

CHRISTMAS  
CAFE STYLE



SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER  
10am  
EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

CAROLS - COFFEE - CAKE -  
CRAFT - CHAT  
WORSHIP  
IN A  
RELAXED  
CAFE SETTING

EVERYONE  
WELCOME




**Santa's Coming**  
to Champion Hall,  
Painters Forstal on  
Saturday 5th  
December.

We start off the Christmas festivities at 2pm with tea, coffee, mulled wine and mince pies, along with cakes and drinks for the children. There will be many activities for the children, carol singing, and the exciting arrival of Santa, along with his gifts, which he will distribute from his Grotto. You can get a photograph with Santa for £4 which includes his gift.



### HOLLY

We sing about the 'Holly and the Ivy' and prickly green leaves and red berries are everywhere in Christmas decorations.

In Scandinavian countries the holly is even known as the 'Christ-thorn' and it seems that the name of the holly actually came from the word 'holly'.

The holly reminds us of the death of Jesus – the sharp prickles on the leaves are like the crown on thorns that Jesus was forced to wear on the cross. The red berries remind us of the drops of blood that came where the thorns hurt his head.



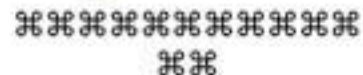
Holly is an evergreen, which means that it does not lose its leaves in the autumn, but keeps them all year round. And because its leaves are always green it is a symbol of eternal life.

### SHARP PRESENTS

A quick way to make little presents for all your class and friends.

You will need nice pencils, glue (spray glue is best) and Christmas wrapping paper with a small pattern on it. Choose round pencils rather than the hexagonal type.

Cut a strip of wrapping paper wide enough to wrap around the pencil and as long as the pencil. Put glue on the back of the paper and wrap it around the pencil. When the glue has dried; trim away any excess paper with small scissors.



What did the werewolf write on his Christmas cards?  
Best vicious of the season.

What do elves sing to Santa?  
Freeze a Jolly Good Fellow!



Help feed local people in crisis

### Faversham Foodbank on Facebook!

Christmas time is approaching and we'll all be stocking our cupboards and planning our Christmas meals. Imagine having empty cupboards and having to face up to going to the foodbank to ask for help. It would be great if we could all tuck a packet of biscuits and some chocolates in with our foodbank gifts. Thank you all for continuing to support those in need of this help.

Please continue to give generously.

Food list for December

**Urgent items:** long life milk; instant mash; long life fruit juices; cuppa soup; washing powder

**Also needed:** biscuits; cereal bars; chocolate; sanitary towels; cooking sauces.



## Good News

Parish Magazine  
December 2015



## Christmas Services

### Crib Service

Sunday 6th December  
3pm in St. Mary's, Stalisfield

### Christmas CaféStyle

Sunday 13th December  
10am in Eastling Village Hall

### Carol Service

Sunday 20th December  
5pm in St Michael and All Angels, Throwley

### Nine Lessons and Carols

#### Christmas Eve

4pm in St. Mary's, Eastling

### Midnight Christmas Communion

#### Christmas Eve

11.30pm in St. Mary's Stalisfield

### Christmas Communion

#### Christmas Day

10am in St Michael and All Angels, Throwley  
10am in St. Mary's, Eastling

*A song was heard at Christmas  
to wake the midnight sky:  
a Saviour's birth, and peace on earth,  
and praise to God on high.  
The angels sang at Christmas  
with all the hosts above,  
and still we sing the newborn King,  
his glory and his love.*

*A child was born at Christmas  
when Christmas first began:  
the Lord of all a baby small,  
for love of men made man.  
For love is ours at Christmas,  
and life and light restored,  
and so we praise through endless days  
the Saviour, Christ the Lord.*

words by Timothy Dudley-Smith

# JESUS IS BORN HAPPY CHRISTMAS

## Christmas Carols

Throwley Forstal Green

Friday 18th December,

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Get together with mulled wine and mince pies  
Traditional Carols round the Christmas tree  
Bring your family and join your neighbours  
adam@jastrzebski.co.uk, tel. Adam & Ela  
01795 890934



### Carols around Stalisfield

Meet on the Green at 6pm on  
Thursday 17th December  
Please bring torches



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

One of my favourite Christmas stories is about a little boy of about eight who wanted a red Ryder sleigh for Christmas. In the 1950's these were the fastest sleighs on the packed snow of most sliding hills where Quebec boys and girls gathered after school. They gave the thrill of a lifetime with each swift passage down the hill.

Jacques told his parents of his great wish time and again, but times were hard for his family in the urban residential area where they lived. His parents warned him that Santa might not be able to bring him what he wanted, but Jacques was ever hopeful and knew that he had asked the right person for his desired gift.

On Christmas morning, Jacques crept into the living room of the tenement his family lived in and saw, against the wall next to the tree a red Ryder sleigh with a red bow and a tag with his name on it. Jacques quickly and quietly got dressed in his outdoor clothes and went out with his new sleigh.



But he didn't and he didn't return by the time his parents were ready to leave for the main Christmas day service at the end of their road. Disappointed and upset with Jacques' absence his parents went to church without him, knowing that a hungry boy would return home at some time.

As Jacques' parents approached the church, they saw a crowd of people around the nativity scene at the front of the church. People were upset and angry. Someone had stolen the figure of the baby Jesus from the manger. "How could anyone do something like that?" they all said. "It was the worst crime of Christmas." As the priest was trying to calm people down and get them into church for the service, Jacques came along the sidewalk pulling his new sleigh, and on it wrapped in Jacques's jumper was the baby Jesus from the manger scene. People were so relieved that Jacques had found the baby Jesus.

Jacques couldn't understand what all the fuss was about. "I told Jesus long ago that if I got a red Ryder sleigh for Christmas, that he would have the first ride on it. We've been sliding on the hill and Jesus and I have had a lot of fun together."

This is a lovely story about the atmosphere and sentiment of Christmas, but it has a message for us also. The boy in the story had faith that Jesus Christ was real, that he could hear and respond to his requests, and that he could have a relationship with the real Jesus. Jesus was powerful and present in his life. Jesus tells us, "Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." (Luke 18:17).

May you and your family experience the reality of the life-giving presence of Christ in your lives this Christmas.

Canon Donald J. Lawton

### Higgs Boson and the Pope

A Higgs Boson particle barged into the Vatican at Midnight on Christmas Eve. The Pope was in the middle of his sermon, and annoyed. He looked up from his notes and said: 'You can't burst in here like that.' Higgs Boson retorted: "Oh yes I can, you know you can't have mass without me!"



### Be kind to clergy this Christmas

One of the most thoughtful presents you could give this Christmas might simply be to be sensitive to all our local clergy and their families as they embark on this, the busiest time of the church year. The vast majority of clergy are conscientious and very hard-working, wanting to make the most of every opportunity for Christian witness and celebration that Christmas provides. You can help: they will value your practical support and prayers – and Christmas cheer!



### Safe driving this winter

The temperatures are dropping now, and it is a good idea to nurture your car battery. Cold, damp weather can cause problems for it. The RAC recommends the following to take best care of your battery:

Before you switch off your engine at the end of a journey, turn off the lights, wipers and heaters. This prevents any unnecessary drain on the battery next time you start the car.

Check that everything is switched off before your turn on the ignition. Avoid using the heater longer than necessary, as it puts high demands on the vehicle's battery.

Check that you don't leave interior lights, satnavs or phone chargers connected.

If possible, park in a garage.

### Eastling Neighbourhood Watch



Warden 0779 401 0394  
or 01795 890848

Police 101

Emergency 999

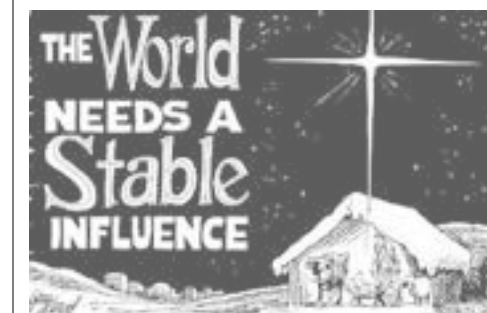
Kent Police have issued their usual warning about drinking and driving at this festive time and they will be taking a zero tolerance attitude towards this. So please be sensible and make sure that we can all enjoy a happy time.

During the week end beginning the 13<sup>th</sup> November there were a few criminal acts within the locality, namely a break-in where copper tanks and piping were stolen at The Tapster Newnham, 2 break-ins at Brogdale and a trailer and bicycles were stolen in Throwley. Should any person have any information regarding these acts, please contact the police or give me ring.

There was a sighting on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, late at night, of three suspicious characters carrying orange lights in the Newham Lane area. If you saw these people please give me a ring.

Especially at this time of the year the con merchants are out there trying to get their hands on our money, so please take care and do not give any bank details away.

Happy Christmas  
Have a good month and take care,  
Alan, village warden.



### Why was Jesus born in a barn?

Our pretty Christmas cards do not do it justice – the stable that Jesus was born in would have been smelly, dirty, and full of mess. So why did God not provide something better for his beloved Son? Why let Joseph and Mary scrounge around until they ended up in a smelly stable?

Perhaps because the King of Kings being born in a foul stable is a perfect picture of redemption. Jesus came from glory into a world filled with the dirt, filth and darkness of sin. And Jesus was not put off by darkness in the least – instead, He came to be the Light of the World. Thank God for his unspeakable gift. No wonder the angels sang "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." (Luke 2:14)

### Prayer Pointers

#### December 2015

- Sundays Help us to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.
- Mondays Help us to be obedient, like Mary.
- Tuesdays Help us to be faithful, like Joseph.
- Wednesdays May we spread the good news like the angels.
- Thursdays May we be shepherded towards Godliness.
- Fridays May we be guided like the wise men.
- Saturdays May we be meek and mild, like our Saviour.



### Eastling Church Flower Rota



#### December 2015

- 6th - Mel Jordan
- 13th - Mel Jordan
- 20th - Communal decorating  
Sat 19th, 10am, all welcome.
- 28th - Christmas Flowers

### Decorating Eastling Church for Christmas

Saturday, 19th December 2015.  
10.00am.

Please could you give up an hour or two to help to make Eastling Church magnificent for Christmas? Come along at 10.00 am on 19th December to help to decorate the church with traditional greenery, flowers and decorations. All children and adults will be warmly welcomed and your help will be much appreciated. Refreshments will be available, All donations of greenery will be gratefully received.  
Bay Lees

### December Events in and around Faversham

#### A Babe is Born

Saturday 5th, 7pm

Concert of Advent and Christmas Music by the choir of Worcester College, Oxford in the parish church of St. Mary of Charity, Faversham  
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#### Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 5th, and 6th in Ospringe Church  
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#### Carols with Faversham Choral Society

Saturday 12th, 7.30pm  
in the parish church of St. Mary of Charity, Faversham  
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#### Carols and Christmas Music

Sunday 13th, 7 - 9pm  
Davington Church  
Fiddle and Faff with the West Faversham Community Choir  
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#### Candlelit Christmas Concert

Tuesday 22nd, 7.30pm  
Cantiana Choir in Newnham Church  
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#### Carols in the Market Place

Wednesday 23rd, 7pm  
Community carol singing with the Faversham Mission Band in the Market Place.

**Men Get Singing!**

Do you sing in the shower?  
Do you sing in the car?  
Do you sing at the foosie?  
Do you never sing because it's only for girls?

Then this singing workshop is for YOU!

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January at  
Newnham Village Hall ME9 0LL

Coffee & Tea at 9am  
Bacon rolls at 10.30  
Go Home at 12.00  
Oh yes, and only men singing together in between!

Workshop costs £10.00  
To book your place email Lissie - music@cantiana.co.uk  
or ring 01795 886392

Cantiana Music

Come and learn some....

**Almost Forgotten Carols**

3 weeks from  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
£3.50 includes tea or coffee & biscuits

Newnham Village Hall  
1.45 - 3.00pm

Enquiries to Lissie Bayford 01795 886392  
music@cantiana.co.uk

## Services in our Churches

## The High Downs Benefice

### 29th November Advent Sunday

Jeremiah 33.14-16, 1 Thessalonians 3,9-13, Luke 21.25-36

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Stalisfield 10 am Benefice Advent  
CaféStyle in Stalisfield Village Hall

### 6th December Advent 2

Malachi 3.1-4, Philippians 1.3-11, Luke 3,1-6

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)  
Stalisfield 3 pm Crib Service

### 13th December Advent 3

Zephaniah 3. 14 - 20, Philippians 4.4 - 7, Luke 3. 7 - 18

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Eastling 10 am Christmas CaféStyle  
Throwley 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

### 20th December Advent 4

Micah 5.2-5a, Hebrews 10.5 - 10, Luke 1.39 - 45 [46 - 55]

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)  
Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)  
Throwley 5pm Carol Service

### 24th December Christmas Eve

Eastling 4 pm Nine Lessons & Carols  
Stalisfield 11.30 pm Midnight Christmas  
Communion

### 25th December Christmas Day

Eastling 10 am Family Communion  
Throwley 10 am Family Communion

### 27th December Christmas 1

1 Samuel 2. 18 - 20, 26, Colossians 3. 12 - 17, Luke 2. 41 - 52

Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

### 3rd January Epiphany

Isaiah 60.1-6, Ephesians 3.1-12, Matthew 3.1-12

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

Reader Caroline Ramshaw (01795 892088)  
4 Glebe Cottages, 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)

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

Throwley Glynn Howland (01795 890094)  
Barbara Elliott (01795 890020)

### Midweek Groups

**Tuesdays:** Monthly study group, on 8th December,  
10am at Garden Cottage, Eastling. 01795 890368

**Tuesdays:** Weekly study group, 7.30pm Pinks Farm,  
Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338  
(no group on 22nd or 29th December)

**Thursdays:** Weekly prayer group, 10.30am Pinks Farm,  
Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338  
(no group on 24th or 31st December)

**Fridays:** Weekly study group 10.45am, New House Farm,  
Eastling. (no group on 18th, 25th December or 1st January)  
*You will be welcome at any of our groups.*

### Advent Candles

What do they stand for?

Advent is like a journey leading up to Christmas day and the candles on the Advent wreath are lit, one every Sunday during Advent. On 29th November we remember God's People and the first candle will be lit during the morning service, this is the candle of **Hope**. The old testament prophets are remembered on 6th December and second candle, the candle of **Peace**, will be lit. The candle of **Love** will be lit on 13th December, signifying

John the Baptist as a light shining in a dark place. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is the light of **Joy** for the fourth candle to lit on 20th December. And, on Christmas Day, the four outer candles on the wreath are all alight as the fifth and central candle is lit to signify the Birth of Christ. This reminds us that Jesus Christ is the light of the world.



### Hellebore Tours at Hadlow College

led by Head Gardener, Alex Rennie.

11am and 2pm on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February; Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

Tickets are just £3 per person and can be booked with Pat Crawford, Hadlow College, Hadlow, TN11 0AL. Cheques should be made payable to Hadlow College and an S.A.E. enclosed.

Coinciding with Hellebore Tour days, Broadview Tearoom will be offering a 2-course luncheon for £8.95 per person or Cream Tea at £4.75 per person. Places can be secured by paying in full in advance or by making a deposit of £5 for luncheon or £3 for cream tea (per person - include in the cheque for tickets.) Please note: Broadview's 10 acres of Ornamental Gardens are open to the public free of charge 360 days a year.

### Why a walk



### is better than a run when you hit 60

The nights may be long, the weather cold and damp, but do try and keep active this winter. Walking or cycling for just 20 minutes a day can reduce a 60-year-old man's risk of heart failure by a fifth.

Research in Sweden found that both too little and too much exercise as we age can be bad for us. Just twenty minutes of cycling or walking each day is far better than none, and more beneficial than heavy-duty exercise. The research was published in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology: Heart Failure.



### THROWLEY WALKERS

**NEW! Weekly** 4 mile/2 hour walks on the Kent Downs on alternate Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:30am

**Wednesday 2nd December**  
Meet at Sheldwich Village Hall, Lees Court Road, ME13 0NG for a walk through Lees Court Park to Shepherds Hill and back via Sheldwich Church.

**Friday 11th December**  
Stalisfield: Meet at the Plough Inn car park, Stalisfield Green, ME13 0HY.

**Wednesday 16th December**  
Throwley Forstal to Badlesmere. Start from the main green at Throwley Forstal, ME13 0PJ

**Friday 25th December:** No Christmas Day walk!

**Wednesday 30th December**  
Perry Wood to Selling. Meet in the unmarked public car park uphill from and adjacent to The Rose & Crown, ME13 9RY. (Turn off the main road at the pub to turn right after the pub garden).

**Friday 8th January**  
Throwley Forstal to Hazel Wood. Start from the main green at Throwley Forstal, ME13 0PJ.  
01795 892037; 07948 038993  
annhutt@hotmail.co.uk

## Private Hire of Luxury Heated Indoor Pool

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Call Andrew or Jane on **01795 890701**  
or Email: [stay@frithfarmhouse.co.uk](mailto:stay@frithfarmhouse.co.uk)

**St Peter & St Paul Church**  
**Water Lane, OSPRINGE**  
present their  
**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**  
on  
**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December**  
**10am - 5pm**  
**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December**  
**1pm - 5pm**

CAKES

STALLS

REFRESHMENTS

**DO COME ALONG AND EXPERIENCE ALL THE WONDERS AND DELIGHTS OF THIS BEAUTIFUL ANCIENT CHURCH**

**SING-A-LONG with UKES**  
The Abbey Ukulele Players  
**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm**  
Tickets £5.00 from  
Sally/Tony Wheatley & Janet Payne  
01795 534528      01795 530854

BelmontHseGdns  
Belmont House and Gardens



**Tea Room Staff Vacancies**

Belmont House is looking for 3 enthusiastic people to join the seasonal Tea Room staff team. The Tea Room is open on Sat, Sun and Bank Holiday Mondays throughout April – Sept, from 1.00pm – 5.00pm. The work will involve serving tea, coffee, cold drinks and light refreshments along with home-made cakes to the public, experience an advantage but full training will be given.

We require two teams of two people to work alternate weekends but all the team will be expected to work full days when there is an event held, such as the Spring Fair or Country Fair. There will be opportunities to work extra hours when we are busy or to cover holidays.

You will need to enjoy working with people, be able to work efficiently alongside others but use your initiative when needed! Must have own transport due to rural location.

Please contact Andrea/Danielle for a chat on administrator@belmont-house.org or 01795 890202 Mon-Fri, 9.00am – 5.00pm.

Belmont House & Gardens, Throwley, Nr Faversham, Kent ME13 0HH  
[www.belmont-house.org](http://www.belmont-house.org)

*Stalisfield Limelight*  
**Robin Hood- the Pantomime**  
Friday 11th and Saturday 12th  
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Eager to turn a fast buck, the wicked sheriff of Faversham eyes Stalisfield as a potential site for a giant shopping complex. Armed with might and deep pockets he anticipates little opposition but even as the forces assemble, young Robin marshals his merry band. Based in Spuckles Forest and clad in Stalisfield green, these intrepid outlaws are determined to scupper the planned annihilation of the village. The fight will be fierce. The outcome will unfold in the village hall for you to discover.

Tickets for the performances are on offer at £6 for adults, £4 for children and may be booked with Sharon on 01795 890415, by email at sharoncarter01@gmail.com or on the box office website tickets@stalisfieldvillagehall.co.uk Liquid refreshment will be offered at the bar at moderate prices.

**Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.**

Our October meeting was a Wine Tasting evening with Andrew Higgs, and we would like to thank him very much for doing this again for us. It was a lovely evening with various wines being tried and the cheese and biscuits were a lovely accompaniment. In December we have a Christmas Floral demonstration which is on the 9th December, and it is being held at The Harrow, in Warren Street. And then on 16th we have our Wreath Making night, which is in Stalisfield Village Hall. We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Anyone wishing to join us please contact Stephanie Culver on 01795 890748 or Lesley Andrews on 01795 890581.

**Short Mat Bowls**

Our last East Kent League game was against Sturry and we lost at home, winning on only one mat giving us 2 points, while Sturry gained a win and overall shots, going home with 4 points. On the away return match Sturry took full advantage of knowing their own mats and Eastling only won on one mat and went home with 2 points, leaving them with 4 points. Our first Swale league game was at home against the Woodpeckers (Bobbing), what a disaster, we lost every game. Four games by only one shot, but they went home with a full house of 14 points, we shall have to pull up our socks. We did just that on 11th November playing Tunstall at home. The only game we lost was the triples, so 12 points to Eastling, sending them home with only two points. Do not forget readers of the Good News we are looking for new members so come and give it a try on Fridays 2.30 - 4.30pm then 7.30 - 9.30pm.

**QUIZ NIGHT**

Saturday 16th January  
Eastling Village Hall,  
start 7.30pm  
Raising funds for more  
defibrillator training.  
Entry will be £4 per person,  
bring own nibbles and drinks.  
To book tables 6-8, please call  
Alan on 01795 890848.

**PAINTERS FORSTAL with SELLING WI**

Our last meeting for this year is on Tuesday, 8th December, at 2pm in Champion Hall, when we will be given a talk on Agatha Christie. Please come and join us to find out more about our WI, you will be made very welcome


*Stalisfield Young Life*  
**Children's Party**  
Sunday 13th December

Organizer Su invites children of all ages to join in the fun on Sunday afternoon. Prior planning is essential and parents must advise their intention to take part in advance and as soon as possible. Unannounced attendance is not acceptable. Contact Su by email at suandyjoe@yahoo.com or by telephone on 01795 890334 if email is inconvenient. Party details will be advised directly to participants.

**Merry Christmas**  
to all our readers and  
**thank you**  
to all our Advertisers and magazine  
Deliverers and Contributors.  
The Good News would not function  
without our volunteers and the  
revenue from our advertisers.



December  
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2nd Throwley walkers	10.30am	Sheldwich Village Hall
9th Otterden & Stalisfield W.I.	7.30pm	The Harrow, Warren Street
5th Santa's Coming	2pm	Champion Hall
6th Crib Service	3pm	Stalisfield Church
8th Mobile Library	10.50 - 11.05am	Glebe Cottages, Eastling
8th Painters Forstal & Selling WI	2pm	Champion Hall
9th Craft Club	11.15am	Champion Hall
9th Christmas Floral W.I.	7.30pm	The Harrow, Warren Street
10th Mobile Library	11.55am - 12.10pm	Throwley Forstal Green
10th Eastling Seniors' Christmas Lunch		Eastling Village Hall
11th/12th Pantomime	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
12th Gardeners' Christmas Party	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
13th Christmas CaféStyle	10am	Eastling Village Hall
13th Stalisfield Children's Party		Stalisfield Village Hall
15th Deadline for January 2016 Good News		See below
15th Painters Forstal W.I.	2pm	Champion Hall
16th Throwley walkers	10.30am	Throwley Forstal
16th W.I. Wreath Making	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
17th Carols on the Green	6pm	Stalisfield Green
18th Christmas Carols	6pm	Throwley Forstal Green
19th Decorating for Christmas	10am	Eastling Church
19th Over 60s' Christmas Tea	4pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
20th Carol Service	5pm	Throwley Church
24th Nine Lessons and Carols	4pm	Eastling Church
24th Midnight Communion	11.30pm	Stalisfield Church
29th Magazine Folding	2pm	Pinks Farm
30th Throwley Walkers	10.30am	Perry Wood, Selling

**CRAFT CLUB**


Our last craft club session for this year will be on Wednesday 9th December at 11.15 in the small room at Champion Hall, Painters Forstal. We will be making Christmas Cards and Decorations. We will also be finishing off the session with Festive refreshments, so do please come along and join us. Any enquiries please to Pat on 01795 539629

*Stalisfield Highlife*  
**Over 60s' Christmas Tea**  
The date: Saturday 19th December.  
The time: afternoon at 4 o'clock.  
The place: In the village hall

Personal invitations have been circulated to all Over 60s known to us. If you haven't received yours, please notify Ian on 01795 890475. Transport can be arranged. (Please note that the date is Saturday 19th December- there was an error in the November notice)

**Eastling Gardeners' Club Christmas Party**  
on 12th December in  
Eastling Village Hall at 7.30pm  
There will be a modern magic lantern show

'Some Garden Surprises'  
Followed by food and wine  
All contributions of food very welcome



**THANK YOU and a REMINDER**

Firstly a belated thank you to everyone who supported the Harvest Auction in October at the Carpenters Arms. Half the proceeds totaling £325.00 were donated to the Eastling Seniors


**Christmas Lunch.**

A reminder that we need to know by 1st December if you are coming to the lunch, on 10th December, in order to advise the caterers. If you are not well enough to attend please let us know if you would like your lunch delivered and if you need a lift to the village hall we will be pleased to arrange it.  
Marion, 01795 890848 and Dorothy, 01795 890144.

**Add your voice**

**Join the Choir for Christmas Eve Carol Service**  
Choir Practices every Sunday, 5 - 6pm, in Eastling Church  
**All voices welcome,** especially men.  
Call Andrew on 01795 890598

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