



**Stalisfield Pantomime**  
**Puss in Boots**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>  
December at 7.30pm in the  
Village Hall**

Once again, a talented troupe of Stalisfield actors bring to life the spirit of Christmas entertainment with this classic rags-to-riches fable.

A fearsome Ogre has taken up residence in the Village Hall and is munching his way through the residents.

Can commoner Colin and his wily Puss thwart the fiend and marry Princess Poppy, or will the monster make mincemeat of us all?

Only an audience referendum can decide the Ogre's fate ...

**Tickets are £6 for adults and £4 for children and are available from Sharon on 01795 890415 or sharoncarter 01@gmail.com**



**Children's Christmas Party**

The children of Stalisfield, Otterden and surrounding area are invited to the Village Hall on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 visitor

.....Please register with Su at suandyjoe@yahoo.co.uk or on 01795 890334. The more the merrier....




Help feed local people in crisis  
faversham.foodbank.org.uk

**December 2018**

Thank you for your generous support throughout the year. I hope you are all enjoying your preparations for Christmas and can spare the time to think of those families for whom the Foodbank is a lifeline. Your contributions are much appreciated.

**Urgent items for December:** Long life fruit juice; tinned sponge puddings; instant mash; tinned fruit; cooking oil; jam; tea; coffee; tinned fish; biscuits; chocolate.




**Mouse Makes**

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!  
Read the Christmas story in Luke 1:1 - 2:21

When Mary gave birth to Jesus she wrapped him in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger. There were shepherds in a field nearby looking after their sheep. An angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were terrified. The angel said, "Do not be afraid! Listen carefully, I bring you good news! Today your Saviour has been born, He is Christ the Lord."

Then an army of angels appeared praising God. When the angels left the shepherds hurried to Bethlehem, found Joseph and Mary and saw the baby lying in a manger.

A picture to colour for Christmas  
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**What's On**

- WEEKLY EVENTS:**
- Tuesdays**  
Table Tennis 7 - 9pm Stalisfield Hall
- Wednesdays (Alternate)**  
Eastling Walkers 10.30am Call 01795 892194
- Thursdays**  
Fitness Pilates 9.15am Eastling Hall
- Thursdays**  
Zumba 6.30pm Stalisfield Hall
- Fridays**  
Yoga 9.30am Eastling Hall  
Short Mat Bowls 7.30pm Eastling Hall

**December**

- 6th Christmas Light Switch On 6pm  
The Plough, Stalisfield
- \* 7th & 8th Puss in Boots 7.30pm  
Stalisfield Village Hall
- 9th Christmas CaféStyle 10am  
Eastling Village Hall
- \* 9th Children's Christmas Party  
Stalisfield Village Hall
- 12th Otterden & Stalisfield W.I. 7.30pm  
Stalisfield Village Hall
- \*13th Seniors' Christmas Lunch 12.30pm  
Eastling Village Hall
- 13th History Society Christmas Social 8pm  
Charing Parish Hall
- \*15th Seniors' Christmas Dinner 4pm  
Stalisfield Village Hall
- 15th Deadline for January Good News  
goodnewsmagazine@me.com
- 16th Nine Lessons and Carols 5pm  
Throwley Church
- 16th Carol Service 5pm  
Stalisfield Church
- 18th Painters Forstal with Selling W.I. 2pm  
Eastling Village Hall
- 18th School Christingle Service  
Eastling Church
- 20th Carol Singing around the Village 6pm  
Start from Stalisfield Village Hall
- 20th Carols around the Tree 6.30 - 7.30pm  
Throwley Forstal Green
- 24th Nine Lessons and Carols 4pm  
Eastling Church
- 28th January Good News Publication
- \* 31st New Year's Eve 8pm  
Stalisfield Village Hall
- \* Denotes Booking Required

**Good News Parish Magazine**  
**December 2018**  
**High Downs Parish**  
*Serving the villages of Eastling, Otterden,  
Stalisfield and Throwley*  
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**The Real Christmas Cracker**

We hope the leaflet attached to this magazine will be a reminder of what Christmas is all about - a New Life. Please take the time to read this on your own or perhaps with your children. If you would like more copies, or maybe yours was lost in transit, they are available in Eastling Church (open during daylight hours) or call Hilary on 01795 890338

**Christmas Services**

**Throwley**  
Sunday 16th December  
Candlelit  
Nine Lessons and Carols at 5pm.

**Stalisfield**  
Sunday 16th December  
Carol Service 5pm  
Christmas Eve  
Midnight Mass 11.30pm

**Eastling**  
Christmas Eve  
Nine Lessons and Carols at 4pm  
Christmas Day  
Family Communion at 10am

### An On-Going Story

We all like a good story. When God wanted to grab our attention, He gave us a book of stories. The Bible is full of God's encounters with people. At Christmas, we remember the story of Jesus born in Bethlehem. But this story begins back in Genesis and as we go through the Old Testament books, there are many pointers to Him.

Some prophets announced His coming, stating where He would be born, what He would be like and what He would do. They prepared the way for the arrival of the Holy Child.

Perhaps, Mary, on seeing her old cousin Elizabeth pregnant, reminded her of the amazing conceptions and births which God had given to Sarah, Rachel and Hannah. And now the angel Gabriel had announced that she, of all women, would bear the Messiah. No wonder Mary praised God with all her heart.

The Christmas story is so attractive, with memorable ingredients: angels; poignant dreams; a pregnant mum on a long and tough journey; the lack of a clean room at an inn and a stable for a birth. The story has a

wealth of characters: an innocent young girl, a kindly older man, bright angels, rough shepherds, wealthy men from the East and a tyrannical ruler out to kill the baby. And over all hangs that mysterious lone star that marked the place where Jesus lay!

But the story of Jesus doesn't end here. He grew up. Jesus became the teacher and miracle worker - He became the Messiah. It culminated with His death, resurrection and ascension. This is a story of sacrificial love. A Saviour who died on a cross to remove our sin and give us eternal life.

And the story hasn't finished, as WE are its final part! Our response to the Christmas story determines our future. Are we living in the light of Christ, in service, worship and prayer? We are now part of God's continuing story and the last chapter has still to be played out. We are involved in it. Now, that is something to celebrate!

### Advent - a time of coming

The exact birth-date of Jesus is not known, but during the 5<sup>th</sup> century the date of 25 December was chosen to become the Feast of the Nativity, or Christmas. By the sixth century, the Christian Church was in the habit of spending several weeks leading up to Christmas in prayerful, expectant preparation. The fourth Sunday before Christmas Day became Advent Sunday, this year on 2nd December. 'Advent' means 'coming', or 'coming in', and traditionally special candles have been lit, and more recently, advent calendars used, as the Church prepares itself for the coming of the Holy Child, the long-awaited Messiah.



Lighting an Advent wreath is a custom that began with Lutherans and Catholics in 16th-century Germany. Typically, the Advent wreath is a circle of branches or garland with four or five candles arranged on the wreath. During the season of Advent, one candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday as a part of the Advent services

### Message from our County Councillor - Andrew Bowles

I started October with four days at the Party Conference in Birmingham. Not the Conference some expected, no blood-letting and a general feeling of unity.

On returning there was a well-attended meeting at Teynham on air quality – a lot of support for a Sittingbourne Southern Relief Road to get traffic, especially lorries, off the A2 through the village. The highlight of the first weekend back was attending Murston Old Church to view the display of poppies etc.

Locally the Agenda is increasingly dominated by Planning and housing numbers. Although our Local Plan was only adopted in 2017 the Inspector ordered a review by 2022 due to concerns over the highways network. The "Objectively Assessed Need" for housing is expected to show a 36% higher figure, up to 1,050 houses per year. In order to give the Council maximum choices to meet the increased figure we invited expressions of interest in the concept of a 'Rural Town or Village' from land owners and developers. This concept, which is increasingly being adopted by local planning authorities, is to deliver future housing provision in one or two locations, the advantage being that a larger development would be expected to fund its own infrastructure needs, roads, schools, health facilities, etc.

Of the four proposals received by Swale Borough Council, three lie within the Swale East County Division which I currently represent. The most fully developed proposal is that between Bapchild and the M2 in the vicinity of Kent Science Park. Another proposal from the Duchy of Cornwall lies East of Faversham, South of the A2. This proposal lies almost solely in the Parish of Boughton. The most recent proposal to come forward is that to the South of the M2 either side of the A251, largely in Sheldwich Parish. Sheldwich Parish Council have called a meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> November to receive Gladman's proposals and to hear the views of residents. At the time of writing I am intending to attend. The fourth proposal lies mainly to the West of the A249 in the vicinity of Bobbing and Iwade Parishes.

Early in 2019 we hope to be in possession of enough information to decide whether or not to continue a rural settlement option or a return to a traditional Policy of spreading any extra development throughout the Borough.

During October in addition to the usual exhaustive list of Kent County Council and Swale Borough Council Committees etc I also attended meetings of both Doddington and Dunkirk Parish Council's.

As this will be the last Newsletter, or certainly the last one to come out in print, in 2018 can I wish all residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### Eastling Neighbourhood Watch



Village Warden  
07794 010 394  
or 01795 890848

Police 101      Emergency 999

Christmas is nearly upon us and my normal message at this time of the year, more than normal, is do not drink and drive. The police will be carrying out more than normal stops and I can assure you that our area will not be exempt. Always remember it is the families that are left behind who suffer most and those that have everlasting injuries so for the sake of a few pounds and common sense if you are going out to drink leave the vehicle at home.

The con men will be out in the various websites trying to take your well earned money away from you so be very careful about ordering goods that seem priced just to good to be true.

A thank you from the village to Bob Lind and the band for staging a free music evening at the village hall in aid of extra funding for the defibrillator fund. Thanks to the generosity of the attendees a grand sum of £283 was raised which was stupendous for the numbers that attended.

Have a merry Christmas  
Take care  
Alan

### Prayer Pointers

December 2018



**Sundays** - Pray for the Holy Spirit to light our journey through this Advent and throughout our lives.

**Mondays** - Give thanks for young families celebrating their first Christmas.

**Tuesdays** - Pray for those facing their first Christmas alone.

**Wednesdays** - Give thanks for all working in charities serving homeless people.

**Thursdays** - Pray for all those using charities such as Crisis or Foodbank.

**Fridays** - Give thanks for our schools and all who work in them.

**Saturdays** - Pray for young people growing up in a changing and challenging world.



### Why does Christmas begin at midnight with Holy Communion?

The hour was first chosen at Rome in the fifth century to symbolise the idea that Christ was born at midnight – a mystical idea in no way hindered by historical evidence! No one knows the hour of His birth. Certainly in recent times, Holy Communion at midnight on Christmas morning has proved popular with modern families.

You can begin your Christmas with Holy Communion at midnight in Stalisfield church. Come along at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve.

### Eastling Church Flower Rota

December

2nd - Trisha Smith

9th & 16th - Mel Jordan

23rd Every one welcome, please bring flowers and foliage

If you would like to join the flower arranging rota, please call Bay on 01795 892036.



### How a mouse got into the Nativity

If you are looking for something different for your children this Christmas, you could try a new film from Bible Society called 'The Mystery of the New Noisy Neighbour'. It places a mouse detective at the heart of the action - in the stable at Bethlehem, where he slowly discovers who Jesus really is... Emmanuel, Rescuer and King. You can download the full film for free [www.biblesociety.org.uk](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk) or go to our Facebook page: [facebook.com/highdownsbenefice](https://facebook.com/highdownsbenefice)



### Christmas can be a lonely time



Samaritans are here for our callers every day of the year but we do know that there are some times more difficult than others. For whatever reason, finding yourself on your own having lost contact with friends and family, Christmas can be a particularly hard and stressful period for many people.

Samaritans offer a safe place to talk; at any time you like, in your own way. You needn't feel alone, we are here to talk through whatever is troubling you, 24/7. You don't have to be suicidal to talk to us.

Please contact us on our free to call phone line 116 123 or email us at [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org) If you would like to talk face to face, visit us at 32 Northgate, Canterbury CT1 1BL. To make sure there will be a volunteer available, before you visit please ring 01227 457 777.

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St Mary's Church presents...  
**CAFESTYLE**  
Sunday 9th December  
10am - 11am  
**Eastling Village Hall**  
A creative time of worship:  
Church in a Café setting.  
worship discussion reflection  
prayer fellowship

Tea, coffee & yummy nibbles will be available throughout the service, which will include sung worship, times of prayer, with opportunities for discussion & reflection, and space for the youngest & oldest to worship altogether

**Folk Music Club**  
Every Tuesday  
from 30th OCT  
All Players Welcome  
7pm till 9pm  
**The Four Horseshoes**  
Head Hill Road, Graveney, ME13 9DE  
01795 538143

## Services in our Churches

### 2nd December First Sunday of Advent

1 Thessalonians 3. 9 - end, Luke 21. 25 - 36  
 Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)  
*Led by Norman Fowler*

### 9th December 2nd Sunday of Advent

Philippians 1. 3-11, Luke 3. 1-6  
 Eastling CaféStyle 10am in Village Hall  
*Led by Murray Wilkinson*  
 Throwley 10.00am Morning Prayer  
*Led by Caroline Ramshaw*

### 16th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

Philippians 4. 4-7, Luke 3. 7-18  
 Stalisfield 5pm Carol Service  
 Throwley 5 pm Nine Lessons and Carols

### 23rd December 4th Sunday of Advent

Hebrews 10. 5-10, Luke 1. 39-45 [46-55]  
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
*Celebrant - Revd. Caroline Pinchbeck*

### 24th December Christmas Eve

Acts 13.16-26, Luke 1.67-79  
 Eastling 4 pm Nine Lessons and Carols  
 Hebrews 1. 1-12, John 1.1-14  
 Stalisfield 11.30pm Midnight Communion

### 25th December Christmas Day

Hebrews 1. 1-12, John 1.1-14  
 Eastling 10am Family Communion

### 30th December Christmas 1

Colossians 3. 12 - 17, Luke 2.41 - end  
 No Services in High Downs

### 6th January 2019 Epiphany

Isaiah 60.1-6, Ephesians 3.1-12, Matthew 2.1-12  
 Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)  
*Led by Caroline Ramshaw*

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

## High Downs Parish

Parish Office Email: eastlingchurch@gmail.com  
 facebook.com/highdownsbenevole

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)  
**Administrator** Janet Payne  
 E mail: eastlingchurch@gmail.com

**Stalisfield with Otterden**  
 Jean West (01233 712270)  
**Administrator** Sheila Moger (01233 713212)  
 E mail: samhawksnest@aol.com

**Throwley** Contact: Maggie Scutt (01795890312)  
 or Alison Young (01795 890213)

### From the Registers

#### Funerals

Keith Neaves  
 16th November 2018 Funeral at Eastling  
 followed by Cremation at Charing

### Midweek Groups

**Tuesdays:** Study group, 11th December, 9.30am  
 at Garden Cottage, Eastling. 01795 890368

**Wednesdays:** Study group, weekly, 7.30pm, Pinks Farm  
 Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

**Thursdays:** Prayer group, weekly, 10.30am, Pinks Farm  
 Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

**Fridays:** Study group, weekly, 10.45am, New House Farm,  
 Eastling. 01795 890629

*You will be welcome at any of our groups.*

### CONTACT THE GOOD NEWS EDITOR

If you would like to advertise in the January 2019 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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## Eastling Primary School News

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November, Eastling Primary School had the official opening of the Peace Garden by the Mayor of Faversham Trevor Abram. It was wonderful to share this event with family, friends and the local community. Mrs Rayner and her team of volunteers worked tirelessly to prepare for the event. Mrs Rayner was successful in securing a grant from Swale Borough Council, which was used to commission peace murals, which were designed by the children and created alongside the artist - Jo Ursell.

The children in Oak class worked with Murston Poppy Project to create poppies for Murston Church. On 2<sup>nd</sup> November, parents came into school and worked with their children to create more poppies using plastic bottles as well as painting CD's and pebbles to put in the Peace Garden. Mrs Sadler raised funds for the garden by carrying out a sponsored swim. She swam 5km (200 lengths of Faversham swimming pool) on 20<sup>th</sup> October raising over £200, which was used to purchase a commissioned poppy sculpture.

The children wrote poems, created wonderful artwork, which is displayed in the corridor and sang beautifully at the commemorative assembly, which followed the ribbon cutting ceremony. Our guests were treated to cakes made by the children in Oak class and the school cookery club. There was a collection for the British Legion, which raised £33.80.

Willow class led a wonderful class assembly based on their learning about Matilda on 12<sup>th</sup> October. On 15<sup>th</sup> October, Acorn class visited a pumpkin farm where the children all picked their own pumpkins to bring back to school. On 19<sup>th</sup> October, Acorn class took part in a wonderful Nursery Rhyme challenge, which they shared with the school and their parents. The parents then helped their children to carve and decorate the pumpkins in their classroom. There was rather a lot of glitter involved!

Oak class furthered their learning about World War 1 by visiting The Royal Engineers Museum in Gillingham on 17<sup>th</sup> October. They took part in workshops including making their own medals out of clay. These are on display in school and look wonderful.

Term 1 ended with the Friends of Eastling School's annual Pumpkin decorating competition followed by the Halloween disco. The costumes were frightful and everyone had a fantastically scary evening.

Our Acorn class visited The Plough at Stalisfield on 12<sup>th</sup> November where they had a tour of the working kitchen before making cheesecakes, profiteroles and homemade ice cream.

We do have a few spaces available across the school for an immediate start. Any prospective parents looking for a Reception place for September 2019 are welcome to call the office on 01795 890252 to arrange a visit.

Eastling Primary School will be returning to St Mary's on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December for a Christingle service. We look forward to a wonderful afternoon.

Melanie Dale,  
 Headteacher



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Dates for your diary . .

#### Grand Switch On

**Thursday 6th December, 6 pm**  
 Join us for carols around the tree

#### Opening Times:

Christmas Eve 12 - 6pm  
 ChristmasDay 11.30am - 5pm  
 Boxing Day 12.30 - 6pm

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATIONS

Join us for an evening of great food, Great Music & Great Beer - 4 course meal £50.00 per person or pre ordered light bites - please call or pop in for more details.

**Our NEW bedrooms will be ready in December** so really let your hair down and stay overnight!

Keep up to date by following us on **Facebook, Twitter or Instagram**  
 Stalisfield Road, Faversham, Kent, ME13 0HY  
 Tel: 01795 890 256 theploughinnstalisfield.co.uk  
 Email: info@theploughinnstalisfield.co.uk



### Painters Forstal with Selling W.I. meeting in Eastling Village Hall

On 18th December Lt. Col. Dick Bolton will share with us the Story of Kent through apples, ale and architecture. The meeting starts at 2pm and promises to be interesting. Subs due in January are £42. Anyone wishing to join us can e-mail Barbara on [tombarr72@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tombarr72@hotmail.co.uk) or phone 01795 890020.

### 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 22nd December



### Otterden with Stalisfield W.I.

Our Speaker for November, Derek March, only just arrived on time for our Meeting having driven through heavy traffic on the M25. He had been speaking the previous evening at a venue in Somerset. Derek appeared to be the typical college lecturer, but whose appearances were deceptive. His talk was historical, interlaced with the origins of Cheese and his delivery was quite hilarious at times, but he clearly knew his subject of Cheese. To culminate we then had a tasting of several cheeses. After Derek had departed, we all agreed we would like to invite him again to speak on another subject.

Meeting, so to brighten up a quiet month, we have planned an outing to 'More Tea Vicar' at Challock for an Afternoon Tea. Anyone is more than welcome to join us, particularly as it is not an official WI event. The date is 16th January.

To give an idea of forthcoming Meetings, February Yvonne Fernando from Charing Surgery is booked to speak on Mental Health Matters, in line with one of the WI Resolutions. March will be a cookery demonstration by our Secretary, and in April, Helen Kendal-Tobias is our Speaker covering 'Wrinkles don't Matter'. This is the second time Helen will have joined us, as we

found her very entertaining on her previous visit. There are also four outings/events in the planning stage, other than the monthly Meeting, the first of which will be a Bluebell Walk at Kings

Wood in April, retiring to a pub for refreshments afterwards. The exact date will depend on when the Bluebells are in full flower.

Please contact Ellie Cameron, our President, on 01795 892016 or Helen Brooks, our Secretary, on 07477580727 if you wish to join our WI Group or any of the events. Guests are charged only a nominal £2 should you just wish to 'try before you buy', so to speak. **Merry Christmas from the WI!!**

Our Group will be holding the December Meeting on Wednesday 12th, when we will have a professional florist giving ideas for us to make our own Christmas Table

Decoration or Wreath. Festive food and mulled wine will be provided by the Committee and there will be a Raffle. Guests are more than welcome at a cost of £2.50 which includes food. There will be a charge to purchase the oasis or wreath. Remember to bring your own Clippers, foliage/flowers to provide the decoration.

The 2019 diary of Speakers and Outings is almost complete. In January our Group does not hold a



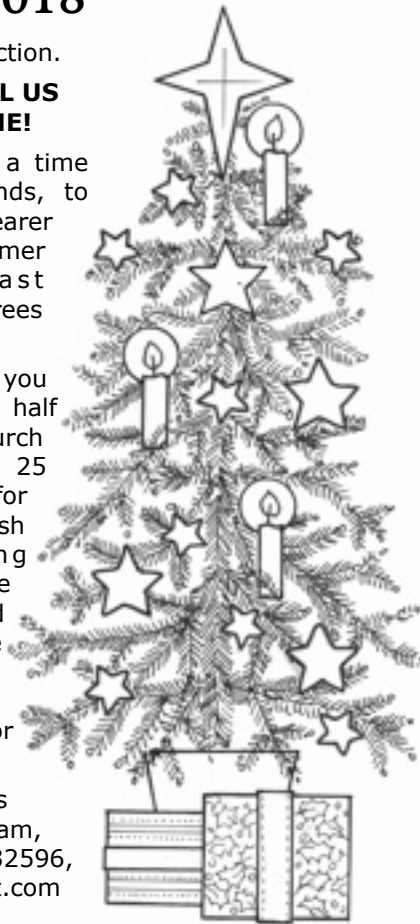
### Christmas Trees 2018

Trees are now available for selection. **PLEASE CONTACT US TO TELL US WHEN YOU'D LIKE TO COME!**

Please phone or email us to fix a time and date, preferably at weekends, to visit to select prior to collection nearer Christmas. Due to our dry summer and the heavy demand last Christmas there will be fewer trees available this year.

As before, the arrangement is for you to make a donation for your tree; half is returned to your parish church with the balance going to the 25 charities. This is a great chance for you to raise funds for your parish church and some deserving charities at the same time. The traditional Norwegian Spruce and the softer slimmer blue tinge Serbian Spruce are growing and will stay in the ground until collected so they stay fresher for longer.

Alison and Peter Howard, Nashs Farmhouse, Luddenham, Faversham, Kent ME13 0TQ. Tel 01795 532596, email [nashsfarmhouse@btinternet.com](mailto:nashsfarmhouse@btinternet.com)



### Eastling Gardeners' Club

#### New Year's Party

Saturday, 19th January 2019  
7.30 p.m. in Eastling Village Hall

There will be a film and talk about Sir Thomas Hanbury and the creation of his garden on the Italian Riviera by Hugh Raggett, the producer, followed by an Italian meal.

Free to members, otherwise £4

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### New Year's Eve

Stalisfield Village Hall  
31<sup>st</sup> December at 8pm

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Music, dancing, drinking and general merry-making

Book your tickets: Contact Su on 01795 890334

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*Blessings at Christmas to all our Readers and Thank You to our helpful team who deliver the Good News to your door, also to our Advertisers whose revenue pays for this magazine.*

## Carols, Candles and Celebrations

### Christmas Carols

Throwley Forstal Green

Thursday 20th December, 6.30 - 7.30pm  
Get together with mulled wine and mince pies

Traditional Carols round the Christmas tree Bring you family and join your friends and neighbours in Christmas cheer!  
[gaynoremoss@hotmail.com](mailto:gaynoremoss@hotmail.com)

### Throwley

Nine Lessons and Carols in a Candlelit Church  
Sunday 16th December

5pm

Come early for Mince Pies and Mulled Wine



### Stalisfield

Village

Carol Singing

Thursday 20th December  
Meeting outside the village hall at 6pm.

### Stalisfield Carol Service

St Mary's Church, Stalisfield  
Sunday 16th December  
5pm

Come and join the village in a short service of readings and carols.

Enjoy a festive glass of mulled wine!

If you or someone in your family would be happy to read or sing, please ring Kate on 07810 721 125



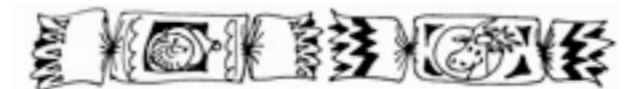
### Eastling Village Carol Service

Christmas Eve at 4pm in Eastling Church

Traditional nine lessons and carols.

### Stalisfield Seniors

Stalisfield is pleased to announce the annual seniors' Christmas event will be taking place on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 4pm. A welcome drink 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 to book your place - [traceysmith210@btinternet.com](mailto:traceysmith210@btinternet.com) or leave a message on 890517.



### FOUND

Silver heart shaped earring with small amethyst coloured stones.

Found in the Tong Farm area on a track near woods.

Contact Sharon on 01795 890615

