



British Humanitarian Aid

Thank you so much to the S Club of Eastling Church for the Toiletries given at your November "Toi" Service.

The poor families in Ukraine are unable to buy things like that for their children. They can only afford to buy food and pay the rent. Your gifts will be very special Christmas presents for a lot of children.

Thank you.

S Club

for primary school aged children

15th January
10am - 11am in
Eastling Village Hall

Youngstyle

22nd January
10am in
Eastling Church

Half an hour of fun and worship

Youth Club

There is a New Youth Club in Eastling Village Hall. Come, relax with friends on a Sunday evening at 6.30-8.30pm. It is run by the Youth and supervised by adults. Facilities include snooker table, table tennis, punch bags- also a tuck shop and much more!

If you are between the age of 10 and 16 come and enjoy yourself!!

For further information

Jordan Turner on 01795 890991,
Ben Parker on 01795 890495, or
Angela Cheeseman on 01795 890629

FRIENDS of EASTLING SCHOOL

The children's Christmas Craft Club was great fun and thanks to all the adults who helped.

At the School's Christmas Shopping afternoon on 9th December, the children enjoyed being able to buy their presents for family and friends. These were gift wrapped for them ready for Christmas Day.

The children sported some lovely clothes for the non-uniform day on the last day of term and the afternoon Discos for the Infants, then the Juniors, both went with a 'Swing' with great music refreshments.

Events for 2012 will be discussed at the next FOES meeting this month.

Good quality Second Hand school uniform always welcomed and available to parents to purchase. A list of items available will be sent home in the New Year. Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity 01795 890252

The NAMING of JESUS

Eight days after their baby was born, **Mary** and **Joseph** named him with the name the angel **Gabriel** had given them long before he had been born. It was a very special name for a very special baby... the name **JESUS** which means **GOD IS SAVIOUR**.

"You are to give him the name JESUS because he will save his people from their sins".

READ: Luke 2:21-38

Jesus is:
The Christ
Matthew 16:16

The LIGHT
John 8:12

Bread of Life
John 6:35

The Good Shepherd
John 10:11

JESUS

'God is Saviour'
Matthew 1:21

Jesus is:
Saviour
John 3:16-17

Son of God
Matthew 3:16-17

The Word
John 1:1-5

THE WAY

John 14:6

LORD
John 20:28

KING
Revelation 17:14

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Carefully cut around the outside, fold in half along the dotted line and glue together. Add a tassel to the bottom with a length of wool or ribbon. You can make it stronger by gluing onto card before folding.

On Christmas Day, many people will have heard the Queen's TV message of hope and courage in times of adversity.

From the familiar passage, read and sung every Christmas in our churches, Revd. Paul Hardingham considers the message of Hope delivered by the old testament prophet, Isaiah.

Hope for 2012

'For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.' (Isaiah 9:6)

As the start of this New Year we are all aware of the uncertainties which we face, especially in terms of our finances, jobs and economic prospects. We have to face the big questions of life:

- what shall I do?;
- who can help me?;
- who cares for me?;
- and what do I say?;

The familiar words of the prophet Isaiah were also given by God in a time of political and economic uncertainty. The Assyrians had just conquered the northern kingdom of Israel, fulfilling Isaiah's warnings to the people, who had turned their back on God and his ways. However, Isaiah also brings a word of hope, 'The people walking in darkness have seen a great light' (2). For Isaiah, it felt as if the future had already arrived! However, after 700 years the promised child was fulfilled in the birth of Jesus. For us, facing a New Year, he continues to be an answer to both our needs and questions:

Wonderful Counsellor: he will give us the wisdom we need, when we have difficult decisions to make at work or home, or in dealing with our finances or future direction.

Mighty God: he will provide the help and strength to face the difficult diagnosis, the family crisis or relationships breakdown, as we trust his plan and purpose for our lives.

Everlasting Father: he cares for us as a father cares for his children, so we can come to him when we feel alone or we are really struggling, knowing that he hears and will answer our prayers.

Prince of Peace: he has secured peace by his cross and resurrection, and so we can find in him true acceptance, forgiveness and peace for our lives, relationships and future.

Therefore at the start of 2012, may 'our joy be increased' (3) as for the people in Isaiah's day. For only Jesus can truly turn our sorrow into joy and save us from the vicious spiral of sin and death. Whatever the mess and mistakes we have made over the past year, he can deal with them. With him both our present and future are secure. This is no pipe-dream, for 'the zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.'

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Good News Parish Magazine

January 2012

BENEFICE SERVICE OF HEALING AND BLESSING

SUNDAY 29TH JANUARY 2012

10.00 AM IN EASTLING CHURCH

HEALING AND THE SACRAMENTS

YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR A TIME OF REFRESHMENT WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING.

The news magazine for the combined parishes of Eastling and Stalisfield with Otterden

We live in an age of health and fitness, whether that's engaging in the right workout, or working out the next diet or lifestyle activity. In recent times the Church has begun to re-discover its own work of health and healing; a ministry that was central to the work of Jesus and his disciples in their day, and may I suggest, central to the ministry and outworking of the church today. I'm reminded of someone who placed a sign on their church door, which read: *'The Health Centre - no appointment necessary'*, suggesting our church can be a 'natural' place to find healing.

A definition of health, which relates well to the Christian Healing Ministry, comes from the World Council of Churches, which described health as:

'... a dynamic state of well-being of the individual and society, of physical, mental, spiritual, economic, political and social well-being - of being in harmony with each other, with the material environment and with God'

Only the ministry of healing has such breadth of vision - only this ministry is truly holistic on such a vast scale: other definitions of health and healing are

Health Centre

very good - but they tend to focus upon the individual - the relational and contextual dimensions of life are rarely given the attention or weighting they deserve.

One of the great joys of this ministry is that it is totally inclusive - everyone is invited . . . and everyone is welcome to receive and share God's gift of healing and wholeness with another. Furthermore, every form of suffering in this world can be helped in some way through this ministry. Its potential is awesome. Through this ministry we experience and share glimpses of God's Kingdom - moments when we become aware of the ways in which God intervenes in the human condition through prayer or the holy sacraments. By being involved in this ministry we are actively working with God towards this end.

Two thousand years ago, Jesus Christ entrusted his healing ministry to the Church, in his great commission - to teach and preach about the coming of the kingdom and to heal the sick. At the end of his brief earthly ministry, he promised to be with us to the end of time. He has kept that promise - and

continues to heal us, in the power of the Holy Spirit, meeting us at our point of need - through each other. Truly - one of the greatest privileges of the Christian life is to personify the constant love of Jesus Christ to someone experiencing sickness and suffering. The prayer of St Teresa of Avila expresses this beautifully...

*Christ has no body now but yours,
no hands but yours, no feet but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which
Christ's compassion must look out on
this world.
Yours are the feet with which
He is to go about doing good.
Yours are the hands with which
He is to bless us now.*

At Eastling Church, we have a long established healing ministry with some exciting plans for 2012. A study day with Dr Russ Parker on 9th June and, as from 5th February, we will be offering an opportunity for personal prayer with a member of the healing prayer team, at the end of each monthly communion service. Please see the church notice board and the February **Good News** for more information.

Mark Harlow

Very A-pealing!

A big "Thank You" to the Carpenters Arms, ably assisted by auctioneer Keith Neaves, and all you public-spirited bidders, who raised the handsome sum of £500 towards Eastling Church bells at the Harvest Auction. Although the Church is also needing to raise funds for urgent repairs, its long-term aim is to restore the peal of six bells to gladden our hearts for festivals, weddings and on Sundays, and for any other village events. It would add to the spirit of the village and make our village even more of a community than it already is. It was very generous of everyone and much appreciated.

Rev. Angela Cheeseman

Mary Thanks

Bay and Cerys would like to thank everyone on the flower rota for all their hard work of keeping the church beautiful with fresh flowers every week during 2011. Everyone should have received the new flower rota list for 2012. Please phone Bay on 892036 if you have any queries or problems concerning the rota. Many thanks for the communal decorating of the church for Christmas; it looked spectacular and was enjoyed by all.

Eastling Church

January 2012

8th and 15th
Gaby Turner & Pippa West

22nd and 29th
Steph Youle

Feb 5th and 12th
Dorothy Reeve



Eastling Parish Council

At the meeting held on 9th November 2011, some young people gave a presentation regarding the setting up of a Youth Club to councillors. Councillor Bowles advised that there is to be a review of Youth Services and fully trained Youth Workers will be available to help parishes.

The new grit bin has been sited at Kettle Hill, thanks to funding by Cllr Bowles. The Parish Council is to report any potholes to Highways and the steward will be happy to meet on site.

A defibrillator for the village was discussed. Alan Wilson advised that ten residents were now trained in First Aid and certificated. It is hoped to gain funding for the defibrillator and first aid course. Cllr Bailey had

applied for a grant from Cllr Prescott and the remainder was to be sought from Cllr Bowles' funds.

The reduction of the speed limit through the village was discussed and Cllr Bowles said that the Parish Council should apply yearly for evaluation. Cllr Bowles advised that he would bring this up at the joint Transport Meeting in January.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th January 2012 at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall when the Precept for 2012/13 will be discussed.

Residents are always welcome to attend any meeting.

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



Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

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Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

Swale Police 101

Emergencies 999



Now that Christmas is over and the sales are in the shops, make sure you keep your wallets, purses and other items within your control at all times as there are people out there who are quite happy to relieve you of them.

At time of writing this, 19th December, I think the whole village is looking out for the black lurcher dog that is roaming the area, hopefully we can catch it soon and give him/her a warm home.

November into December has been a quiet time, thanks to everybody's vigilance and the extra police patrols seen in our area.

Drink Driving at any time is a no go area and, with the fast track courts these days, you could lose your driving licence within a day, let alone a life or a serious injury, so please don't.

It is a fact that because of the location of our village, with the best will in the world, it is practically impossible for the emergency services to reach our village within a guaranteed time. With this in mind, it has been decided to assist the emergency ambulance crew in their excellent work by having a defibrillator in the village confines and to have personnel trained in its use and CPR (resuscitation). Not counting the professional people who live in the village, we already have 10 people trained in first aid and hope to have more trained in January. With the cooperation of the Parish Council and the Village Hall Trust, and generous donations from the Carl Dawson Memorial Trust, Kent County Council and Swale Council, we are in the process of buying the defibrillator and this should be up and running by the end of January. Further details will be issued and I must emphasize that this machine and the 1st aid cover is for the use of everybody. As the machine will be available very shortly, anyone having to dial 999 and feeling they need assistance before the ambulance arrives can contact me on 01795 890848 or on my mobile 07794 010 394.

Have a Happy New Year, take care and have a good month. Alan Wilson, parish warden.

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The Millennium Hall

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A New format for the New Year

1-hour Individual sessions during the week (known as 1-2-1)

We would like to introduce a new way for you to get help from the Telecottage for 2012 as an experiment for 3 months as numbers for the classes have been quite low during 2011.

We will still be doing the Saturday morning clinics, but would like to offer **weekday morning surgeries** for people to come along and have a 1-2-1 for 1-hour with one of the volunteers specifically designed for you and your particular need. So we can manage this properly we will be offering the dates and times shown below, you will need to call us to book a slot and provide your phone number, email address and what you need help with. We will also ask for you to pay the price of £5 prior to your session, by cheque, or by popping into the Telecottage where bookings can be taken and confirmed.

There are 3 x 1-hour slots available between 9am - 12noon

January	February	March
Monday 9 th	Thursday 2 nd	Thursday 1 st
Tuesday 17 th	Monday 6 th	Monday 5 th
Wednesday 25 th	Tuesday 14 th	Tuesday 13 th
	Wednesday 22 nd	Wednesday 21 st
		Thursday 29 th

The list below is not exhaustive but provided to give people an idea of what can be covered:

Getting Started	Digital Photography	Family History
Word Processing	Tables in Word	Manage Files & Folders
Get Photos to PC	Edit Photos	Email Photos
Produce a Calendar	Produce a newsletter	Use the internet
Facebook/Twitter/Skype	Excel	PowerPoint

Prayer Pointers

January 2012



Sunday	Pray for Peace and harmony in the New Year.
Monday	Give strength and wisdom to all the Christian world.
Tuesday	Bless the homeless and all who work for their welfare.
Wednesday	Continue to pray for our PCCs and Church officers.
Thursday	Be with our churchwardens, especially Steve and Audrey, who have had recent visits to hospital.
Friday	Pray for our Government in these difficult times.
Saturday	Pray for our Royal family at the start of a very special year.

Services in our Churches

1st January Christmas 2

Galatians 4. 4 - 7, Luke 2. 15 - 21

Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

8th January Baptism of Christ

Acts 19. 1 - 7, Mark 1. 4 - 11

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

Eastling 10.30 am The Point

15th January Epiphany 2

Rev 5. 1 - 10, John 1. 43 - end

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Stalisfield 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

Eastling 10 am S Club in Village Hall

22nd January Epiphany 3

Rev 19. 6 - 10, John 2. 1 - 11

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

Eastling 10 am Youngstyle

29th January Candlemas

Hebrews 2. 14 - end, Luke 2. 22 - 40

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Eastling 10 am Benefice Service with Prayer for Healing

5th February 3rd before Lent

1 Corinthians 9. 16 - 23, Mark 1. 29 - 39

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Stalisfield 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

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

Holocaust Memorial Day 27th January



It was 70 years ago this month, on 20th January 1942, that Nazi officials met to plan the 'final solution to the Jewish question' at the Wannsee Conference in Germany. The Holocaust was the result. The setting aside of a special day, Holocaust Memorial Day, first began in 2001, and is dedicated to the remembrance of the victims of The Holocaust. January 27th was chosen because it is the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz concentration camp by the Soviet Union in 1945. Let us use the day to remember in prayer all the families around the world who lost loved ones in the Holocaust.

Ministry in our Parishes

Priest in Charge Vacant

Non Stipendiary Minister with Permission To Officiate
Reverend Angela Cheeseman (01795 892124)
New House Farm, Eastling ME13 0BN

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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Stalisfield with Otterden

Jean West (01233 712270)
Gillian Wallace (01233 714904)

Parish Administrator

Sheila Moger (01233 713212)
E mail samhawkstest@aol.com

From the Registers

Funerals

Lilian Elsie McNally
18th November Funeral at Eastling,
followed by Cremation at Charing

Patricia Margaret Rambaud
21st December 2011 at Eastling

Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: monthly 17th January, 9.30am

Garden Cottage, Newnham Lane, Eastling
Tuesdays: weekly Study Group 7.30pm Pinks Farm
Thursdays Prayer Group 10.30am Pinks Farm

You will be welcome at any of our groups.

Throwley Church

January Services

8th January 9.30 am Holy Communion (CW)

22nd January 9.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Churchwardens:

Alastair Malcolm (01795 890258)
Barbara Elliott (01795 890020)

Becoming a Christian by Rev Dr Jo White

When does one become a Christian? How about, 'When is a person made?' In England there's legislation about when a group of developing cells becomes a human being, but that notwithstanding when is s/he made? Many of us think it was on 'the night' but apparently it can take up to forty-eight hours for the first cell division to take place. Nothing's simple, is it! So in a similar way, can we speak of an exact moment for becoming a Christian? Baptism is the outward visible sign, but it usually comes some time after the person has requested it, and that application will probably have followed a time of exploration and discovery. Even if we are talking about infant baptism, the parent(s) will have undertaken these same steps in some form.

In some countries, at a baptism service the candidate changes their clothes immediately after their immersion; or for babies they may be

naked and are then dressed in brand new clothes afterwards. Visible signs of a change in their lives.

When a new Pope is elected, he puts on new robes in a room just off the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican. So, in 2005 Joseph Ratzinger entered the



'Room of Tears' as the Dean of the College of Cardinals and left it as Pope Benedict XVI.

This month:- Have a think about the time you became a Christian - did it happen gradually, in an instant of change, or are you perhaps not ever conscious of having made that choice?

If you could begin today - in your moment - the life of a Christian, what changes would you make in your appearance, to where you live, or in your behaviour, as signs to those around you of the decision you have made?

The dying minister

An old minister lay dying. He sent an urgent message for his accountant and his solicitor to come to the hospital. When they arrived, they were ushered up to his room. As they entered the room, the minister held out his hands and motioned for them to sit on each side of the bed. The minister grasped their hands, sighed contentedly, smiled, and stared at the ceiling. For a time, no one said anything. Both the accountant and the solicitor were touched and flattered that the old man would ask them to be with him during his final moments. They were also puzzled because the minister had never given any indication that he particularly liked either one of them. Finally, the solicitor asked, "Why did you ask the two of us to come here?" The old minister mustered all his strength, and then said weakly, "Jesus died between two thieves, and that's how I want to go."

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How do you get to
The Point?
Sunday 8th January 2012
10.30am in Eastling Church
How Do We Follow Jesus in a
Modern World?
Refreshments afterwards

The Lady in the Woods at Kite Hill by Audrey Keen

I am often asked about the carving in one of Otterden's woods, known locally as 'The lady in the woods'. There are many stories as to its origin, this is mine: In the 1970s, a student living in Warren Street, who had the gift of woodcarving, chanced upon a fallen oak just inside the wood, beside a public footpath. As the path is situated in a particularly isolated spot, the student could begin and complete his work undisturbed. There was, however, one other person who passed this way regularly, saw the student and spoke to him. As time passed, *the lady in the woods* was seen by others, even newspapers reported the event, though discreetly. This was over thirty years ago and many people have come to know of it and visit it for their own reasons. But whatever, *the lady in the woods* is a standing reminder of the talent of that young man and the fact that his name is unknown will, in time, make this mystery a legend and become part of Otterden's history.

*Every tree I see is different,
Gnarled and folded seems the bole;
Naked are the branch and twiglet,
Yet this tree does have soul.
For presently the spring will waken
And alive will all this be,
For God speaks, so has not forsaken
Every seemingly dead tree.*
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Stalisfield Highlife Over 60s Christmas Tea

Reports that the Stalisfield and Otterden over 60s would be treated to mince pies only this year, turned out to be only rumours. The village hall committee hoped for good weather and although the weatherman wagged a flaky finger on Friday he relented on Saturday with enough sunshine to melt residual snow. The decision by the Hut committee to go for a regular "Retirees Rave" complete with festive food, turned out to be justified and the tables were filled.

The warm greeting given to each participant on entry was the start of a truly festive occasion in which the participants enjoyed unstinted attention by the good humoured helpers who had previously prepared the food to be laid out in buffet form. The repast could not be faulted in either variety or generosity. As ever, a vital ingredient was the opportunity for neighbour to talk to neighbour in such a gathering.

Subsequent entertainment took the form of spirited singing of familiar carols led by Ray on his melodeon. When all were happy and replete, the afternoon was completed by giving each guest a Christmas present to take home.

Stuart Murray expressed the appreciation of the participants of the occasion when he thanked those who had worked on procuring, preparing and serving food and providing entertainment. He said that there was considerable appreciation of the effort involved.

In turn, the Committee responsible for the Hall wish to thank the Roger Paine Trust and the Linda Hogan Fund for their help in putting on this function in honour of our more mature village members. We are very grateful for their generosity.

Stalisfield Limelight

Jack and the Beanstalk
December 10th and 11th, 2011.

Two capacity audiences on consecutive nights were delighted by this ancient tale of monster, moron and magic, skilfully warped by the talented author into a pantomime mixture of comedy, ribald farce and social comment complete with both traditional and topical audience responses.

The beautifully painted set augmented with ingenious moveable props, set the scene for the performers who slipped convincingly into their characters. Unrecognizable neighbours disguised in amazing costumes and makeup, convinced us there was a degree of possibility in the make believe of such a story with its plots and sub plots. They sang with impressive vocal ability, fitting pertinent lyrics of local flavour to familiar melodies.

From wacky Jack with his sinuously sinful girl friend Chanel(le), to the smallest woodland creature it is impossible to single out praise. The ogre and his entourage, two mothers, a Bavarian count, a formidable duo of police, a hen and a rooster and the pivotal cow carried the story forward with the aid of Dodgy Dave (who might just have problems in preparing a plausible estimate when he returns to



Eastling Short Mat Bowls

Open to new members on Wednesdays, 2 - 4pm and Fridays, 2.30 - 4.30pm and 7.30 - 9.30pm in Eastling Village Hall. Just take along a pair of flat soled shoes.

Competition results: In the Swale League, Queenborough came Eastling on 24th November and we only lost a pairs game and won all the rest, finishing with a score of 99 shots to 24, gaining 12 points.

On Friday 25th November all of our club members went to Tunstall to play for the Graham Burrow Trophy. We held them until half away, then had a very good meal and lost the last three games; well done to Tunstall, the winners.

Chris Smith and Roy Piles played in the county pairs on 27th November, winning two, losing one.

In the East Kent League, on 17th November the Eastling Cherries played away to Macknade with Des Briggs, Bryan Searly & Roy winning 23-11; Geoff Ashurst, Brian Fisher & Eileen Piles won 21-11, so the team came away with 6 points.

30th November saw the team away to Wingham, were we won on both mats with a total score of 38 shots to 20 shots; 6 more points. At home to Ash on December 1st, both teams played well winning 32 shots to 18 shots 6 more points.

Sunday 4th December and we had two teams playing at Pizfers in the League's Oyster Cup, as part of forty teams, playing on ten mats. A very well organised event, but we did not reach the final stages.

Wingham came to us on 8th Dec and both our teams won, making a total of 37 shots to 11; a further 6 points. Then playing at home to Macknade on 15th, we gained another 6 points with mat one; Des Briggs, John Graham and Roy winning 21 shots to 10 and mat two; Geoff Ashurst, Eileen Piles and Chris Smith winning 14 shots to 8.

I do not know if the season will end like this, but for now we are top of both league's we play in, nice to say we have been there.

Contact Roy Piles on 01795 537162.



S O S

A Happy New Year to all Mammoth Onion Growers. Who is going to win the Stalisfield Cup for Mammoth Onions this year?

Come on - give your vegetable patch a treat by putting back the goodness taken out last year. The soil will appreciate this and the young onion plants will thrive on it.

It was a good turn out last year, so this year, in conjunction with the Mammoth Onion competition, it is proposed to run an 'Odd One Out - 000' competition for the most peculiar fruit or vegetable. A trophy will be awarded the entry judged the most unusual.

Mammoth Onion plants will be available from Brian (01795 890697) in mid-April.

his day job). The sub plots slipped neatly in and out of the story and provided their own humour and characters.

We were privileged to be able to applaud in person the author, Jessica, and to give special recognition to Maggie and Alan for their professional lighting which illuminated the performance to such good effect. Director Cat also received well deserved acclaim for bringing the show to completion. We are further indebted to Nick and Kay for their magnificent scenic effects.

That so much effort had gone into writing, performance, scenery, makeup, costume, production, direction and all the ancillary functions, is scarcely believable unless the Company had more fun even than the audience. Once again Stalisfield demonstrated a vibrant village life and the essential need to keep faith with our predecessors by replacing the Hall, which they had the foresight to provide at a very black time in history. To this end the takings will add the magnificent contribution of over £1,200.

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Local Walking Group

The Eastling Walking Group was set up one year ago this month, with the first walk being on 2nd February 2011. The group

has proved very popular and continues in good heart into 2012. The fortnightly walks on Wednesdays, regularly attract 20 plus walkers and last for around 2 hours, starting at 10.30am.

Regular walkers enjoyed their Christmas lunch at the Carpenters Arms, where Harry surprised everyone by presenting prizes to three people for trivial things such as "silliest hat" etc.

If you would like a chance to walk off some of those extra Christmas calories, why not join us? For more information and details of next pilot walk on 4th January, phone Harry Kyte on 01795 890703 or email



Eastling Gardeners' Club

New Year's Party

Saturday, 14 January 2012

In Eastling village hall,
starting at 7.30pm.

Beer Tasting provided by
Tonic Prins of the Hopdaemon
Brewery, Newnham,
followed by a buffet with wine
Free to members,
non-members £2.50

Charing and District Local History Society

Thursday 12th January
in Charing Parish Hall:

Douglas Chapman
will talk on

THE PILGRIMS' WAY IN KENT

Long associated with Chaucer and his
Tales, this talk explores the actual
history of this route.

Doors open 7.45pm for 8pm start.
Visitors welcome at £2.



Diary

January 2012

6th Scottish Dancing (weekly)	7.30pm	Charing Parish Hall
11th Eastling Walking group	10.30am	venue tbc.
11th Parish Council meeting	6.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
11th Zumba classes restart: 6.30 & 7.30pm		Eastling Village Hall
12th Fitness Pilates classes restart	9.15am	Eastling Village Hall
12th Charing History Society	7.45pm	Charing Parish Hall
14th Gardeners' Party	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
15th S Club	10am	Eastling Village Hall
15th Deadline for February Good News		Pinks Farm, Eastling
22nd Youngstyle	10am	Eastling Church
29th Healing Service	10am	Eastling Church
31st Magazine Folding	2pm	Pinks Farm, Eastling

Deadline for February 2012 Good News

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Stalisfield

Onwards and Upwards

Well the good news is.....
we did it again!

We applied for and won the maximum £2000 available from local Kent County Councillor Andrew Bowles' allocation of The KCC Community Engagement Fund. We came an excellent sixth out of fifteen projects bidding for funds at a public meeting held in Teynham Village Hall on Saturday 3rd December.

This was only made possible by the continued enthusiasm from our fantastic Stalisfield villagers, who once again turned up trumps and journeyed to Teynham to show their support. Thank you so much for taking the time to come and support us.

Special thanks go to the those Stalisfield Village Hall Committee members who broke from frantic pantomime rehearsals to ensure that our presentation, hall display and video were all in place to convince the eighty five voting members of the assembly that our cause merited their votes.

The video generated a lot of interest on the Stalisfield display table with hints of a repeat village Morris dancing performance next year!!

The proof of the pudding is in the -----cheque, already in the Stalisfield Hall Rebuild Fund.