## Holiday Club is back for One Day Only

On Saturday 17th December between 9.30 and 12.30. in Eastling Village Hall,

for children of primary school age.

We will be doing everything from craft, to games, to quizzes and lots more surprises! The morning costs £5 per child, and can be booked by emailing Sarah to request a

form at eastlingyouthworker@hotmail.co.uk Email or call 01795 890233 with any questions! Places going fast so don't delay in booking yours!

## REMEMBRANCE: Cenotaph

Every year, on Remembrance



Sunday, the television will show pictures of the Queen, politicians and those who have served in the armed forces, at the

Cenotaph in Whitehall. They stand in silence for 2 minutes to honour those who have given their lives for others.

But do you know what the word 'cenotaph' means? It comes from two Greek words 'kenos' meaning empty and 'taphos' which is a tomb. The cenotaph is a monument to people whose bodies are somewhere else. Have you ever seen a war cemetery? They have rows and rows of simple tombstones and while there are flowers and the grass is carefully mown there is such a sense of sadness.

The Cenotaph was unveiled in 1920, the same year that the body of an unknown soldier was buried in Westminster Abbey. So many people have had their lives taken in wars and each one matters, not just to their families, or us, but to God.

## S Club

for primary school aged children 20th November 10am in Eastling





Special

This year British Humanitarian Aid would like gifts of toiletries for less fortunate children & teenagers in the Ukraine

½ hour of fun family worship

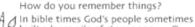


how many other words you can make.

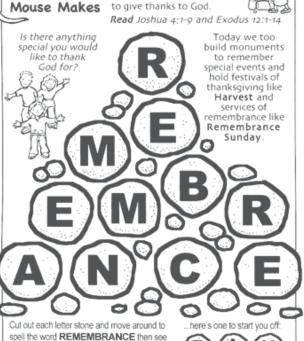
Sunday 4th December 3pm Stalisfield Church

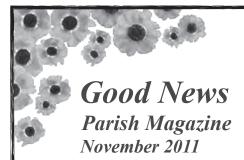
EVERYONE WELCOME

## REMEMBERING



built a large pile of stones as a monument to remember what God had done for them and held festivals and celebrations to give thanks to God.





#### **Benefice Service**

Come and meet the new Archdeacon of Maidstone, the Venerable Stephen Taylor,

at a service on Sunday 6th November at

10am in Easting Church.

Everyone welcome, refreshments afterwards.



The Point on Remembrance Sunday

How can we know what God is really like?

Eastling Church, 10.30am, 13th November

All welcome

Traidcraft Christmas Stall



On Sunday 13th November, there will be a

#### **Time of Remembrance**

at the following services: 8am Holy Communion at Eastling 10am Holy Communion at Stalisfield 10.30am The Point at Eastling



## All Souls' Service

Remembering our loved ones.

Sunday 30th October at 3pm, in Stalisfield Church.

A reflective service with the opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one. To have their name read out, please phone 01795 892079 or 01795 890376.

## **Fireworks** Display



The Carpenters Arms Fireworks display from 8pm. Barbeque and firepit in the courtyard.



#### Quiz Night The Hunt Quiz

Alan and Marion are running a Quiz in Eastling Village Hall, on Saturday 26th November, starting at 7.30pm. Cost is £3 per person. proceeds to the Senior

Citizens' Christmas Lunch. To book, phone Norman on 01795 890242

will be in Eastling Village Hall on Saturday 12th November at 7.30pm.

Tables of up to 8 can be booked by phoning Norman on 01795 890242. Cost is £5 per head. bring your own refreshments. If you cannot raise a table, please come along and we will fit you in.

## **Eastling Primary School** Open Day

Tuesday 8th November from 1.15pm to 4pm.

Visit the classes and talk to the children on your guided tour. Join other parents for a cup of tea and slice of cake whilst finding out about our excellent academic results. Tel: 01795 890252.

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

#### **Appointing new Priest-in-charge**

This is to give you all an update as to where we currently are with respect to appointing a new Priest-in-charge.

- · Once we knew that Caroline Pinchbeck was going to cease to be our Priest-in-charge from May 15th we, the churchwardens of Eastling and Stalisfield with Otterden and our respective PCCs, deliberated on what were our preferred options in seeking a new Priest-in-charge. Caroline was part time Priest-incharge of Eastling and Stalisfield with Otterden and part time Diocesan Rural Life Advisor. Therefore we would be looking for a part time Priest-in-charge and looked to explore possibilities of combining this with other part time responsibilities. For some time the Ospringe Deanery had been considering having a Deanery Youth Advisor, and it was agreed that our first choice was to explore having a priest who was part time Priest-incharge and part time Deanery Youth Advisor. This also reinforced the youth work development we have undertaken in the past few years. However this possibility was totally dependent on the Ospringe Deanery Synod agreeing that all the parishes in the Deanery would finance a proportion of the costs of a part time Deanery Youth Advisor.
- · For some time the Throwlev Parish had divorced themselves from the Downsfoot cluster and were looking to join forces with their neighbouring parishes, namely Eastling and Stalisfield with Otterden. This was seen by us as possibly being a good thing, in that the costs of a new Priest-in-charge could be borne by 3 parishes instead of just 2. Therefore the churchwardens of Eastling and Stalisfield with Otterden started having meetings with the Throwley churchwardens in order to explore these possibilities.
- · At the same time we were given notice of Caroline Pinchbeck's cessation as our priest, our Bishop was wanting to make changes to the number of Archdeacons in the Diocese. There were 2 archdeacons, one in Maidstone (Philip Down) and the other in Canterbury (Sheila Watson). We were under the Venerable Sheila Watson, A new Archdeacon of Ashford was to be created and the Venerable Philip Down was to move to that position. we in the Ospringe deanery were to come under the Maidstone Archdeacon, for which there was now a vacancy. The Venerable Stephen Taylor was appointed to be the Archdeacon of Maidstone. starting work in October 2011.
- At the point that Caroline Pinchbeck finished as our Priest-in-charge on

15th May 2011 we were then having to wait for Deanery Synod to meet and make a decision on the Deanery Youth Advisor, and for the Venerable Stephen Taylor to start work as our new Archdeacon. Deanery Synod met on 7th September 2011 and unfortunately agreed that it was not viable at this time for a part time Deanery Youth Advisor to be funded by all the parishes in the Deanery. Therefore we will probably have to advertise for a half time Priest or a House-for-Duty priest (a half time priest will be paid half a stipend and a Housefor-Duty priest is non-stipendiary but is provided with a fully funded house to live in).

We, the churchwardens of Eastling, Stalisfield with Otterden and Throwley are meeting with the Venerable Stephen Taylor, Tony Oehring (Area Dean) and Martin Beckenham (Deanery Lay Chair) on Thursday 20th October 2011 to hopefully start the process of advertising for a part time priest or House-for-Duty priest. We will communicate progress on an ongoing basis over the next few months, but please bear in mind that we do not know what response we will get from an advertisement as there are many parishes currently without a priest and we do not know how many priests will be attracted to a part time or House-for-Duty position.

### **EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL**

At the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 29th September, the Treasurer reported there was an unqualified Return from the Audit Commission

Councillor Prescott would pursue the replacement grit bin at Kettle Hill and was asked about the resurfacing/ pothole repairs - particularly in Newnham Lane.

There is to be an Electoral Review on the right number of Swale councillors. Website www.lgbce.org.uk - residents were asked to comment by 24th October 2011.

Councillors were keen to find information about a defibrillator for the village - it is possible that some funding may be available from Cllr Prescott.

Councillors were advised that, unfortunately, the waste paper bins are to be removed from the Village Hall car park. Councillor Prescott advised that there is to be a review of the recycling system in the area. More details to follow.

Various items of correspondence were passed to councillors to peruse.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th November 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

#### In prison.... and I helped others in even more trouble...

Tim Wood of the charity Through the Roof recently paid a visit to Parkhurst prison...

I'd never been to prison before, so I didn't know what to expect when I visited Parkhurst, on the Isle of Wight. Having recently taken on the role of Chief Executive of Through the Roof, I was keen to see our wheelchair ensures nothing leaves without his refurbishment workshop for our overseas programme - Wheels for the World, which demonstrates God's love by providing mobility to disabled people in developing countries.

When I arrived with some colleagues, the prison looked bleak, with a looming concrete wall, not dissimilar to the old Berlin Wall. Once through the locks and inside the walls, however, we found a beautiful cultivated, courtyard garden an oasis of green against the grey.

In the workshop the inmates delighted in showing us the fruits of their labour. They talked passionately of how every wheelchair is lovingly restored by hand, from scrap to new. The Prison Officer told us how the men gain an Open College Network qualification in wheelchair maintenance - a certificate of Employability - to give them hope of a job when they leave.

From their latest innovation of welding a bike to a chair to form a 'trike'. to the careful spray-painting of each part, to the nicknamed 'MOT-inspector' who quality stamp of approval - every man visibly brimmed with pride in his work. And then it struck me - I was challenged because so few people will witness what these dozen men produced, and yet they gave their work their all, 100%, total dedication. Not for the reward of £10 per week, but because it is a natural innate expression of themselves, a reflection of God's glory as Creator and Redeemer.

don't know the spiritual 'status' of those men and whether they are conscious of God or not, but I do know that as a professing Christian I have no excuse not to give my all to the One I know delights in all his children whether disabled or not: prisoner or



For more details of the work of Through the Roof, visit: www.throughtheroof.org

# the Carpenters Arm 01795 890234

#### Thank-You

Thanks to all of you for the wonderful response to our letter of last month. It has been heart-warming to see so many of you visit the Carps over the last month, some just for coffee, some for a beer or wine and some dining, you have all been fantastic in your support and suggestions.

Well done and thank you very much. Thanks also due for the generous donations and bidding at the harvest auction. With Keith Neaves presiding, Eileen and Marion counting and collecting, we raised an amazing £1000 on the night, to be split between the church bells fund and the pensioners Christmas lunch.

Saturday 29th Oct. Halloween. Always a cracking night. Costume please folks with complimentary buffet this year. 7:30 pm -on Tim, if you haven't got a costume you could always rip a pair of trousers and a shirt put some fake blood on it and come as a zombie.....again!

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November Fireworks Display On the field opposite The Carps there will be a fireworks display from 8pm. There will also be a bbg and firepit in the courtyard. Thanks to John and Bay Lees for the loan of the pit and very generous donation towards the fireworks.

Fate the Juggler Friday 4th Nov Superb original folk rock band from 9pm

> Thanks to you all Mitch, Donna & The Dogs

## **Eastling Neighbourhood Watch**

Parish /Village Warden 07794 010394 Crimestoppers 0800 555111 Swale Police 01622 690690 Emergencies 999



There have been many instances of some person whom obviously has a dog of clearing up any mess the dog has deposited on the footpath opposite Newnham Lane but has the audacity to leave the bag with its contents alongside the stone wall of the Old Rectory. Whilst it is very good to clear any dogs mess in the first instance it is pretty disgusting to dump it in a public place especially as this is where children walk to school, I would request that this stop s immediately as should it continue more remedial action will be taken which could result in a £1000 fine.

A pair of glasses in a soft case have been found on the footpath around the church, if anybody has lost them please contact me.

A full set of car/house keys were found in the village hall car park, they have been handed in to the school office, this was about 3 weeks ago .

The dark evenings are now upon us so please take extra care on the roads either driving or walking.

Take care and have a good month, Alan .



# Prayer

## **Pointers** November 2011

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday Bring peace and understanding to all nations.

> Pray that our Archbishop's visit with Robert Mugabe will result in actions not just words. Give thanks for all who work to provide our needs.

Bless and guide all who work with young people.

Pray for our Church officers during the interregnum.

Be with all who have become unemployed.

Continue to pray for all who are sick in body, mind or spirit.

#### Gift Day

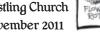
Thank you again to all who donated to the Gift Day at Eastling. The total given in one off gifts was £495 and an extra £1800 per annum was pledged as additional planned giving by standing order. This has been sufficient for us to go ahead and have the Bell Tower guttering repaired before winter sets in.

#### **Parish Administrators**

Janet Payne has agreed to be the new Eastling Parish Administrator, starting on 21st October. She will work on Friday mornings between 9am and 1pm in the Rectory Study and can be contacted on 01795 890487 or by email on eastlingchurch@gmail.com .

The new Stalisfield Parish Administrator is Sheila Moger, who can be contacted on 01233 713212, email: samhawksnest@aol.com

## Eastling Church November 2011



Nov 5/6 Audrev Smith 12/13 Janet Bryant 19/20 Janet Bryant 26/27 No flowers Dec 3/4 No flowers

## Many Thanks

to everyone who helped decorate Eastling Church for Harvest. The wonderful aromas and arrangements were very much appreciated by a full church for Harvest Festival.

## Services in our Churches

## Every Wednesday

Eastling 9.05 - 9.20am Morning Worship

## 6th November 3rd before Advent

1 Thessalonians 4.13 - end, Matthew 25.1-13 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Eastling 10 am Benefice Service with the Archdeacon of Maidstone

### 13th November Remembrance Sunday

1 Thessalonians 5, 1 - 11. Matthew 25, 14 - 30 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am Holy Communion (CW) Stalisfield Eastling 10.30 am The Point

#### 20th November Christ the King

Ephesians 1, 15 - 23, Matthew 25, 31 - 46 8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Eastling Stalisfield 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP) 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP) Eastling Eastling 10 am S Club in Village Hall

## 27th November Advent Sunday

1 Corinthians 1, 3 - 9. Mark 13, 24 - end Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am Youngstyle Eastling Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion

### 4th December Advent 2

2 Peter 3, 8-15a, Mark 1, 1-8 8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Eastling

Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW) Stalisfield 3pm Crib Service

(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

Reverend Angela Cheeseman (01795 892124) New House Farm, Eastling ME13 0BN

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

(01795 890487) Janet Pavne

E mail: eastlingchurch@gmail.com

Stalisfield with Otterden

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

Parish Administrator

Sheila Moger (01233 713212)

E mail samhawksnest@aol.com

## From the Registers

Interment of Ashes

Ian Woodcock 22nd October 2011 at Eastling

## Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: monthly 15th November, 9.30am

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

All welcome.

Christ the Ring Gelebrating Discipleship

On Sunday 20th November, 5.30 - 7pm, you are invited to Canterbury Cathedral to celebrate discipleship and dedicate ourselves anew to following Christ.

The service will be led by Bishop Trevor and the three Archdeacons, music with Graham Kendrick.

More information from www.canterburydiocese.org/247liveit/christtheking/

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#### From the Butler's Pantry

by Audrey Keen

#### Supper at Otterden Place 1970s

I remember a winter's evening: The lights are dimmed, the red velvet curtains cover

the window bringing cosy relief to the room hung with arrays of muted colours and mythical scenes. The gong sounds. Convivial chatter emanates from the entrance hall as, one by one, dignified, elderly residents enter the pleasant dining room and find their seat at their own particular table to wait for the first course of their meal. Why do I think Brown Windsor soup so wonderfully Edwardian? The light meal may continue with macaroni cheese, mustard herring curried egg, asparagus pancakes or some other tasty savoury, followed by a light pudding then cheese and biscuits. Otterden Place was always magical at meal times. but it was essentially the atmosphere of the rooms, the polite and quiet conversation

the elegance of dressing for an evening

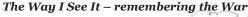
meal, however modest. A remnant of a

more refined time and it is lamentable that

such manners as were witnessed then, are

Tawny woods, Tawny sky; Peasants call. Pheasants fly. A tractor stops, A man shouts; A dog barks, A door shuts. All is quiet, the night is still; I am alone here on the hill.

passing now into history.



hu David Winter

Those of us who can remember the Second World War are now a shrinking minority. Anyone who actually fought in it would now have to be in their mideighties. Of course, that makes 'remembrance' on a public scale difficult. The youth organisations line up at the war memorial each year, but with the best will in the world the exhortation 'we will remember them' is asking a lot of boys and girls whose grandparents were probably not born until years after the war ended.

So perhaps those of us who can remember, however distantly, what that war was like have some kind of duty to share those memories. In my case, the most vivid is leaving London on a bright morning in early September 1939 in a red double-decker bus and heading for an unknown address in rural England. In the case of my brother and me it was a village in Essex, right in the path of an invading army from the Continent. By Christmas that year my parents had decided that there were safer places for us to be, and we spent the rest of the war - blissfully, I'm ashamed to say - in the mid-Wales hills with my Welsh grandparents. We played in the fields, learnt to speak Welsh, made lifelong friendships - and were almost entirely sheltered from the reality of war-time life in London and the other great cities of our land.

Mind you, the nightly news broadcast on the wet battery wireless was a reminder that our parents were much less fortunate. Like millions of others, they endured the blackout, the shortages of food, the terrors of the blitz with nightly air raids and the anxiety of my older brother eventually being 'called up' and landing on the Normandy beaches under



enemy gunfire. The bombs missed the family home - on one occasion only just - but the trauma inevitably took its toll. At the end of the war there were the usual speeches promising that the sacrifices made should not be in vain we would ensure that nothing like this would ever happen again. But it did, and has - over and over again. Korea, Vietnam, the Falklands, Iraq, Afghanistan - the roll-call seems endless; evidence, if we needed it, of the strange addiction of human beings to violence, conflict and war. It is one thing to remember - and a duty, in view of the sacrifices of so many. But it is no good remembering and then forgetting.

War, says the New Testament, flows from ordinary human sins - greed, envy, bad choices (see James 4:1-4). To expunge from our race the hideous horrors of war and armed conflict would mean eliminating each of these manifestations of our fallen nature. Difficult? Impossible, it seems, without help from beyond ourselves. Prayer, commitment, repentance, example even a private peaceful life-style - are steps towards that goal: small things, some would think, but history has been changed by less.



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## Walking Group Update

The Eastling Walking Group was formed just 9 months ago and has

over 35 members on the email circulation list. The fortnightly walks regularly attract 20 plus walkers for the 2 hour duration walks on Wednesdays, starting at 10.30am. The walks are circular and start from local pubs.

In the between weeks we do "pilot walks" which check out the walks first. Everyone is welcome to join the pilot walks, as well as the scheduled walks, and are a good opportunity to do the walk if you cannot make the scheduled fortnightly walks. It is not important to walk every week as some do, but it's a good way of taking some regular exercise and a great way of making new friends.

We are planning to do shorter walks during in the winter months as well so if do not want to get stuck in the chair on Wednesday mornings. come and join us. If you do not feel like driving, I always stop by the Village Hall at 10.15am on Wednesdays to offer a lift to the starting point of the walk.

For more details phone Harry Kyte on 01795 890703 or email hkass@tiscali.co.uk

#### **Charing and District Local History Society**

Thursday 10th November: Professor Richard Eales will talk on

#### THE DOMESDAY BOOK IN KENT: SOME CHARING NAMES,

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

## The Painters A Forstal **COFFEE CLUB**

23rd November and 7th December in Whitehill Chapel, I Iam - 12.30pm, all welcome.

Yoga classes resume 9.30am on 9th November.

The Champion Hall is available for hire, phone Bobbie on 532756.

#### FRIENDS of EASTLING SCHOOL

Eastling School is hosting an Open\_Afternoon from 1.15pm to 4pm on Tuesday 8th November, Do join us for a tour of the school.

The school will be inviting the Eastling children's family to a 'bring your parent to lunch' on Thursday 17th November, Look out for the menu and reply slip.

#### Future events:

The Eastling School children's popular Christmas Craft Club is to be held after school on Thursday 1st December - £2 per child don't forget to book!

The infants' Nativity Play will be held on Wednesday 7th December and Thursday 8th December at 1.30pm. Teas and Coffee will be available while you wait for the children to get changed

The Eastling School children's Christmas shopping afternoon will be on Friday 9th December. More details will be sent home with the children

Good quality Second Hand school uniform always welcomed and available to parents to purchase. Please let me know your requirements.

Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity, 01795 890252



Eastling Village Hall Wednesday 2nd November

9 - 11am

Free entry and a cup of tea or coffee. Cake proceeds to Pop-In hall hire. Book proceeds to Alzheimer's

Society. Toddlers welcome Pop-In is open every Wednesday.



#### PARISH MAGAZINE

We hope you enjoy reading the Good News Parish Magazine, which is delivered free of charge to every home in our church benefice of Eastling and Stalisfield with Otterden.

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If you would like to make a donation to help with our costs, please send to The Treasurer, 3 Meesons Close, Eastling. ME13 OAW. (Cheques payable to: Good News Church Magazine)

THANK YOU

#### Carols Maintaining our

wonderful tradition

Stalisfield

of celebrating Christmas with singing with our community The Stalisfield Carols has been set for Tuesday December 20th, Carol singers to meet on the green outside The Plough at 6pm.

Stalisfield Village Hall

fundraising update.

Fundraising for the new village hall is

moving on apace. We hope to submit

plans to the council in the next few

weeks and have recently attained

charitable status. This means we can

benefit from gift aid so for every £10

donated we receive £12.50. If you

would be interested in making a gift

aid donation, however small,

towards the rebuilding of the village

hall please contact tracev@

stalisfieldvillagehall.co.uk or phone

her on 01795 890617 for a gift aid

## Stalisfield Highlife

Panto season in Stalisfield has come around again. Last year the Village Hall was populated by Lost Boys, Pirates and Indians in a rip-roaring version of Peter Pan. This year a beanstalk will grow before your very

eyes when Jack takes on the Giant in Jack and the Beanstalk in a version specially written for the village. Tickets for the Saturday December 10th performance have already sold out, so we've laid on an extra performance on Friday 9th December, Tickets for

this "world premiere" are available from Judith on 01795 890 203 or 07841 574577 and are already selling

Thank you from the Village Hall committee to Bob and Amie at the Plough who gave the Village Hall a generous donation after local band, Group Therapy, gave a roof-raising evening of entertainment when they

2011

6pm outside The Plough

4pm Eastling Church

played there in October.

## Harvest Supper - September 2011

A hall full of happy revellers celebrated harvest-time by doing justice to the fare provided and served by enthusiastic volunteers in the Hut on the Green at Stalisfield. In the pre-dinner address, news of progress in rebuilding the Hall received strong approval and Cat's video was greeted by general acclaim. This video snapshot of Stalisfield and its activities taken on the ground and aloft, was produced to enhance applications for funding. The work can be seen on the Stalisfield website www.stalisfieldvillagehall.co.uk but on the larger screen the impact was outstanding.

Post dinner entertainment provided mirth in featuring a "send-up" of the proposed Christmas Pantomime in which the entire story was portrayed in a précis lasting all of ten minutes The Harvest Band provided musical fare in traditional songs partially augmented by audience participation and a spirited "We plough the fields and

An appeal was made for everyone to participate before 24th October in the voting for the NatWest funds on offer and featured in previous issues of Good News. Further cause for cheer was an announcement, courtesy of the Saunders, that tickets were available for a draw in which the prize would be one week in a holiday apartment in Swanage, Dorset. The tickets were on sale at £1 each. Of the 500 chances available some may still be open. The

odds on winning are excellent. Anyone interested should telephone Judith on (01795) 890203 and leave a message. All in all a highly successful evening furthered the cause of community and raised a magnificent £650 towards the rebuild fund.



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#### **Short Mat Bowls**

Club members have started playing league fixtures for 2011/12. In division 2 of the East Kent league, our first game was against the Ashford Road Community Centre

(A.R.C.A.), Canterbury. The game was at home and we won on both mats: Eastling 49 shots - A.R.C.A. 12 shots. Our next game was away to Whitstable on October 9th and we knew this was not going to be easy. Des Briggs, Bryan Searly and Roy Piles won 15 shots to 10, but our other mat lost 16 shots to 9. We failed by two shots to gain the extra points, but did come away with two points, not a bad result away from home. Roy played his first Kent game away at Hailsham, East Sussex, with the Kent team gaining a nice win. Roy was presented with his badge by the East Sussex team captain. The following week East Sussex came to Snodland for the return match and again the Kent team was triumphant.

The Club has now started playing Wednesday afternoons: 2 - 4pm, as well as Fridays: 2.30 - 4.30pm and 7.30 -9.30pm, so if you are at a loose end during the winter months, come along to Eastling Village Hall and have a go at short mat bowls.

Yours in Sport, Roy Piles.

The Eastling Senior Citizens'

### **Christmas Lunch**

will be on Tuesday 6th December, 12.30 for 1pm. We hope to get invitations to everyone, but please let us know should we miss you.

Norman and Marina, 01795 890242.

# Christmas

If you enjoy singing carols, please come and join the Eastling Christmas Choir.

Rehearsals every Sunday, 5 - 6pm in church starting 13th November - all voice parts welcome.

> The Carol service will be at 4pm on Christmas Eve.

### 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

# November

2nd Cakes and Books at Pop-In 9am Eastling Village Hall 1.15 - 4pm Eastling School 8th Open Day 9th Parish Council Meeting 6.30pm Eastling Church 10th Charing History Society 8pm Charing Parish Hall 7.30pm Eastling Village Hall 12th Ouiz Night 13th Remembrance Point 10.30am Eastling Church 13th Christmas Choir begins 5 - 6pm Eastling Church 15th DEADLINE for December magazine See below 15th Ospringe W. I. 2.15pm Champion Hall 20th S Club 10am Eastling Village 26th Quiz Night 7.30pm Eastling Village Hall 27th Youngstyle TOI service 10am Eastling Church 29th Good News Publication 2pm Pinks Farm DECEMBER 1st Christmas Craft Club Eastling School 4th Crib Service 3pm Stalisfield Church 6th Senior Citizens' Lunch 1pm Eastling Village Hall 9th Children's Christmas Shopping Eastling School 9/10th Jack and the Beanstalk Stalisfield Village Hall 9.30am Eastling Village Hall 17th Holiday Club 18th Otterden Carol Service 3pm Otterden Chapel 19th Carols and Readings evening Champion Hall

Deadline for December 2011 Good News

20th Stalisfield Carols

24th Nine Lessons and Carols

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