

St Mary's Church presents...  
**CAFESTYLE**  
 Sunday 12th November  
 10am - 11am  
**Eastling Village Hall**  
 A creative time of worship:  
 Church in a Café setting.  
 worship discussion reflection  
 prayer fellowship

Tea, coffee & yummy nibbles will be available throughout the service, which will include sung worship, times of prayer, with opportunities for discussion & reflection, and space for the youngest & oldest to worship altogether

**favershams foodbank**  
 Help feed local people in crisis  
 favershams.foodbank.org.uk

Please keep making your regular donations  
 We read in our newspapers about how vital emergency foodbank parcels are for those who face sudden financial difficulty or delayed benefit payments. A special thank you to the children of Eastling School who brought foodbank items for their harvest gifts. They were delivered straight away and the organisers asked for their thanks to be passed on to the children and their families.

**Food list for November**  
 Urgent items: tinned rice pudding; cooking sauces; tinned/packet custard; chocolate bars; shampoo; children's toothpaste.



**Good News Magazine**  
 November 2017  
*High Downs Parish*  
 Serving the villages of Eastling, Otterden,  
 Stalisfield and Throwley  
 www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews




*We will remember them*

The Stalisfield Pantomime

*Peter Pan*

Peter Pan and Fairy Dust lead the three Darling children over the rooftops of Stalisfield and away to Neverland - the island where the lost children of the North Downs play. Magic and mischief is in the air but if villainous Captain Hook has his way, before long someone will be swimming with the crocodiles...

Join us for traditional panto fun and mayhem on Friday 8th or Saturday 9th December 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Tickets are £6 adults and £4 children and are available from [peterpan@stalisfieldvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:peterpan@stalisfieldvillagehall.co.uk) or from Sharon on 01795 890415; but don't leave it too late to book as they usually sell out fast!

*'Oh no they don't.....'*

**Bible knowledge**

A minister was approached by his small son who told him proudly, 'I finally figured out what the Bible means!' The minister thought of his extensive theological library and smiled indulgently. He asked his young son what he thought the Bible meant. 'It's easy, Daddy...' the young boy replied excitedly. 'It means **'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'**

**Mouse Makes**

All of God's people are saints ...

*"To those who are made holy in Christ Jesus, and called to be saints, with all those in every place who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours".*  
 from 1 Corinthians 1:2

The Bible tells us that a SAINT is not just a Christian that we think of as special but anyone who believes in Jesus.

... we are all members of the world-wide communion of saints!

Can you find these saints names in the word search above?  
 GEORGE • ANDREW • DAVID • PATRICK • MARY • JOSEPH • MATTHEW • MARK • LUKE  
 JOHN • PETER • THOMAS • JAMES • JUDE • BARTHOLOMEW • PAUL  
 TIMOTHY • PHILIP • STEPHEN • NICHOLAS • MICHAEL • ANNE • ALL SAINTS



SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER AT 10.40 AM  
**SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**  
 AT THROWLEY CHURCH

PLEASE GATHER OUTSIDE BY 10.40 AM WHERE THE NAMES OF THE LOCAL FALLEN WILL BE READ OUT. EASTLING & STALISFIELD PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US



**Archdeacon Stephen Taylor**

will be leading a service of Holy Communion on  
**Sunday 5th November in Eastling Church at 10am**

**Bishop Trevor Willmott**



will be leading a service of Holy Communion on  
**Sunday 10th December in Eastling Church at 10am**

Folk from all our parishes will be very welcome at both services.

**All Souls' Service**

*Remembering our loved ones.*  
**Thursday 2nd November 7pm, in Stalisfield Church.**

All Souls is a time when we 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 contact Jean West on 01233 712270.



**BELMONT HOUSE & GARDENS EVENTS**

**CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Sat 25th & Sun 26th November, 10am – 3pm

Kick off the festive season with a spot of Christmas shopping. We are teaming up with Keep it Local again to bring you a two-day Christmas Market with a variety of locally hand-made gifts and treats.

The tea tent will be open from 10.00am selling homemade cakes and festive delights  
 £2pp including garden entry, children under 16 free! Free parking.



### “When do we get our new Vicar?”

There have been some significant changes taking place within the church here in this community. Some of the change began in 2013 when Eastling and Stalisfield with Otterden parishes separated from Ospringe parish and we joined with the parish

of Throwley to create a new benefice, which we aptly named HIGH DOWNS, due to our geographical location - three parishes making one benefice. It's worth mentioning that a benefice is an Anglican Church term for a group of individual parishes sharing one priest and working together to provide a range of ministry, weekly services other shared resources. Importantly, the Church parish does not have the same boundary or function as the Civil Parish throughout the region as this is run by separately elected local officials.



In June 2017, our priest Revd Donald Lawton and his wife Norma returned to their home in Canada, this created a period of transition and change which we call an 'Interregnum', whereby we begin the process of engaging a new Priest-in-charge, which is an Anglican legal requirement, and establishing a holding period of Governance within the benefice, a duty undertaken by the Benefice Parochial Church Council (PCC) and filtered down to each Church leadership.

The next fundamental change has been that the Benefice of High Downs, which, as previously said, contained the separate parishes of Eastling, Stalisfield and Throwley, has now been superseded by the fulfillment of a legal requirement from 2013, that High Downs formally a benefice of three parishes has now become a single parish of three churches; St. Mary, Eastling; St. Mary, Stalisfield with Otterden and St. Michael and All Angels, Throwley. This means that the newly formed parish relaxes the boundaries between the three churches and is now served by one single governing PCC containing members from each of the three churches. Over this time, the Area Dean, Revd. Stephen Lillicrap, who is also the Priest-in-charge of the neighbouring Kingsdown and Creekside parish, has temporarily assumed the role of Priest-in-charge of High Downs Parish, and with the PCC has put in place a transitional governance arrangement, including

patterns of service in each church and other ministrations, including weddings, baptisms and funerals, whilst we consider the prospects of engaging a new Priest-in-charge.

To advertise and appoint a new Priest-in-charge for the High Downs Parish, we must meet the annual costs that this would entail. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has seen that this will involve raising significant additional funds to cover ministry costs, along with the costs of running and maintaining the church buildings, and any future appointment will be dependent on what the parish can afford. The Church here has a long tradition of having its own dedicated priest, and this would remain the wish of the PCC; however, other options would have to be sought should this prove too much for us financially. For this reason, the PCC is organising a "Stewardship Day" on the 4th February 2018 where further information will be given and a general appeal for funds made. Liz Mullins from the Diocese of Canterbury will lead the appeal and be available to assist in varying ways we can all support the funding of the ongoing ministry of the Church in this community and the continuing upkeep and care of our historic and cherished church buildings.

Steve Youle, Lay Chair of High Downs Parish

### Eastling Church Flower Rota November 2017

- 5th & 12th - Emma Norwood
- 19th - Bay Lees
- 26th - Trisha Smith
- 3rd Dec. - Mel Jordan



### Thank you for your Harvest Contributions.

#### Throwley

From Tricia Bridgeford at Catching Lives, Canterbury:

*I would like to thank you very much, on behalf of Catching Lives, for passing on the recent donation of food from Throwley Church. Please pass on our thanks to all those who donated. We appreciate all the food and other items we receive and it goes a long way in supporting the clients who access our Centre.*

*Catching lives are currently seeing between 45-55 people at the Canterbury Open Centre daily. The dedicated team at the centre, some of whom themselves have experience of rough sleeping, are expert in dealing with the many serious issues which the visitors have or are still facing, whether alcohol, drug, domestic abuse, mental health issues or just a quick downward spiral in their home lives.*

*Every person who seeks help from Catching Lives has a different and often tragic story and is looking for a helping hand where others have turned them away. Although we provide daily human needs, such as food, showers, laundry facilities and clothing, our aim is to help them get back to society and towards a new beginning. Your support is very much appreciated.*

#### Eastling

All the goods brought forward by the children from Eastling school have been taken to Faversham Foodbank. The fruit has gone to Age Concern, Faversham.

### DIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER

### PRAYER SUPPER

FRIDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2017

St Peter & St Paul Church  
Water Lane, Ospringe  
7pm to 10pm

*Prayer connects us to God: the air we all breathe, our magnetic north, our daily bread. Through prayer we are rooted in God and discern a direction of travel. As a diocesan family, we are a praying people, together in community, rooted in a shared life of prayer.*

Please email [janeb89@outlook.com](mailto:janeb89@outlook.com) to book a place.

### Eastling Parish Council

The next meeting will at 6.30pm on Wednesday 22nd November in Eastling Village Hall.

The agenda for the meeting will be posted on the Parish Council notice board and also on the website. Each meeting includes a public participation section where residents can, at the Chairman's discretion, address the Council for up to three minutes on any topic of concern.

Eastling Parish Council would like to remind Eastling residents of the village and council web sites. We do hope you find them useful.

[www.eastlingpc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.eastlingpc.kentparishes.gov.uk) and [eastlingvillage.co.uk](http://eastlingvillage.co.uk)

*Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Hebrews 13:2*

How true such advice can be. Hospitality is an equal partnership, the feel-good factor

of offering it and the delight in receiving it.

HOST UK is a charity whose mission is to give a welcome to international students in British homes for friendship and cultural exchange. Whilst not a faith-based charity, it values the offers of hospitality that result from awareness-raising in Churches through parish news and word of mouth.

Our students are both curious and fascinated by our traditions and happy to fully participate in everyday life. Our international students bring something really special to such a visit and experiences become treasured memories for all and forever.

Whilst we operate all year round Christmas or New Year is an especially valuable time

### Hosting with HOSTUK 2017



to enjoy welcoming guests into your home. Consider what faces the international student *this* Christmas; a lonely hall of residence compounded with the uncertainty of their welcome from a Brexiting Britain. They may also be from a country experiencing conflict or natural disaster and if none of this applies, then they are invariably far from home, family and loved ones.

Hospitality can be offered for one day (daytime only), three days and two nights at the weekend, or at New Year, or four days and three nights during the Christmas festive period.

The choice is yours. **And remember...your offer can be made at any time of the year.**

If you should like to know more please look at our website: [www.host.org](http://www.host.org)  
Or email us on: [info@hostuk.org](mailto:info@hostuk.org)  
Or telephone us on: 020 7739 6292

### Musique Cordiale in Kent

[www.musique-cordiale.com](http://www.musique-cordiale.com)

Information from [pippa@musique-cordiale.com](mailto:pippa@musique-cordiale.com)  
(07976 301443)

#### NEWNHAM CHURCH

Friday 24th November, 7.30pm

#### Best Choruses from The Messiah

Choir and Organ Free entrance

Church of St. Mary of Charity, FAVERSHAM

Saturday 25th November, 7.30pm

#### Handel's Messiah

Festival Orchestra, Choir and Soloists

Conductor Graham Ross

Entrance £10/£15 (under 12's Free)

#### DODDINGTON CHURCH

Sunday 26th

November, 12 noon

#### Schubert String Quintet in C Major

Free entrance

### Beechfields

### Residential Home

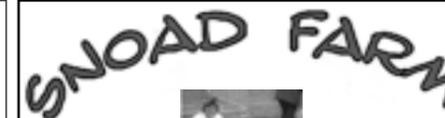
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We are also at the "The Best of Faversham" Farmers' Market on the 1st Saturday of the month.

### Acorn Carriage Hire

*What can you get for someone who has everything? Why not treat them to a 2 hour carriage ride in the beautiful Kent countryside. The Garden of England combined with a quiet and tranquil trip in a horse and carriage, stopping off at one of our local pubs (drinks not included).*

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Tel: 07703 492543 [natasha@acorncarriagehire.com](mailto:natasha@acorncarriagehire.com)



### Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

Village Warden 07794 010 394  
or 01795 890848

Police 101 Emergency 999

In Faversham and surrounding districts there have been quite a few reports of cars and vans being broken into with various valuables stolen from them. Thankfully, we locally have been immune to these occurrences but a reminder to make sure your vehicle is secure and, where possible, all items removed so as to resist any temptations.

A strong reminder that you must keep your dog on a lead in the vicinity of sheep. Should you dog be caught worrying sheep the penalties are high and could end up with the dog being destroyed. I will reiterate that the farmer has the right within the law that they can shoot any animal attacking their sheep. Let's make sure this does not happen please.

I am sure everyone has seen the rise in crime rates, Cyber crime being probably top of the list. Please do not pass your personal details onto anyone of whom you are not 100% sure. If there is any doubt contact 101 or give me a call and it can be resolved.

Have a good month and take care, Alan

## Services in our Churches

### Thursday 2nd November All Souls

Stalisfield 7 pm All Souls Service

### 5th November All Saints

Hebrews 12. 18-24, Matthew 5. 1-12

Eastling 10 am Holy Communion *Celebrant - The Venerable Stephen Taylor, Archdeacon of Maidstone*

### 12th November Remembrance Sunday

Amos 5.18-24, 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end, Matthew 25.1-13

Eastling 10 am CaféStyle in the Village Hall  
*Led by Murray Wilkinson*

Throwley 10.40 pm Service of Remembrance

### 19th November 2nd Sunday before Advent

Zephaniah 1. 7. 12-18 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11, Matthew 25. 14-30

Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)  
*Celebrant - Revd Canon Reg Humphriss*

### 26th November Christ the King

Ezekiel 34. 11-16, 20-24, Ephesians 1.15-23, Matthew 25.31-46

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
*Celebrant - Revd Caroline Pinchbeck*

### 3rd December 1st Sunday of Advent

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

Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer

*Led by Reader Norman Fowler*

### 10th December 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40.1-11, 2 Peter 3.8-15a, Mark 1.1-8

Eastling 10 am Holy Communion

*Celebrant - The Right Reverend Trevor Willmott, Bishop of Dover*

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

### Handel's MESSIAH

Saturday 18th November, 7.30pm  
Canterbury Cathedral

The Girls and Men of Canterbury Cathedral Choir give their debut performance of Handel's famous oratorio, *Messiah*, with period instrument orchestra *The Harmonious Society of Tickle-Fiddle Gentlemen*.

Tickets from [The Canterbury Ticket Shop](#) 01227 787787

## High Downs Parish

Rector Vacant  
Parish Office The Rectory, Newham Lane, Eastling ME13 0AS  
(01795 890487)

Reader Norman Fowler (01795 890412)  
4 Meesons Close, Eastling

Reader Hugh Perks (01795 890603)  
Weald Cottage, Eastling

#### Churchwardens

Eastling Andrew Baxter (01795 890598)

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

Stalisfield with Otterden  
Jean West (01233 712270)

Administrator Sheila Moger (01233 713212)  
E mail: samhawksnest@aol.com

Throwley Deni Martin  
Email: throwleychurchwarden@mail.com

### Midweek Groups

**Tuesdays:** Study group, 9.30am on 14th & 28th  
November at Garden Cottage, Eastling. 01795 890368

**Wednesdays:** Weekly study group, 7.30pm, Beech Close,  
Faversham Info:01795 890338

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

**Fridays:** Weekly study group, 10.45am, New House Farm,  
Eastling. 01795 890629

*You will be welcome at any of our groups.*

## CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

SHELDWICH VILLAGE  
HALL

10.00 am - 3.00 pm

Crafts, goods, cards and specialities - including  
items new this year \* free entry  
Refreshments including home made soups etc



REGISTERED CHARITY 1138960

Friends of Suchana raises funds for excluded rural children in India specifically this year for **classes at Suchana's Community Centre** and **Suchana's mobile libraries** which regularly bring to remote villages: books in their own languages as well as Bengali, a teacher with fully charged laptops and a health worker.



The vicar's alternative to traditional after-service coffee was having a dramatic effect on male church attendance



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extensive menu of restaurant quality food and pub snacks as well as a large range of unique & locally produced drinks.

**Dates for your diary . . . .**

Sunday 5th November -  
**Bonfire night** will be in true tradition at The Plough, bring a 'guy' to sit by the fire with!

Friday 15th December -  
**Live Band night** with Dirty Channel playing some classic rock, the perfect way to get into the Christmas spirit.

Keep up to date by following us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram

Stalisfield Road, Faversham, Kent, ME13 0HY  
Tel: 01795 890 256 Email:  
info@theploughinnstalisfield.co.uk

## The Gardening Group at Charing Surgery

When last we reported on the gardens at the Surgery, we had just received a kind donation of a greenhouse. Over the last few months it has been well used, and with a few little adjustments to the staging, is proving to be a great asset.

The Rose Walk from the A20 to the Surgery did surpass all our expectations with colour and scent, the only draw back was the very dry weather which has I am sure effected most gardens and frustrated gardeners. We still have the country roses in bloom, we hope they will continue to give a good show well into the autumn.

Our vegetable harvest has not been as good as we had expected, perhaps due to the very dry weather. Try as we might, watering has been very hard, watering cans are not really large enough to water all the plants. One day we may be able to arrange to have an automatic watering system, we can but dream!

On morning in late June, two members of the group undertook a survey amongst patients leaving the surgery. We were keen to find out if people knew about the Gardening Group and its purpose. The results were very reassuring, nearly everyone spoken to knew about the Group, all

were very complimentary, saying that they enjoyed sitting in and walking through the gardens on their way to and from the Surgery. Some said they would love to join the Group, but having large gardens of their own made it impossible for them to do more. We would like to thank everyone who took the time to talk to us that day.

We were visited in July by a member of the Kent Wildlife Trust to judge the Gardens in the Wildlife category. At first the thought of being judged did seem very scary, but in reality the lady who came turned the experience into a very pleasant afternoon. To our delight, a few weeks later we found we had won a silver gilt award, and three of the Group are off to Canterbury later in October to the Award Ceremony.

In late September, the Group had an outing to Sarah Raven's garden in Sussex. This was funded by the Partners of the Charing Surgery in recognition of all the hard work and enthusiasm of the members, and for the difference the Gardening Group is making to the patients' lives.

Just a little reminder that the Group is always happy to receive spare gardening tools, at present in particular garden folks/spades and pruning saws. For offers of tools or enquiries about joining the Group, please do contact Jo on 01233 713582.

## Southern Alsatian Training Society



The September Open Dog Trial has come and gone again and our annual Kennel Club Licensed activity signifies the end of the year's events for the Southern Alsatian Training Society. Once again it was well supported by the competitors and helpers who travel long distances to be with us in this lovely corner of the country.

Eric Baker of Hurst Farm supplied us with the majority of the land we needed and David Murray of Snoad Farm supplying us access to his grass fields. I can't thank you both enough.

Stalisfield Village Hall was hired as our Base which, with its marvellous facilities, enabled us to feed all our helpers in the evenings as well. Marianne and Richard at the Plough supplied those attendees with caravans to have a convenient site on which to stay. Thank you.

For the first time, Nina and Graham of Vent House allowed us to use one of their fields for the Control and Agility section of the Tests. It was well received by the Judges and competitors and resulted in some good work by the dogs. Thank you very much.

Sharon Carter  
Below - competitors preparing their dogs for a 2 minute out of sight sit stay.



## Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

Puddings evening on 4th October was an interesting mix of deserts supplied by the Members for us all to try and take samples to those at home. There was quite a chocolate theme, but no desert was doubled up ranging through Lemon Tart with Fromage Frais, Cheesecake, Truffles, Profiteroles, Chocolate cake, Trifle, Apple Tart, Sticky Toffee Pudding..... There were more, but I can't remember them all!

Culminating our events for 2017 sees the ever popular Andrew Higgs returning for a Wine Tasting evening on Wednesday 1st November at 8pm. This starts off a fairly quiet affair, but gets noisier as the evening progresses and as wine is consumed. Andrew is knowledgeable and passionate about the subject of wine, so is a very interesting Speaker. Nibbles are supplied with the wine, guests are welcome at a £5 fee.

Our last Meeting of the year is another popular annual event - Wreath Making in time for Christmas. We are given instruction and purchase basic materials, but supply our own greenery to construct some quite unique wreaths. This will be held on Wednesday 13th December at 7.30pm, a little later in the month due to the Pantomime.

The Otterden & Stalisfield WI will also be celebrating our 10th birthday, so do come along to help us celebrate. Guests welcome at a fee of £2.

We are a friendly group of ladies who meet at Stalisfield Village Hall the first Wednesday of each month, with occasional outings organised as well. If you wish to join us please contact our Secretary, Lesley Andrews on 01795 890581 or our President, Stephanie Culver on 01795 890748.

## Christmas Trees 2017

Last year, 2016, we are very pleased to report that with your continuing support we raised in donations a record £11,460 for just over 250 Christmas trees. This is being given to over 50 parishes in this area and 25 charities largely as listed in previous years.

There will be available a reasonable number of the traditional Norwegian spruce, and the softer, slimmer blue tinge Serbian spruce.

As before, the arrangement is for you to make a donation for your tree; half is returned to your parish church with the balance going to the 25 charities. This is a great chance for you to raise funds for your parish church and some deserving charities at the same time.

Please phone or email us to fix a time and date, preferably at weekends, to visit to select prior to collection nearer Christmas. The trees are growing and will stay in the ground until collected so they stay fresher for longer.

Trees will be available for selection from SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER. **PLEASE CONTACT US TO TELL US WHEN YOU'D LIKE TO COME!**

Alison and Peter Howard, Nashs Farmhouse, Luddenham, Faversham, Kent ME13 0TQ.

Tel 01795 532596, email [nashsfarmhouse@btinternet.com](mailto:nashsfarmhouse@btinternet.com)



## Stalisfield Highlife

Our annual **Seniors' Christmas tea** will be held in Stalisfield Village Hall on Saturday 16th December at 4pm.

Please contact Ian to confirm your attendance or to arrange transportation. Phone Ian on 01795 890475 or email him at [ianmckay1@btinternet.com](mailto:ianmckay1@btinternet.com)

## EASTLING SENIORS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH

With Christmas just around the corner our thoughts are turning to our Christmas Lunch to be held on Thursday 7th December. Anyone over 60, including partners who may be younger, are very welcome and if you are new to the village or have had that special birthday please let us know. If you are able to attend but need a friend or relative to assist you they too are welcome and of course if you would like a meal delivered, perhaps you are not well enough to attend, then this can include a lunch for a friend or relative to share with you.

Faversham Community Choir will be joining us as usual for Carols around the Christmas tree. Invitations will be with you in early November - please reply by 1st December to Dorothy (01795) 890144, Marion 890848 or Pam 892194.

## Painters Forstal with Selling W.I.

We had a fabulous afternoon being shown all the different bags etc that Rosemary Crippin had made from such diverse fabrics as normal, felt, paper and plastic. Very inspirational.

The next meeting is our AGM in Eastling Village Hall, on 21st November at 2pm, when we will also learn about the history of the sponge cake and there will be some cake to try with our tea too! We hope more will come on the committee as the present members are running out of ideas and need some new input.

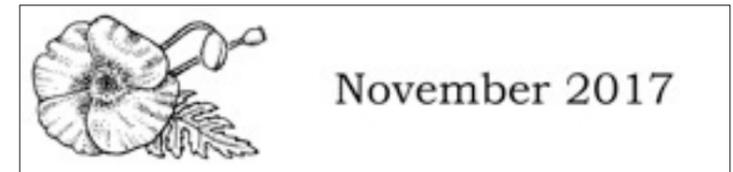
Barbara Elliot 01795 890020

## THANK YOU

After a break of two years the Harvest Auction returned to the Carpenters Arms and it was as if it had never been away. An evening of the usual mayhem ensued with such generosity in both bids and items for auction. Our thanks to Carl and Marc for letting us take over the Carps and a huge thank you to Paul Adams - auctioneer extraordinaire.

The magnificent sum of £775.00 was raised being shared between the Seniors Christmas Lunch and extra facilities for the children's Rainbow Ward at the QEOM hospital at Margate. Thank you everyone who made this such a great evening.

Marion Willson



## WEEKLY EVENTS:

Mondays	Zumba	9.30am	Stalisfield Village Hall
Tuesdays	Table Tennis	7 - 9pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
Alternate Wednesdays	Eastling Walkers	10.30am	Call 01795 892194
Thursdays	Fitness Pilates	9.15am	Eastling Village Hall
Thursdays	Zumba	6.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
Fridays	Short Mat Bowls	2.30pm & 7.30pm	Eastling Hall

## NOVEMBER

1st	Ott/den & S/field W.I.	8pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
2nd	All Souls Service	7pm	Stalisfield Church
5th	Archdeacon Stephen leads service	10am	Eastling Church
9th	Local History Society	8pm	Charing Parish Hall
12th	Choir practices begin	5pm	Eastling Church
15th	Deadline for December Good News		Details see below
21st	Painters Forstal W.I.	2pm	Eastling Village Hall
22nd	Parish Council meeting	6.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
25th	Suchana Christmas Fair	10am	Sheldwich Village Hall
25/26th	Christmas Market	10am	Belmont House
28th	Magazine Folding	2pm	Pinks Farm, Eastling

## DECEMBER

7th	Eastling Seniors' Lunch	12.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
8/9th	Peter Pan Pantomime	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
10th	Bishop Trevor leads service	10am	Eastling Church
16th	Stalisfield Senior's Tea	4pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
17th	Carol Service	5pm	Throwley Church
17th	Carol Service	5pm	Stalisfield Church
24th	Nine Lessons and Carols	4pm	Eastling Church

## CONTACT THE EDITOR

If you would like to advertise in the December 2017 magazine, submit articles or stories for publication, or would like any forthcoming events publicised, send your contribution by 15th November to: Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, Faversham, ME13 0BA. Tel: 01795 890338. Where possible, please submit your entry by email: [goodnewsmagazine@me.com](mailto:goodnewsmagazine@me.com)

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## Charing Local History Society Behind the Scenes at Leeds Castle

A look at the original interior design and the recent refurbishment - Annie Kemkaran-Smith

Thursday 9th November in the Parish Hall, Station Road, Charing, Kent. The talk starts at 8pm, doors open at 7:30pm and visitors are welcome at £3 each.

[www.charinghistory.co.uk](http://www.charinghistory.co.uk)



## Short Mat Bowls

We started this season's East Kent league fixtures with our first game on 2nd October away against Hoverspeed, they play at Broadstairs. Des Briggs, Bryan Searley and Roy Piles won their game by 20 shots to 7. Eileen Piles, Chris Smith and John Graham only just lost, so we came back home with 4 points.

They then came to Eastling on 20th October and again Des, Roy, along with John Hobbs won on the last end 15 shots to 12. But, going through a bad patch, Eileen, Chris and John lost their game and Hoverspeed went home delighted with 4 points. Our next game on 27th October is away to Ash; report next month. In the mean time Roy played with Neil Faulkner in the Kent Domestic Pairs and won every game to go on to play in the final later on next month, we're keeping our fingers crossed for a good result.

New members are always welcome to join in the Friday sessions in Eastling village hall; 2.30 - 4.30pm and 7.30 - 9.30pm. Just bring along a pair of flat soled shoes to wear. Contact Roy Piles on 01795 537162



## Christmas Eve

### Eastling Carol Service

Come and join our choir - it's a once in a year opportunity!

Sunday practices starting in Eastling Church on 12th November, 5-6pm.

(No practice on 3rd December)



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## BELMONT HOUSE & GARDENS EVENTS

### CHRISTMAS MARKET

Sat 25th & Sun 26th November, 10am – 3pm

Kick off the festive season with a spot of Christmas shopping. We are teaming up with Keep it Local again to bring you a two-day Christmas Market with a variety of locally hand-made gifts and treats. The tea tent will be open from 10.00am selling homemade cakes and festive delights

£2pp including garden entry, children under 16 free! Free parking.

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### EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

To book ring Hayley on 01795 890968  
[www.eastlingvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.eastlingvillagehall.co.uk)



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

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

### Village Hall notes

A note for your diaries. There is to be a **quiz night** at Eastling village hall on Saturday 27 January 2018. The proceeds will be split between the hall and another good cause - to be announced. Further details and timings will follow but please reserve the date for some New Year fun.

Four of the large folding tables are missing from the village hall and have been for some time. These are expensive to replace - over £100 each! If you have one lurking in your garage or spare room which you have been meaning to return for some time, please do so without further delay (contact Hayley on tel: 890968 or email [eastlinggrump@gmail.com](mailto:eastlinggrump@gmail.com) to arrange). Consider this an amnesty - no questions asked! Many thanks.