



Children's Table Tennis

Stalisfield Village Hall will be welcoming children of all ages for table tennis on December 30th, 2pm – 4pm. A parent or guardian will need to stay to supervise their children but tea and coffee will be provided!

Please come along and meet other children in the village for a post-Christmas run around.

Contact tracy@stalisfieldvillagehall.co.uk if you have any questions.

School News

Eastling Primary School celebrated Harvest Festival on 11th October at St Mary's. It was lovely to see the church filled by all the children and parents. The theme was Harvest around the world and the sound of children's voices filling the air with the performing of poetry, songs and sharing information was wonderful. The children gave donations for the Faversham Food Bank and there was a lovely variety of foods gathered for those in difficult times.

Acorn class, our reception children, went on an Autumnal walk on Friday 13th October delivering food baskets to some of the community. They were extremely well received and their outstanding behaviour was noted.

On Wednesday 8th November Shooting Stars came into school and performed 'Cindersmella' to our Key Stage 1 children and 'Puss in Boots' to Key Stage 2. The topic covered was anti-bullying. The school is also participating in Anti-Bullying week in school from 13th- 17th November. The school is delighted to have John McCorkell visiting us on Monday 27th November for disability awareness. Mrs Dale has had the pleasure of working with John McCorkell previously and recognises the importance of the work he does.

Willow class wowed the school with a wonderful class assembly on their topic 'The Romans.' The school was treated to historical information, singing, drama and design technology all focusing on their learning.

We are delighted to have appointed Mrs Janette Johnson as a job share teacher in silver birch class. She has been warmly welcomed by the children and parents.

Eastling Primary School will be returning to St Mary's on Friday 15th December for a Christingle service at 2pm. We look forward to a wonderful afternoon.

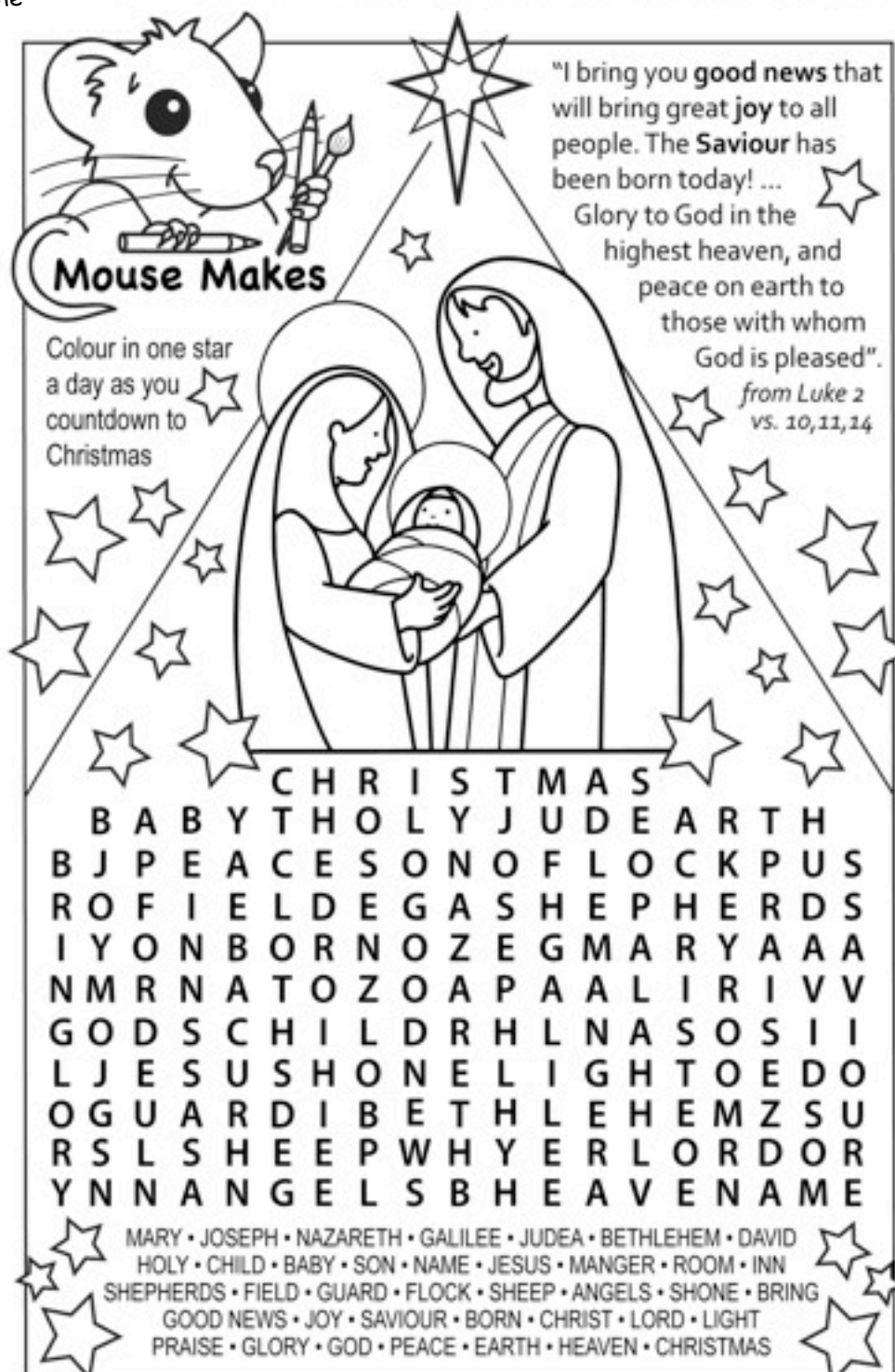
Melanie Dale, Headteacher



The children of Stalisfield, Otterden and surrounding area are invited to the

Village Hall from 1pm to 4pm on Sunday 10th December for the Annual Christmas Party. From

littlies to biggies, every child is welcome. There will be food and drink aplenty, games galore, a secret room for children to buy a present (only £1) for someone special and maybe a surprise visitorPlease register with Su at suandyjoe@yahoo.co.uk or on 01795 890334. The more the merrier....



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Christmas Carols Throwley Forstal Green

Thursday 21st December

6.30 - 7.30pm

Get together with mulled wine and mince pies.

Traditional Carols round the Christmas Tree

Bring your family and join your friends and neighbours in Christmas cheer!

gaynoremoss@hotmail.com



Stalisfield Village Christmas Lights Switch On

Friday 1st December

On the Green at 6pm
All welcome.

Stalisfield Village Carol Singing

Tuesday 19th December
Please meet on the green

at 6pm
All welcome.

Christmas Services

Friday 15th December

2pm School Christingle
in Eastling Church

Sunday 17th December

5pm Carol Service
in Throwley Church

5pm Carol Service
in Stalisfield Church

Christmas Eve

4pm Nine Lessons and Carols
in Eastling Church

Christmas Day

10am Christmas Service
in Eastling Church



Bishop Trevor Willmott

will be leading a service of Holy Communion on

**Sunday 10th December
in Eastling Church at
10am**

Please come and meet the Bishop and support our group of churches.

Christmas: The man who married Mary

The traditional Nativity scene on our Christmas cards has Mary with the Holy Babe. Around her are the shepherds and Magi. We may also see stable animals, angels and a star! While Joseph is often included, his presence seems to be of minor importance. After all, we praise God for Jesus with our familiar Christmas carols, mentioning angels, shepherds, Wise men and Mary but the name of Joseph is absent! Why is Joseph given a low profile? For he is a man to be remembered.

Joseph was a resident of Nazareth. He worked as a carpenter and his skills would have included making furniture, repairing buildings and crafting agricultural tools. Although Joseph had an honourable profession, he would not have been a man of great wealth.

The gospel writers Matthew and Luke give Joseph a few brief mentions. After the birth of Jesus, Joseph and Mary go to the temple in Jerusalem to dedicate the Baby to God. Afterwards, they flee into Egypt to escape the wrath of Herod and much later return to Nazareth. Twelve years later, Mary and Joseph go with Jesus to Jerusalem for the Passover feast. Here they lose Jesus, and find Him in the Temple talking with religious leaders!

Apart from these verses, the New Testament is silent about the rest of Joseph's life. However, we do know that Joseph was father to other children by Mary. His four sons are named and they had at least two daughters. (See Matthew 13:55)

And we also know that Joseph was someone who quietly and humbly took on the awesome role in caring for the early life of the Son of God. Joseph would have taught Jesus many things – not just the skills of a labourer, but the lore of the countryside which was evident in our Lord's teaching. Jesus grew up within a loving family and described God as 'Father', knowing also the good fatherly qualities of Joseph.

In the Christmas story, Joseph is placed into a situation that brought him misunderstanding and suspicion. But Joseph remained faithful in the knowledge that as long as God had spoken, the opinion of others mattered little. Before Jesus began His ministry it is believed that Joseph died. It is likely Jesus took on many of his father's responsibilities before He left home.

In the eyes of the world, Joseph was a nobody. He was not a man of valour, fame and fortune. But he was the one who had parental responsibility for the greatest person who has ever lived!

It is sad that we often equate ordinariness with ineffectiveness. Down the ages, God has used many ordinary people to accomplish great things. God continues to use ordinary people. Like Joseph, we need to know that doing God's will is the most important thing in life. May we, this Christmas, respond to God's call to us and please Him in all that we do.

By Lester Amann

Prayer at Christmas

Father of all good gifts,

Thank you for the greatest gift of all – your precious Son, Jesus.

Thank you that He chose to live with us so that all who trust Him will one day live with you in peace and wholeness.

Help us Father, this Christmas, to keep you at the centre of our celebrations and, in the midst of all the busy-ness and rush, to know your presence and the peace that only you can give.

And Lord, may we reflect your love to those who don't yet know that you are real and alive and able to help, whatever their situation.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

What is Stewardship?

Often people think that stewardship involves asking the congregation for money every so often – particularly if there is a financial crisis in the parish. However, there is much more to stewardship than money. Living a generous life is part and parcel of our Christian discipleship.

Generosity is rooted in our relationships with one another and with God. That generosity gives everyone an opportunity to share in the mission of Christ and the ministry which supports that mission.

When our churches ask us for money it isn't to prop up a failing institution – it is because they are confident that what is on offer is worthwhile and important, and by sharing in that vision everyone can become part of something special and amazing.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)

Please keep in mind (and 2018 Diaries) our **Stewardship Day on Sunday 4th February 2018** - this will include Throwley, Stalisfield, Otterden and Eastling - so your involvement is vital.

From your County Councillor

This month I am leading my news with the major part of my Council Leader's report to the October Full Meeting of Swale Borough Council. This reflects how strongly I feel on this subject.

Planning for the Right Homes in the Right Places
Central Government Consultation Proposals

"After prolonged debate and discussion the Swale Local Plan was recently approved. This makes it clear to developers that if they are going to build, it will be where we, i.e. the Borough Council acting as the voice of our Local Communities, say they can build.

As you will all know whilst we were preparing the Local Plan the goalposts changed and the Housing Target (calculated using the method insisted on by Central Government) was increased beyond anything we had ever seen delivered in Swale. We argued it was unrealistic, but nonetheless when instructed we made the unpalatable choices that needed to be made because the risk of having no agreed Plan was even worse.

But, as we argued from the start would happen, developers are failing to build the new homes quickly enough. So now, the five year rolling targets are not being met, consequently the target increases and the newly agreed Plan loses its strength as a defence against unwelcome Developments.

And the Governments suggested response?

Increase the targets again!

The current Consultation on further changes to the Planning System, with a one size fits all Housing Target imposed on Local Authorities, would take the numbers of homes expected to be built from what could charitably be described as "optimistic" into the realms of fantasy.

We really can't sit here quietly without raising the loudest possible objection to this nonsensical approach. Having even higher targets, which everyone knows will not be delivered, stands only to make the whole planning system irrelevant. We cannot have the future of our Borough determined totally by Government Planning Inspectors sent up from Bristol. It is time the people of the South East led, one would hope by their elected representatives both National and Local, stood up together to say "NO".

We need a Planning System which allows the people of Swale and indeed the wider South East a realistic say in determining the future of their Communities and their Environment."

I realise there is a Housing Crisis, not just the problem of Homeless people on our streets but also many of our children and grandchildren are not able to afford to buy or even to rent a local home. Therefore, not all of you will agree with the sentiments of my Report. I would really appreciate your views; do you agree with me that enough is enough or would you support extra housing? If more houses are to be built can we really support a system that excludes local opinion and your locally elected and accountable Councillors?

My diary during October was to a very large part filled with Kent County Council Committees: Several meetings of both the Strategic Commissioning Board and the back-bench Commissioning Advisory Board. This all brought about by our County seeking to change the way in which it commissions services to cope with a vastly reduced Budget.

Looking ahead November and December are likely to be dominated by major Planning Applications. Applications to expand East Kent Recycling at Oare Creek, to increase the number of Gypsy and Traveller Pitches at Brotherhood Wood in Dunkirk, and for a large (largest in Europe?) solar farm on Cleve and Nagden Marshes in Graveney, will all be challenging. I am already working closely with local residents, action groups and Parish Councils on responding to all three applications.

I wish you all a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Andrew Bowles Email: leader@swale.gov.uk, Tel: 07778 629 879

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

Village Warden 07794 010 394

or 01795 890848

Police 101

Emergency 999



There have been a few unfortunate incidents in the village and surrounding areas.

There was a break-in to private stables within the village with a considerable amount of damage caused to the stables. Not only were saddles etc stolen, but the thieves also stole the blanket off one of the horses, the days of chivalry look like they are over. It is my belief these stables were targeted not just the nasties passing by.

Another incident occurred where a property was entered during the day, whilst the occupant was in, and a rosewood writing box was stolen. Always make sure that your front door and rear door, if there is rear access to your property, are always locked especially if you are like me and enjoy a doze during the day (although good luck to anyone who can get passed my dogs).

A horse box was stolen from the Frith Road area, the nasties rammed an iron gate to obtain entry.

Should anybody have any further information on any of these crimes please give the police or me a call.

Well, Christmas is with us once again and I repeat the Christmas message "Please, do not drink and drive". It is not only your life or injury at risk it is always the innocent that suffer and the anguish of those left behind.

No doubt you have heard on the news about people receiving scam phone calls from the supposed police asking them to help catch some criminals and again part with some money, in some cases thousands. Should you receive such a call they will ask you to ring the police to check. It is another one of those calls where the caller does not put the phone down at their end and any call you make in a short time will go direct to them, hence the scam. Do not make any calls to verify the phone call, certainly within 20 minutes and then, if you are unsure please give me a call or phone the police on a different phone.

Have a good Christmas and take care, Alan.



...no I don't think you're the real Father Christmas!
I think you're up there pinching lead off my roof!!



Eastling Church

Flower Rota

December 2017

3rd & 10th - Mel Jordan

17th Communal decorating for Christmas, from 11am, everyone welcome to come along and help.



Services in our Churches

3rd December Advent 1

Isaiah 64, 1-9, 1 Corinthians 1.3-9, Mark 13. 24-37

Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer

Led by Reader Norman Fowler

10th December Advent 2

Isaiah 40.1-11, 2 Peter 3.8-15a, Mark 1.1-8

Eastling 10 am Holy Communion

Celebrant - The Right Reverend Trevor Willmott, Bishop of Dover

17th December Advent 3

Isaiah 61. 1-4, 8-11, 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24, John 1. 6-8,19-28

Stalisfield 5 pm Carol Service

Throwley 5 pm Carol Service

24th December Christmas Eve

2 Samuel 7.1-11,16 Romans 16. 25 - end Luke 1.26 - 38

Eastling 4 pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Christmas Day

Isaiah 9.2-7 Titus 2. 11-14 Luke 2.1-14 [15-20]

Eastling 10 am Christmas Service

31st December Christmas 1

Isaiah 61.10-62.3 Galatians 4.4-7 Luke 2.15-21

No Services

7th January 2018 Epiphany

Isaiah 60, 1 - 6, Ephesians 3.1 -1 2, Mathew 2. 1 - 12

Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer

Led by Reader Norman Fowler

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

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Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: Study group, 9.30am on 12th December
at Garden Cottage, Eastling. 01795 890368

Wednesdays: Weekly study group, 7.30pm, Beech
Close, Faversham Info:01795 890338

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

Fridays: Weekly study group, 10.45am, New House Farm,
Eastling. 01795 890629

You will be welcome at any of our groups.



The Missing Piece

Life is a puzzle. Like a confusing jumble of jigsaw pieces emptied out on a table, we wonder how we can start to make sense of it. And we can't without a

picture.. And God sent the picture to us in the person of Jesus who was born on the first Christmas day.

We hope you enjoy reading this insert. If you would like to find out more about Jesus, you will be very welcome at one of our midweek home study groups. See above for details.



The Diary of Tammy the Siamese Cat

by Audrey Keen

I delivered a family of kittens and my world changed, for a time at least. For many weeks I was busy with my family of four and I adored them all, but it was a part of life that they eventually had to leave their basket beds and were separated into individual homes. I was comforted to be told that they each had especially kind homes to go to and that their owners lived close by, so I would see them again from time to time when they were fully grown. Content on hearing this news, I rested a while then carried on with my day to day routine: Breakfast at eight, hunting in the garden, a snooze under the raspberry bushes (I snoozed quite a lot actually!), then spend some time with my owner for hugs and games from my toy box. Later I would stroll in the garden before tea, after which I would retire to the conservatory to sleep and dream of the butterflies that settled on flowers outside the open window. Life was good, but a little sad as I knew I would never have another family of kittens to look after again.

Not everyone enjoys Christmas

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Samaritans are here for our callers every day of the year but we do know that there are some times more difficult than others. Christmas can be a particularly hard and stressful period for many people.

On their own, having lost contact with their family or perhaps missing close friends or relations who have passed away. While most families are getting together to enjoy this time of year they can feel very isolated and depressed.

Whatever the reason, Samaritans offer a safe place to talk; at any time you like, in your own way, about whatever's getting to you.

You needn't feel alone, we are here to talk through whatever is troubling you, 24/7. Please contact us on our free to call phone line 116 123 or email us at jo@samaritans.org

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Holy Days - 28th December - The Holy Innocents

The death of a very young child is perhaps the hardest grief of all to bear. So the 28th December is a very poignant day in the church calendar. It is when the worldwide Church joins with bereaved parents to grieve the loss of babies and young children. For Holy Innocents day recalls the massacre of the young male children of Bethlehem by Herod the Great.

Herod had been told by the magi, or wise men, that a great king had been

born in Bethlehem, and he felt shaken. How could a child in unimportant little Bethlehem be so powerful that the stars in the night sky honoured His birth?! Herod took the magi so seriously that he decided to try and kill this new young rival. He decreed that every male baby of two years and under should be killed. (Matthew 2:1-18).

Bethlehem was not a large place, and Bible commentators estimate that between six and 25 infants were slaughtered by Roman soldiers. Their mothers were inconsolable at the death of their babies, as indeed mothers have always been.

The death of these innocent baby boys of Bethlehem became a feast-day in the western Church by the 4th century. This was because the Church considered them to be martyrs because they not only died for Christ, but instead of Christ.

Down the centuries, the tragic loss of the Holy Innocents has touched the imagination and hearts of poets, preachers and artists. Though heart-broken parents still grieve today, the Church can offer them one firm assurance: that young children who die to this world will undoubtedly "this day be with Me in Paradise." The One who eagerly said "Suffer the little children to come unto Me" will be the last person to turn them away.



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Foodbank Christmas

For most of us Christmas is a time of presents, delicious food and drink, fun with friends and family. Imagine if you couldn't afford to buy any presents at all and, worse still, you had no food in the cupboard. Please give generously at this time to those who have very little to look forward to at this festive time.

Food list for December

Urgent items: long life fruit juice, long life milk; tinned rice pudding; cooking sauces; tinned/packet custard; shampoo; children's toothpaste; cleaning clothes; chocolate bars; chocolate oranges.



Otterden & Stalisfield WI

As expected, the Wine Tasting evening was a smash hit with 42 Members and their guest attending. Andrew Higgs shared his vast knowledge with us, bringing along 8 different wines for us to try. They varied in price from £4.49 to £11.75 a bottle, so something to suit everyone's purse, purchased from well known supermarkets so easy to access. And yes, the evening did become more animated and noisy as it progressed!

The ever popular Wreath making is our last Meeting of the year with Jackie Brookes as our Speaker. She instructed us last year and will be bringing along the basic materials for us to construct our own unique Wreaths, at a cost of £8 each. Guests are welcome at an extra charge of £2. Our Branch will also be celebrating our 10th Birthday, so a cake, festive nibbles and mulled wine will be available. Secret Santa gifts will also be exchanged for those who wish to participate. The date for your diaries is Wednesday 13th December at 7.30.

In January our Branch do not hold a Meeting, but we are getting together for our New Year Meal on Wednesday 10th January at The Carpenters Arms, Eastling. This is in place of a Christmas meal as there are so many events on the run up to Christmas and it brightens up a rather dull, quiet time of year too. The Committee are in the process of formulating the events for 2018, so watch this space for further information!

That just leaves us to wish our Members a happy, peaceful Christmas and New Year. If you wish to join us in the future, please contact our Secretary Lesley Andrews on 01795 890581 or Stephanie Culver, our President, on 01795 890748. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at Stalisfield Village Hall.

Stalisfield Highlife

Guy Fawkes night was celebrated in Stalisfield on the village green with support from the Plough. Sparklers and fire pits warmed children and adults alike whilst waiting for the bonfire to be lit. A last minute collection arranged by Melanie meant that the community purchased a near professional display of fireworks, ohs and errs were heard for the visual display with only a few bangs and whistles to avoid disturbing the local animals! Cold and hungry revellers then enjoyed the traditional burgers, hot dogs and pulled pork sandwiches sold by the pub. A true ad-hoc community event!!

After gaining a new village hall, partially funded by the Big Lottery Fund, only a few years ago, the only complaint was the acoustic situation in the hall - too much reverberation, too much echo, can't hear myself think let alone speak.... However we are pleased to announce that following extensive research and site surveys..... installation of the sound proofing panels has been completed!! Hoping that all coming to the panto will notice the improved sound and mean that we will be getting more bookings for musical events.... Come and enjoy the hall....

Carols in the Market Place

Accompaniment is by Faversham Mission Brass. It is a perfect way to mark the start of the Christmas festival proper! Carol sheets are provided.

7 pm on 23rd December



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Peter Pan

Join us for traditional panto fun and mayhem on

Friday 8th or Saturday 9th
December 7.30pm in Stalisfield
Village Hall. Tickets are £6
adults; £4 children and are
available from peterpan@
stalisfieldvillagehall.co.uk or
from Sharon on 01795 890415.

Short Mat Bowls

We are now well into the games in the East Kent League and my report starts on a high with our game away against Ash. We won on both mats, coming home with six points, all of us with smiles on our faces. October 29th saw Des, John and Roy play at Maidstone in a Domestic Triples competition; played three, lost two, drew one. On November 3rd Ash came to Eastling when Des, Bryan and Roy won 19 shots to 6 shots. Eileen, John Hobbs and John Graham played well but lost on the last end by 1 shot.

November 10th A.R.C.A. came to Eastling: Des Bryan Roy won but our other team going through a very bad patch lost; Eastling gained 2 points and A.R.C.A. went home happy with 4 points. The return game away to A.R.C.A. on 16th November saw Des, Bryan and Roy playing on their fast mat which they won 16 shots to 12 shots; our other team struggled again against a very strong side and Eastling came home with just 2 points, this was a much better result than we expected.

We are still looking for new members. Come and try out the game on Fridays in Eastling village hall; 2.30 - 4.30pm and 7.30 - 9.30pm. Just bring along a pair of flat soled shoes to wear. Contact Roy Piles on 01795 537162

Stalisfield Festive Life

The Grand switching on of **Stalisfield Christmas Lights** will take place on 1st December on the village green at 6pm. As a regular annual event we are hoping to see a large number of attendees to start the Christmas celebrations! Come and enjoy the atmosphere with a few carols to launch the season to be merry....

Stalisfield is pleased to announce the annual **Seniors' Christmas** event will be taking place on Saturday December 16th from 4pm. A welcome sherry followed by full Christmas dinner will be enlivened by Christmas carols. Any contributions to the usual raffle would be appreciated. It would be great to see a few more of the "just eligible" guests, so drop Tracey an email (or catch her in the pub) to book your place - traceysmith210@btinternet.com.

The traditional **Christmas Carol Service** will be held at Stalisfield Church on 17th December

at 5pm, let's pack the church to capacity to celebrate with family and friends. If you would like to be more involved in the service then Jean is looking for contributors please contact her on 01233 712270. Mulled wine will be provided after the service!

Tis the season to be jolly and the **Stalisfield Carollers** hope to get a large group out on 19th December, meet at the Plough at 6pm and then it's a magical mystery tour to several venues to bring good will and joy to all men, women and children. A truly traditional event in the village to be enjoyed by all from young to old. If you cannot make the 6pm meet at the Plough please contact Ray to check on timings at other venues.



Eastling Gardeners' Club
New Year's Party
Thursday, 11th January 2018
At 7.30 p.m.
in Eastling Village Hall
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With George Ward of
Cheesemakers of Canterbury
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Painters Forstal with Selling W.I.

We had a very amusing and informative talk from a lady who told us the origins of the Sponge Cake as well as a little of her own working life. She had us all laughing out loud. On 19th December we will have a hands on session making Christmas Crackers. The new committee was chosen with 3 new members. (Wonders will never cease.) Barbara was unanimously elected as President once again. Any further information from Barbara on 01795 890020 or tombar72@hotmail.co.uk

December



2017

WEEKLY EVENTS:

Mondays	Zumba	9.30am	Stalisfield Village Hall
Tuesdays	Table Tennis	7 - 9pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
Alternate Wednesdays	Eastling Walkers	10.30am	Call 01795 892194
Thursdays	Fitness Pilates	9.15am	Eastling Village Hall
Thursdays	Zumba	6.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
Fridays	Short Mat Bowls	2.30pm & 7.30pm	Eastling Hall

DECEMBER

1st Christmas Lights Switch On	6pm	Stalisfield Green
7th Eastling Seniors' Lunch	12.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
8/9th Peter Pan Pantomime	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
10th Bishop Trevor leads service	10am	Eastling Church
10th Children's Party	1pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
13th Ott/den & S/field W.I.	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
15th Deadline for January Good News		Details see below
15th School Christingle	2pm	Eastling Church
16th Stalisfield Senior's Tea	4pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
17th Carol Service	5pm	Throwley Church
17th Carol Service	5pm	Stalisfield Church
19th Painters Forstal W.I.	2pm	Eastling Village Hall
19th Stalisfield carol Singing	6pm	Stalisfield Green
21st Christmas Carols	6.30pm	Throwley Forstal Green
24th Nine Lessons and Carols	4pm	Eastling Church
25th Christmas Service	10am	Eastling Church
27th Magazine Folding	2pm	Pinks Farm, Eastling
30th Children's Table Tennis	2 - 4pm	Stalisfield Village Hall

JANUARY

11th Gardeners' Club	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
27th Quiz Night		Eastling Village Hall

CONTACT THE EDITOR

If you would like to advertise in the January 2018 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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