

## Eastling Bluebell and Nature Walk Sunday 2nd May



*Come and walk through areas of outstanding natural beauty, some not usually open to the public, and see some of the best bluebells in Kent.*

Register on the day. Entry £1 per adult, 50p per child.  
Short walk or long walk, both starting from Eastling Village Hall any time from 11am to 2pm.



Dogs must be kept on leads.  
Walking is at your own risk.

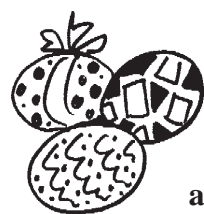
Refreshments available at the hall.  
Proceeds to raising funds for toilet and kitchen facilities in Eastling Church.  
Phone 01795 890629 or 890338 for more details.



**Children's Easter Special on pages 12 and 13 inside**

Painter's Forstal Amenities Committee

## EASTER SURPRISE



Sponsored by Pawley Farm  
Sunday 11th April  
2.30pm

Register between 2.00 - 2.30pm  
at the Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal.



Come and join in the Easter Treasure Hunt with a difference, through Lorenden Meadow and the village, followed by a drink and prize giving.

**Adults \*\* Families \*\* Children \*\* Dogs**

All welcome

Many eggs to give away.



Entry  
50p  
per team



To enter, fill in this form and post through the door of 'The Old School', Painter's Forstal, or phone 01795 591463, 537530 or 532756.

To be returned by Sunday 4th April

Team name:-

Phone No:-

Number of Adults:-

Number of Children:-

Children's ages:-

## Young People's Craft Club (Y.P.C.C.)

April 2nd and 23rd  
6.15pm to 7.15pm  
in the Champion Hall.  
50p per session -  
all are welcomed.



Jesus went to  
pray before  
he was  
arrested.  
Luke 22:39-45

## Knee-mail

Subj: Easter

Date: April 2004

From: The Seaman Family

To: JC@Godinheaven.com

Almighty God

You sent your Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon a cross, he was buried and rose again. Let us remember this Easter to follow his example to be humble and think of others at all times.  
Amen

## Good News Parish Magazine April 2004

## Holy Communion on Easter Day

8am at Ospringe  
10am at Stalisfield  
10am at Eastling  
11am at Ospringe

*Christ is risen!*



## The Maison Dieu

The Maison Dieu in Water Lane, Ospringe, opens for the 2004 season on Good Friday, 9th April. The museum is open from 2 - 5pm on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays. Children from Ospringe School are admitted FREE. Otherwise admission charges are as follows: Adults £1, senior citizens and students 80p, children 50p.

## Memorial Lilies at Easter

If anyone would like to contribute towards the Memorial Lilies on Easter Day in our churches, would they contact the names below with their donation and the names they would like commemorated. It would be helpful if we know as early as possible how much money we have to spend. If we can buy in good time, the price may be around £2 for each lily -

in Holy Week the price goes up.

A list of names will be displayed in each Church.

Ospringe -	Norma Curling	01795 532630.
Eastling -	Pippa West	01795 890273.
Stalisfield -	Vera Eckley	01233 712944.



Stainer's

## Crucifixion

Peter Litman will conduct a performance from scratch.  
Hosted by Faversham Choral Society  
'Come and Sing' or 'Listen'.

**St. Catherine's Church**  
Preston-next-Faversham

**Saturday 3rd April**

Rehearsal 2.30pm  
Performance 7.30pm

Tickets: £3 Performance,  
£5 Singers (inc. tea),  
details from 538882



*The news magazine for the combined parishes of Eastling, Ospringe, Stalisfield and Otterden.*



This year, Easter Day falls on 11th April. The week leading up to it, which begins with Palm Sunday on 4th April, is very special in the church year, and is known as Holy Week.

# Holy Week



**Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday.**

This is the day when the Church remembers the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The gospels tell us that He had gone up to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover, and that when He entered the city, the crowds gave him a rapturous welcome, throwing palm fronds into his path.

*You can read the story in the Bible in Luke's Gospel, chapter 9, verses 28 - 40.*

On this day churches worldwide will distribute little crosses made from palm fronds in memory of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem.

You will be welcome to come and receive a palm cross at any of the Palm Sunday Services in our Benefice:

**8am Holy Communion** in Ospringe Church. Service taken from the Book of Common Prayer.

**10am Holy Communion** in both Stalisfield and Eastling churches. These services include hymns and use the more modern language from Common Worship.

**11am Morning Prayer** at Ospringe. This service is from the Book of Common Prayer and includes hymns with the choir singing an anthem. There are refreshments afterwards.

**11am Family Service** at Whitehill Chapel, Painter's Forstal. This is a service for all ages with songs and hymns. There is a children's corner for young children and, before the service at 10.40am, older children are welcome to come to the Sunday School. There are refreshments afterwards.

**Maundy Thursday, 8th April.**

Maundy Thursday focuses on one of the final acts concerning Jesus to be related in John's Gospel – the washing of the disciples' feet by Jesus.

*You can read the story in the Bible in John's Gospel, chapter 13.*

The ceremony of the 'washing of the feet' of members of the congregation came to be an important part of the liturgy (regular worship) of the medieval church, symbolising the humility of the clergy, in obedience to the example of Christ.

In the Middle Ages, church services were held in Latin. The opening words of a typical service on this day are based on the words of Jesus recorded in John 13, verse 34: 'A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.' In Latin, the opening phrase of this sentence is 'mandatum novum do vobis' The word 'maundy' is thus a corruption of the Latin 'mandatum' (or command).

In England, in by-gone years, as an affirmation of humility, the monarch would wash the feet of a small number of his or her subjects. This has now been replaced by the ceremony of the 'Maundy money', in which the Queen distributes specially minted coins to the elderly at cathedrals throughout England. The service in our group of churches will be **Holy Communion at 7.30pm** in Ospringe Church. This service will use the words from Common Worship and include some hymns.

**Good Friday, 9th April**

Good Friday is the day on which Jesus died on the cross. It is the most solemn day in the Christian year, and is widely marked by the removal of all decorations from churches. In Lutheran churches, the day was marked by the reading of the passion narrative in a gospel, a practice which lies behind the 'passions' composed by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750). Both the St Matthew Passion and the St John Passion have their origins in this observance of Good Friday.

The custom of observing a period of three hours' devotion from 12 midday to 3 pm on Good Friday goes back to the 18th century. The 'Three Hours of the Cross' often take the form of an extended meditation on the 'Seven Last Words from the Cross', with periods of silence, prayer, or hymn-singing.

We have an **Hour of Devotion** in Eastling Church starting at **12 noon**. This will be a quiet time of readings, prayer and music.

In Faversham people from different churches join together for a procession through the town, starting at 10.30am outside the United Church in Preston Street and leading to the market place where there is a short service at 10.45am. Everyone will be welcome to join the procession and/or the service. The choir of Canterbury Cathedral sing Fauré's Requiem at 7.30pm in the cathedral. This is free and open to everyone - a wonderful experience.

Lent ends with Holy Saturday. The Eastern Orthodox churches hold the 'Paschal Vigil' – a late evening service which leads directly into the following Easter Day.

On Easter Morning a Sunrise Service at 6.30am from Canterbury Cathedral will be broadcast live on BBC, as will the 9.10am Sung Eucharist.

## Easter Reflection

By Canon David Winter

'When you die, that's it. Nothing. Out like a light.' That's what the man in the pub said, and his mates all nodded, though the one whose mother had died the week before wasn't really quite so certain. Still, it seemed to make sense. After all, we know what 'dead' means: dead leaves, dead batteries, dead fish, dead pets... and dead people, to be honest. While we recognise that it's all too easy to go from alive to dead, we've got serious doubts about the possibility of any return journeys.

Which is why Christians have an uphill task at Easter. Jesus was a great man, and people want to remember how he died. Fair enough. But it starts getting complicated when Christians insist that Jesus died but didn't stay dead - in fact, that he's alive now. That 'return journey' has happened, they say.

That's the problem about Easter, Christians persisting in what sounds like a ridiculous belief. If they just dropped the resurrection bit, and concentrated on the wonderful teaching of Jesus and his example of generosity, compassion and love then everybody would find Christianity much more believable. Wouldn't that make sense? And wouldn't that fill the churches again?

Well it might (or, more likely, it might not). But in any case, the trouble is that it wouldn't be Christianity at all. The faith of Christians actually depends on the resurrection of Jesus, and always has done, right from the earliest days. After the crucifixion the body of Jesus was taken down from the cross by some of his friends and put in a rock tomb with a heavy stone rolled across the doorway. Yet the following Sunday, the third day after his death, his followers claimed that they had met him, seen him, talked with him.

So certain was their belief that nothing could make them recant it. Not ridicule, not torture, not even



death itself. They couldn't do it because they were absolutely convinced that it had happened. Plenty of clever and powerful people at the time had a vested interest in proving them wrong. It shouldn't have been difficult to prove that a dead man had stayed dead, especially when you have at your disposal the resources of the greatest empire in history. Yet they didn't do it, because it couldn't be done.

Still today millions of people all over the world believe that Jesus did in fact rise from the dead. They include brilliant scientists and philosophers as well as plenty of 'ordinary' men and women of all ages. They believe it because they respect the witness of those first Christians, and because in many cases their own lives have been transformed by a relationship with Jesus - a relationship that wouldn't make sense if He were dead!

Christians don't put their faith in a dead hero from the past, but in someone who is alive and active in their own lives and in the world. That, in a nutshell, is the real message of Easter.



## News from Ospringe School

I am very pleased and proud to announce that following recent assessment, Ospringe C. E. Primary has been recognised as an 'Investors in People' organisation. Supported by Business Link Kent the senior management and governors have been working to improve our systems to the point where we meet the required standard for staff management, professional development and improvement planning. Clearly a well trained and motivated staff with a clear understanding of the goals of the school is going to benefit our pupils as we all pull in the same direction. Well done to all involved and special thanks to Mrs Winton (vice chair of governors) for representing the governing body and working with us throughout the process. It seems an age ago that the various building projects were planned and agreed. I am pleased to say that the new reception and offices are completed, to the point where the new entrance can now be used. Secretaries will have moved into their new rooms by the end of the week, when our telephone and computer system will have been installed. The corridor adjacent to classes 8 & 9 is almost finished and will alleviate the to and fro of classes through class 8 that has been endured by teacher and pupils for over a term. The refurbishment of all pupil toilets will then begin, block by block. The removal of the old outbuildings and the extension of the car park are likely to take place during the summer term.

J Truman (Headteacher)

## Ospringe School Association News

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Wine & Wisdom last month. An enjoyable evening was had by all and we raised over £500.

The next event is the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday 3rd April when as well as the usual hunt for clues and refreshments the school Easter competitions will be judged.

Then it is all systems go for the Summer Fair on June 19th...

watch this space.

Jill Fagg



## JESUS IS ALIVE!

Early on the first Easter morning Mary Magdalene and some other women went to the tomb where Jesus had been buried. But when they reached the tomb it was open, the big stone that had sealed the entrance was rolled away - and it was empty! They thought that someone had stolen Jesus' body but an angel told Mary what had really happened, that Jesus was alive!

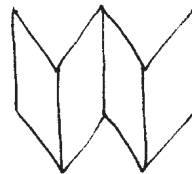
The disciples were all together when Mary arrived back with her news and told them what had happened, but they wouldn't believe her. They were confused and afraid. Sometimes we say 'I can't believe it' if someone tells us really good news. We say 'I'll believe it when I see it with my own eyes' and that is what the disciples said. And when they saw the risen Jesus they believed. Read about what happened that first Easter Day in the four Gospels. And what is the next thing that you do when you hear good news? You want to share it with someone else.

Share the Good News with someone this Easter!

## SPREAD THE NEWS

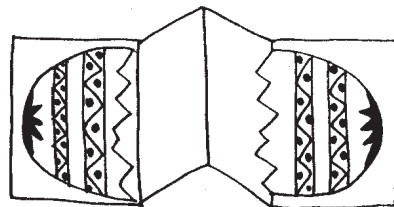
One way you can pass the good news on is to send Easter cards. You could make some of these easy Easter egg cards (the egg is a symbol of new life so that's why we have eggs at Easter). You will need:

- 1) a strip of thin card about 10cm by 30cm
- 2) another piece of coloured card for the egg about 9cm by 12cm
- 3) felt tip pens
- 4) a ruler, scissors and glue stick



Fold the long strip of card in half and then each half back on itself to make a W shape.

Draw an egg shape on the coloured card and cut round it. Cut the egg in half with a jagged edge and



stick it onto the folded card as shown. Decorate it and write your message inside - you could even draw a fluffy yellow chick inside.



What is smooth, oval and very rich?

An eggstravaganza!

## FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

Don't forget to join us for the family Barn Dance on Saturday 3rd April from 7.30pm - 11pm. Some tickets still available from the school office - £5 for adults; £1.50 for children under 16 - and includes food. Licensed bar.

The children's picture frame competition will be judged on Wednesday 7th April with prizes of Easter Eggs for each class. Our annual Easter Egg hunt and raffle take place on the last day of term 8th April starting at 2.45pm.

The new School Hall will be opened by Hugh Robertson MP on Friday 30th April at 9.20am. Any parents wishing to attend will be welcome - teas and cakes will be available.

We are still looking for some more Promises to Auction on 7th May - have you a skill you would be willing to let us auction or perhaps give us a donation of something?

Do let me know! Any funds raised will go towards the purchase of furniture for the new hall.

Jill Seaman, Publicity  
01795 890519

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Clues:

1. Early prophet and 30th book of the Old Testament.
2. City on the river Euphrates, 2 Kings 24:1
3. Eldest son of Adam and Eve and brother of Abel.
4. Beast of burden of the desert.
5. Beautiful Philistine woman who betrayed Samson. Judges 16
6. Son of Zebedee and disciple of Jesus, Matthew 4:21
7. Daniel was saved by God from these animals.
8. Writer of the 3rd gospel.

9. Town in Galilee and home of Mary and Joseph.
10. The first Christian martyr, Acts 7:59

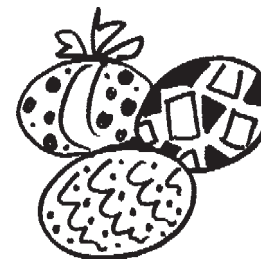
Answers to the questions are hidden in the grid, where the words read forward, backward, up, down and diagonally, always in a straight line. Cross through each word as you fit. Some words in the grid overlap, so the letters may be used more than once. You won't need to use all the letters in the grid. The solution is on page 2 of this magazine.

## Children's Church

**Painter's Forstal:** 8 - 13's meet in the Champion Hall at 10.40am on 4th April and 2nd May. Family services follow on at 11am.

**Ospringe:** Sunday School meets during 11am services on 11th and 18th April. Family Service is on 25th

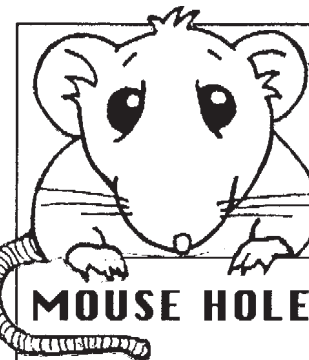
**Eastling:** S Club meets in the village hall at 10am on 18th April. Youngstyle is on 25th.



## PUDDLEDUCKS PLAYGROUP

We are preparing for Easter by making chocolate nests and decorating Easter chicks as well as making cards for our families. The last day of the term is on Thursday 8th April and we return for the start of Summer Term on Monday 26th April. We wish you all peace and happiness for Easter.

Jill Seaman 01795 890519



From my home in the church I learn about all sorts of things...

**Jesus**  
was hated and rejected,  
cut and bruised and  
suffered great pain...  
**WHY?**  
- he did it for us.

**Jesus**  
was nailed to the cross  
and left to die...  
**WHY?**  
- he did it for us.

We can't be friends with God because of all the wrong things we do against him.

But God sent his son Jesus to the world, and when he died on the cross Jesus took the punishment we really deserve.

Jesus took the punishment for our sins, for all the things we have done wrong.

Jesus gave his life for us, he became a sacrifice for us, so that we can be friends with God again and have eternal life with him.

**Thank you Jesus**  
for all you have done for me,  
I believe in you, I want to do  
things your way and be  
friends with you forever.  
**AMEN**

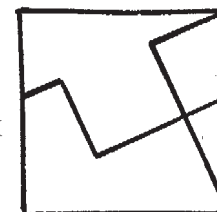
**Read**  
Isaiah 53  
1 Peter 2  
v.22-25



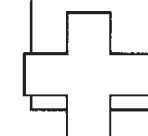
## Easter Garden

- Fill a shallow tray or dish with soil. • Use an upturned flower pot for the tomb and cover with moss. • Make crosses with lolly sticks. • Decorate the garden with little stones and flowers.

Enlarge this puzzle and cut out the shapes inside.



Now rearrange them into the shape of a cross!



## Services in our Benefice

### **Palm Sunday 4th April**

Philippians 2. 5 - 11, Luke 19. 28 - 40

Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Whitehill Chapel	10.40 a.m.	Sunday School (8-13s)
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	Family Service
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)

### **Tuesday 6th April**

Whitehill Chapel 2.15 p.m. Holy Communion

### **Maundy Thursday 8th April**

Ospringe 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion (CW)

### **Good Friday 9th April**

Faversham Procession and Service

Procession from United Church at 10.30 a.m.

Service in the Market Place at 10.45 a.m.

Eastling 12 noon Devotional Service

### **Easter Day 11th April**

Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Family Communion (CW)
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Sunday School

### **18th April 2nd Sunday of Easter**

Acts 5. 27 - 32, John 20. 19 - 31

Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling	10 a.m.	S Club
Eastling	10.30 a.m.	Newstyle
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Family Communion
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Sunday School

### **25th April 3rd Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9. 1 - 6 [7 - 20], John 21. 1 - 19

Stalisfield	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Young Style
followed by Annual Church Meeting		
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Family Service
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	People's Choice
Guest Speaker: Miss Helen Davis M.A.		
Ospringe	3 p.m.	Baptism

### **2nd May 4th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9. 36 - 43, John 10. 22 - 30

Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Whitehill Chapel	10.40 a.m.	Sunday School (8-13s)
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	Family Service
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Otterden	3 p.m.	Evening Prayer (BCP)

## Sharing Ministry in our Benefice

Priest in Charge Reverend Penny Fenton (01795 536366)  
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Curate Reverend Patricia Pollard (01795 535407)  
7 Arthur Salmon Close, Faversham.

Reader Mr. Hugh Perks (01795 890603)  
Weald Cottage, Kettle Hill Road, Eastling.

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

Methodist Minister Reverend Chris Esgate (01795 532461)  
Chris@Esgate.plus.com

#### Churchwardens

**Ospringe** Miss C. Brightman (01795 531960)  
Mr. P. Larter (01795 531044)

**Eastling** Mr S. Youle (01795 890368)  
Mrs. A. Smith (01795 890469)

**Stalisfield with Otterden** Mrs. H. Galer (01795 890780)

**Whitehill** Miss. B. Richards (01795 532756)  
Steward

#### Contacting the Church's staff

For general enquiries and for specific enquiries about Baptisms and Weddings, please telephone Faversham 536366. If you would like the parish clergy to conduct a funeral, either in our churches or elsewhere, please ask the funeral director to make the necessary arrangements.

#### May Good News

If you would like to advertise in this magazine, submit articles, features or stories for publication, or would like any forthcoming events publicised, please send your magazine contribution by the 15th April to Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, Faversham ME13 0BA. Tel: 01795 890338. Where possible, please submit your entries by e-mail: h.f.harlow@talk21.com

## From the Registers

#### Baptism

GEORGINA EMILY JANE Hutchins  
14th March 2004 at Ospringe

#### Funerals

Mary Eileen BICKER  
15th March 2004 Burial at Love Lane

Ivy Ella WATTS  
18th March 2004 Cremation at Charing

## EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

#### Two Vital Meetings

Eastling residents who want to catch up on the activities of their Parish Council and Village Hall Committee as well as other local groups have a perfect opportunity on Monday, 26 April. The Village Hall Trustees hold their Annual General Meeting in the Hall at at 7.30pm. This will be immediately followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at approximately 8.30pm. Both meetings are open to all villagers and, in the case of the parish meeting, invitations are being sent to representatives of a number of local organisations to use the evening to update everyone on their recent work and achievements. Light refreshments will be available after the meetings. Parish Council chairman John Payne said it was a good opportunity for villagers to meet and urged everyone to make a special effort to be there.

"In the meantime, if any Eastling residents would be interested in serving on the Village Hall Trustees, would they kindly make contact with Sue Parry on 01795 890254. There are places for two Eastling residents on the Trustees who are always very happy to welcome new blood."

#### Parish Elections

Although the forthcoming elections for seats on Borough and Parish Councils and the European Parliament - all on Thursday, 10 June - may seem a long way off, time is running out if you want to consider standing for election on the parish council. At Eastling, there could be several seats to fill as long-serving members stand down. Nomination forms will be available from the

Parish Clerk, Mrs Carol Butterfield (01795 539148), in the next few weeks. They MUST reach the Electoral Unit, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne by the strict deadline of 4.00pm on Thursday, 13 May. There's useful background information on the role of a councillor, the election process and any restrictions on eligibility for standing as a candidate in a downloadable file on the Eastling Village website. Go to the "local news" page and use the link under the news item on the forthcoming parish elections.

#### Closer Working with Swale Council

At their March meeting, Eastling parish councillors heard how Swale Council is planning to work more closely with the Borough, s 36 parish and town councils. Swale's subsidiarity officer Mr Laurence Young explained that, as a first step, a new grants scheme was being introduced from April. Parish and town councils would be able to identify local projects they wished the borough council to carry out and apply for grants for themselves and community groups. For the first year, £91,000 would be available for community grants and £300,000 for special highways projects. This meant that an average of £3,600 could be available in each parish area. Where parishes wished to carry out a more expensive project, the cash could be saved up over a number of years. Eastling councillors generally welcomed the new scheme and agreed to "opt in".

The new system for grants to community groups also meant that early consideration was needed to identify local projects.

#### Go Ahead

##### for Village Design Statement

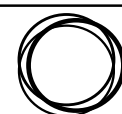
Eastling parish councillors have agreed that work on a Village Design Statement should go ahead. In warmly welcoming the first steps by a Working Party headed by Dr Julia Bailey, councillors anticipated this would produce valuable guidance on villagers' desires for any future development at Eastling. The community needed to be closely involved and, if there was good support, it was hoped this could lead to the production of a wider ranging Parish Plan.

#### Mobile Post Office

Eastling now has a weekly visit by a mobile Post Office. Located in the Carpenters Arms pub, it will operate every Tuesday from 1pm to 3pm and offer a full range of post office counter services. Parish councillors have welcomed the move saying that it could be a boon to elderly residents and those without an easy means of reaching Faversham. It will be the first time a post office counter service has been available at Eastling in over 13 years.

#### Village News Correspondent

The Faversham Times is still seeking an Eastling village news correspondent. Maybe you? Call the editor Mrs Christine Rayner on (01795) 475411 (ideally on a Wednesday afternoon) or e-mail editor.ekg@kentregionalnewspapers.co.uk for details.



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**Lousie Seymour, IHHT Dip., PT Dip., IPTI**  
**Tel: 070-500-84739**  
**Email: LCS@LifecareFitness.co.uk**

## OSPRINGE PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday April 7th at 7.30pm in Whitehill Chapel. Dates for the forthcoming year are: May 12th, May 20th (Annual Parish Meeting), June 16th (Annual General Meeting following the election on June 10th), July 21st, Sept 8th, Oct 6th, Nov 10th, Dec 8th, Jan 12th 2005 and March 9th. Members of the public are welcome to attend any of the meetings.

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## Stalisfield Highlife

Our February quiz party once again exceeded its billing in enjoyment value. The two quizmasters sustained a lively atmosphere from beginning to end with a winning mixture of popular and obscure questions, well laced humour. Prizes were awarded, for (and with) very little reason, to inter-round winners and losers.

The mood of the party was further elevated by the announcement in the interval, that we had achieved relief from council tax, which meant that the proceeds of the evening would go toward expenses essential to the survival of "The Hut". For this happy result we have to thank councillor Colin Prescott who applied mouth-to-ear resuscitation to revive an appeal which had lain moribund for almost a year in the LBW tray. At the end, the overall winners and runners-up were rewarded with bottle of fine wine. We have Jonathon Ryan to thank once again for these prizes, and for the loan of the public address equipment.

Friday 11th June will be the next significant date in the Stalisfield Highlife calendar. Clear your other commitments on that date, for the next scheduled quiz party. Charges will be held at pre-budget levels of £2 per person.

Roy Okell

## Charing and District Local History Society

On Thursday 1st April Jane Fraser-Hay will give a talk on

### Rye and Winchelsea: Ancient Towns.

An account of the two towns prior to a visit. The presentation will be given in the parish Hall, Station Road, Charing, at 8pm. Everyone who is interested will be welcomed when the doors open at 7.45pm. Non-members of the Society will pay £2.00



## Tea and Cakes

Come and enjoy a cuppa and cake in Eastling on Rogation Sunday 16th May 2.30 - 5pm

Pinks Farm, Eastling  
Proceeds to WCS orchestra fund and Eastling Church.  
Hilary Harlow 01795 890338

## British Humanitarian Aid

We would like to thank everyone for their long life food and toy parcels donated at Barkaways Butchers. Every item is gratefully received and appreciated.

Now Spring has arrived, are you sorting out your wardrobe? It would be fantastic if you could donate any of the following items:

Children's and baby clothes and shoes (all in good condition please). Bed linen, toys etc. Contact Lorraine on 890719 daytime, weekdays or drop into Barkaways Butchers, West Street, Faversham.



## Painter's Forstal Amenities Committee

**Easter Surprise** - 11th April

(See back cover for entry form)

**Barn Dance** - 12th June

**Summer Fete** - 8th August

Please contact 532756 or 537530 if you are willing to help set up, or take down, the fete stalls on 8th August. We need more helpers from 9.30am

## Craft Fayre

Please note. The date has had to be changed and will be taking place on Saturday 13th November. We have had several stalls promised already, but there is room for more.

Exhibition only - free of charge.  
Crafts for sale - 10% of takings.

## Eastling Short Mat Bowls Club

By the time this magazine is printed the club team will have played all their Swale League games. The match away to U/K Leisure resulted in a win for us, and we also won at home against Warden Bay Wasps, but went down to the Hornets away. The return match at home will be our last match and will let you know the result next month.

The Wednesday afternoon meetings continue into April, 2.30 - 4.30pm. Regular club meetings are on Fridays, 2.30 - 4.30pm and 7.30 - 9.30pm. All sessions in Eastling Village Hall. New members welcome. Phone 537162 for more details.

## Afternoon Club

Preparations are well ahead for our outing in May (Blossom Tour).

### Activities for April

April 1st Bingo  
April 15th A.G.M.  
April 29th Board Games



## Wine and Wisdom

Eastling Village Hall

Saturday 17th April at 7.30pm

There is still time to book your table of six at £4 per head, by phoning Norman on 890242. Proceeds to the Eastling Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch.

# April



## Diary

1st Afternoon Club (Bingo)	2pm	Champion Hall
1st History Society Talk	7.45pm	Charing Parish Hall
2nd Young People's Craft Club	6.15pm	Champion Hall
3rd Easter Egg hunt		Ospringe School
3rd CD, Book & Video Sale	10am	Champion Hall
3rd Barn Dance	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
3rd Crucifixion	7.30pm	St. Catherine's Church
6th Stalisfield Annual Church Meeting	7.30pm	Stalisfield Church
7th Ospringe Parish Council	7.30pm	Whitehill Chapel
8th Easter Egg hunt		Eastling School
9th Maison Dieu opens for summer season	2 - 5pm	
11th Ospringe Church Open	2 - 5pm	Ospringe Church
11th Easter Surprise	2.30pm	Champion Hall
15th Coffee Morning	10.30am	1 Kettle Hill, Eastling
15th Afternoon Club (A.G.M.)	2pm	Champion Hall
15th Deadline for May Good News		Pinks Farm
17th Wine and Wisdom	7.30pm	Eastling V. Hall
20th W.I. Birthday Meeting	2.15pm	Champion Hall
21st Otterden Parish Meeting	7.30pm	Otterden Place
23rd Young People's Craft Club	6.15pm	Champion Hall
26th Hall Trustees A.G.M.	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
26th Eastling Annual Parish Meeting	8.30pm	E. V. Hall
27th Magazine Folding	2pm	Usual Venues
28th Coffee Pop-In re-opens	9 - 11am	Eastling Village Hall
29th Afternoon Club (Board Games)	2pm	Champion Hall
30th Hall Grand Opening	9.20am	Eastling School

### Future Dates

2nd May Bluebell Walk	start 11am-2pm	Eastling Village Hall
7th May Auction of Promises		Eastling School
20th May Annual Parish Meeting		Whitehill Chapel
11th June Quiz Party		Stalisfield Village Hall
12th June Barn Dance		Painter's Farm Barn
8th August Painter's Forstal Fete		Lorenden Meadow
13th November Craft Fayre		Painter's Forstal

The Annual General Meeting of the

## Otterden

Parish Meeting

will be held on Wednesday 21st April at Otterden Place starting at 7.30pm.

## Coffee Morning

In aid of RSPB Lapwing Appeal, St. Michael's, Hastings, and St. Wilfred's, Eastbourne, Hospices. at 1 Kettle Hill, Eastling Thursday 15th April 10.30am - 12 noon.

Refreshments, raffle, lucky dip and other activities  
Come and support us please.

Contact 01795 890308



## Painter's Forstal with Ospringe W. I.

April 20th

## Birthday Meeting

The talk on 'Cooking for the Royals' will be given by Ms Steward. 2.15pm in the Champion Hall



## Coffee Pop-In

The pop-in will not open on 14th and 21st April - during the Easter school holidays. We reopen on 28th April and invite everyone to join in our first birthday celebration. Open to everyone, on Wednesdays, 9am - 11am in Eastling Village Hall - it's free and toddlers are welcome.

## VACANCY

OSPRINGE PARISH COUNCIL is seeking a part-time Parish Clerk to work approx. 15 hours a month as from July 2004. The clerk is responsible for taking minutes at council meetings, dealing with correspondence and communication, and for the Council's financial matters. Salary as per the Recommended National Scale. For further details please contact the present Clerk - Jill Seaman on 01795 890519.



## OSPRINGE PARISH DESIGN STATEMENT GROUP C.D., Book and Video Sale

in the Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal, on Saturday 3rd April 2004 from 10.00 - 12.00

Donated items can be collected. More information from Joan on 535267. Proceeds to the production of the design statement brochure. Supported by Ospringe Parish Council, The Countryside Agency, Kent Downs A.O.N.B., Kent Rural Community Council and Swale B.C.

## Barn Dance

Saturday 3rd April  
Eastling Village Hall  
7.30pm - 11pm.

Some tickets still available from Eastling school office (890252) - £5 for adults; £1.50 for children under 16 - and includes food. Licensed bar.



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## Having a Party? Planning a Wedding? Venue for your Club ...

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For more information please contact Mary Eagleton on 890436.