

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
Village Hall

CRIB

SERVICE

Sunday 4th December
3pm
Stalisfield Church

Special "TOI"

SERVICE
27th November
10.00am

Eastling Church

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

½ hour of fun family worship
EVERYONE WELCOME



REMEMBERING

How do you remember things?

In bible times God's people sometimes
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.

Read Joshua 4:1-9 and Exodus 12:1-14

Today we too
build monuments
to remember
special events and
hold festivals of
thanksgiving like
Harvest and
services of
remembrance like
Remembrance
Sunday.

Mouse Makes

Is there anything
special you would
like to thank
God for?

Cut out each letter stone and move around to
spell the word **REMEMBRANCE** then see
how many other words you can make...

...here's one to start you off:

Nov 11

Good News Parish Magazine November 2011

The Point on Remembrance Sunday

How can we know what God
is really like?

Eastling Church, 10.30am,
13th November

All welcome

Traidercraft Christmas Stall



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.

Quiz Night

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

The Hunt Quiz

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.

Benefice Service

Come and meet the new Archdeacon of
Maidstone, the Venerable Stephen Taylor,
at a service on

Sunday 6th November at
10am in Eastling Church.

Everyone welcome,
refreshments afterwards.



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

Fireworks Display

Saturday 5th
November

On the field opposite

The Carpenters Arms

Fireworks display from 8pm.

Barbeque and firepit in the courtyard.



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.

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-in-charge 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-in-charge 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 Throwley 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 House-for-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 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 ensures nothing leaves without his 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.

I 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 free.

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



Prayer Pointers November 2011



Sunday	Bring peace and understanding to all nations.
Monday	Pray that our Archbishop's visit with Robert Mugabe will result in actions not just words.
Tuesday	Give thanks for all who work to provide our needs.
Wednesday	Bless and guide all who work with young people.
Thursday	Pray for our Church officers during the interregnum.
Friday	Be with all who have become unemployed.
Saturday	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: samhawsnest@aol.com

Eastling Church November 2011



Nov 5/6 Audrey 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.

The Carpenters Arms 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 5th November Fireworks Display

On the field opposite The Carps there will be a fireworks display from 8pm. There will also be a bbq and firepit in the courtyard. Thanks to John and Bay Lees for the loan of the pit and very generous donation towards the fireworks.

Friday 4th Nov

Fate the Juggler
Superb original folk rock band from 9pm

Thanks to you all
Mitch, Donna & The Dogs

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

Contact Nos
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.

SEASONED LOGS AND KINDLING

TEL: BEN ON 07970 549017



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)
Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling 10.30 am The Point

20th November Christ the King

Ephesians 1. 15 - 23, Matthew 25. 31 - 46
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

27th November Advent Sunday

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

4th December Advent 2

2 Peter 3. 8 - 15a, Mark 1. 1 - 18
Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield 3pm Crib Service

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(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

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  
Janet Payne (01795 890487)  
E mail: eastlingchurch@gmail.com

### Stalisfield with Otterden

Jean 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  
Thursdays Prayer Group 10.30am Pinks Farm

All welcome.

## 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 passing now into history.

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. AIK

## The Way I See It – remembering the War

by 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 mid-eighties. 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.

## Christ the King Celebrating 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/](http://www.canterburydiocese.org/247liveit/christtheKing/)



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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 CHARGING NAMES.**

The earliest complete record, commissioned by the Norman rulers to guarantee tax revenues - a local study.

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

## The Painters Forstal COFFEE CLUB

23rd November and 7th December in Whitehill Chapel, 11am - 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



## COFFEE POP-IN

### Book Sale and Homemade Cake Sale

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.

Please tell our advertisers where you saw their advertisement, as it is their money which pays to print the Good News.

If you would like to make a donation to help with our costs, please send to The Treasurer, 3 Meesons Close, Eastling. ME13 0AW. (Cheques payable to: Good News Church Magazine)

## THANK YOU

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 Choir

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.

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## 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 fast.

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 played there in October.



## Stalisfield Carols

Maintaining our wonderful tradition 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.

## November

2011

|                                          |            |                          |
|------------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| 2nd Cakes and Books at Pop-In            | 9am        | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 8th Open Day                             | 1.15 - 4pm | Eastling School          |
| 9th Parish Council Meeting               | 6.30pm     | Eastling Church          |
| 10th Charing History Society             | 8pm        | Charing Parish Hall      |
| 12th Quiz Night                          | 7.30pm     | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 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               |
| <b>DECEMBER</b> 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 |
| 17th Holiday Club                        | 9.30am     | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 18th Otterden Carol Service              | 3pm        | Otterden Chapel          |
| 19th Carols and Readings                 | evening    | Champion Hall            |
| 20th Stalisfield Carols                  | 6pm        | outside The Plough       |
| 24th Nine Lessons and Carols             | 4pm        | Eastling Church          |

### Deadline for December 2011 *Good News*

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## 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](http://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 scatter".

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.



## LEIGH MILES DANCE & FITNESS



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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.