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"But, Mum, if the vicar wasn't coming here Trick-Or-Treating, why did she still take the chocolates I gave her?"



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Sat 14th Nov 4 - 5pm in Eastling Village Hall
Sat 21st Nov 4 - 5pm dress rehearsal in Eastling CHURCH

All 9 -15 year olds and over welcome.

No previous experience necessary. Contact number 01795 892124.



**GLOW IN THE DARK
PERFORMANCE**

Sunday 29th November
6.30pm in Eastling Church

Mouse Makes

SHINE LIKE STARS

Just like the stars that shine in the dark and light the way for us to see, so God sent Jesus 'the light of God' to light the way and show us the path to God.

The Bible tells us to 'shine like stars' too so we can show our friends the way to Jesus and the path to God.

See: Matthew 5:16 and Phillipians 2:14-15

1. Cut 8 squares of paper (8cm x 8cm is a good size)

2. Take one of the squares and fold in half diagonally

3. Open out then fold in half diagonally the other way

4. TURN OVER then fold in half

5. Open out then push the sides together....

.....to form a triangle.
6. Go back to step 2 and make all 8 triangles

7. Slot and glue each triangle in turn to make a star.

Make lots of stars to hang up for Christmas

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

On a clear night look up at the stars. The red stars are the coolest then orange, yellow, yellow-white and the hottest stars shine blue-white.

Good News Parish Magazine November 2009

On 8th November, there will be a
Time of Remembrance
at the following services:

Eastling

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Freestyle at Eastling

Stalisfield

10am Holy Communion

Remembrance Sunday 8th November 2009

We will remember them.....

Flower of the eternal sleep

Watching with the ones who weep -
You, whose lives, so short in bloom,
Saw such bloodshed, death and gloom.

You trembled to the sound of guns
Which tore to death beloved sons.
You fluttered, died before your time -
Dropped blood red petals in their prime.

Crimson poppies 'neath the clouds,
Short lived, yet colourful and proud;
Now worn by people with such pride
Remembering those who bravely died -

You represent young lives cut short -
Those who, for freedom, bravely fought.
Flower of the eternal sleep
Silently your vigil keep.

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This and many other of Josie's poems are available to read, both on her website (Google: JOSIE'S POEMS), and in five books which can be obtained via the website. www.josiespoems.webeden.co.uk/

What's On in November

Quizzing: Three quiz evenings - on 7th, 14th and 21st - more details on the centre pages

Shopping: The school's fundraising team is holding a Christmas Shopping evening on 13th.

Singing: Join the Christmas choir for Eastling's Nine lessons and Carols - practices start on 15th

STALISFIELD

**CHOSEN FOR MAJOR HISTORY
PROJECT: HELP NEEDED**

Over the next 2-3 years Parishes across the North Downs will be working together to uncover their pasts from pre-historic to more modern times.

Would you like to help in this? Anyone can do it so, if you are interested, why not come along to Stalisfield Village Hall at 7pm on 19th November?

Alternatively contact Rob Peaple (01795 890230) or Pat Thompson (01795 890376) for more information.



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

The other side of the door

A very sick man visited his doctor in a small rural village. As he was leaving, he suddenly blurted out: "Doctor, I am afraid to die. You go to church on Sundays. Tell me what lies on the other side." Very quietly the doctor said, "I don't know."



"You don't know? You, a Christian man, do not know what is on the other side?"

The doctor was holding the handle of the door; on the other side of which came a sound of scratching and whining. He opened the door and the patient's spaniel sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness.

Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice your dog? He's never been in this room before.

He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened he sprang in without fear. "I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing: I know my Master is there, and that is enough. And when the door opens, I shall pass through with no fear, but with gladness."

All Souls' Service Remembering our loved ones.

Sunday 1st November at 3pm,
in Stalisfield Church.

On Sunday 1st November, we will be holding our annual service when we focus on remembering our loved ones who have died. This may be recent, or it may have been some time. The Church celebrates this in the service called All Souls, when we remember those who have influenced us, loved us, and whose memory ever lives with us.

The service is a reflective service where you can light a candle for those whom you would like to remember, and also their names can be read out. To have any names remembered in the service, please either fill in a form in Eastling Church, contact Caroline Pinchbeck or Angela Cheeseman, or email - caroline.pinchbeck575@btinternet.com.

Their name liveth for ever.

Phil Smith

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone for their kindness and support, especially to Julia, Graham, Adam and Eleanor Bailey, Hugh, Patti and Dave Else. Most importantly Melanie Carter for arranging such a personal tribute with the horses and riders who Phil knew best to take the last ride. Phil would have been so happy Alva continued the last ride on her own towards the Crematorium it was a very special moment.



I would also like to thank Mitch and Donna from the Carpenters Arms for making everyone feel so welcome at the wake. A very personal thank you to Angela Cheeseman and Caroline Pinchbeck for holding a service Phil would have been proud of. The readings and tributes by Trisha Wain (Phil's daughter), Paula Duplock, Debbie James and Gill Edwards will be cherished.

It was a wonderful service at such a sad time but provided the opportunity to pay a special tribute to a very special person who will be sadly missed. Your support has been overwhelming and something I will never forget and makes me proud to be a part of such a lovely community. Best Wishes. Jenny Cuthbertson.



Prayer Pointers November 2009



<i>Sunday</i>	For those who have died in conflict throughout the world.
<i>Monday</i>	For Love and harmony throughout the world.
<i>Tuesday</i>	For all those who work in Public service.
<i>Wednesday</i>	For the elderly and those who support and care for them.
<i>Thursday</i>	For the various Youth organisations in our country.
<i>Friday</i>	For those who have suffered as a result of the earthquakes in the Far East.
<i>Saturday</i>	For all who teach people of all ages, especially in our parishes.

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch.



Contact numbers:
Parish/Village Warden 07794 010394
Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 (24 hours, free and anonymous)
Sittingbourne police station 01795 477055
Emergencies or crime in progress always use 999

- There are still reports coming in of persons hare coursing in local areas so if seen please report it.
- I was called recently to a local area where a greyhound/lurcher had been found, it had obviously been left dumped in the area. I thank the persons who caught it and the dog is now in a rehoming centre awaiting a new home.
- There has been stolen from the Arnold Oak area a metal 10 foot 5 bar gate from one of the field entrances, if anything has been seen at all please report it.
- There have been one or two instances of vehicles not slowing down when approaching horse riders, may I ask those responsible to use a bit of common sense and also although we still have a 40mph speed limit in Eastling it would be appreciated if certain car and van drivers would also drive a bit more careful as we have no pavements along The Street and children and parents do either walk or cycle
- Do not forget those lighting timers now the clocks have been put back an hour.

Have a good month, Alan

Remembrance FREESTYLE

8th November
10.30am in
Eastling Church

Guest speaker:
Revd. Jacqui Henry

A New Purpose

Join us as we tune in live to
Big Ben at 11am and observe
the two minute silence.

Breakfast from 10am.

All ages welcome.



The Carpenters Arms 01795 890234

Thank You

To all of you who took part in the Tug-Of-War and brought the challenge cup back to Eastling, well done team!

And to those who gave very generously to the harvest auction and those who bid even more generously to raise the fantastic sum of £855. Thanks also to Reverend Caroline Pinchbeck and Reverend Angela Cheeseman for making the harvest festival such a wonderful experience and bringing the whole village together.

Tug-Of-War

The challenge cup dates from 1903 but we only have records from 2006 for the competition.

Does anybody have previous results for the event as we would like to have a leader board made to display in the bar?

Halloween

Saturday 31st October we will be holding a Halloween party at The Carps. First drink free for those in costume, £5 entry includes hot and cold buffet all evening.

Mitch & Donna

EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 25th November at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Jill Seaman
Clerk to the Council

Eastling Church
Flowers
November 2009
31/1 Tish Neaves
7/8 Audrey Smith
14/15 Janet Bryant
21/22 Janet Bryant
28/29 No Flowers



Harvest Auction

A very large thank you to you all for all the donations and purchases made at the recent Harvest Auction. A grand sum of just over £850 was made.

A special thanks to Keith and assistants, Mitch and Donna for making things happen.

2009 Tug of War: Eastling v Stalisfield.

"Thank you" to to all those volunteers who turned up on the Eastling School field on October 4th to compete for the Tug of War Cup, and to Keith Neaves for umpiring.

It was an exciting very close contest: Mitch of the Carpenters Arms had trained a good team for Eastling, the home side. The visitors were fewer in number and had to be supplemented by some Eastling volunteers, who



nobly deferred their loyalties for the sake of a good match. They proved a good team, and pulled together well, but Eastling finally prevailed, and won the first two pulls and hence the match. It is to be hoped that next year more Stalisfield pullers will come to challenge Eastling!

A children's tug of war, boys v girls, then took place.

In memory of Carl Dawson, who died a year ago, a collection was taken for the charity Cardiac Risk in the Young. The handsome sum of £100 was raised. Thanks to all for their generosity.

Angela Cheeseman



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Youth Work Update in the Parishes

We are keen to update you on the youth work in the Parishes since Joy Faulkner left in July 2009. We are very keen to find a replacement as soon as we can. We have already interviewed some candidates, but were unfortunately unable to appoint. Our search continues, and we are working hard to find a replacement, we hope that you understand that we want the right person for the work that is to be done.

In the meantime, we are very grateful to Leigh Dyson who co-ordinates Youngstyle, and S Club with Steph Youle. Also, to Angela Cheeseman who with the help of Pim Baxter are continuing to run Puppet club which has already have performed at the Eastling Harvest Service, and will also be presenting plays at a special event in November. Without the

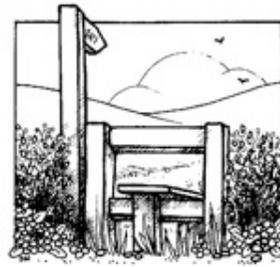
dedication and commitment of these people in providing these activities there would be few activities for our children and young people in the parishes.

At the moment, our real need is for volunteers to help at these activities, and to be involved. We are looking for people who could provide an hour once in a while to provide essential adults required to run these events.

If you feel, that you could spare sometime we would be very grateful. We would also value your prayers that we find a new youth worker as soon as possible.

If you could either contact the email address - eastlingyouthworker@hotmail.co.uk or telephone (01795) 890487.

Members of the Youth Work Development Group.



The Rambler's Hymn

O God, our help in ages past,
We need Thy help right now.
Our waypoints are completely lost,
The footpath's under plough!

Before, the hills in order stood
And walls and gates weren't there,
Our fathers wandered where they would,
And no-one much would care.

Today, we follow lines on maps,
Which we keep up to date,
Lest farmers, yea, such cheerful chaps
Might get a touch irate!

But we've no notion where to go,
We have great need of Thee,
The fog and rain have blocked our view;
Our path we cannot see.

The path diverted through a field -
A bull, with utmost glee,
Made it quite clear he would not yield,
We had to turn and flee.

We had to go right through a bog,
Of mud and stinking ooze,
We thank you, Lord, that we were shod,
In proper walking shoes.

Our path is blocked by wiry barbs,
By thorns our way is closed,
We seek elusive yellow marks
So we don't tear our clothes.

Under the shadow of Thy throne,
Rambler and Farmers dwell,
If they would make the waypoints known,
We'd get along quite well!

by Nigel Beeton

Eastling Harvest Festival Flowers

Very many thanks to all those who took part in the harvest festival flower competition. We had numerous entries and it was a fantastic



testament to the flower arranging skills of those in Eastling. The church looked wonderful.

The winner of the **Best Child's Display** was **Hannah Gilbert**. The judge, Robin White - to whom we are extremely grateful - praised

her fantastic use of contrasting textures and wonderful use of bold colours, both of which reflected autumn in all of its glory. She received an Amazon voucher. It was fantastic to see so many children enter, and to have a display from Eastling School. Again, many thanks.

The winner of the **Best Display - Adult's Category** was **Mrs Dorothy Reeve**, with special mention to her husband for carrying her creation into Church for her! Mr White praised her for

amazing attention to detail, technical excellence (she formed a perfect ball shape - very hard to achieve!) and her skilful use of glossy and matt materials which captivate and hold the viewer's attention. Mr White felt that her tree had captured the spirit of the abundance of harvest with a wealth of natural plants and vegetables. Because the competition in the adult's category was close, Mr White also asked that a commendation be given to Pippa West and Hilary Harlow for their displays.



Should you have entered, your containers have been put in the church cupboard. Please do collect them the next time you visit the Church.

With many thanks from us both, Nerys & Emma



Stalisfield Harvest Flowers

Many thanks to everyone who so beautifully decorated Stalisfield Church for the Harvest Festival, the arrangements were enjoyed by everyone.

SHELLY'S DOMESTIC CLEANING & IRONING SERVICE

Price list

Domestic cleaning @ £9.00 per hour (minimum 2hrs)

Adult

Shirts
Tops
Dresses
Shorts
Skirts @ 40p per item

Trousers
Jeans @ 50p per item

Child

All children's items 0-10 @ 25p per item
All children's items 11-15 @ 35p per item

Small items

Pillow cases
Napkins
Towels etc @ 25p per item

Large items

Single bedding @ £1.25 per item
Double bedding @ £1.75 per item
King size bedding @ £2.25 per item



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References available.

Golden Wedding Anniversary

Norman and Sylvia

wish to thank our family and friends who joined them in celebrating their special day - and for those who gave their time and talents to make it a day to remember.

Thank you.

Thank You All...

for celebrating our golden wedding party. Keith and Eileen had a lovely time sharing their day with all of you. Thank you for all the cards, flowers and gifts, also to the the village for our lovely gifts, so kind.

Special thank you's to Reverend Caroline, Donna and Mitch for making our day very special.

love to you all

Keith and Eileen



THANK YOU

Marion Willson would like to thank everyone in Eastling for their prayers, cards, flowers, gifts and good wishes after my recent operation.

Also your wonderful support to Alan while I was in Hospital. A good recovery is well underway. Thank you and God bless



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Thank you.

ARTISTS' OPEN HOUSES



As part of the Canterbury Festival, many artists in the area are holding Open House over three weekends, with work to view and to buy. The final weekend is 31st October/1st November and there are two houses open in Eastling.

4 Prospect Place has works by Marianne Grove, showing a selection of oil paintings, most of which have a story to tell.

There are also works by Charles Witolah - a prisoner in a Zambian jail. Charles' only way of raising money is by selling his art - cards and posters - which sends to the UK, to support his 6 children currently under the care of Charles' sister Juliet; herself a single mother with two children. The money raised

by Charles is used by her to feed the children and pay for them to go to school.

The second Open House is Goosemeadow, in Newnham Lane: Louise Rimmington is showing paintings using acrylic, and mixed media.

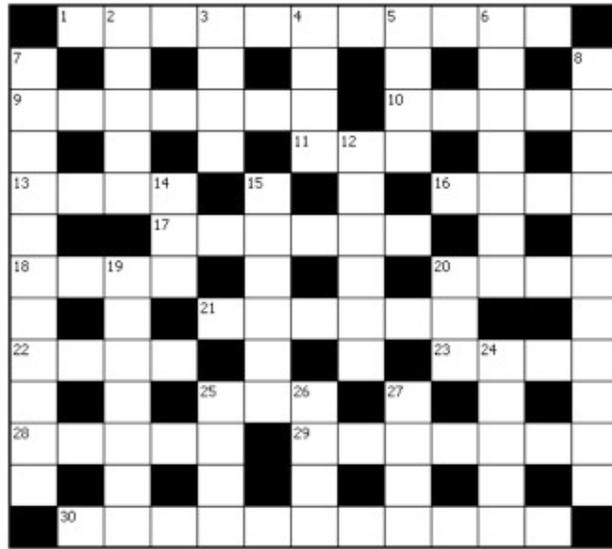
Sam Martindale shows 3D stained glass sculptures.

Both houses are open 11am - 5pm. Go to www.ekoh.org/ to download the leaflet of houses open in Canterbury, Whitstable, Faversham & Herne Bay.

CROSSWORD

Clues Across

- 1 and 20 Down 'Lord of all _ , Lord of all _ , whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy' (11,3)
 9 Moses' question to a fighting Hebrew labourer: "Why are you _ your fellow Hebrew?" (Exodus 2:13) (7)
 10 Acclaimed cellist, Jacqueline _ (2,3)
 11 "At even _ the sun was set, the sick, O Lord, around thee lay' (3)
 13 A descendant of Gad (Numbers 26:16) (4)
 16 "Do not leave Jerusalem, but _ for the gift my Father promised" (Acts 1:4) (4)
 17 Clambers (Jeremiah 48:44) (6)
 18 Peter's response to questioning by the Sanhedrin: "We must _ God rather than men!" (Acts 5:29) (4)
 20 Christian paraplegic author, artist and campaigner, _ Eareckson Tada (4)
 21 Bird partial to the nests of other birds (6)
 22 'Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat _ _' (Matthew 13:2) (2,2)
 23 Infectious tropical disease (4)
 25 Tree (3)
 28 'No fear of me should _ you, nor should my hand be heavy upon you' (Job 33:7) (5)
 29 For example, to Titus, Timothy or Philemon (7)
 30 Week beginning with Pentecost Sunday, according to the Church's calendar (11)



Clues Down

- 2 "O Jerusalem! how _ I have longed to gather your children together" (Matthew 23:37) (5)
 3 Way out (4)
 4 Exhort (Romans 12:1) (4)
 5 Done (anag.) (4)
 6 Highest of the four voice-parts in a choir (7)
 7 Concerning the study of God (11)
 8 Uniquely, it has Abbey, Cathedral and Chapel (11)
 12 Admonish (Matthew 16:22) (6)
 14 Frozen (3)
 15 Established form of religious ceremony (6)
 19 Inscription found on gravestones (7)
 20 See 1 Across
 24 Behaved (Joshua 7:1) (5)
 25 Time (anag.) (4)
 26 Lists choice of meals (4)
 27 'For the wages of sin is death, but the _ of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Romans 6:23) (4)



In prison, and you ... cared? 15th – 21st November is Prisons Week

As you begin the run-up to Christmas, spare a thought for those who will spend it in prison – both prisoners and staff - and their families. They need your prayers.

Prisons Week, which runs 15-21 November this year, aims to mobilise Christians to pray for the needs of prisoners, their families, the victims of their crimes, and the staff who work in prisons. Life is not easy for any of them. Prison Weeks began in 1975, when a number of prison chaplains and other concerned Christians joined together to ask for prayer for prisoners from within the wider Christian community. It had its beginnings as a Roman Catholic initiative by Bishop Victor Guazzelli, but quickly gained wider support of all the mainstream churches.

So in your prayers this month, and especially during Prisons Week, please

don't forget the needs of this vulnerable, deeply needy community.

If you like children, there is also something you can do that is quite practical. More than 100,000 children have a parent who will be in prison this Christmas, unable to buy their son or daughter a present. Through an initiative called Angel Tree, you can donate a gift to be sent to one of these children in the name of their parent. It can work wonders in healing some of the pain between parent and child! For more details, please visit www.prisonfellowship.org.uk, or Tel: 01621 843232

The two wolves

One evening an old hunter told his grandson about what goes on inside of people. He described it this way: "My son, the battle is between two wolves inside us all.

"One is Evil. It is angry, proud, jealous, greedy and arrogant. The other is Good. It is peaceful, humble, generous, truthful, merciful and compassionate."

The grandson thought about it for a minute. "Which wolf wins?"
 The old hunter replied simply, "Easy. The one you feed."

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1. Hopefulness. 2. Alarm. 29. Epistle. 28. In it. 23. Yaws. 25. Elm. 18. Obey. 20. Joint. 21. Cuckoo. 13. Ozn. 16. Wait. 17. Climb. 9. Hitting. 10. du Pre. 11. Ere. 13. Ozn. 16. Wait. 17. Climb. 13. Ozn. 16. Wait. 17. Climb. 9. Hitting. 10. du Pre. 11. Ere. 24. Acted. 25. Emt. 26. Menu. 15. Ritual. 19. Epitaph. 20. Joy. 8. Westminster. 12. Rebuke. 14. Icy. 5. Node. 6. Soprano. 7. Theological. DOWNS: 2. Often. 3. Exit. 4. Urge. 30. Whitsun-tide. 28. Alarm. 29. Epistle. 28. In it. 23. Yaws. 25. Elm. 18. Obey. 20. Joint. 21. Cuckoo. 13. Ozn. 16. Wait. 17. Climb. 9. Hitting. 10. du Pre. 11. Ere.

Eastling School News

Well done to all the children that took part in the Harvest Festival and a big thank you for all the kind donations of food. This will be shared by those nominated to receive an afternoon tea box by children from our school. The remainder was delivered by Year 6 children to a care home in Faversham.

Eastling continues to develop as an eco-school and our old computers have been collected to be used by school children in Africa.

The school was presented with £75 of book tokens as a result of collecting the second highest amount of textiles per pupil in the 'Phil' the Bag scheme. Please help with the next collection in December.

Tigers Class learnt about the work of a dentist and the importance of looking after their teeth during a visit by dental nurse, Georgia Pritchard. Well done to the children (and parents!) taking part in the Walk on Wednesday. This scheme

will encourage children to walk or cycle at least part of the way to school.

Most children have enjoyed a free visit to the cinema as part of National Film Week. They travelled to cinemas at Ashford, Chatham or Westwood Cross, watching *G-Force* or *Ice Age 3*. Three of the four classes have visited Colyers Farm, Lynsted, to pick apples. This has been enjoyed by pupils, parents and staff. Many thanks to farmer, Susie Bones.

Congratulations and thank you to all the children and their families, with help from Miss Pout and Mrs Pritchard, for the school entry at Faversham Carnival. It was a long walk but we were the second placed school entry on a rather chilly evening. Great fun was had by all ... "It was brilliant!"



The Football team played their first match of the year,

away to Ospringe School. It was a close game which ended in a 3-1 defeat. Congratulations to the Eastling Man of the Match, Todd Winn. National Apple Day was marked by Lions Class baking apple pies. Leopards and Tigers Classes enjoyed an interactive Science Show at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School.

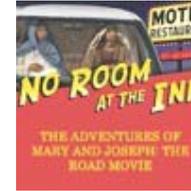
Term one finished with spooky Halloween activities, including a pumpkin carving competition and disco. Term two starts on Monday, November 2.

Fundraising News

The main event for FOES in November is the Christmas Shopping Evening, in the School Hall from 7 - 9.30pm

on Friday 13th November. A good range of stalls and 'festive refreshments' available. Entrance is by donation so please come along and get your Christmas presents. Class 4 will be running a 'cafe' after school on the 19th November, selling cakes they have baked themselves to raise money for FOES.

Online for Advent: Mary and Joseph – the Road Movie



If you think local nativity plays are charming/hilarious, give yourself a treat and visit a website called: www.paperlesschristmas.org.uk.

You won't regret it!

Those clever people at Jerusalem Productions and the Bible Reading Fellowship have brought the story of Mary and Joseph up to date. This online Advent production certainly gives the Christmas story a fresh and original makeover.

The Adventures of Mary and Joseph: The Road Movie will run throughout Advent, and will soon have you hooked. Tell your friends about it, and spread the poignancy of the old Christmas story in a fun, funny and thought-provoking way.

I've had a look and it's great - Hilary.

Following *The Road Movie*, the Advent Calendar goes live on 1st December.



Profile of a King

Advent reflections on the birth of Jesus

A day by day prayer guide for Advent 2009

written by Andy Freeman.

The leaflet contains a daily reading, reflection and prayer, and is published the evangelical alliance. Towards the end of November, copies of this guide will be available in Eastling church, or to download from www.eauk.org/adventprayer

Christmas Shopping Evening

Friday 13th November 7 - 9.30 pm
Eastling School Hall

Please come along and get all your Christmas Shopping done early!

Exhibitors to include:

- Woolly Hearts
- Pampered Chef * Phoenix Cards
- Karen Mansfield Fabrics
- Usborne Books * Fairtrade
- Jane Brown Recycled Interiors
- Allsorts Gift Shop * Stellar Kids
- "Houses" by Potter, Eva Blume
- Body Shop * Angela's Attire

"Festive" refreshments available.

Entry by donation.

Any questions, please ask a member of FOES or Jo Williams on 01795 890245

Services in our Churches

1st November All Saints Day

Revelation 21. 1 - 6a, John 11. 32 - 44

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
 Stalisfield 3 pm All Souls Service -
 a service to remember your loved ones.

8th November

Remembrance Sunday

Hebrews 9. 24 - end, Mark 1.14 - 20

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
 Eastling 10.30 am Freestyle

15th November 2nd before Advent

Hebrews 10. 11 - 14 [15-18] 19 - 25, Mark 13. 1 - 8

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 November Christ the King

Revelation 1. 4b - 8, John 18. 33 - 37

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
 Eastling 10 am Youngstyle

29th November Advent Sunday

1 Thessalonians 3. 9 - 13, Luke 21. 25 - 36

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10 am Benefice Service

6th December Advent 2

Philippians 1. 3 - 11, Luke 3. 1 - 6

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.

ADVENT



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. '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.

Ministry in our Parishes

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 Audrey Smith (01795 890469)

Stalisfield with Otterden

Patricia Thompson (01795 890376)
 Martin Beckenham (01795 892079)

From the Registers

Baptism

Daisy Annabel NEWTON
 4th October 2009 at Eastling

Renewal of Marriage Vows

Eileen and Keith NEAVES
 17th October 2009 at Norton

Funerals

Pearl (HACKNEY) BARKER
 7th October 2009 at Stalisfield

Philip (Phil) SMITH
 17th October 2009 at Eastling
 followed by cremation at Charing

Services at Whitehill Chapel

1st November	10 am	Brunch
	10.40 am	Family Choice
8th November	11 am	Morning Service
18th November	9.30 am	Prayer Meeting
15th November	11 am	Holy Communion
22nd November	11 am	People's Choice
29th November	11 am	Advent Morning Service

For Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals at Whitehill, please contact Revd. D. Hodgson on 01795 532461

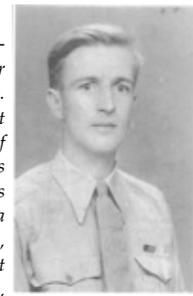
Otterden Chronicles

by Audrey Keen

My father, like thousands of soldiers during the World War II, had to leave home to fight a war abroad. I am sure, that when he left these shores, he had no idea of the different countries that he would be posted to, and the different things he would see. India, Jordan, Palestine, Iraq, Egypt, Sicily, Italy, France and more. He was called up for service in December 1939, posted to France in early 1940 and joined the 92nd Field Regiment.

I take quotations from his memoirs: *We go to Jordan and Palestine. Many visits to Bethlehem and Jerusalem, including David's Tower and The Manger.* - He describes a photograph showing Jerusalem, overlooking Moriah, the Valley of Jehosaphat and The Mount of Olives - another reads: *We cross from Palestine into Egypt and join the 8th Army, soon known as the Desert Rats.* This and more, but while we rightly pray and give thanks to all those soldiers who lost their lives for us, in all wars, I give thanks also that my father returned home safely. For with his return I was born and given life, for which I am eternally grateful.

Laurie Pope - called up for service in 1939. In a report at the end of WWII, he was described as having a "cheerful, pleasant personality, loyal and reliable in every possible way".



Crumpled leaves and faded yarrow
 Rusted dock and camomile,
 Buttercups with petals broken
 Gone your bright and mid-June smile.
 Feathers frosted and discarded
 On the meadow grass there lie,
 Pinned invisibly to cobwebs,
 Has the spider left to die?
 Wind butts elder berries freely,
 Jolts the yellowed leaves beside,
 Questions everything about me
 In the meadow long and wide.
 Brazen colours court the sunlight
 As they turn inside the wood,
 Lending fragrance to the earth
 But this is blessed, this is good. AIK

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ARTstock rocks Eastling and boosts Alzheimer's research

The first ever ARTstock micro music festival, in support of the UK's leading dementia research charity, the Alzheimer's Research Trust (ART), found its home in Eastling in August, the sell-out event raising over £3200. Over eleven hours, organisers opened the stage to ten acts from soloists to a five piece band, covering all points on the musical spectrum from jazz and folk to electro and rock.

Blessed with a rare sunny day, festival goers enjoyed Kentish ice cream and delicious barbecue fare and local beers courtesy of the Carpenter's Arms PH alongside the eclectic mix of music. Acts hailed from nearby Sittingbourne and Canterbury, as well as far-clung Cambridge and London, but all were unified by a common mastery of music and a penchant for having fun in the sun.

The ARTstock organisers salute the people of Eastling for their support, as well as Mitch and the crew at the Carpenter's Arms, Julia and the crew at the Eastling Centre and the Trustee crew of the Village Hall. Special thanks to the Pamela Champion Foundation for its support and Eastling's own Sue Parry for going above and beyond.

To receive updates on ARTstock 2010, email "sign up" to artstock09@gmail.com
 Tim Parry
 Senior Press and Communications officer
 Alzheimer's Research



Come and sing or listen to Handel's Messiah

Excerpts conducted by Ben Saul
 with instrumental ensemble and soloists

14th November 2009

St Catherine's Church,
 Preston-next-Faversham

Rehearsal 2.30pm £9 singers (Please bring your own score if possible)
 includes a buffet tea. To book phone
 01795 890566

Performance 7pm £7
 (includes refreshments at the end)
 Tickets on the door.

Hosted by Faversham Choral Society
 In aid of Preston Schoolroom project.

FITNESS & DANCE CLASSES

@ Eastling Village Hall

WEDNESDAYS

7.00pm BUMS, LEGS & TUMS

helps to tone & shape these specific areas.

8.00pm FIT DANCE

works on aerobic fitness, using fun DANCE moves.

THURSDAYS

9.15am FITNESS PILATES

A blend of Pilates & dance exercises. Helps to develop muscle tone, balance, flexibility & relaxation

Fun & Funky

4.30pm FREESTYLE DANCE IDTA school years 3 - 11

Classes £4.00 each or £7.00 for a double class on Wednesdays.

more info contact Leigh on 890 149
leigh.fitness@btinternet.com
www.milesdanceandfitness.com

Afternoon Club

November Activities:

5th - Board Games

19th - Bingo

Both meetings start at 2pm in the Champion Hall, Painters Forstal.

The Painters Forstal COFFEE CLUB

The next coffee club will be on 18th November, in Whitehill Chapel, 11 am - 12.30pm. All welcome.



EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

To book ring Julia Bailey on 01795 890746



A beautiful hall in a lovely village location for your wedding, club, sports or meetings.

The large hall has pretty grounds, car parking, meeting rooms and fully equipped facilities for professional or self-catering occasions.

Wit and Wisdom

Saturday 14th November

7.30pm in Eastling Village Hall in aid of the

Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch. Tables of six at £3.00 per person can be booked by ringing me, Norman, on 890242. Bring your own refreshments and come along for a good night out.

Stalisfield Harvest Supper

A host of cooks and helpers combined to make this a happy and well fed occasion. Provisional figures show that this event raised in excess of £550.



Singers Needed

to join our Christmas Choir.

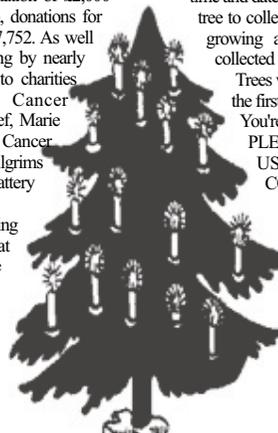
We invite singers of all standards to join us for our carol service rehearsals which will run, as usual, from 5pm to 6pm from Sunday 15th November at Eastling church. It would be great to be able to sing 4 parts, especially tenors and basses, so those who can hold a line will be especially welcomed. The carol service is on Christmas Eve at 4pm. Further details from Andrew, on 890598.

Christmas trees

We are very pleased to report that last Christmas, thanks to your support (and a donation of £2,000 from Lazard to Kidney Research), donations for Christmas trees raised a total of £7,752. As well as over 35 local parishes benefitting by nearly £3,000, we were able to donate to charities including Kidney Research, Cancer Research, Macmillan Cancer Relief, Marie Curie Cancer Care, Maggie's Cancer Caring Centres, Cancer Backup, Pilgrims Hospice, Samaritans and The Battery Hen Welfare Trust.

This year, thanks to a fair growing season (until recently quite dry at times), there should be a reasonable amount available of varieties of trees including the traditional Norwegian spruce and the ever popular Serbian.

These all range from 4-10ft, with a few in the 15-20ft range.



QUIZ NIGHT

There will be a Quiz Night in Eastling Village Hall on Saturday 21st November at 7.30pm.

Tables of eight people at £5.00 a head can be reserved by phone on 890242. Bring your own food and drink, proceeds towards the West Street Tickham Hunt



Pop-In on Wednesdays

9 - 11am Eastling Village Hall
Come in for a cuppa and a chat.
All welcome.

4th November - Cakes for sale, Traidcraft and FOES book stall
11th November - we will observe the 2 minute silence at 11am.

18th November - Jill will have Chocolates for sale and to order - proceeds to FOES.

The United Church, Preston Street

WINE & WISDOM

Saturday 7th November
7.30pm Entrance £4

All funds will go to British Humanitarian Aid & Orphans (*a christian charity working with AIDS orphans in Ecuador, Colombia and Malawi.*)

Refreshments & soft drinks provided - please bring your own wine.

To book, please contact Reg Barnes on 01795 533267.

All you need to do is phone or email us to fix a time and date to visit, then come and select your tree to collect nearer Christmas. The trees are growing and won't be cut or dug until collected so they'll stay fresher for longer.

Trees will be available for selection from the first week of November.

You're recommended to come early, but PLEASE CONTACT US TO TELL US WHEN YOU'D LIKE TO COME!

This is a great chance for you to help raise funds for your Parish church, and some great charities at the same time.

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Luddenhams, Faversham,
Kent ME13 0TQ. Tel:
01795 532596, email:
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Painters Forstal with

Ospringle WI

Tuesday 17th November
2.15pm in the Champion Hall
AGM and social time
Competition: A figurine or small ornament which gives you pleasure.
New members welcome
Phone 532756 for more information.

Charing and District Local History Society

12th November in the Parish Hall, Charing at 8pm.
THE HISTORY OF THE NSPCC AND THE WORK OF THE CRUELTY MAN
How helping children developed in England
a talk by Colin Weaver
Doors open at 7.45pm.
Visitors welcome at £2 each.

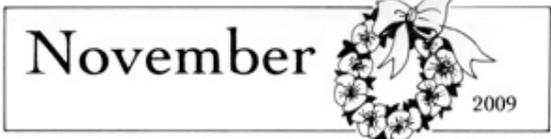
STALISFIELD LIME LIGHT

After a regrettable one year break in the Stalisfield Theatre Calendar, we are pleased to announce that the 2009 Stalisfield Theatre season opens on Saturday 12th December at 7.30pm with a one night only performance of the classic pantomime

LITTLE RED

RIDING HOOD.

The production will feature local talent, including all aspects of stage management. Tickets are very reasonably priced at £6, with a concession of £3 for children aged under 11 years. Secure your seat at this performance by booking with Elaine Sprawson on 01795 890518, or Judith Saunders on 01795 890203.



4th	Cake Sale at Pop-In	9am	Eastling Village Hall
5th	Afternoon Club	2pm	Champion Hall
7th	Wine & Wisdom	7.30pm	United Church, Fav.
12th	Charing Local History Society	8pm	Charing Parish Hall
13th	Christmas Shopping Evening	7pm	Eastling School
14th	Messiah Practice 2.30pm	Performance 7pm	Preston Church, Fav.
14th	Wit and Wisdom	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
15th	Carol Practices begin	5pm	Eastling Church
15th	DEADLINE for December Good News		Pinks Farm
17th	Painters Forstal WI AGM	2.15pm	Champion Hall
18th	Chocolates at Pop-In	9 - 11am	Eastling Village Hall
18th	Coffee Club	11am	Whitehill Chapel
19th	Afternoon Club	2pm	Champion Hall
19th	History project meeting	7pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
21st	Quiz Night	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
22nd	Puppet Performance	6.30pm	Eastling Church
24th	Magazine folding	2pm	Pinks Farm
25th	Parish Council Meeting	6.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
26th	Otterden WI Crafts meeting	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
DECEMBER 6th	'Live' Nativity	4pm	Snoad Farm
8th	Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch		Eastling Village Hall
12th	Stalisfield Christmas Show	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
19th	Over 60s' Christmas Tea		Stalisfield Village Hall

Deadline for December Good News

If you would like to advertise in this magazine, submit articles, features or stories for publication, or would like any forthcoming events publicised, send your contribution by 15th November to Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, Faversham ME13 0BA. Tel: 01795 890338. Where possible, please submit your entry by email: h.f.harlow@btconnect.com Past and current issues of the *Good News* may be viewed on www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews

Otterden WI

The Games and Grub meeting in September was another roaring success, with a large number of members and guests taking part in a range of entertaining games, quizzes and activities. The atmosphere was warm and welcoming and we all got to know each other a little better whilst having a laugh and enjoying the fun. The Produce Show was another highlight of the evening and showed how many of our ladies have been busy growing a huge range of vegetables and fruits and turning them into delicious jams, preserves and chutneys at home. The first meeting of the new WI Arts and Crafts committee was on 14th October and we are extremely grateful to Mrs Carol Morris for her kind hospitality, for sharing her ideas and expertise in card making and also furnishing members with all the equipment needed to make some beautiful cards. In addition, a small group of ladies knitted hats for the 'innocent smoothie' appeal, raising funds for Age Concern. We were particularly pleased to see some ladies learning to knit for the very first time and really enjoying the experience.



Dates for your Diary
Tuesday 27th October - AGM Meeting at Stalisfield Village Hall 7.30pm and Pumpkin Carving.
After two successful years, the present committee members have decided to step aside and make way for other new

members to take over the reins, so we are hoping for a good turnout at our AGM meeting to welcome the new committee members on board and help us to look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Thursday 26th November - Crafts for Christmas meeting at Stalisfield Village Hall at 7.30pm. Come along for some practical tips on a range of crafts for the festive season and the chance to 'have a go' in the company of friends.

Sunday 6th December 4pm - 'Live' Nativity at Snoad Farm. For the second year, we will be inviting local families and children to come along to celebrate the Nativity with the WI and the animals of Snoad Farm. Children (and adults) please feel free to dress as your favourite Nativity character and come along prepared to sing some of the best-known and well-loved carols while enjoying hot food and drinks.

We are a very friendly group and new members and guests are always welcome. If you're a little shy of coming on your own, please contact us and we'll try to arrange for you to 'buddy up' with a member who lives nearby. If you would like any more details about us, or just a general chat about the WI, please don't hesitate to contact our Secretary Pat Blake on: 01795 531266
Wendy Thomas, Publicity Officer