

Our school year is now moving on with the end of Term 3 firmly in sight on the 15th of February, but it's only a short break and we will be back to normal service on Monday 25th February from 8.40am.

As a celebration FOES will once more be holding a School Disco for all our current pupils on the Friday evening (15th February) which we would welcome any help for! Once more it will feature the dazzling array of disco divas and fabulous food to celebrate the end of a hard working term.

Coffee n Cakes can be mentioned twice this time with a chance to come along and have a social chat on both Friday 1st

Eastling School News

February and Friday 1st March to fit in with the pattern of having the event on the first Friday of each month.

Families and friends are also invited to a selection of events within school, including special assemblies by Lions (8th Feb) and Cubs (15th Feb) classes. Both these assemblies will start around 9.10am so that parents can stay for the event.

As a music loving school we are delighted to be able to present the Kent Music School "From Bach to infinity" music sampler during the morning of the 11th Feb. At the end of this children will be able to take home leaflets to decide if

they would like to learn how to play a musical instrument.

These lessons are also available to the home school community around the school, so if you'd like to see the presentation, please give the school a call.

In line with tradition, on 12th February from 2.30pm, the children will be taking part in our Pancake racing event. Spectators are welcome either on our playground (if wet) or field (if dry). Also, in line with tradition, the children will have an opportunity to buy pancakes to sample (hopefully not the one's used in the racing!) so please could you let your child have some pocket money early!

Mr Dave Walsh
Head Teacher

S Club

Sunday 17th February
10am in Eastling Village Hall
Open to all primary school aged children

Young Style

Sunday 24th February
10am in Eastling Church
Half an hour of fun and worship
Open to all ages

Pantomime:

Sing-a-Song-of-Sixpence

West Faversham Community Centre,
Bysing Wood Road, 13th - 16th February

7.45pm each evening, with 2.30pm Saturday matinee

Faversham's Up the Creek Pantomime Society brings your favourite nursery-rhyme characters to life in a fun-filled panto for all the family. Tickets, at £6 (£4 concessions), are available from Barley Mow, Court Street, Faversham, or call 01795 531645.

Noah's Ark



animals
Ararat
ark
covenant
dove

flood
Genesis
gopher
Ham
Japheth

Noah
rain
rainbow
raven
Shem

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"Ready when you are, George..."



Live joyfully with the wife whom you love.
Ecc. 9:9

Good News Parish Magazine February 2013



An Indian Supper

Eastling Village Hall Trustees' Fundraising Event
Eastling Village Hall
Saturday 2nd February

Corinne's Creative Kitchen presents a supper of the best home-cooked Asian dishes in Kent. As seen on TV, Corinne is renowned for her quality authentic Asian cooking. £17.50 per ticket. Bar from 7pm.

This is the Trustees' fundraising event of the year to support the upkeep of our hall. Our sincere thanks to Corinne for providing this event at a discount price to help our fundraising.

For bookings please ring Sue Parry on 01795 890254.

Visit your local village website for current events and historical information

Throwley www.throwley.org
Stalisfield www.stalisfieldpc.kentparishes.gov.uk
and www.stalisfieldvillagehall.co.uk
Eastling www.eastling.co
Otterden www.northdowns.plus.com/otterden
The *Good News* magazine may be viewed on www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews



Village Volunteers

A group of Eastling villagers want to provide a volunteer service for our residents. During 2012, a number of our neighbours fell ill to a variety of causes and it would have been helpful to them, and their families, if there was an established group of people who could help out. We are focusing on medical visits, prescription collection, shopping and other errands in Faversham/Sittingbourne and Canterbury.

If you feel able to allocate one half day a week to be part of a rota of helpers please come to our opening meeting for coffee and cake at Churchfields, The Street, Eastling, on Saturday 9th February 2013 at 10.30 am.

For those interested but unable to attend please email julia.bailey@virginmail.co.uk or phone 01795 890401.

Ash Wednesday:

a good time to admit you are sorry

Have you done something which haunts you? Which makes you feel restless and defensive, every time you think of it? Why not deal with it this month, and put it behind you? Whatever your mistake has been, consider what the Bible has to say to you:

Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." (Luke 5.31-32)

'Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. (Isaiah 55.7)

'Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to

anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.' (Joel 2:13b)

God is inviting you to come to him this Ash Wednesday. What a wonderful offer! Make the most of it, and remember how the prodigal son was welcomed back by his compassionate father.



Ash Wednesday

Service
13th February
7.30pm in
Eastling Church

The Way I See It: *This scarily unpredictable life*

In my childhood we called it 'February Fill-dyke', but last year it seemed that every month filled the dykes, and just about everything else. Strange, isn't it, that in a world where many long for



water to bring life to parched ground, our little island is virtually submerged in the stuff. Those who are familiar with the Psalms in the Bible will know how worried the writers were about the 'sun that smites by day'. They saw God as a shield, a kind of parasol guarding his people from the scorching heat of the sun. For them rain was a blessing indeed - the 'early rains' and the 'latter rains' which needed to arrive regularly to ensure the harvest of the fields. Their ideas are echoed in our hymns:

*He sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine
and soft refreshing rain.*

'Soft and refreshing' are not the words I would use to describe the angry rivers bursting their banks, flooding towns and villages and ruining people's homes. Looking back at the wettest year on record, we might well hanker for those blissful days of hose-pipe bans. But hey-ho, we're British, and grumbling about the weather is simply a national pastime. Deep down we know that we're very privileged to live in a part of the world not normally subject to extreme weather of any kind. We see on television the devastating



effects of typhoons, tornadoes, storms, blizzards and earthquakes in other lands and feel sympathy for people who live in constant peril of the power of nature. In the end, what are a few inches of rain? Sometimes we may wonder why life on earth is so scarily unpredictable. Why (people sometimes ask) did a good and loving God make our planet so dangerous to live on? I suspect it is a question with a very complex answer! If, as I do, we believe that the whole universe, in its awesome vastness, is the product of the mind and will of God, who are we - its human inhabitants - to question how he does it? It looks to us like a process of purposeful randomness, from which emerges the world as we know it. And, let's face it, it's the only one we've got!

It is only a few weeks since we were celebrating the truth that it was into this scarily unpredictable and often dangerous world that God sent his Son. 'The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.' Jesus shared the dangers and hazards of human life, both those that are 'natural' (like a storm on the lake) and those that were the product of human sin (like his crucifixion). Perhaps it is only in a world like this that we can really learn to trust the One who walks with us through 'the valley of the shadow of death'.

Canon David Winter



Candlemas

In bygone centuries, Christians said their last farewells to the Christmas season on Candlemas, 2nd February. This is exactly 40 days after Christmas Day itself.

The story of how Candlemas began can be found in Luke 2:22-40. Simeon's great declaration of faith and recognition of who Jesus was is of course found in the Nunc Dimittis, which is embedded in the Office of Evening Prayer in the West. But in medieval times, the Nunc Dimittis was mostly used just on this day, during the distribution of candles before the Eucharist. Only gradually did it win a place in the daily prayer life of the Church.

Two visits in one day!

The Bunce Ecclesiastical Charity is organising an outing for your Parish on Saturday 28th September 2013. This full day which is open to any of our parishioners, will be visiting The Guru Nanak Darbar Gurdwara in Gravesend and The Pilsdon at Malling Community in West Malling. Come on your own or with other parishioners or friends and family - it is suitable for both able and less able (please let us know if you have special requirements) - so please put the date in your diary.

This will be fully funded by the Charity and will cover coach transport with pick up points from Eastling Village Hall at 10am and at Sheldwich Lees 10.15am.

In the morning there will be a guided tour of the Sikh Temple (Gurdwara) in Gravesend where you will be expected to cover your head and take off your shoes in respect for their traditions. Around midday we will depart and head for The Pilsdon at Malling Community in West Malling where you can enjoy a picnic (bring your own packed lunch) in their delightful grounds before having a tour, followed by a special service in the beautiful 15th Century Barn Chapel. We will be returning around 6pm.

For further information or to book a place/s for this exciting day out contact Jan Beckenham on 01795 892079 or email her at jan.beckenham@googlemail.com

We look forward to seeing you.

Benefice Prayer Group

You will be welcome to join this small group as we pray for our parishes and for a new priest.



The group will meet on Thursdays 6th February and 6th March, 10.30am at Pinks Farm, Eastling.

Eastling Church February Flower Rota

3rd & 10th Bay Lees
17th onwards Lent - no flowers

My name is Paul and I have lived in Eastling and Stalisfield since 1997. Quite a few of you will know me from time (far too much time) spent in the local pubs and also from Eastling School.



I will be celebrating 50 years on planet earth this coming May and I have, for a while, been planning something to mark reaching this landmark number. After much deliberation I have decided to combine my love of cycling with the urge to raise money for charity.

I will be riding from Cape Wrath (most north westerly point on the British mainland) to Dover (most south easterly) it's the opposite diagonal from the more famous Lands End/John O'Groats route. It's approximately 807 miles, which I'm aiming to complete over 8 days. I shall be riding this alone but I will have my wife (Jane) supporting me in the car.

I am planning to complete the ride on my birthday (May 25th), however, if we get a period of prolonged snow between now and then, which in turn hampers my training

Paul's Mad Bike Ride

schedule, then the date may be pushed back slightly.

I have chosen to raise money for 2 charities, Demelza House Children's Hospice and The British Heart Foundation, I would be extremely grateful for any amount of donation for these charities and you can donate via the "Just Giving" website, my links are <http://www.justgiving.com/Paul-Hamley1> for the British Heart Foundation and <http://www.justgiving.com/Paul-Hamley> for Demelza.

As you can possibly appreciate, this is going to take some considerable dedication on my part, not least because I will be giving up alcohol until the ride is completed (sorry Mitch and Bob). That alone is surely worth a donation and also please spare a thought for my Jane who will become a cycling widow for the next 5 months.

Your support over the coming months will be truly appreciated, even if it's just a phone call on a dark, wet, windy evening, encouraging me to don the lycra and get out on a training ride, rather than sitting in front of a warm fire with a glass of wine.

I will keep you posted on my progress each month via the "Good News" parish magazine and you can also follow me on Facebook, if you search Facebook for "Paul's Mad Bike Ride" and then press "like". I would like to get as many Facebook followers as possible and your help with this would once again be very much appreciated.

Thank You
Paul Hamley

EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on 9th January 2013, when the precept for the year 2013/14 was set, this will remain the same as the last year.

It was agreed to write to Councillor Bowles to ask his advice on the poor state of the roads in the Parish.

Other matters discussed were Localism in Swale, Planning applications and funding available from Councillor Prescott.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th March at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall.

Residents are always welcome to attend any meeting.

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



The Carpenters Arms

01795 890234

Wednesday 2-4-1

Continues throughout February evenings.

Quiz Night

Thursday February 7th. £2 entry per person. 8pm

Music for February

Now we've got the New Year underway we can start to shake off the winter blues, and so we are starting our live music for this year. Every Friday in February sees a band playing so get your dancing shoes on and see what's on offer at The Carps.

Friday 1st **Cultured Pearl.** Acoustic duo

Friday 8th **Dos Tortillas.** Rock and pop covers

Friday 15th **Slug Pixies.** "Rock for the hard of hearing"

Friday 22nd **Under The Wood.** Our local boys playing their acoustic set

Open Mike Night

Following the success of our last open mike night we have decided to hold another.

This will be taking place on **Saturday March 9th**. Hosted by the very talented James Ludlow he will be guiding us less talented wannabees through this evening of musical torture.

Come on Eastling show us what you've got.

Next month's letter will have the dates for the **Opera Performance** so please book early as this will sell out.

Many thanks and best wishes, Mitch, Donna and The Dog

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

Contact Numbers:

Parish /Village Warden 0779 401 0394

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

Swale Police 101 Emergency 999



As has been broadcast in the local media there has been a spate of 'dog nappings' throughout the country. It is believed that this has been caused by a crackdown on metal thieves which, in turn, has switched the attention to dogs. The majority of people will know the village suffered quite badly a few years ago with dogs being stolen, so please be alert to this situation and report any strange vehicles or persons within the village. Whilst all dogs are at risk of being stolen the emphasis will be on gun dogs, so please keep your dog under your control.

Some idiots decided on Sunday 20th Jan to race their cars around the village and in the fields. There were 6 cars with occupants driving very fast and dangerously in the snow late evening. The police were called and if any person has any information relating to this please call me on 0779 401 0394. The cars were not from the Eastling area.

The 30 mph limit within the village seems to be working quite well so well done the majority, the minority who decide to ignore the limit will be dealt with by the police.

Have a good month. Alan

Prayer

Pointers

February 2013



Sundays	As we go into Lent, help us prepare for Easter.
Mondays	The outreach from Café Church.
Tuesdays	The unity of the churches in our benefice.
Wednesdays	Those involved in the African conflict.
Thursdays	For our Churchwardens and those who minister to us; Angela, Hugh and Norman.
Fridays	Those who are sick, bereaved or lonely.
Saturdays	All in the medical profession.

Services in our Churches

3rd February Candlemas

Hebrews 2. 14 - 18, Luke 2. 22 - end
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
 Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

10th February Sunday before Lent

2 Corinthians 3. 12 - 4. 2, Luke 9. 28 - 36 [37 - 43a]
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
 Throwley 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
 Eastling 10.30 am Sunday Freestyle

13th February Ash Wednesday

2 Corinthians 5. 20b - 6.10, John 8. 1 - 11
 Eastling 7.30 pm Holy Communion

17th February Lent 1

Romans 10. 8b - 13, Luke 4. 1 - 13
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)
 Eastling 10 am S Club in Village Hall
 Stalisfield 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

24th February Lent 2

Philippians 3. 17 - 4. 1, Luke 13. 31 - 35
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10 am Youngstyle
 Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
 Throwley 10 am Holy Communion (BCP)

3rd March Lent 3

1 Corinthians 10. 1 - 13, Luke 13. 1 - 9
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
 Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

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

Ministry in our Parishes

Priest in Charge Vacant
 Non Stipendiary Minister with Permission To Officiate
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 Reader Norman Fowler (01795 890412)
 4 Meesons Close, Eastling
 Reader Hugh Perks (01795 890603)
 Weald Cottage, Eastling
Churchwardens
Eastling Steve Youle (01795 890368)
 Audrey Smith (01795 890469)
Parish Administrator
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 Jean West (01233 712270)
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Parish Administrator
 Sheila Moger (01233 713212)
 E mail samhawksnest@aol.com
Throwley Barbara Elliott (01795 890020)
 Maggie Scutt (01795 890312)

From the Registers

Funeral
 Anthony George Fisher
 28th December 2012 at Eastling
 Sheila Jean Pope
 17th January 2013 at Stalisfield

Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: monthly Study Group - 10am on 12th February
 at Garden Cottage, Newnham Lane.
 Tuesdays: weekly Study Group 7.30pm Pinks Farm
 Thursdays: weekly Prayer Group 10.30am Pinks Farm
 including Benefice group on 7th February.
You will be welcome at any of our groups.

According to Church Representation Rules a new Electoral Roll

is due to be prepared this year. This means that ALL those who wish to be entered on the Roll must sign a new form. Forms can be obtained from the Electoral Roll Officer or downloaded from the Diocesan Website but must be returned to the ER officer by Feb. 18th. The ER officer for Throwley is Mrs Barbara Elliott.

Welcome to

Sunday FREESTYLE

10th February
 Eastling Church

All ages welcome

Blessed are the meek for they will inherit the earth.



This photo of the Old School House, Stalisfield was taken on 1905 by Frank Crosoer. He was a bank clerk in Faversham and had descended from a Huguenot family that settled in Canterbury. Frank and his brother visited local villages, taking photographs and transferring them onto glass slides which they hand coloured. The Old School House was originally on the Sondes estate and was called Tinniper Cottage. On the left shows a hop garden, one of several in the parish: in 1841 hops were grown at Court Lodge, Derbies Court, Holbeam and Wingfield. The girls photographed outside attended the school in the 1870's, girls in the afternoon and boys in the morning.



Simple maths:

The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.

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People and Places from the Past

by Dorothy Murray

The 'new' school on Stalisfield Green was opened in 1877. A Board of 5 members was formed in 1874 and the bricks to build the school were brought by horse and wagon from Boughton brickfields by Mr Harrison.



The Headteacher's Log Book gives an insight to early education in Stalisfield. 50 pupils could be accommodated, on average 30/40 attended. Severe outbreaks of measles often depleted numbers drastically and, in the early days, many children were kept away to help with field work in the summer. Mr Henry Read, Chairman of the Board, visited frequently taking great interest in the teaching of the children. Other frequent visitors included the Reverend Paxton, then Rector of Otterden, also Mr. Vant and Mr. Pepper. Squire Wheler occasionally visited taking an interest in the running of the school. A half-day holiday was granted in 1877 on the occasion of the installation by the Bishop of Dover, of Reverend Hornibrook at Stalisfield Church. Two days holiday were given in 1887 to celebrate Queen Victoria's Jubilee. Mr. Read visited then and gave each child a bun and an orange. In July there was a Fête on the Green and

summer holidays were 9 weeks long. Even so, many children were absent in the October owing to a local sale and a travelling circus. Children walked to school in all weathers unless it was very severe. In the winter of 1879 the coal supply was exhausted and the children had to march between lessons to keep warm. It was so dark on some days that the children couldn't see to write on their slates. A few were punished for lateness or bad behaviour. School leaving age was 13, but a few left at 12 as their parents needed them to start work to earn some money. Stalisfield School continued educating several generations until it closed in 1970.

The voice of love

"Do you love me with all your heart?" Becky asked her boyfriend on Valentine's Day.
 "Mmm hmm," said Dave, checking his emails.
 "Do you think I'm the most beautiful girl on the planet?"
 "Mmm hmm," said Dave, sending a text.
 "Do you think my lips are like rose petals?"
 "Mmm hmm," said Dave, checking his Facebook page.
 "Oh Dave," Becky sighed, "you say the most beautiful things!"



And if love should die....

While we were working at a men's clothing store, a customer asked my colleague to help her pick out a tie that would make her husband's blue eyes stand out. "Ma'am," he explained, "any tie will make blue eyes stand out if you tie it tight enough."

Lest we Forget

by Audrey Keen

When my mother, Doris Pope (née Briggs) was a child in the early 1920's, she attended Throwley School and loved it. Making many friends there she would often tell me about her schooldays when I was little. In later life she loved taking photographs of gardens, people and places. I believe this one is of Throwley School.



Christmas Rocked at Stalisfield!!

A huge thank you to all who turned out to enjoy Stalisfield's home-grown band, Group Therapy at The Plough on 21st December. It was great to see the pub full of local people and Bob and Amy kindly donated £200 to the Village Hall Fund in return for the evenings entertainment. Guest appearances were made by the very talented Lisa on vocals and by the fabulous duo of Ian and young Joe on Guitar who together helped make the evening extra special for everyone, with the band playing brilliantly until late. A good night was had by all, and in addition the Luxury Raffle raised over £500! Once again, thanks to all who supported the evening and the raffle, and of course thanks to the band for giving their time and entertaining us all!!!

Stalisfield Top Draw

Thanks to the magnificent prizes generously donated in aid of the Stalisfield Rebuild Fund, the Big Value Draw was bound to be a success. The draw took place on Friday 21st December at the musical event staged by Group Therapy at the Plough Inn.

Lady luck smiled on:

Jessica, the winner of the £100 voucher donated by The Plough Inn and Dovetail Polymers.

Richard Vant, the winner of the Italian Meal for Four delivered to the door, donated by Andrew and Judith Saunders.

Bob and Aime Lloyd, the winners of the joint of rare Hebridean Lamb, donated by Thorpe Farm.

Phil Ethelston, the winner of 3 hours of ironing provided by Tracy Dove and Tracey Smith.

Rob King, the winner of the small case of wine.

Brian and Gill Richmond, the winners of the Family of Four Ticket for Wildwood donated by Andrew and Judith Saunders.

Janet Bishop, the winner of the Tower of Treats provided by Su McCarron.

Bob from Ashford, the winner of the Silver-Blades Family of Six Ticket, donated by the KM Treasure

Chest and Silver-Blades Ice Rink.

The good Lady smiled also on Stalisfield to ensure ticket sales well in excess of £500.

The Stalisfield Village Hall Trust is grateful to the prize

donors, to those who donated time to ticket promotion and, of course, to the buyers of tickets for the Stalisfield Big Draw.

Community KM Treasure Chest is delighted to support this event

For full details or to apply for prizes to support community fund-raising events www.kmcharityteam.co.uk/treasure

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FRIENDS of EASTLING SCHOOL

It was great to see so many parents and toddlers at the Coffee and cake sale on 11th January. Unfortunately, I was unable to bring along the second hand uniform on the day but a list of available stock will be forwarded to parents this month.

Pancake racing is on Shrove Tuesday 12th February from 2.30pm. Why not come along in the afternoon to join in the fun. Pancakes will be on sale in the school hall topped with ice cream, sugar and lemon or chocolate sauce! Jill Seaman. 01795 890252



Charity Knitting

Once again, I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has been knitting the little baby jumpers. As I write this the total numbers is now 1,456!! I am really amazed at the kindness and dedication of everyone involved.

There are now enough jumpers in stock to last for a very long time.

I have now been asked by Ray from the charity, Blythwood, a Christian charity, if we could change direction and knit some hats, scarves, mittens and gloves for Eastern Europe, Romania, Serbia and Bulgaria, as these items are desperately needed during the freezing weather conditions. There is no set pattern, any pattern is acceptable and these items are for young children through to adults.

This week I went to Blythwood, who have a warehouse in Strood, taking 600 jumpers with me, and saw for myself the wonderful work they do. Lorries full of aid go out on a regular basis, the next one being in early March.

If anyone should have any spare double knitting wool, little oddments or unused balls, I am trying to supply knitters on a very low income but who want to help, with the materials.

I will keep you updated but in the meantime, thank you so much and 'happy knitting!'

Gwen Bower

Please drop off any knitted goods or spare wool to Eastling Church or The Rectory in Newnham Lane.



Eastling Village Hall

WEDNESDAYS

7.00pm ZUMBA®

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leigh.fitness@btinternet.com
01795 890149 or 07873 431952

Craft Club

Painters Forstal with Ospringe WI CRAFT CLUB will be holding its next session on Wednesday 13th February 2013 in the small room at Champion Hall, Painters Forstal. From 11am - 1pm. Come and try your hand at Glass Painting and Porcelain Painting. Refreshments provided. For further information please contact Pat on 01795 539629.

Why I don't go to sports events – or church

Take some of the most common excuses for not going to church and use them to stop attending sporting events and here's what you get:

- ~ Every time I went, they asked me for money.
- ~ The people I had to sit by didn't seem very friendly.
- ~ The seats were too hard and not comfortable at all.
- ~ The coach / manager never came to call on me.
- ~ The referee made a decision with which I could not agree.
- ~ I was sitting with some hypocrites -- they came only to see what others were wearing.
- ~ Some games went into overtime, and I was late getting home.
- ~ The band played some numbers that I had never heard before.
- ~ The games are scheduled when I want to do other things.
- ~ My parents took me to too many games when I was growing up.
- ~ Since I read a book on sports, I feel that I know more than the coaches anyhow.
- ~ I don't want to take my children, because I want them to choose for themselves what sport they like best.

Otterden and Stalisfield WI

would like to wish everyone a Happy, peaceful, and Healthy new year.

And Congratulations to the safe arrival of the newest member of the Murray family, another arriving soon - watch this space!

Quick run down of events for 2013!

- February 6th First aid talk to be held in THE HARROW 7.30pm.
 - March 6th Easter crafts SVH 7.30pm.
 - April 3rd Sabrina's Italian Kitchen
 - May 1st AGM Followed by bingo.
 - Friday 17th May Julie Murray's famous quiz night, NOT to be missed!
 - June 5th Bladbean garden visit- must be booked in advance if attending.
 - July 3rd Boat trip location to be confirmed.
 - August 7th Juicing! Fruit and veg.
 - September 5th Morris dancing.
 - October 3rd Wine tasting
 - November 6th Christmas crafts, location to be confirmed.
 - December 4th Wreath making, location to be confirmed.
- UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED events will be held in Stalisfield village hall at 7.30pm. If you would like to join us as a guest or become a member please contact myself or Kim Curtis on 01795 890691. Carol Morris, Otterden & Stalisfield WI publicity, 01795 892038.

Eastling Short Mat Bowls

First report of the new year: The Kent "B" team played Sussex at Snodland on 6th January and drew on points, but gained most shots, making another win for Kent.

Back to the domestic games with Minster (Thanet) coming to Eastling for an East Kent league game. Both the Eastling teams played well, giving us a win of 6 points to nil. Then on 13th January it was away to Queenborough for a Swale game, we had a brilliant first half winning all of our games, but came unstuck in the Triples and Fours, returning home with 10 points to 4 which was a good 'away' result. The 15th January saw a return game away at Minster, with Des Briggs, Bryan Searly and Roy Piles ahead with three ends to go, then disaster struck, going down 6 shots. Mick Heath, Eileen Piles and Chris Smith were behind all the way, but pulled back to draw level going into the last end. Chris with the last wood managed to get shot and they won 2 points to Eastling.

Roy Piles 01795 537162.

If you would like to sample a game, do come along to the village hall on Wednesday or Friday afternoons, or Friday evenings, and try it out; all you need is a pair of flat soled shoes.

Eastling Gardeners' Club

meets on Thursday, 14th March at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall A talk by Janet Bryant on 'Climbers and Wall Shrubs' Renewal of annual membership costs £6. Non-members pay £3 per meeting.

The Painters Forstal COFFEE CLUB

Join us in Whitehill Chapel, 27th February, 11 am - 12.30pm. All welcome.



1st Coffee and Cakes	2.45pm	Eastling School
2nd Indian Supper	7pm	Eastling Village Hall
5th Mobile Library	10.50am	Glebe Cottages
6th Benefice Prayer Group	10.30am	Pinks Farm
6th Otterden & Stalisfield WI	7.30pm	The Harrow
9th Village Volunteers' meeting	10.30am	Churchfields
12th Pancake racing	2.30pm	Eastling School
13th WI Craft Club	11am	Champion Hall
14th Local History Society	7.45pm	Charing Parish Hall
15th End of term disco		Eastling School
12th Monthly Study Group	10am	Garden Cottage
15th Deadline for March Good News		See below
17th S Club	10am	Eastling Village Hall
19th Mobile Library	10.50am	Glebe Cottages
27th Coffee Club	11am	Whitehill Chapel
26th Magazine Folding	2pm	Pinks Farm
MARCH 1st Coffee and Cakes	2.45pm	Eastling School

Deadline for the March Good News will be 15th February

If you would like to advertise in this magazine, submit articles or stories for publication, or would like any forthcoming events publicised, send your contribution by 15th February 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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Charing and District Local

History Society

Thursday 14th February
7.45 for 8pm
Charing Parish Hall

A Little Bit of Chanting:

The story of educating the masses; life in the school room of past times.

Louise Baldwin and Katharine Harding
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