

**EASTLING CHURCH** A creative time of worship:

Church in a Café setting. worship discussion reflection prayer fellowship

#### FRIENDS of EASTLING SCHOOL

There are lots of events planned for the Autumn Term 2014.

Why not join us with a Coffee with the FOES team on Thursday 20th November at 3.20pm in the School Hall. This is a great opportunity to find out how FOES support the school to benefit the children.

With the Festive Season fast approaching, the children will have their Christmas Shopping afternoon on 12th December; Craft Club on 17th December and an end of term Non-uniform day for a £1 donation to FOES.

There is a FOES Committee Meeting on Thursday 6th November at 7pm in The Alma, Painter's Forstal. All parents and friends are welcome to join us.

Jill Seaman 01795 890252

#### As Advent begins... create your own **Christmas decorations**

A natural remedy for festive fever has been prepared by the Christian conservation charity A Rocha UK in the form of an eco-friendly online Advent calendar. It offers daily doses of environmental advice on everything from Christmas trees to the drastic plastic of shop-bought decorations.

Each calendar window opens on a practical plan to soothe the stress on both pocket and planet. The online Advent calendar will be available at - http:// arocha.org.uk/advent - from 1st December.

A Rocha UK recommend avoiding the 'drastic plastic' of shop-bought Christmas decorations. Instead, it encourages you to make your own. Ideas to get you started include making a stunning candle holder by cleaning out an empty jar of chocolate spread and sticking threads of beads on it. (Buy them in a material shop.) Tie a discreet bow of hessian thread around the top. Or why not make tree decorations from off-cuts of wood from the bargain bin of a local building store, then paint them?

Those are just for starters. Feel free to share your own creations on A Rocha UK's group Facebook page, or Tweet @ARochaUK, using #arukadvent.

#### The Gunpowder Plot, a Story through

Sunday 16th November

Time



Road, Faversham See stories of the old gunpowder factories come alive with the Oare Gunpowder Works Country Park ranger team and a few of their old friends. Places £3 a

child. Booking essential, through

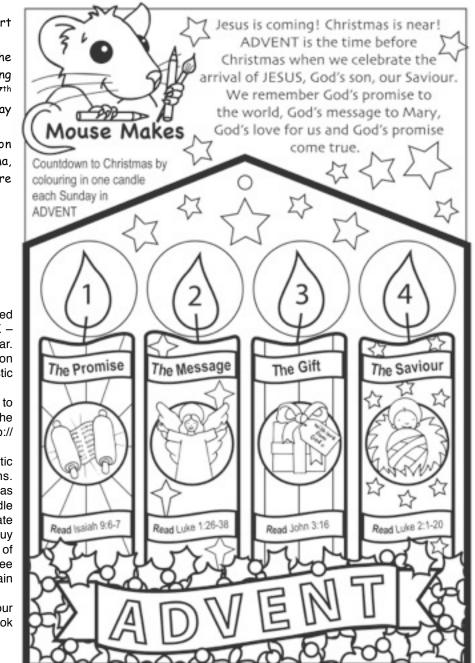
Medway Valley Countryside

Partnership on 01622 683695.

An Oare-some day out!



"Goodness! is it time for Christmas organising, carol service planning and nativity play rehearsals already not to mention his curate retiring?!"

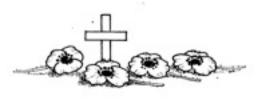




#### The Remembrance Service

at Throwley on 9th November will start at 10.45am.

The Last Post and Reveille will be sounded by Trumpeters of the Light Cavalry, Honourable Artillery Company



#### Remembrance Freestyle Eastling Church Sunday 9th November

Join us as we remember the fallen and give thanks for our freedom

10.30am

#### FREE FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Saturday 8th November

7.30pm Opposite The Carpenters

Arms, Eastling

BBO Food on sale

Live Band after fireworks



#### All Souls' Service

#### Remembering our loved ones

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 4 pm, in Stalisfield Church.

#### All Welcome

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.

#### **Grand Quiz Night**

in aid of Seniors' Christmas Dinner

Eastling Village Hall Saturday the 15th November at 7.30 p.m All welcome, entrance £3 per person, tables 6-8. Please bring own nibbles and drinks. To book tables please call Marion on 890848 or Pam on 892194

## **Quiz Party**

Friday 21st November Stalisfield Village Hall

The Stalisfield Quiz Masters are limbered up to go. The date is set. All that is needed is for you to gather yourselves into groups of up to six bright minds and phone Ian on 01795 890475 to register your intention to take on Stalisfield's brainiest, in a contest of unbelievable scope, in the brand new village hall. Proceedings start at 7.30pm sharp.

Despite the undoubted testing quality of the questions, an underlying levity will lead to the usual party atmosphere attended by the awarding of prizes finetuned to the subject matter.

The arrangements retain the familiar form: Teams of up to a maximum of six, with a "pot luck" table to join for those unable to raise a team. Bring your own nibbles and tipples.

As ever the participation fee is £2.50 a head.

Come prepared to leave the hall wiser than you entered.

The magazine for the High Downs Benefice of Eastling, Stalisfield with Otterden, and Throwley www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews

#### The Canon's Column

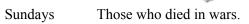
This will be the third in the series on our Christian response to war and violence in the world. As I stated last month, the initial Christian response was non violence and pacifism. This was an easy position to hold when Christians were in the minority and lacked influence or control in society. At the same time it was a challenging position to hold when Christians were being arrested and martyred. But when the Christian church became the main religion of the society and Christian leaders became responsible for the general good of all people, it became difficult and dangerous to insist on non-violence and pacifism as the only way of dealing with the problem of violence, invasion and attacks on their There was a struggle of conscience when dealing with the problem of violence and warfare.

The early Christian philosophers and theologians began to understand that warfare and humanity's inhumanity to humanity was part of humanity's sinful nature and that this was going to continue until the great final conflict when evil will be defeated for all time and Christ will return in the new creation.

But rather than just abandon pacifism and follow the basest of emotions and reactions into blind violence, warfare and destruction, these Christian thinkers developed criteria for a justifiable war. This criteria had two parts. The first set of criteria consists of the moral guidelines and considerations related to the decision to enter war, jus ad bellum.

# Prayer **Pointers**

#### November 2014



The start of Advent, a Mondays season of hope.

Our benefice and those Tuesdays

who serve it.

The Ebola outbreak, that Wednesdays it may be contained.

Thursdays Peace and understanding where there is conflict.

For parish prayer and Fridays study groups.

Saturdays Dementia patients and those who care for them. A war is justifiable if:

- 1. it has been undertaken by a lawful authority.
- 2. it is to right a clearly and widely understood wrong – (such as the invasion of a weak neighbour).
- 3. it is the last resort when all peaceful means have failed.
- 4. it will achieve more good than the destruction it will inflict.
- 5. it is waged with right intention (not for own gain).
- 6. it will have a reasonable hope for justice and victory.

There is a second set of criteria for how a war is to be conducted once it is entered into, jus in bello. For a war to be accepted under this set of criteria the fighting of the war must follow certain rules which include:

- 1 only combatants are to be attacked, civilians are to be protected.
- 2. the amount of force used is to be proportionate or appropriate to win and not aimed to completely destroy.
- 3. those who surrender must be protected and treated humanely.

- 4. the weapons used must not be intrinsically evil, that is, cause unrestricted harm or destruction. Chemical and biological weapons as well as land mines, weapons that cause irreparable wounds, genocide, mass rape, torture are part of the list of weapons and means classified as intrinsically evil.
- 5. deliberate destruction of culturally significant buildings, artifacts, art and heritage.

Our Christian response to the threat of violence and war is not just a tit for tat reaction. As Christians our goal is peace and iustice. Sometimes that is available to us through various means that come out of the movement of Christian pacifism. At other times, Christians reluctantly have to consider why, when and how we will engage in armed conflict. This is done using the criteria of the Just War Theory and the wide body of International Humanitarian Law (including the Geneva Convention) that has evolved from it.

Blessings. Canon D J Lawton



#### Retirement

Join us in Eastling Church at 10am on Sunday 30th November, when we say 'Thank you' to Reverend Angela Cheeseman for her years of hard and challenging, but hopefully happy work in our parishes as curate and chief puppeteer.

Angela was ordained Deacon in Canterbury Cathedral on 2nd July 2005 and as Priest on 2nd July 2006 when Rowan Williams, then Archbishop of Canterbury came to St. Mary of Charity, Faversham for that special occasion.

Thank you Angela, your faith has helped so many.

#### **Congratulations Hugh**

25 years (and counting!) as Reader in our parishes.

Licensed in 1989 by the Right Reverend Richard Third, Bishop of Dover, Hugh Perks has ministered in the old benefice with Ospringe and now in this



High Downs benefice with Throwley, Eastling and

Stalisfield with Otterden. Hugh is also responsible for the

excellent guide in



Church and for the many drawings of

our churches, all detailed with the precision eye of an architect.



#### **NOVEMBER AT** THE CARPENTERS ARMS

8th--7pm approx: Fireworks opposite the Carpenters, BBQ, Free Live music 'Bande-Apart'.

D.T.B.F--8:30pm approx: Free Live music from local band 'LAKOTA'. More live music booked for December and of course our traditional NYE Disco.

> carpentersarmseastling.co.uk 01795 890234



The Plough Inn, Stalisfield; a family run, independent, award winning pub & restaurant

offering locally sourced food & a selection of locally produced drinks.

#### November events!

2<sup>nd</sup> November - Bonfire night, pub open for drinks from 6 to 8pm

4th November - Vodka & Gin evening hosted by Sipsmith, sample and understand all there is to know about Vodka & Gin. Richard will be preparing light bites to compliment the drinks.

8th November - Farmers Market from 10am to 1pm, come and purchase your locally source produce direct from the Growers. The pub will be open for breakfast so why not make a morning of it or lunch served until

Snuggle up by the fire in our new lounge area coming soon with pub classics served in the evenings as well as lunch. New menu for winter warmth!

A few tables left for Christmas Day, save the washing and cooking this year and relax while we look after you. Larger family pre/post-Christmas events - we can cater for all number up to 120 for your festive meals. Check out our website for more details.



Stalisfield Road, Faversham. ME13 0HY Tel: 01795 890 256

info@theploughinnstalisfield.co.uk

#### The Alma, Painter's Forstal Christmas at the Alma

Homemade, fresh produce and a warm, friendly and festive welcome await you. Our Christmas menu is now available from 1st - 23rd December including Sundays.

Christmas menu from £17.95 per person Bookings are now being taken. Call 01795 533 835 or email:

clareannand@hotmail.co.uk

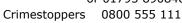
Our regular SUNDAY QUIZ, takes place every 5-6 weeks, pay £1 to play and 1 raffle prize for each table, all proceeds going a charity of the quiz master's choice. Winning team sets and hosts the following quiz. Next quiz is Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 8.00pm start.

JAZZ AT THE ALMA. Tuxedo are back at the Alma on Tuesday 11th November, get into the swing and book your table to avoid disappointment. Call 01795 533 835. Food from 7.00pm, music starting at 8.30pm

The Alma, Tel No: 01795 533 835 Email: clareannand@hotmail.co.uk Richard, Clare, Teresa, Libby and Lucy look forward to hearing from you

#### Eastling **Neighbourhood Watch**

Village Warden: 07794 010394 or 01795 890848



Swale Police 101 **Emergency 999** 

With the onset of Winter and the early evening being darker, now is the time to check lights, antifreeze and make sure that the de-icer is to hand on your motor vehicle.

Kent Police have issued a warning of a significant rise in the stealing of dogs over the past year. I would suggest that all dogs are certainly microchipped and that you keep them well in sight, especially in the fields or woods.

The clocks have gone back by the time vou receive this news, so please make sure that any security lights etc., which rely on timing, are adjusted.

Have a good month Take care, Alan.

#### Christmas Lights Night Market

Faversham Market Place Saturday 29th November, 5,30 - 10pm A night food and craft market to celebrate the switch-on of Faversham Christmas Lights.

Expect fairy lights, tables to sit at, live music and mulled wine and cider.



#### **Otterden Parish Committee Autumn Meeting &** Otterden Neighbourhood **Watch Meeting**

To be held on Wednesday 12th November at 7.30pm at The Harrow, Warren Street. All Welcome.

David Murray

#### **EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish Council met on 24th September 2014. It was agreed to register The Carpenter's Arms as a Village Amenity to protect it from sale by Shepherd Neame in the future.

Highway repairs to Mill Lane were currently being carried out. The External Annual Audit had been successfully returned. There were still issues with the non-reinstatement of footpaths by Belmont in the parish. The Farm Manager would be approached and would be asked to the next PC meeting.

The next meeting of Eastling Parish Council will be on Wednesday 5th November 2014 at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall. Residents are always welcome to attend any meeting. Jill Seaman, Clerk to the Council

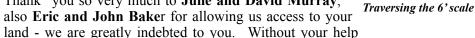
Jseaman444@btinternet.com

The Southern Alsatian Training Society held their Kennel Club Licensed Open Dog Trial in this area for

a second year, from 18th to 21st September, as last year was so successful. As the Stalisfield Village Hall was being re-built, David and Julie Murray kindly allowed us to use part of the

office area at Snoad Farm as the Base, with the adjoining field being used for the Control and Agility exercises (shared with the pigs and turkeys!). The Tracking took place on fields supplied by Snoad Farm and Hurst Farm.

Thank you so very much to Julie and David Murray, also Eric and John Baker for allowing us access to your



there would be no Trial. The Otterden Estate Gamekeeper Garry, was also very understanding and helpful - thank you. **Polly and Dave** at The Carpenters Arms, Eastling gave us a lovely welcome when we held our dinner for the Judges and Helpers on the Saturday evening, which everyone enjoyed. The

food was lovely.



The ten minute down stay, with owners out of sight.

Our Members travel long distances to be with us. they all were impressed by the welcome and wonderful area in which we are fortunate to live.

**Sharon Carter** Secretary to the Southern Alsatian Training Society.

# Services in our Churches

# The High Downs Benefice

#### 2nd November All Saints

Revelation 7.9 - 17, 1 John 3.1 - 3, Matthew 5. 1 - 12

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

Stalisfield 4 pm All Souls' Service

#### 9th November Remembrance Sunday

Amos 5. 18 - 24, 1 Thessalonians 4. 13 - 18, Matthew 25. 1 - 13

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Eastling 10.30 am Remembrance Freestyle Throwley 10.45 am Remembrance Service

## 16th November 2 before Advent

Zephaniah 1. 7,12-18, 1 Thessalonians 5. 1-11, Matthew 25. 14-30

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)
Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

## 23rd November Christ the King

Ezekiel 34. 11-16, 20-24, Ephesians 1. 15-23, Matthew 25.31-46

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling 10 am CaféStyle in Church
Stalisfield 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)
Throwley 10 am Holy Communion (BCP)

#### 30th November Advent

Isaiah 64. 1 - 9, 1 Corinthians 1.3 - 9, Mark 13. 24 - 37

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling 10 am Benefice Communion and
Celebration of Angela's ministry in our parishes

#### 7th December Advent 2

Isaiah 40. 1 - 11, 2 Peter 3.8 - 15a, Mark 1. 1 - 8

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

Stalisfield 3 pm Crib Service

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

Rector Revd Canon Donald J. Lawton (01795 890487)
The Rectory, Newham Lane, Eastling ME13 0AS

Non Stipendiary Minister with Permission To Officiate

Reverend Angela Cheeseman (01795 892124)

(01795 890412)

New House Farm, Eastling ME13 0BN

Norman Fowler 4 Meesons Close, Eastling

Reader Hugh Perks (01795 890603) Weald Cottage, Eastling

#### **Churchwardens**

**Eastling** Andrew Baxter (01795 890598) Assistant Warden Steve Youle (01795 890368)

Parish Administrator

Reader

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** Maggie Scutt (01795 890312)

Alastair Malcolm (01795 890258)

# From the Registers

#### Wedding

Hadley Polhill and Tatyana Haralampieva 27th September 2014 at Throwley

#### **Interment of Ashes**

Patrick Sherwood Harkness Browne 18th October 2014 at Stalisfield

## Midweek Groups

**Tuesdays:** Monthly study group, 11am Tuesday 11th November Garden Cottage, Eastling 01795 890368

**Tuesdays:** Weekly study group, 7.30pm Pinks Farm, Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

**Thursdays:** Weekly prayer group, 10.30am Pinks Farm, Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

**Fridays:** Weekly study group, 11am 6 Kettle Hill Cotts, Eastling. 07780 661275

You will be welcome at any of our groups.

#### **HOGBEN & PARTIS LIMITED**

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#### Harvest Supper

The fields of Stalisfield were ploughed and the seed scattered at the harvest supper. It was most fitting that a Stalisfield Village event was the very first function to be held in the spacious new village hall. Those whose efforts lead to the successful funding and building of the hall received due recognition in a short address by Tracy, the Chair of the trustees who named those most nearly associated with the project whilst emphasizing that a long line of active members had worked hard to achieve the splendid result plainly in view. Without also the support of the whole village the will to succeed would have been much diminished.

The company then spent a couple of happy hours at supper with lively conversation before Ray and Alan mounted the stage to entertain with music and song with audience participation. Maggie and Elaine provided voice and some fancy footwork to inspire energetic members of the company to execute a lively progressive group dance under instruction from Ray followed by general applause.

Much interest appeared to have been aroused in individuals for the holding of regular events. The new hall is eminently suited to gatherings of specialist groups and meetings and already a few bookings are in place.

The evening wound down to close on a happy group of people.

# Stalisfield Highlife

#### Stalisfield Village Hall Open Day

A well attended Open Day on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October officially presented the new hall in style to the public. A brisk throughput of visitors enjoyed inspecting the hall and sampling the fine cake display. There were many expressions of appreciation of the quality of the build.

Visitors from close lying villages seemed particularly interested in taking advice with a view to applying our experience to advantage. An interchange of visitors between the market on the Green and the Open Day benefitted both.

Conversation in the hall was lively. Cat Horn circulated with her clipboard taking note of suggestions for activities which could be staged for the benefit of various sectors of society or for the general improvement of village social interaction.

All in all the open day more than fulfilled its purpose.



#### The Next Event will be

The Launch Party for Our Magnificent New Village Hall. www.stalisfieldvillagehall.co.uk

Our new village hall will be duly declared open and ready at the official launch on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November in the evening at 8 o'clock. It will be a community event on a fare-to-share basis. Everyone is invited to turn up bearing moderate quantities of goodies and bottles with the intention of sharing.

All are welcome to launch the Stalisfield New Hall

# We did it!

Some of you will remember the very gifted Nick Ash, now Reverend Ash, from Faversham who led the music at our camps in times past. Here is an update on his work:

#### **CHAPLAINS BEHIND BARS - with Young Offenders**

Two prison chaplains share their experience of ministry.

When you pass an old prison, the forbidding presence of its perimeter walls, the looming frown of its buildings and its barred windows, can be forbidding. It may console you that the inmates are safely removed from society, but what of these prisoners themselves, as human beings? Prisoners on arrival are normally seen by a chaplain within 24 hours. Chaplains must be good listeners and nonjudgemental. Some inmates they encounter are hard and embittered. Many are lost: confused and floundering in hurts and grievances that have undermined them, tormented by guilt, grieving at separation from loved-ones. Some have self-harmed or attempted suicide. Chaplains seek to be with Christ in the midst.

Normally chaplains work in a multi-faith team; a full-time chaplain is coordinator. None of them compromises their own faith but all seek to work collaboratively.

The Medway Secure Training Centre is run by G4S for 12 to 18 year-old youths, male and female. The Anglican lead chaplain is the Rev. Nicholas Ash, who loves his role. He senses in many a latent spiritual longing; often prisoners are amazed at the interest he takes in them. Sometimes he prays with them. Frequently he discerns what he calls "a residue of faith". He is asked profound questions like, "How do I know Jesus is with me?"

chaplain and a predecessor to Nick at the Training Centre, echoes Nick's approach. When people are incarcerated he believes they often become more spiritually aware. Occasionally prisoners are baptised and confirmed. He points out that pastoral and spiritual care has always been integral to the life of a prison. In medieval times prisoners were held in designated areas in monasteries. "That's where the term 'cell' comes



release.

from", he says. Chaplains also have an important role in preparing prisoners for

PRAY

FOR

THOSE

PRISON

Ministry in prison is often one-to-one, but group activities include Bible studies and other courses. At the heart is chapel worship. Nick is assisted on Sundays by worship teams from local churches; some bring music groups, and individuals share from their own experience of God. Other volunteers are befrienders, designated to a particular prisoner whom they visit fortnightly; this can be demanding. Former prisoners share how they have turned their life around, encouraging others to believe they could do the same.

The Prison Fellowship supports 1,900 volunteers. Contact them on-line at www.prisonfellowship.org.uk to explore ways you could become involved in your locality, or join a ministry of prayer.





#### **Christmas Workshop at Belmont House** Wednesday 3rd December 11am till 3pm

Get in the mood for Christmas with our special workshop. Create your own seasonal wreath to take home and hang proudly on your door.

Coffee and mince pies will be served on arrival. At lunchtime, you can enjoy a hearty soup after which we will be making festive table decorations. £35.00pp including tuition, materials and refreshments.

#### Spaces are limited so book your place now!

Please call 01795 890228 or email events@belmont-house.org Please note a deposit will be required when making a booking.

> Belmont House & Gardens, Throwley, Faversham, Kent ME13 oHH www.belmont-house.org

> > **Short Mat Bowls**

Every Friday in Eastling Village

hall between 2.30 - 4.30pm or

7.30 - 9.30pm.

New members are always

welcome, no previous experience is needed,

just wear a pair of flat soled shoes. Come

along and try something different, contact

Roy Piles on 01795 532756 for more

The club also has a competition team which

played for the Graham Barrow Trophy, an

annual event between Tunstall and Eastling.

The trophy was donated by Graham's wife, in

his memory and Eastling did well to win. With

three mats in play, the twelve players from

each side had a most enjoyable evening

playing in good spirit throughout, well done

It is start of the new season in both the East

Kent and Swale Leagues. The Eastling

Cherries played Stockbury at home in the

Swale League, winning 12 points to 2 points,

then came an East Kent League game

against Capel with Des Briggs, Bryan Searly

& Roy Piles winning their mat, gaining 4

points to Eastling. Sadly, on the return match

at Capel and we lost on both mats, giving 6

points to Capel, so came home with no

points. The advantage of playing at home

At a competition run in the Ashford Road

Community Centre, Canterbury, on 12th

October, Eastling were represented by John

Graham, George and Pat Manthorpe. They

said even though they did not come

anywhere they enjoyed themselves and that

is what it is all about. Well done to them for

information.

Eastling.

really counts.

taking part.

#### **HARVEST AUCTION**

Due to the generosity of those donating and bidding, the sum of over £700 was raised. Happy Endings Rescue at Painters Forstal have already received £350 with the balance going to the Seniors' Christmas Lunch.

Special thanks to Paul Adams and Alan Willson for conducting the auction and to Dave at the Carpenters Arms for hosting it.

Eastling Seniors' Lunch Committee

#### Turned into...?

The Sunday School story was about Lot's wife who was turned into a pillar of

salt. One little boy's arm shot up. "Yes, Jeremy?" said the teacher. "Please, Miss," said Jeremy, "My Mum looked back once when she was driving home – and she turned into a lamp post."

Macmillan Coffee Morning September 26th at Manor Orchard. Eastling

Thank you to everybody who came to the coffee morning and to all those who donated. The amazing sum of £275.00 was raised and sent off to the Macmillan Fund.

Many thanks for your generosity. Dorothy Reeve.

# **LEIGH MILES DANCE & FITNESS**



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leigh.fitness@btinternet.com 01795 890149 or 07873 431952



@leighMiles1

**TEYNHAM** 

#### **Christmas Trees 2014**

For the past 2 years the availability of trees had to be restricted, however this year you will be pleased to know that we have a good selection of most types and sizes.

Please contact us by email (preferred) or phone to arrange a time at WEEKENDS from Saturday 8th November to come down and select a tree, which you can collect later nearer Christmas.

As before the arrangement is for you to make a donation for your tree; half is returned to your Parish church and half divided and sent to a dozen or so other charities. Please contact Alison and Peter Howard, Nashs Farmhouse,

Luddenham. ME13 0TQ Email: nashsfarmhouse @btinternet.com

Tel: 01795 532596

#### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

I would like to say a BIG thank you to everyone who helped make our Macmillan Coffee Morning in Stalisfield such a

success. The total raised for this worthy cause was £1000!

Also this is a good opportunity to thank all the people that worked so hard to give everyone such a lovely evening at the Harvest Supper in the New Village Hall. Kim Curtis.

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

On Thursday 13th November Roy Ingleton will give a presentation on Fortress Kent - Defences since the Iron Age How Kent has protected itself from invaders and domestic enemies over the centuries. 8pm the Parish Hall. Station Road. Charing TN27 0JA, doors open at 7.45 pm. Enquiries: Valerie Yeeles 01233 712772, secretary@charinghistory.co.uk www.charinghistory.co.uk

Visitors are welcome at £3.00.

#### Eastling Church Flower Rota

# November 2014

2nd - Tish Neaves & Gilly Freed

9th - Tish Neaves & Gilly Freed

16th - Emma Norwood 23rd - Emma Norwood

30th - Catherine Ochs & Fiona Swatland

Dec 7th - Mel Jordan

#### **Come and sing Carols**

Join the Eastling choir as we prepare for the Christmas Eve Carol Service.

MORE **MEN NEEDED** - ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO CAN READ MUSIC.

Sunday practices start 9th November, 38 5 - 6pm in Eastling church.



# Cantiana

Come and learn some ....

#### **Almost forgotten Carols**

4 weeks from Wednesday 26th November from 1.45 - 3pm Newnham Village Hall £3.50, includes tea and biscuits



#### Otterden and Stalisfield Women's Institute

Firstly we would like to welcome the new ladies how have recently joined, and hope that they may encourage more to join our ranks.

The October Meeting was a talk by Neil Arnold about Spooky Kent. Very amusing talk which was held at The Harrow Inn.

Our next meeting, on Tuesday 4th November, is a Christmas Craft evening with our own, very talented



Carol Morris, and this will be held in the new Stalisfield Hall. Ladies are asked to bring the deposit for their

Christmas meal, thank you.

Anyone wishing to join please contact Stephanie Culver on 890748 or Lesley Andrews on 890581.

#### **EASTLING VILLAGE HALL** To book ring Julia Bailey on 01795 890401

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self-catering occasions.

#### entangled with a character called "Snow White" in a plot based loosely on a fable freely interpreted to reflect the character and characters of the village. Past performances of works staged by these imaginative people leads to the belief that the good, the great and the

Join the family fun in the new village hall on the Green at Stalisfield. Friday and Saturday 12th and 13th of December, 7.30pm

pretentious might just enter the plot.

Stalisfield Footlights

**Pantomime** 

disbelief and surrender to the wacky world of pantomime; a

world where mayhem, mystery, mischief and magic mingle

with mirth. The talented writers of the Stalisfield Annual

Pantomime are refusing to reveal any detail except to hint

that seven dimensionally challenged gentlemen become

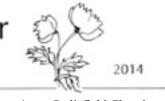
The time is approaching when we prepare to suspend

You dare not miss it

Judith awaits your call at the box office on 01795 890203 or she can be reached by email

judithandandrew@yahoo.com to secure your seat. Tickets are priced at the inflation defying price of £6, children half price. The bar will dispense modestly priced refreshment.

# November



2nd All Souls' Memorial Service 3rd Christmas Workshop 4th Otterden & Stalisfield WI 5th Parish Council meeting 8th Farmers' Market 8th Launch Party 8th Firework Display 9th Remembrance Freestyle 9th Remembrance Service 9th Christmas Choir practices start 5pm Eastling Church 11th Mobile Library 12th Otterden PC & NhW 13th History Society 15th Deadline for November Good News 15th Quiz Night 20th Friends Coffee time 21st Autumn Quiz 23rd CaféStyle 25th Mobile Library 25th Magazine Folding 27th Mobile Library 11.55am - 12.10pm **DECEMBER** 7th Crib Service 3pm 11th Eastling Seniors' Christmas Lunch 12/13th Pantomime

4pm Stalisfield Church 11am - 3pm Belmont House Stalisfield Village Hall 6.30pm Eastling Village Hall 10am - 1pm The Plough, Stalisfield 8pm Stalisfield Village Hall 7.30pm Carpenters Arms 10.30am Eastling Church 10.45am Throwley Church 10.50 - 11.05am Glebe Cottages, Eastling 7.30pm The Harrow, Warren St. 8pm Charing Parish Hall See below 7.30pm Eastling Village Hall 3.20pm Eastling School Hall 7.30pm Stalisfield Village Hall 10am Eastling Church 10.50 - 11.05am Glebe Cottages, Eastling Throwley Forstal Green Stalisfield Church Eastling Village Hall

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# 13th Mobile Library 11.55am - 12.10pm Throwley Forstal Green

2pm Pinks Farm

7.30pm Stalisfield Village Hall

20th Stalisfield Over 60s Tea The NEW Stalisfield Village Hall

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