged.

Enjoy your maturity!



## Carols around Stalisfield

Meet on the Green at 6pm on Thursday 18th December  
Please bring torches

# Good News Parish Magazine December 2014

The magazine for the High Downs Benefice of Eastling, Stalisfield with Otterden, and Throwley  
[www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews](http://www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews)

## The Canon's Column

One of the pre-Christmas traditions for Norma and I when we lived in Nova Scotia was to go to a Barra McNeil's Christmas concert. It was full of songs, music, step dancing and poetry in the Celtic tradition featuring the McNeil family and some of their friends. The highlight of the concert sent shivers up and down one's spine as Lucy McNeill sang 'O Holy Night' while standing in a lone spotlight on the darkened stage. It was one of those holy moments when one becomes aware that there is something far beyond ourselves and our own situations. As she finished and the music died, the silence enveloped the audience, a holy pregnant silence that held back the applause for a minute or so. We knew that we had been blessed and that blessing was not just a beautiful voice singing a beautiful song.

Christmas is a holy season, a season in which people can experience the holy, experience that which is beyond ourselves. The traditional Christmas readings describe for us the unique encounters that Zachariah, Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph had with the holy as they learned about the children the two women were to bear. And then there were the shepherd's experiences of the angel messenger, the angel choir, then the infant Jesus in the manger. We also have the account of three men who came a considerable distance with valuable gifts to give to someone they perceived to be holy.



In today's world, in the midst of the busyness of our festivities, many of us look forward to a celebration of Christmas that can provide us with an experience of the holy. I would encourage you to make space in the rush of your Christmas activities to prepare to experience the holiness of Christmas. Join us at any of our three churches during the Advent and Christmas services. Come, expecting to meet the holy and experience Christmas in a way that can bring new life to your lives and our world.

May you have a holy Christmas,

Donald

As 2014 draws to a close, let's remember in our prayers the millions of Christians who live in various parts of the Muslim world. Many of these are facing persecution, and thousands of them have been martyred for their faith during 2014 alone.

**As the year draws to a close, the crisis facing millions of Christians worldwide needs to be remembered. Persecution of the Church is growing.**

Christian communities which have existed "in many cases since the days of St Paul" are now under threat in countries such as Syria and Egypt. To give just two of many dozens of examples: in Egypt during August alone, around 100 Christian sites were attacked, and 42 churches burnt to the ground. In September All Saints Anglican church in Peshawar, Pakistan was bombed, killing 85 and injuring more than 200 people. And similar

horrific stories abound. The Most Rev Justin Welby, who leads almost 80 million Anglicans around the world, said that despite the persecution, it was right that Christians should continue to pray for the terrorists. "As Christians, one of the things is that we pray for justice and particularly the issues around the anger that comes from this kind of killing. But we are also called as Jesus did at the Cross, to pray for those who are doing us harm."

### Prayer Pointers



#### December 2014

Sundays	For the promotion of Your Holy Word.
Mondays	For a true understanding of Advent.
Tuesdays	For time to take commercialism out of Christmas.
Wednesdays	For children everywhere.
Thursdays	For health volunteers working in war torn places.
Fridays	For the hungry, lonely or oppressed.
Saturdays	For the family unit.

#### Date for your Diary

Saturday 28th February 2015

**Our local church buildings:  
To use or to lose?  
An opportunity to discuss.**

**Keep the morning free  
and come with your ideas  
ALL WELCOME  
More details to follow in the  
New Year.**

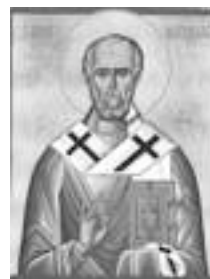
### Eastling Church Flower Rota December 2014

Dec 7th - Mel Jordan  
14th - Mel Jordan  
21st - Communal decorating Sat 20th 10am.  
28th - Christmas Flowers  
January 4th -Pippa & Gaby

## How Father Christmas got where he is today

One person you are bound to run into this Christmas season is Father Christmas. These days he seems to frequent shopping malls and garden centres. If he looks tired, just remember that he has been around a long time, and gone through a lot of transformations.

Father Christmas wasn't always the red-suited, white-bearded star of the retail trade that he is today. He began life as Nicholas, born way back about AD260 in Patara, an important port on the southern coast of what is now Turkey. When his parents died and left



him a fortune, Nicholas gave it away to the poor. He became a bishop of the nearby city of Myra, where he almost certainly suffered

persecution and imprisonment at the hand of the Roman Emperor Diocletian.

Nicholas was a serious theologian: he was a participant at the First Council of Nicaea, which formulated the Creed which we still say today. He even, reportedly, slapped another bishop in a squabble over the exact nature of the Trinity.

Nicholas died in Myra about AD343, but the stories of his generosity and kindness were just beginning. One enduring tale tells of the three girls whom he rescued from certain prostitution by giving them gold for their dowries. When the father confronted him to thank him, Nicholas said he should thank God alone.

In the UK, Nicholas became the basis for Father Christmas, who emerged in Victorian times as a jolly-faced bearded character. Meanwhile, Dutch and German settlers had taken him to America with them as Sinter Klaas and Sankt Nicklas.

It was in America that Nicholas received his final two great breaks into real stardom. The first was when the Rev Clement C Moore, a New York Episcopal minister, turned from his life-work of writing a Hebrew/English lexicon, to write a fun poem for his

children one Christmas. His 'The Visit of St Nicholas' is now universally known by its first line: 'T'was the Night Before Christmas'.

From Clement Moore we discovered that St Nicholas is round and pink-cheeked and white-bearded, and that he travels at night with sleigh, reindeer and a sack of toys on his back. It was Clement Moore who also revealed that St Nicholas enters houses down chimneys and fills children's stockings with toys and sweets.

So how did we find out that Father Christmas wears red? That was the US Coca-Cola advertising campaign of 1931, who finally released the latest, up-to-date pictures of Father Christmas: wearing a bright red, fur-trimmed coat and a large belt.

These days, it is good that Father Christmas uses reindeer and doesn't have to pay for petrol. In order to get round all the children in the world on Christmas Eve, he will have to travel 221 million miles at an average speed of 1279 miles a second, 6,395 times the speed of sound.

For all those of us who are exhausted just rushing around getting ready for Christmas, that is a sobering thought.



### Why a broken heart can kill the elderly

This Christmas, try and give friendly support to anyone you know who is elderly and in bereavement. It seems that elderly people can literally die of a broken heart, because grief weakens the immune system.

Bereavement causes stress hormones to become unbalanced in the elderly, and this can lead to a reduction in their immune system cells, according to research by the University of Birmingham. And while bereavement is bad enough, bereavement at Christmas time is probably a whole lot worse.



## Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

Village Warden: 07794 010394  
or 01795 890848  
Crimestoppers 0800 555 111  
Swale Police 101  
Emergency 999



One of the signs for disabled parking has been stolen from the Church Car Park. Why any person would want one of these signs is unbelievable especially as it needed to be unbolted to be taken away. A very sad person.

With Christmas just a short time away a timely reminder that if you go out for the Christmas party or any other good time involving drinking that if at all possible leave your car behind and use either public transport or taxis. The police will be issuing their normal Christmas warning and I assure you due to circumstances that the police presence will be quite prevalent in our area.

Obviously home security is a prime concern at this time of the year with presents being purchased and stored indoors so do remember to make sure your home is secure and also due to there being many car break ins in the Swale area of late that your vehicle is securely locked and no valuable items are on show in the vehicle, put items in your car boot.

On that note may I wish all a merry and safe Christmas.  
Alan



## EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on 5<sup>th</sup> November and was pleased to welcome the Belmont Farm Manager Ben Binder to the meeting. He gave an overview of the last year and said that maintenance of footpaths had not been carried out well enough. However the machinery had been fixed and spraying of footpaths would take place in fine weather and the footpath from The Street to the church would be maintained to stop the nettles and crops encroaching. He also explained that the ditches dug round fields were to prevent traffic ingress.

The removal of the tall trees at the back of Meesons Close and Glebe Cottages had been started by the landowner; Cllr Bailey would check progress.

The Annual Financial Audit had been advertised. KCC would be approached regarding the overhanging hedges and verges.

The registering of The Carpenter's Arms as a village amenity was progressing.

The next meeting of Eastling Parish Council will be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall. Residents are always welcome to attend any meeting.

Jill Seaman, Clerk to the Council  
Jseaman444@btinternet.com

# Services in our Churches

# The High Downs Benefice

## 7th December Advent 2

Isaiah 40. 1 - 11, 2 Peter 3.8 - 15a, Mark 1. 1 - 8  
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)  
 Stalisfield 3 pm Crib Service

## 14th December Advent 3

Isaiah 61. 1-4, 8-end, 1 Thessalonians 5. 16-24, John 1. 6-8, 19-28  
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Throwley 10 am Holy Communion (CW)  
 Eastling 10.30 am Christmas Freestyle

## 21st December Advent 4

2 Samuel 7.1-11,16, Romans 16. 25 - end, Luke 1. 26-38  
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)  
 Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)  
 Throwley 5 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 9.2 - 7, Titus 2. 11 - 14, Luke 2. 1 - 20  
 Eastling 10 am Family Communion

## 28th December Christmas 1

Isaiah 61.10 - 62.3, Galatians 4. 4 - 7, Luke 2. 15 - 21  
 Throwley 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

## 4th January 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 Morning Prayer

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

Rector Revd Canon Donald J. Lawton (01795 890487)  
 The Rectory, Newham Lane, Eastling ME13 0AS

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

Reader Hugh Perks (01795 890603)  
 Weald Cottage, Eastling

### Churchwardens

Eastling Andrew Baxter (01795 890598)  
 Assistant Warden Steve Youle (01795 890368)

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 Maggie Scutt (01795 890312)  
 Alastair Malcolm (01795 890258)

## From the Registers

Baptism Benedict Mackenzie Verner  
 23rd November 2014 at Stalisfield

## Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: Monthly study group, 10am Tuesday 9th  
 December at Garden Cottage, Eastling 01795 890368

Tuesdays: Weekly study group, 7.30pm Pinks Farm,  
 Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

Thursdays: Weekly prayer group, 10.30am Pinks Farm,  
 Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

Fridays: Weekly study group, 11am 6 Kettle Hill Cotts,  
 Eastling. 07780 661275

You will be welcome at any of our groups.

Special Service  
**SUNDAY 25TH JANUARY**  
**10AM, EASTLING CHURCH**

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## Halloween 2014

Thank you to all Stalisfield villagers who kindly met our local ghouls and ghosts with generous helpings of goodies on Halloween. Thanks are also due to The Plough for having activities and treats ready for the children after their long walk around the village. Most of all, thank you to the children and their parents for making such a great effort and being a scary bunch for the evening.

## December Wordsearch

Christmas  
 Millions  
 Radio  
 Eve  
 Treble  
 Cambridge  
 Choirboy  
 Royal  
 Hymn  
 David  
 City  
 King's  
 College  
 Chapel  
 Alexander  
 Apostles  
 Creed  
 Virgin  
 Mary  
 Jesus  
 Christ  
 Little  
 Child  
 Earth  
 Heaven  
 Lord  
 Manger  
 Stall  
 Shelter  
 Cradle

How will Christmas begin for you this year? For millions of radio listeners, it will begin on Christmas Eve with the clear treble voice of a single Cambridge choirboy. As has happened every year since 1919, he will begin the hymn 'Once, in Royal David's City' at the service of Nine Lessons and Carols, broadcast from King's College Chapel.



Poor Mean Lowly Saviour Holy

## FRIENDS of EASTLING SCHOOL

The school children have lots of events planned leading up to Christmas starting with the Christmas Shopping Afternoon on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. This is an opportunity for the children to purchase gifts for friends and family which will be gift wrapped for them. The children's Christmas Craft Club is after school on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. For a small charge, the children can make a variety of Christmas orientated crafts.



The term finishes on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December when the children are invited to wear non-uniform for a £1 donation.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. School term will start on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

Jill Seaman, 01795 890252

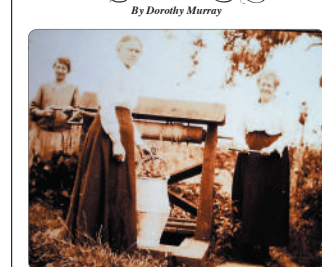


## Recalling people in the community in past years.

by Audrey Keen

This photograph, taken by a professional I think during the late 1970's or early 1980s, shows the the Stalisfield Christmas Bazaar which was very popular at the time. It is also a good example of the happy community spirit. Everyone smiling and happy to be part of this Christmas get together. - The busy preparations of the christmas bazaar I remember still. The hall was packed with people and the proceedings went on all the afternoon. Stalisfield village hall was always a gathering place for all villagers, especially the over 60's of the time, who thoroughly enjoyed the chance to chat with friends over a cup of tea and a cake or two, as well as partaking of the Christmas draw, produce and other goodies. Social gatherings such as this have always happened in Stalisfield, since even before my time (beginning 1948), and it is nice to see that they still do.

## SCENES PAST



LIVING AND WORKING ON  
 THE NORTH DOWNS  
 SOCIAL HISTORY IN  
 OLD PHOTOGRAPHS

## " Scenes Past "

100 booklets have now been sold. a cheque for £100 has been sent to Demelza Children's Hospice.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a copy. A few more available from Julie on 01795 890700 or Hilary 01795 890338

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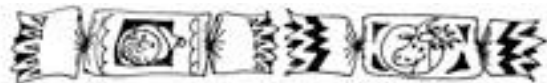
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## Stalisfield Highlife New Hall Launch

A respectably sized company gathered in the new hall decorated and prepared for its official launch into the life of Stalisfield. Numbers swelled as the evening progressed and soon full justice was done to the amazing array of goodies provided by one and all as fare-to-share. Conversation was animated as always at Stalisfield gatherings, with friends and neighbours circulating freely. We are grateful to those who gave time to prepare the party beforehand and clear up afterwards and of course, to everyone who attended.

The launch was a good social occasion. Those most involved with the tremendous achievement of providing the rebuilt hall, together with all those in and out of the village who had so gamely supported the project, could pinch themselves in realization that it had

### ACTUALLY HAPPENED.



## Eastling Short Mat Bowls.

Every Friday in Eastling Village hall between 2.30 - 4.30pm or 7.30 - 9.30pm. Come along and try something different, contact



Roy Piles on 01795 537162 for more information.

On Saturday 18th October, club members Des Briggs, Chris Smith and Roy Piles played in an open competition at Hawkinge. With 32 teams taking part Eastling fought through to the quarter finals.

On 21st October the Eastling Cherries played away to the Aylesham Starlings in the East Kent League; the two teams of Brian Fisher, Eileen Piles & Chris Smith, and Des Briggs, John Graham & Roy Piles, both won and gained 6 points, what an achievement away from home. A week later Aylesham came to Eastling for the return match and they won on one mat, gaining 2 points, but Eastling won 4 points for a win and overall shots. November 4th saw the Minster Hinds from Thanet travel to Eastling where the home team won on both mats, but the return match was a different story and the Cherries only managed one point.

In the Swale League, Bobbing came to Eastling with a very strong side and went home with 8 points, leaving Eastling with 6 points. Eastling won all the games and 14 points in a home match against Lower Halstow and, on Sunday 9th November, away to Borden they won three games and overall shots returning home with 8 points.

## LOST



Has anyone inadvertently taken home a cheese knife (with 2 sharp pointed ends) after the Launch Party in the Stalisfield Hall on Nov 8th. If so please would you return it to Jean West 01233 712270. Many thanks



**Cantiana**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
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**Newnham Church**  
Monday 22nd December

7.30pm  
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## LEIGH MILES DANCE & FITNESS



### Eastling Village Hall

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7.00pm ZUMBA®

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## Stalisfield Limelight

Unprecedented demand for tickets for the pantomime led to a total sell-out in early November. Your only remaining chance to enjoy watching the antics of Snow White and the Stalisfield Dwarfs

lies in possible cancellations. Judith holds the waiting list. We wish we could say we are sorry but in fact we are delighted to have filled the new hall for performances two nights running.

## The W.I. Craft Club

will be meeting again on Wednesday 10th December at 11.15am - 1.15pm in the small room at Champion Hall. We will be making various craft items for sale at the Craft Table at the Village Fundraising event on Saturday 13th December. If you would like to participate in this please just come along on the 10th December. We always have home made cake with tea and coffee, and we are a very friendly small group of like minded people who come together to craft.



## We wish all our readers a very

# Happy Christmas

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## Christmas Tree Festival

at St Peter & St Paul Church,  
Ospringe

Saturday 6th 10am to 5pm

Sunday 7th 1pm to 5pm.

### SING-A-LONG with UKES

concert at Ospringe Church

Saturday 6th at 7pm.

Tickets £5.00 (includes seasonal light refreshments & song sheet) from

Janet Payne 01795 530854

## A Champion Christmas

Come along to our village community event at Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal on SATURDAY 13th DECEMBER. Doors open at 1pm, for Festive refreshments, Children's activities, a Christmas Craft Stall (for last minute gifts and decorations) with locally made crafts,

Santa's Grotto and photo with Santa.

### Father Christmas will arrive at 3pm

with presents for the children.

There will be Christmas Carols for everyone to join in singing. This will be a lovely opportunity for young and old alike to join in the Christmas festivities and to get in the mood for Christmas.



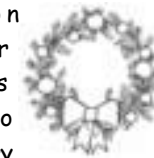
## Otterden & Stalisfield W. I.

Our November meeting, held in the new Stalisfield Hall, was very enjoyable and one of our members Carol Morris, showed us how to decorate our cakes for Christmas. A big Thank you to Carol.

Our December meeting is wreath making on Monday 15th December at 7.30pm, could ladies please remember to bring their own greenery.

Anyone wishing to join our group please contact Stephanie Culver 01795 890748 or Lesley Andrews 01795 890581.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a **Merry Christmas.**



## Cleaning our church.

Volunteers are required to join a group to clean Eastling church. We need to do this for the celebration events and other wise about once a month. A full rota would ensure that most of the group only need to perform four times a year. Please let Julia Bailey know if you feel able to help. Ring 01795 890401 or email [julia.bailey@virginmail.co.uk](mailto:julia.bailey@virginmail.co.uk)



**Painter's Forstal with Selling W.I.** will be holding their final meeting of the year on Tuesday 9th December at The Champion Hall. 2.15pm - 4pm.

There will be a talk on 'Queen Victoria's dreadful uncles'. If you are interested in finding out more about the Women's Institute then please do come along to our December meeting. You will be made very welcome. For further information please telephone Pat on 01795 539629 or Bobbie on 01795 532756.

# DECEMBER



2014

3rd Christmas Workshop	11am	Belmont House
7th Crib Service	3pm	Stalisfield Church
9th Mobile Library	10.50 - 11.05am	Glebe Cottages, Eastling
9th Painters Forstal W.I.	2.15pm	Champion Hall
10th Craft Club	11.15am	Champion Hall
10/11th Nativity plays		Eastling School
11th Mobile Library	1.55am - 12.10pm	Throwley Forstal Green
11th Eastling Seniors' Lunch	12.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
12th Christmas Shopping afternoon		Eastling School
12/13th Pantomime	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
13th A Champion Christmas	1pm	Champion Hall
14th Christmas Freestyle	10.30am	Eastling Church
15th Deadline for January Good News		See below
15th Otterden WI	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
16th School Christingle	9.10am	Eastling Church
17th Children's after school craft club		Eastling School
18th Carols around Stalisfield	from 6pm	The Green
20th Stalisfield Over 60s Tea	4pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
21st Carol Service	5pm	Throwley Church
24th Carol Service	4pm	Eastling Church
30th Magazine Folding	2pm	Pinks Farm
<b>JANUARY 15th Gardeners' Party</b>	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall

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