

# Eastling School News

As the winter starts to draw in, Eastling school starts to provide a wider range of indoor activities for its pupils as after school clubs. Our very popular cinema club continues each Friday evening and we also take part in the Schools' Film Festival .

October 6th-10th marks our maths week when we have special activities linking with mathematics, including a grounds maths trail and a mathematical magician (Tony Charles)

The school Harvest Festival takes place in the school hall on Friday 10th October and all our parents are welcome to come and delight at the children's musical and dramatical performances.

We have a particular 'open' feel the next week with the annual school open day on Tuesday 14th October, between 1.30-4.30pm, which allows any parents with young pre-schoolers to come and see what a delightful, well resourced and friendly school we are. On the Thursday 16th October is our invite to all current parents for our first "Book Look", when they can have a tour of the school from their own children who will show them all their books and current work on the walls. On Friday 17th we have our first "Stay and plan" event for parents in Leopards' class, where the content of the next class unit will be planned in partnership with parents.

Term ends on Thursday 23rd October so that staff can attend an inset day all about computers and the new programming curriculum the next day.

Children at Eastling school were able to take up the kind and generous offer from Colyer Farm to pick apples from their orchards. This was a community event for the children with each class travelling across to the orchard and bringing back their pickings. Mr Walsh, Head teacher at the school, explained that this had become an annual event with the apples being used in school based cookery projects, noticeably the making of apple tarts and crumble.

The picture shows Louis, from Leopards' class, with a range of apple sizes collected.





**Mouse Makes**

**GOD'S WORD FOR US**

"All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults, and giving instruction for right living, so that the person who serves God may be fully qualified and equipped to do every kind of good deed."

2 Timothy 3:16-17



**READ**

Psalm 119:105

Proverbs 30:5,6

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## Harvest Festival Stalisfield Church

Sunday 5th October  
10 am

All Age Service with readings  
and songs for children

## Stalisfield v Eastling Tug-of-War

Stalisfield Green  
Sunday 5th  
October  
11.45am

More Pullers needed - for the  
Stalisfield team call 01795 890256  
Eastling team call 01795 890234

## Stalisfield Highlife Harvest Supper

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October. 7.30pm

We were a tad optimistic in last month's GOOD NEWS in anticipating occupancy of the new hall before the end of September. The possibility that compliance with all conditions and permits for public use would not be met in time forced postponement by a week.

Nevertheless we still have much to celebrate. The hall build came in on time, the Big Lottery Fund cut years from our anticipated fund raising efforts and, of course, the all important harvest is home.

Come join us on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October in the new hall on the Green at Stalisfield for convivial company, good food and harvest music. The bar will serve modestly priced drinks.

Tickets are priced at £6, children half price. Make sure of your place by telephoning Tracy on (01795) 890007, recording a message if necessary. Email bookings can be made on [tracydove@dovetailpolymers.com](mailto:tracydove@dovetailpolymers.com)

\* **Previous bookings** to Shirley by email may have gone astray. If you used this method to book with Shirley, please check with Tracy. Other bookings should be fine.

# Good News

## Parish Magazine

October 2014



## Harvest Festival

Eastling Church

Sunday 12th October  
10.30 am,

with children's puppet show.

## HARVEST AUCTION

SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 8pm

at The Carpenters Arms, Eastling

ALL WELCOME

Once again it is proposed to hold a charity auction at the time of the harvest in the Carpenter's Arms with the proceeds going to the Eastling Seniors' Christmas meal and the Happy Endings charity.

Thanking those who have provided sterling support and assistance in past auctions, may we ask once more for your generous help.

All donated items will as usual be greatly received and very much appreciated.

This is an open invitation to all asking you to come to the local hostelry and have a great evening whilst bidding generously for the offered treasures and we hope you will be able to attend.

Please bring any donated items to the Carpenter's Arms during our open hours, where we will be happy to store them until auction day.

Any perishables, please donate on the auction day for their inclusion.

Thank you.

The magazine for the High Downs Benefice of Eastling, Stalisfield with Otterden, and Throwley  
[www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews](http://www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews)

## YoungStyle

half an hour of fun and  
worship

Sunday 26th October  
10am

Eastling Church

All young at heart  
welcome



The Canon’s Column

Often when we come to Church, we hear scriptures read which seem to be completely out of touch with the world in which we are living. This recently happened and it gave me the opportunity to do a teaching sermon on part of the large topic I introduced in this column last month, when I discussed the two classic Christian positions on war. Now I would like to elaborate on the topic of Christian pacifism. This was the earliest position of the Christian Church.

The two lessons that precipitated this discussion were Romans, chapter 13 and Matthew, chapter 18, verses 15-22. In the lesson from Romans, Paul is encouraging the early Christians of Rome to live their lives by the axiom and attitude of love. “He who loves his neighbour”, that is all others following on from Jesus’ teaching in the parable of the Good Samaritan, “satisfies or fulfils all claims of the Law.” In our gospel reading, we hear Jesus telling us how to deal with problem people in our community and how great our willingness to forgive should be.

Each of the Christian responses to War has a scriptural and theological foundation. I will deal with the much more familiar Just War Theory at a later date. These lessons provide a basis for an understanding of Christian pacifism.

The Matthew passage is really about reconciliation between people in a community, or a church, who have fallen out. Jesus says to the disciples, “If you have a problem work it out, start by trying to work it out privately,

then confidentially with trusted representatives of the community and if all else fails, bringing it out into the public as the last alternative to disfellowship and separation.

When we read this we need also to read a little further on to Jesus response to Peter about forgiveness. “How many times am I to forgive my brother? Seven times?” Jesus’ reply is “77 times.” I don’t know about you but I would find it difficult to keep count. Whenever we talk about forgiveness, we need to remember the prayer Jesus taught us, “forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.”

One commentator has written, “If we do not learn to forgive then we will not be forgiven, we will not be part of the new reality, the new people, brought into existence by Jesus,” and this is the important part of this quote, “to forgive and to be forgiven is not some crude exchange bargain to ‘get on with life,’ but rather to participate in a political alternative that ends our attempts to secure our existence through violence.” (In Matthew, Brazo Theolock Commentary on the bible, 2006).

Stanley Hauerwas, the American Mennonite theologian and ethicist, goes on to say clearly and concisely that forgiveness is: “Being part of a community with a process like Matt 18. 15-20, in place means that we get to take part in the life of a people that resolves wrong doing and conflict in a particular way – one that encourages confession, repentance and reconciliation – rather than simply killing the offender.”

This is based on a simple understanding that we all stand before God as sinners in need of forgiveness. As Christians, our identity is defined as a forgiven and

reconciled people and therefore we must live as forgiving and reconciling people. Jesus knows our human nature; there are going to be problems, disagreements and conflict within society. Rather than condemn his followers to ongoing guilt, he gives them supportive instruction on how to deal with the problems that come up.

The application of this to our world situation, to what we read in the newspapers and hear on radio and television is not easy. Forgiveness is not easy, true repentance is even harder. The goal is really new life, a new way to do things. The true Christian pacifist is looking for a new order based on the example and teachings of Christ.

For the conclusion, I want to quote from Deitrich Bonhoeffer’s ‘The Cost of Discipleship’.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. The followers of Jesus have been called to peace. When he called them they found their peace, for he is their peace. But now they are told that they must not only have peace but make it. And to that end they renounce all violence and tumult. In the cause of Christ nothing is to be gained by such methods. ... His disciples keep the peace by choosing to endure suffering themselves rather than inflict it on others. They maintain fellowship where others would break it off. They renounce all self-assertion and quietly suffer in the face of hatred and wrong. In so doing they overcome evil with good and establish the peace of God in the midst of a world of war and hate. But nowhere will that peace be more manifest than where they meet the wicked in peace and are ready to suffer at their hands. The peacemakers will carry the cross with their Lord; for it is on the cross that peace was made. Now that they are partners in Christ’s work of reconciliation, they are called the sons of God as He is the Son of God.”

Donald Lawton, Rector

Eastling Flower Rota  
October  
2014

- 5th - Bay Lees
- 12th - **Harvest** all hands please. Communal decorating on Saturday 11th at 10am.
- 19th - Janet Bryant
- 26th - Janet Bryant
- 2nd Nov - Tish Neaves/Gilly Freed

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.



The Carpenters  
Arms

Halloween  
Disco

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October from 8pm.

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- 11th October Harvest Charity Auction.
- 18th October Live music “Under the Wood”.
- 31st October Hauntingly Scary Halloween Disco.
- 8th November Eastling village fireworks night, BBQ and live music with “Band Apart”.

Hadlow College hosts a ‘Fracking’ Debate

Wednesday 26th November

- Shale gas, extracted by hydraulic fracturing – ‘Fracking’ – may have the potential to secure the UK’s energy requirements for a very long time.
- Extracting shale gas in this way is controversial, most especially in relation to potential environmental consequences.
- The debate will be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014 and admission is free.
- Location – Hadlow College Animal Management Unit Lecture Theatre, Ashes Lane, Hadlow, TN11 0AU.
- 6.00pm – Networking and buffet supper (contributions welcome).
- 7.00pm – Debate.
- There will be a vote before and after the debate.
- Three ‘for’ and three ‘against’ speakers will argue the motion.
- If you would like the opportunity to speak either ‘for’ or ‘against’ the motion please contact Pat Crawford: 01732 852243 or email pat.crawford@hadlow.ac.uk.
- There will be an opportunity for views and opinions to be expressed by members of the audience.
- Everyone welcome but pre-registration is essential – to register call 01732 852243 or email pat.crawford@hadlow.ac.uk – Deadline for registration is 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2014.

For further information and/or interviews contact Pat Crawford, Press Officer, Hadlow College, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 0AL. pat.crawford@hadlow.ac.uk 07771 635684.

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Following on from my August report, police enquiries have resulted in two persons being arrested and property recovered in the Faversham/Whistable area. Hopefully my broken strimmer is not amongst this property as I do not require it back.

The local Rural Police Team has been proactive within our local area and will continue to do so.

The nasties namely those hare coursing have been active in the Eastling area so please, whilst being alert to them, do not approach them; either call the police on 101 or give me a call. If at all possible obtain vehicle nos. I came across 4 men with dogs on the 17<sup>th</sup> Aug not from our area and was able to take vehicle reg and pass onto police for further action.

It has become quite noticeable again, on pavements and footpaths, that owners are not clearing up after their dogs. This is down to persons who live in the village as well as visitors. We all know it is unpleasant so if you notice this happening please give me a ring and we can try and remedy, it does carry a £100 fine and a criminal record .

Have a good month

Take care, Alan.



The Plough Inn, Stalisfield is an idyllic place to celebrate any event – especially at Christmas, a traditional village inn, full of character and enhanced at this time

of year with traditional decorations & log fires. Open for lunch and dinner throughout the festive season with special menus & winter drinks as well as our local real ales and fine wines.

Christmas menus now available and bookings being taken.

**Party menus from £19.50 per person**

**Christmas day lunch £65.00 per person**

**Boxing day lunch from £19.50 per person**

**Monthly farmers’ market in the village hall opposite the pub on the second Saturday of each month– 10am to 1pm, 10 stalls plus.**

**Please support this local initiative to keep our market!**

To keep up to date with all that is happening over the coming months follow us on twitter or facebook or see our new website www.theploughinnstalisfield.co.uk diary page.

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Services in our Churches

The High Downs Benefice

5th October Trinity 16

Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20  
Philippians 3.4b - 14, Matthew 21.33-46

Eastling	8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 am	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	10 am	Harvest Festival

12th October Trinity 17

Exodus 32. 1 - 14, Philippians 4. 1 - 9, Matthew 22. 1 - 14

Eastling	8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Stalisfield	10 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Throwley	10 am	Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling	10.30 am	Harvest Festival

19th October Trinity 18

Exodus 33. 12-end, 1 Thessalonians 1. 1 - 10, Matthew 22. 15 - 22

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

26th October Bible Sunday

Nehemiah 8. 1-4a,(5-6),8-12, Colossians 3. 12-17, Matthew 24.30-35

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

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

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(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)  
New House Farm, Eastling ME13 0BN

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

Reader Hugh Perks (01795 890603)  
Weald Cottage, Eastling

Churchwardens

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Assistant Warden Steve Youle (01795 890368)

Parish Administrator Janet Payne (01795 890487)  
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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

Funeral

Ann Newton Gibson  
2nd September 2014 at Stalisfield

Midweek Groups

**Tuesdays:** Monthly study group, 11am Tuesday 14th  
October 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.

Researching part of their family history brought Richard and Tricia Coulson to Stalisfield church.

In July, we came to Stalisfield Church as part of researching our family history and were delighted to be welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. West who kindly opened the church for our visit.



In the churchyard of Stalisfield Church are buried the Rev. Jerome Nicholas Vlieland, Vicar of the parish for 18 years, and his wife Frances Elizabeth. Readers may be interested to learn how someone of Dutch descent came to the village in Kent.

Born in Rotterdam on 27th June 1796, the son of Jan Jansen and Katrina Hollander, Jeroen Nicholaas Hollander, the vicar's father, is said to have come to England as a "refugee". He would have been a well-educated man, as he made his living as a professor of languages and wrote self-study books in French, German, Italian.and dance.

Jeroen Nicholaas married Sarah Heath, the daughter of a wealthy Norfolk landowner, on the 22nd June 1824. It is recorded that he was Sarah's teacher and at first they eloped but were then apparently permitted to marry by licence in Hemblington, Norfolk.

On 13th June 1825, their son Jerome Nicholas was born in Norwich.

Fantastic Acts!

Here is the story of the Book of Acts,

but not like you've seen it before. Fantastic Acts! is the Riding Lights Theatre Company's new show, currently on tour across the UK. Fun, vitality and inspiration abound in this vividly told story of the remarkable lives of the men and women who formed the first churches.

For full tour schedule see [www.ridinglights.org/acts](http://www.ridinglights.org/acts).

On 6th July, 1852 Jerome Nicholas married Frances Elizabeth Samworth in St. Alphege Church, Greenwich, when he was Perpetual Curate of Christ Church, Turnham Green. In 1858 he was appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury to be Vicar of Stalisfield where he and Frances lived for eighteen years and raised their family of three sons and two daughters.

On the 22nd January 1877 Jerome Nicholas died at Stalisfield, the primary cause of death being cirrhosis of the liver. His widow retired to Cogan's Hospital, which was situated on the south side of St. Peter's Street in Canterbury. The hospital was founded in 1657 by Mr. John Cogan, who left his estate for the support and maintenance of six poor widows of clergymen, who had lived in the Canterbury area.



After their deaths, two stained glass windows were installed into the south wall of the Sanctuary in Stalisfield Church.

In September 1857, their son Charles James Vlieland was born in Turnham Green. In 1883 he married Alice Edith Millen, daughter of William and Phoebe Millen (our great grandaunt) of Woodsell Farm, Stalisfield. Charles James was a doctor who later became mayor of Exeter, where Alice Edith was awarded the CBE for her charitable work in the city.

Richard & Tricia Coulson

Stalisfield Wild Life

The Fete

Thank You Everyone for the tremendous effort put in to make the 2014 fete so successful.

Innumerable people contributed to pre-planning and preparation for weeks before and on the day. Tents and shelters borrowed from generous owners lent a mediaeval gaiety to the Green in almost perfect weather. Willing hands erected, decorated and constructed, including Terry's last minute replacement of the lost crockery smashing frame. The North Downs Model Flying Club turned out in style to help commemorate WW1, our good neighbours of Throwley lent us extra tables, Jonathan repeated his annual sterling service with the PA system and the musicians entertained throughout the afternoon. The day was made by all and sundry who ran stalls, competitions and games and by those who donated utilities, services and prizes.

Despite the temporary loss of headquarters, superb organization by the Tracey and Cat team ensured that the 2014 Fete on the Green at Stalisfield rated among the best ever staged. Much of that success was a tribute to the support of those attending who dug deep to raise over £1,700 clear, including donations from the Pimms tent and from the WI teas.

Competition winners included:

Tim and Terry Chapman- senior and junior  
Welly Wanging.  
Jeffrey B. and Hannah Gardner- senior and junior Bagatelle.  
Steve from Sittingbourne- Barrow of Booze draw

Winners of the Big Value Draw were:

Julian Ellis- £100 meal in the Plough, donated by Dovetail Polymers.  
Mandy Southern- Harris Tweed Holdall donated by Lisa Vaughn.  
Kerry Smith- Fish and Chip Takeaway for Four donated by the Plough.  
Kathy- (Ticket 50) Four Hours Hall Hire.

A MUSICAL CONCERT

Fundraising Event at

Champion Hall, Painters Forstal,  
7.30pm on

Friday 3rd October 2014

This is a ticket only event, cost is £7.50, concessions £5, from Muireann on 01795 394105, or call in at The Alma, Painters Forstal.



Modern Halloween celebrations have their roots with the Celtic peoples of pre-Christian times. In those long-ago days, on the last night of October, the Celts celebrated the Festival of Samhain, or 'Summer's End'. The priests, or Druids, performed ceremonies to thank and honour the sun. For there was a very dark side to all this: Samhain also signalled the onset of winter, a time when it was feared that unfriendly ghosts, nature-spirits, and witches roamed the earth, creating mischief. So the Druid priests lit great bonfires and performed magic rites to ward off or appease these dark supernatural powers. Then the Romans arrived, and brought their Harvest Festival which honoured the Goddess Pomona with gifts of apples and nuts. The two

All Hallows Eve or Holy Evening

festivals slowly merged.

When Christianity arrived still later, it began to replace the Roman and Druid religions. 1 November - All Saints' Day - was dedicated to all Christian Martyrs and Saints who had died. It was called 'All Hallows' Day'. The evening before became an evening of prayer and preparation and was called 'All Hallows' Eve', The Holy Evening, later shortened to 'Halloween'. For many centuries, however, fear of the supernatural remained strong. During the Middle Ages, animal costumes and frightening masks

were worn to ward off the evil spirits of darkness on Halloween. Magic words and charms were used to keep away bad luck, and everybody believed that witches rode about on broomsticks. Fortune telling was popular, and predicting the future by the use of nuts and apples was so popular that Halloween is still sometimes known as Nutcrack Night or Snap-Apple Night. Today, Christians have learned to turn to prayer instead of charms to overcome the powers of darkness. And the deeper, true meaning of All Hallows' Eve, should not be forgotten. As Christians, we all draw closer to Christ when we remember and give thanks for our loved ones and for others who have gone before us through the gates of death.





## OPEN WEDNESDAYS

Following the success of our Open Wednesdays this season, we will be extending this until the end of October. There will be guided tours at 11.00am and 1.00pm. Adult £8.00, Concession £7.00 and Children £5.00. The Tearoom will be open from 12.00pm serving light lunches, homemade cakes and cream teas, Please note this is on **Wednesdays only**.

## HALLOWEEN AT BELMONT

**Sunday 26th October 2014,  
12.00pm - 3.00pm**

Spend your Halloween at Belmont House and Gardens where there'll be lots of tricks and treats for all the family.

The afternoon will include a spooky trail around the gardens, pumpkin carving and more! We Hand Crafted Events here doing many different themed arts and crafts for you to enjoy. Fancy dress is most welcome. Adults £5.00 and Children £2.50, all activities included in the price.

**Belmont House & Gardens, Throwley,  
Nr Faversham, Kent ME13 0HH**

**01795 890202**

**www.belmont-house.org**

## Painting and Drawing Classes at Eastling Village Hall

Are you interested in joining a 6 - week course on Thursday afternoons, 1.30- 3.30 pm starting on 6<sup>th</sup> Nov and running to 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2014?

The course is led by artist Sonia McNally who teaches Fine Art at Canterbury Christ Church University, works as an artist in schools and runs artists' retreats. She has a 1st class degree in Fine Art, and is a qualified teacher. For more info [www.soniarnally.co.uk](http://www.soniarnally.co.uk)

### All abilities welcome!

Beginners cover basic drawing and painting techniques and receive a grounding in the use of a range of media, while more experienced artists are challenged with projects in the medium of their choice.

Sonia uses a variety of teaching methods, including demonstrations, one to one tuition, group discussions and critiques. We look the work of contemporary and historical artists.

The cost for the 6 weeks will be £87.50 each, payable in advance.

For further information or to book a place, contact Dot Bromley on 01795 890451 or email [bromley1952@gmail.com](mailto:bromley1952@gmail.com). Please book by 20<sup>th</sup> October.

## Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

Our August meeting was a visit to Otterden Place, which was extremely interesting and we were entertained by a very amusing tour courtesy of Messrs David and Clive Merrifield.

Also in August we had a WW1 themed Tea and Cake Marquee at Stalisfield Village Fete. We had a good afternoon selling our produce, and have donated £130 towards the new Village Hall.

In September we visited Provender, another lovely and interesting House to look around, many thanks to Princess Olga Romanoff. This was followed by Cream teas at Brogdale Tea Room, with some of the largest scones we had ever seen.....

Looking forward, our October meeting is at The Harrow, when our speaker is Neil Arnold talking about Spooky Kent. Guests welcome. Anyone wishing to join our group please contact Stephanie Culver 01795 890748 or Lesley Andrews 01795 890581.

## Charing and District Local History Society

On Thursday 9th October Tony Farnham will give a presentation on **Sailing Barges in their Heyday**

*The river Medway and its working craft.*  
8pm the Parish Hall, Station Road, Charing TN27 0JA, doors open at 7.45 pm. Enquiries: Valerie Yeeles 01233 712772, [secretary@charinghistory.co.uk](mailto:secretary@charinghistory.co.uk)  
[www.charinghistory.co.uk](http://www.charinghistory.co.uk)  
*Visitors are welcome at £3.00.*

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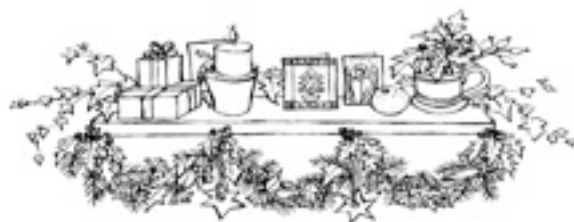
## Eastling Gardeners' Club

meets on Thursday 16th October  
in the village hall at

7.30p.m. for a talk

*'All you want to know  
about roses'* by Peter Cox.

This will be followed by wine and home-made nibbles. Members are free, non-members pay £3.00



## EASTLING SENIORS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH.

Just a timely reminder that this year's lunch will be held on Thursday 11th December. Invitations will be going out in November.

Anyone over 60, including partners who may be younger, are welcome. We will again be delivering a lunch if you are not well enough to attend and this will include a lunch for a friend or relative to share with you at home. Please let us know if you have qualified for our very select club this year or are new to the village.

This lunch is totally funded from donations and fund raising in the village and we look forward to seeing you all again. Contact : Marion on 890848 or Pam on 892194.

## 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, 5 - 6pm in Eastling church.



## FRIENDS of EASTLING SCHOOL

The AGM was held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014 in Eastling School Hall. The new committee will publish details of events for the coming year soon.

Jill Seaman, 01795 890252

## EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2014. The next meeting of Eastling Parish Council will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall.

Residents are always welcome to attend any meeting.

Jill Seaman, Clerk to the Council

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## Painters Forstal with Selling W.I.

will be holding their October meeting at The Champion Hall, Painters Forstal on Tuesday 21st October, 2.15pm - 4pm, when the speaker will be Mark Woollard who will talk about Beekeeping. We are a small but friendly group and are currently in our 77th year. Anyone interested in joining our W.I. can just come along as a visitor. If you wish to join the W.I. in October, you can get 15 months for the price of 12 months, so do please just come along and find out what the W.I. is all about.

## Painters Forstal

## Craft Club

will be holding their next meeting on Wednesday 8th October, 11.15am in the small room at Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal, when there will be a demonstration on making hand cream lotion. Cost for the session will be £3. If you are interested in joining our small group of 'crafters' please phone Pat on 01795 539629 for further information.

## Stalisfield Celebrates

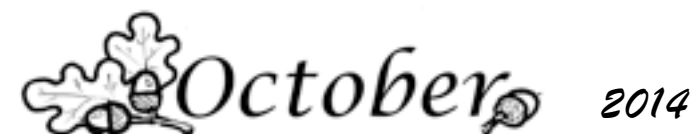
The members of The Stalisfield Village Hall Trust committee are very pleased to announce that the building of the new village hall is now finished and it looks fabulous. There are so many people to thank for their help in getting us to this stage over the last few years, which includes everyone involved in fund raising, survey completing, donating, supporting community events and the list goes on.

Special thanks go to our Building subcommittee - Lisa Vaughan, Bob Bird, Tracey Smith, Tracy Dove and Cat Horn and to our Internal Design Sub Committee- Anna Sheehan, Rose West and Cat Horn (multi tasking) who have all donated their time and passion and worked so hard in the process.



Our thanks also go to our local contractor Solidoak and all the predominantly local sub-contractors who have made our dreams come true. Barry and his team have been so supportive of this project and have donated extra bits along the way, to get us to where we are today.

Please come and join us at our first event which is the harvest supper on 4th October. The hall will also have an open day morning on 11th October to coincide with the Stalisfield farmers market. Please pop in for some tea and cake. Our big launch event is planned for 8th November - more details to follow.



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| 3rd Musical Concert                  | 7.30pm            | Champion Hall                                 |
| 4th Harvest Supper                   | 7.30pm            | The NEW Stalisfield Village Hall              |
| 5th Harvest Festival                 | 10am              | Stalisfield Church                            |
| 5th Tug-of-War                       | 11.45am           | Stalisfield Green                             |
| 8th Craft Club                       | 11.15am           | Champion Hall                                 |
| 9th History Society                  | 8pm               | Charing Parish Hall                           |
| 11th Farmers' Market                 | 10am - 1pm        | The Plough, Stalisfield                       |
| 11th Harvest Auction                 | 8pm               | Carpenters Arms                               |
| 12th Harvest Festival                | 10.30am           | Eastling Church                               |
| 14th Mobile Library                  | 10.50 - 11.05am   | Glebe Cottages, Eastling                      |
| 14th School Open Day                 | 1.30pm            | Eastling School                               |
| 15th Deadline for November Good News |                   | See below                                     |
| 16th Mobile Library                  | 11.55am - 12.10pm | Throwley Forstal Green                        |
| 16th Gardeners' Club                 | 7.30pm            | Eastling Village Hall                         |
| 21st Painters Forstal W.I.           | 2.15pm            | Champion Hall                                 |
| 26th Youngstyle                      | 10am              | Eastling Village Hall                         |
| 28th Mobile Library                  | 10.50 - 11.05am   | Glebe Cottages, Eastling                      |
| 28th Magazine Folding                | 2pm               | Pinks Farm                                    |
| 30th Mobile Library                  | 11.55am - 12.10pm | Throwley Forstal Green                        |
| 31st Halloween Disco                 | 8pm               | Carpenters Arms                               |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>                      |                   | 2nd All Souls' Service 4pm Stalisfield Church |

## FROM THE EDITOR

If you would like to advertise in the November magazine, submit articles or stories for publication, or would like any forthcoming events publicised, send your contribution by 15th October 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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clocks go back an  
hour at 2am on  
26th October



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in Newnham Lane, Eastling  
A minature  
**photograph album.**  
Please contact Cathie on  
07879 492939 for more  
information.

## EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

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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.