

S Club

for primary school aged children
17th November
10am - 11am in Eastling Village Hall

TOI Service

24th November at 10am
in Eastling Church

Please bring your gifts of toiletries and stationery for less fortunate children and teenagers in the Ukraine

Half an hour of fun family worship
EVERYONE WELCOME

SCHOOL NEWS

The school is very busy this month with lots of exciting activities coming up. We recommence after the 'half term' break on Monday 4th November and straight away Cubs class are due to visit Wildwood to see how many animals they can recognise and, as part of the visit, a 'close encounter' with an animal guided by one of the park keepers.

Our eldest children have their turn swimming this term, down at the Faversham pool every Wednesday, so you'll see them travelling through the village in our school minibus. You may also see children becoming more active by walking to school from slightly further away as part of our "Active Bug" campaign.

The 15th is BBC's Children in Need - a cause we support on a regular basis and this year will doubtless be no exception. Children will be invited to attend school in some peculiar garb for a donation towards the BBC fundraising flagship. We'll also be helping out the National Woodlands Trust with our Tigers' Class visiting the Hucking estate on the 14th November, to plant trees for future generations.

Many thanks to all of you that came along to our open day last month or recommended the school to any young families that you know... did you catch the newly designed website that was released as part of this? It's available at www.eastling.kent.sch.uk and looks absolutely super!

Mr Ross has settled into school extremely well within the Tigers' class and it is their turn on Friday 8th November to share their work with parents and friends in a special assembly from 9.10am. Two weeks later, on the 29th November, at the end of our Art week, we will be sharing our work and achievements with the wider community in a special Art assembly.

RIDE+STRIDE

Well done

On the 14th September, as part of 'Ride and Stride', Aidan Gilbert, James Gilbert and Jasper Ostle cycled to Eastling Church, then to Stalisfield Church, then to Throwley Church and then back home to Eastling - all in the heavy rain! They raised £112 for Friends of Kent Churches.



"The new vicar seems pretty confident in his ability to increase church attendance!"

Mouse Makes

CHRISTMAS is coming, ADVENT is near!
Colour in one section of the Advent candle (starting at the bottom) on each of the four Sundays before Christmas and read about God's promise, God's message, God's gift and God's good news.
On Christmas Day colour in the flame at the top of the candle, cut the candle out and hang from the tree.

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God's Good News
Read LUKE 2:1-20

3
God's Gift
To Everyone with love
Read JOHN 3:16

2
God's Message
Read LUKE 1:26-28

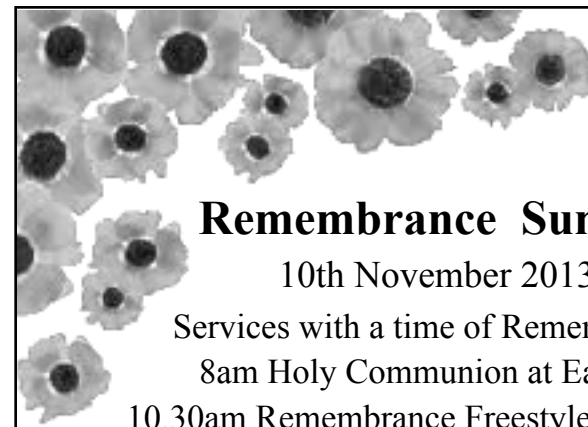
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God's Promise
Read ISAIAH 9:6-7

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P	T	O	H	U	E	E
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Can you find these words?
ADVENT • PEACE • JOY
HOPE • LOVE • GOOD • NEWS
JESUS • BIRTH • SAVIOUR

★ ADVENT ★

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Remembrance Sunday

10th November 2013

Services with a time of Remembrance
8am Holy Communion at Eastling
10.30am Remembrance Freestyle at Eastling
10.45am Remembrance Service at Throwley

REMEMBRANCE FREESTYLE

Sunday 10th November
Eastling Church
10.30am

Join us as we remember those who have given their lives for our freedom.

All Souls' Service

Remembering our loved ones.



Sunday 3rd November at 3pm,
in Stalisfield Church.

All Souls is a time, when we as a Church remember those who have given us life, and those who have guided us in our faith, but now rest in peace. Part of the service includes a time when you can light a candle in memory of your loved ones.



If you would like to have a loved one remembered at this service please write their name on the slips provided in our churches, alternatively contact Jean West on 01233 712270 or Gill Wallace on 01233 714904.

All Welcome

Good News Parish Magazine

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



WELL PULLED...

to the victorious Stalisfield team who won the annual Tug-of-War against Eastling on Sunday 6th October

November 2013

FREE
FIREWORK DISPLAY
Saturday 2nd November
7.30pm
opposite Carpenters Arms,
Eastling

BBQ food on sale in the pub –
outside bar if weather permits

The Canon's Column **Balance to Life**

I was recently talking to someone about her concerns for her family. Her son has married and moved away to another country and her daughter who has followed the same route, is now having employment problems. She would like to further her qualifications but cannot afford the tuition or the time commitment with two small children. In today's world it is often necessary for both husband and wife to seek employment and sometimes people end up in employment situations which cause them negative stress. Possibly the position does not really match their interests, aptitudes, abilities or ethics. People often feel trapped in such positions and don't know how to get out of that feeling or situation.

When I was a teen, my best friend's father sat us both down in their rec room and said, "Now boys, if you want to really enjoy life, do what you enjoy doing and find someone to pay you to do it." It was sound advice and I believe that both David and I followed it and benefited from it.

Doing what we enjoy brings a balance to our lives. Being stuck in a position that is neither satisfying nor creative for us, can be discouraging, depressing and even soul destroying. It can affect relationships with spouse and family. The question then becomes, "how can we restore that balance to our lives?"

In today's world there are many upgrading programmes available through government agencies, colleges and universities and over the internet. Often we have to make present

sacrifices for future satisfaction. This may mean postponing some activities or acquisitions in order to prepare for that different future. In making the conscious decisions, in consultation with one's spouse and appropriate family members, to begin to make some career or vocational changes, one can begin to bring the balance back to one's life.

Years ago, I came to an understanding that has given me a balance to the often busy, pressured and stressful work vocation situations I have been involved in. I came to understand what it means to be created in the image and likeness of God. One of the qualities that God shares with us is creativity. We are all blessed with some form of creativity. We are at our healthiest when we are being creative. When our creativity is stifled in our employment, we can still meet that creative urge through our recreational activities. I strongly encourage people to have hobbies and recreational activities. It is a way of putting balance back into our lives and our relationships.

If this is a topic that has affected your life and you would like to discuss it further or any other need, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at the rectory 01795 890 487 or donaldjlawton@gmail.com.

Blessings,
Canon Donald J. Lawton.

Confirmation

There will be a Deanery Confirmation service on Tuesday, 4th March, 2014. If there are adults or youth who would like to be confirmed in their faith at that service, please contact Canon Lawton, 01795 890487, as soon as possible so we can schedule a programme of preparation. In the past in other places, there have been people who have wished to do some review and make a recommitment or rededication at the Confirmation service. If there are any who would like to explore this, please contact me as well.



November 2nd brings us All Souls Day

Here is a poem on the pain of bereavement.

Walking back to life

*I look down at the bed and say,
"Aren't you getting up to-day?"
and then I potter,
hoping you'll get in my way
whilst emptiness
declares that Death has robbed me.*

*I try to tidy tidiness,
adjust myself to timelessness,
and take
each memory from its store
as tears caress
ethereal hands
that, from Heaven's shore, would
draw me.*

*And then I sit down in my chair
where memory becomes a prayer
of thankfulness for all we had.
Then, from despair,
I find myself
walking back to life more boldly.*

By Revd. Sam Doubtfire,
a former vicar of Keswick.

Stalisfield Highlife Harvest Supper

Beautifully laid out tables greeted the villagers of Stalisfield as they entered the village hall, itself decorated for the harvest supper celebration. Good food, conversation and music were the hallmarks of the evening. Music from instrument and voice by The Stoneyfield Nine provided the after dinner entertainment interleaved with poetry with an autumnal theme. The audience made their appreciation clear.

Just a hint of sadness hung in the air on the realization that the chances were high that this would be the last harvest supper to be held in the dear old hut. Rumours that the hut itself was weeping were dispelled though, as the source of tears was traced to an underground water leak. This was a good evening.

EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of Eastling Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 6th 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

Chicken rules

One day a new chicken was introduced to the farm. The duck, who was in charge, showed the new chicken around. "This is where you go to get fed, this is the water trough and that is the coop. Chickens hang out near the fence, us ducks near the pond and the geese near the gate. We're pretty friendly but we keep to our own. Oh, but whatever you do, DO NOT cross that road. You'll never hear the end of it."

Christmas Comes Early to Stalisfield Big Lottery Fund Grant



Santa made a practice run over Stalisfield and bestowed the mother of all presents in the shape of approval by the Big Lottery Fund of our application for lottery funding. Our current village hall is absolutely on its last legs and without the help of the Big Lottery it wouldn't have been long before it became too dangerous to continue using it. Closing the Village Hall would have had a hugely detrimental impact on community life. The whole of Stalisfield has put an enormous amount of time and energy into fundraising and working towards a new hall. It has given everyone a real boost to know that all the hard work and commitment has paid off and we can finally start work on a new building that will be able to serve the needs of the community for many years to come.

Construction of the new hall is planned to start in early spring 2014 and is expected to be completed by autumn 2014. Our thanks for their professional help go to Bob Bird (Capital Project Manager), Paul Westrup (Architect), Robert Smyth (Quantity Surveyor) and Rebecca Thorpe (Business Plan). We also thank the project team of Tracy Dove, Tracey Smith and Cat Horn under the able leadership of Lisa Vaughan, for their immense effort over the past two years and for making this fantastic achievement possible.

Next time you pray, think of a teaspoon, tsp for your 'prayer recipe'

T – thank you!
S – sorry...
P – please?

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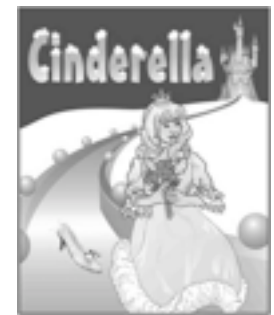
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Stalisfield Limelight

Pantomime

Friday 6th and Saturday 7th December



The magic returns to Stalisfield this December when a company of a size rivalling that of a Hollywood blockbuster performs this year's pantomime - **Cinderella**. The age old tale of down

trodden virtue triumphing over wicked oppression will be portrayed in a Cat's cradle of interwoven plot and counter plot skilfully weaving local characters into the story, marginally based on the original. No trick will be missed in binding the audience with spell, illusion and allusion but you will have to wait until the wraps are removed on the stage to see the convolutions for yourselves.

Ticket price will be held at the traditional £6 with children at half price. Bar service will be on hand at moderate prices. Reserve your seat through box office manager Judith on 01795 890203, leave a message if necessary. Demand will be brisk.

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

Warden 0779 4010 394 or 01795 890848
Crimestoppers 0800 555 111
Swale Police 101
Emergency 999



Damage occurred to a fibre-optic cable owned by BT which caused all the broadband to go down in Eastling over the weekend 11th/12th October. The exact location of the cable is not known but it was in Eastling Road, Eastling, if anyone has any information please contact the police or myself.

News has been in the media about phone calls made to people regarding their bank accounts. The caller pretends to be from their bank or the police. These are scam calls, so please cut the call short straight away. It is advised that you do not use your phone for a while afterwards as it seems these callers are not cutting the phone off their end and any immediate call you make will be redirected back to them still pretending to be the police. Under no circumstance give your card pin number away or allow your card to be taken. Should you receive a call of this nature please advise the police at a later time or give me a call.

A total of £545 was raised at the harvest auction held at the Carpenters Arms; £285 going to the Seniors' Christmas Lunch Fund, £130 to the Village fireworks fund and £130 to Happy Endings Rescue.

Now Autumn is upon us and winter approaching please make sure all your lights are working correctly on your vehicles as there is nothing more annoying when you think a motorcycle is approaching and you suddenly realise it is a car with only one headlight working.

Have a good month, Alan.

Prayer Pointers November 2013



Sundays	For the fallen in the service of their country.
Mondays	Give thanks for the healing and wholeness team.
Tuesdays	For the victims of natural disasters.
Wednesdays	For the young people in our Benefice.
Thursdays	For peace among the nations.
Fridays	For the ministry team in our Deanery.
Saturdays	For those who have turned away from You.

Eastling Church November 2013 Flower Rota

3rd and 10th	Tish Neaves & Gilly Freed
17th and 24th	Emma Norwood
1st December	Catherine Ochs & Fiona Swatland

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the church look so splendid for Harvest. The church looked wonderful decked with so many autumn leaves, flowers, fruit and vegetables that helped to create a great atmosphere of thanksgiving for the Harvest Festival. Your help is very much appreciated



Services in our Churches

3rd November All Saints

Daniel 7. 1 - 3, 15 - 18, Ephesians 1. 11 - end, Luke 6. 20 - 31
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
 Stalisfield 3 pm All Souls' Service

10th November Remembrance Sunday

Job 19. 23 - 27a, 2Thessalonians 2.1 - 5, 13 - end, Luke 20. 27-38
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Throwley 10.45 am Remembrance Service
 Eastling 10.30am Remembrance Freestyle

17th November 2 before Advent

Malachi 4. 1 - 2a, 2 Thessalonians 3. 6 - 13, Luke 21. 5 - 19
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)
 Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
 Eastling 10 am S Club in the Village Hall

24th November Christ the King

Jeremiah 23. 1 - 6, Colossians 1. 11 - 20, Luke 23. 33 - 43
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10 am TOI Service
 Stalisfield 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)
 Throwley 10 am Holy Communion (BCP)

1st December Advent Sunday

Isaiah 2. 1 - 5, Romans 13. 11 - end, Matthew 24. 36 - 44
 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.

Prayer Support

Here are three ways we may be able to help you pray for yourself or for someone you love who could be helped by prayer.



The Healing Prayer support group in our parishes runs a 'Prayer Circle' which is open to anyone. Please phone 01795 534083 and speak to Chris or David, who will place on your prayer request in the prayer circle.

Eastling church is open every day for you to come in and write your prayer requests in our prayer book.

Alternatively you will be welcome at the communion service on the first Sunday of each month at Eastling, when the team offers prayer, with laying on of hands, during and after the communion. Or you can pop in afterwards and ask for the healing team member on duty and speak to them. This is available to all, we don't judge and you don't even have to explain why you need prayer if you don't want to.

Ministry in our Parishes

Priest of Revd Canon Donald J. Lawton (01795 890487)
 the Parishes The Rectory, Newham Lane, Eastling ME13 0AS

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 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

Throwley Barbara Elliott (01795 890020)
 Maggie Scutt (01795 890312)

From the Registers

Funeral

Olive Giles
 17th October 2013 Cremation at Charing

Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: monthly, Study Group - 12th November
 10am at Garden Cottage, Newham Lane.

Tuesdays: weekly, Study Group 7.30pm Pinks Farm

Thursdays: weekly, Prayer Group 10.30am Pinks Farm
 Benefice prayer group on 7th November.

You will be welcome at any of our groups.



Cribs and Carols 2013

Stalisfield ~ Crib Service

3pm on Sunday 15th December

Throwley ~ Carol Service

4pm on Sunday 22nd December

Eastling ~ Nine Lessons & Carols

4pm on Christmas Eve

People and Places of the Past by Dorothy Murray

Horse transport was the only means of conveying goods in the country. Tom Woolley farmed a small farm at Slade, Otterden, following his father in the 1800's. As well as this he carted goods for neighbours and helped on Hurst Farm at busy times.



In the second photo Tom is seen delivering a load of hay, one ton of 40 trusses. Hay was cut out of the stack by hand with a heavy hay knife. Each truss weighed approximately half a hundredweight.



The next photo, taken in 1890, is of Otterden Estate workmen cutting and carting timber. Much chestnut was grown and, when felled, was cut into lengths for stakes and posts for fencing. The stakes (or spiles) were then steeped in a tank of creosote (or tar) as a preservative. Ash wood was cut mainly for firewood, needed by every home.



The last photo is of a load of oak tree trunks having been felled on the Otterden Estate. Five horses were needed to transport them down the hill, through Lenham to the railway station, on the way to Yorkshire. They would lay for 10 years to season. The heavy horses came from Yorkshire by train each year and were stabled at Court Lodge Farm, Lenham. Young boys enjoyed running beside them to watch the unloading at the station.


With apologies from Editor: Omission from last month's article:

"Sheaves were fed into the top (of the threshing machine), the corn came down a chute into sacks, weighed (two and a quarter cwt for wheat) and carted to the granary."

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LEIGH MILES DANCE & FITNESS at the Abbey School Sports Centre
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 Sunday 17th November 2013
 In aid of Meningitis UK
 Tickets £10
 Doors - 9.30am
 Start - 10.00am
 Finish - 1.00pm


TEEN meets GOD:

Katie's story

I was born 3 months premature. I weighed 11lb 6 ozs at birth and was put into intensive care at UCL Hospital for 13 weeks. Doctors, really to this day, are astounded that I'm alive and pretty much healthy. It was because of this whole experience that my parents realised that God was real and had a plan for our lives.

However, it was when I was 11 years old that I decided I wanted to own their faith for myself. This Jesus - who I'd heard about all my life - seemed like a pretty decent guy and I wanted to know him! In our children's group at church one Sunday we were all given an opportunity to give our lives to Jesus. I remember standing up in front of my church, the following week, and receiving my first Bible.

Then the scary season of life started: Secondary school! We all know that being a teenager isn't easy, but it certainly helped me knowing for sure that God was always on my side, even when I felt the world was against me. At school I dealt with various medical issues, such as two operations on my spine at age 12, and friendship issues that turned into bullying.

Then, at 15, I went through one of the worst seasons of my life. My best friend had told me he wanted to die. This was a catalyst for what later turned into depression. I had counselling for a year at school, and that woman was, and still is, one of my favourite people. Her sessions didn't just help me get through this mental health issue, but she kept my eyes utterly focused on Jesus. Despite the

constant battleground that was going on in my head, I learned in this time what a relationship with Jesus actually looked like.

So now, four years later, there isn't even a hint of depression coming back. My relationship with my maker is really strong, because I figured out that He isn't just interested in you when things are going good; Jesus wants to be in your pain, holding your hand too.

Katie is 19 and lives in Nottingham.

Katie made a decision to follow Jesus. She prayed, asking God to forgive her for the things she does wrong, and then she promised to live God's way. To find out more about the Christian faith, visit <http://www.lookingforgod.com>



Christmas Workshop at Belmont House

Wednesday 4th December 2013, 11am till 3.30pm

Come along to Belmont this Christmas and enjoy a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Coffee and mince pies will be served on arrival before making your own gorgeous seasonal wreath to take home with you. At lunchtime a hearty soup will be served after which we will be making festive table centres.

£30.00pp including tuition, materials and refreshments

No previous experience is required. You will be amazed at what you can achieve.

Spaces are limited so book your place now! Please call 01795 890202. Please note a deposit will be required when making a booking.

Belmont House & Gardens, Throwley, Nr Faversham, Kent ME13 0HH www.belmont-house.org

Otterden & Stalisfield WI

What a lovely evening we had at the October Wine Tasting evening; many thanks to Andrew Higgs. We had a really good turnout. Very enjoyable, good fun.

Our next meeting will be on 6th November - Christmas Crafts. We hope to see as many ladies as possible in Stalisfield village hall.

Also the Otterden and Stalisfield WI would like to congratulate the Stalisfield Village Hall committee on winning the Lottery backing for a new Hall. Well done to all.

Julie Murray



Eastling Short Mat Bowls

The new competition season has started, and we were represented in Canterbury by Pat & George Manthorpe and John Graham. They had a very

good day and did not let Eastling down, going through to the semi-final but losing this by two shots. Eastling played their first East Kent League game at home to Capel with Des Briggs, Bryan Searly & Roy Piles gaining one point with a draw on their mat, but our other team lost, so not a good start to the season. Capel went home on a high with five points. However, we turned the tables on the return match with Des Briggs, Bryan Searly & Roy Piles winning 21 shots to 8 and although our other team lost, we came home with two points.

We play every Friday afternoon, 2.30 - 4.30pm and evening, 7.30 - 9.39pm and are always looking for new members, so if you would like some thing to do, rather than sitting watching television, come along you will always be welcome. All equipment is provided, just bring flat soled slippers or shoes.

Roy Piles, 01795 537162

ROSS CUP Photographic Exhibition

Faversham & District Camera Club will be hosting the annual KCPA ROSS CUP Photographic Exhibition on

Saturday 23rd November 2013 at West Faversham Community Centre.

All entries on view from 1pm Judge, Mr. Ken Scott ARPS. Judge's comments from 3.30pm. Admission £3 includes drink and catalogue.

MACMILLAN

COFFEE MORNING

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Coffee Morning. The total raised was £610 which is wonderful for such a good cause.

Kim and Brian Curtis

Thank you to everyone who attended the Macmillan Coffee Morning at Manor Orchard on September 27th. Thanks to your generosity £150 was sent off to the Macmillan Fund.

Dorothy Reeve

Painters Forstal Gardeners' Club

Monday 11th November

Roger Platts will give a talk on

Creating a Chelsea Garden

7.30pm at Lorenden School.

Visitors welcome at £5 each.

Details from Frances or Paul on 01795 537622.

The Painters Forstal COFFEE CLUB

Join us in Whitehill Chapel, 11 am - 12.30pm on 27th November. All welcome. December Coffee Club will be on 11th.

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THANK YOU



A very big thank you to all our friends in Eastling and beyond, for helping to make our 10th Wedding Anniversary party such a special occasion.

We thank you for all the gifts, cards and good wishes that we received from so many, and for your company on the night.

Special thank to Mitch and his staff at 'The Carps' for looking after us all so well and for the great food he produced.

Thanks also to Paul for the disco. the choice of music was just right and much fun was had dancing the evening away.

We had a great evening, we hope you did too - here's to the next 10 years!!

With our love to you all, Pam and Colin.

Charing and District Local History Society

Thursday 14th November 7.45 for 8pm in Charing Parish Hall Kent Theatre in the days of Jane Austen:

Alan Stockwell : Talking about his ongoing research into the barnstorming country players and Georgian theatres of Kent.

Visitors welcome - £3 Enquires to 01233 713749

Painters Forstal with Ospringe WI

Tuesday 19th November 2.15 - 4pm at the Champion Hall, Painters' Forstal.

Just turn up on the day to find out what the WI is all about.

You will be made most welcome. We are currently putting together an exciting programme for the coming year 2014.

Carol Practices

Come and join the Eastling choir preparing for the

Christmas Eve Carol Service.

Weekly practices start Sunday 10th November, 5 - 6pm in Eastling church.



Vacancy at The Plough Inn, Stalisfield,

for someone to work lunch shifts and maybe some evening shifts at the pub. The lunch shift would be ideal for someone with a child at school as the shift is from 11.30 to 3.00 but if they needed to leave a little earlier then that we could tweak it.

Contact Marianne or Richard on 01795 890256

EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

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Craft Club

Wednesday 13th November, 11.15am - 1.15pm CRAFT CLUB SESSION

in the Champion Hall, Painters' Forstal. We will be making Christmas Cards and other celebration cards. Come along and join us. Cost £3. which includes tea/coffee and home made cake" Enquiries to Pat on 01795 539629.

Stalisfield Over 60s

This year's event for the over 60s will be celebrated on Saturday 14th December. Everyone on our radar will receive a personal invitation but we are not infallible and will be happy to receive a reminder if you are not approached by the week before. The contact this year is Elaine on 01795 890518. Leave a message if necessary

Eastling Seniors' Christmas Lunch

Thursday 12th December Eastling Village Hall

Thank you on behalf of Eastling Seniors' Christmas Lunch to everyone who contributed to the Harvest Auction and to Mitch at the Carpenters for hosting it. Events are held throughout the year to totally fund the lunch and we have had great fun organising it. Invitations will be going out shortly and we look forward to seeing you - if you haven't been before please join us. Marion Willson, Pam Bell and Patti Else.



1st Quiz Party	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
2nd Firework Display	7.30pm	Eastling, opposite Pub
3rd All Souls' Service	3pm	Stalisfield Church
6th Eastling Parish Council	6.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
6th Otterden and S/field W.I.	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
7th Benefice Prayer Group	10.30am	Pinks Farm
10th Carol Practices Start	5pm	Eastling Church
11th Gardeners' Club talk	7.30pm	Lorenden School
12th Monthly Study Group	10am	Garden Cottage
13th Craft Club	11.15am	Champion Hall
14th Local History Society	8pm	Charing Parish Hall
15th Deadline for December Good News		See below
17th S Club	10am	Eastling Village Hall
17th Zumbathon	10am	Abbey School Sports
19th P. Forstal & Ospringe WI	2.15pm	Champion Hall
26th Magazine Folding	2pm	Pinks Farm
27th Coffee Club	11am	Champion Hall
DECEMBER 4th Christmas Workshop		Belmont House
6/7th Cinderella Pantomime		Stalisfield Village Hall
12th Eastling Seniors' Christmas lunch		Eastling Village Hall
14th Stalisfield over 60s Christmas Tea		Stalisfield Village Hall
19th Carol singing		around Stalisfield

Deadline for the December Good News will be 15th November

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The Southern Alsatian Training Society

ran a Kennel Club Licensed Dog Trial from Stalisfield Village Hall on 20th, 21st and 22nd September. The Committee would like to express their grateful thanks to: Eric, John and Richard Baker of Hurst Farm and to David Murray of Snoad Farm, for kindly allowing us the use of their fields in which to track the dogs, without whom there would be no Trial. Many thanks also to The Plough at Stalisfield Green for welcoming us and our Members to the pub, campsite and permitting us to use their paddock to complete the remainder of the Tests for the Trial.

The Otterden Gamekeeper, Garry Bell, was also most helpful, accommodating and understanding to our needs, for which we are grateful. Thank you.

Last but not least, thank you to the members of the community who were so welcoming. Our Members travelled from a wide area; the West Country, the Midlands as well as all points within the South East counties to be with us, enjoying our wonderful countryside and the welcome you all extended. The Village Hall will be a talking point for some time!

