

## A bug's life

Bugs are in big trouble these days. 50% of invertebrate animals are in numerical decline. At least 230 species have become extinct in recent years.

The Invertebrate Conservation Trust is the first organisation in Europe set up to conserve bugs - snails, spiders, bees, beetles, worms and their relatives, who made up more than 98% of animal species and are critical for the health of our environment.

Buglife is looking for more supporters to help it protect the habitats that invertebrates need, including urban oases. If you could help give bugs a home, visit [www.buglife.org.uk](http://www.buglife.org.uk)

## Children's Church

**Painter's Forstal:** Breakfast in the Champion Hall at 10am on 3rd April. Family People's Choice follows on at 10.40am.

**Ospringle:** Sunday School during 11am service on 24th April. Family service is on 17th.

**Eastling:** S Club meets 10am in the Village Hall on 17th April. Youngstyle is on 24th.



## Young People's Craft Club

8th & 22nd April  
6.15 to 7.15pm  
in the Champion Hall,  
Painter's Forstal.  
50p per session -  
all young people invited.

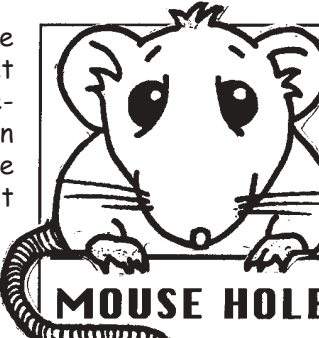
## Puppet Club

A club for performing puppets was started in Eastling last term, for children between 9 and 15 years. The puppets are operated by a hand inside the head, and by sticks to move the arms (like the "muppets"). They are full of expression and great fun to operate.



At present we are rehearsing to perform a play at half-term. Further cast would be welcome.

We meet on Saturday afternoons at Eastling. For more details please contact Angela Cheeseman on 01795 890 629



**MOUSE HOLE**

Jesus said:  
"Look how the wild flowers grow: they do not work or make clothes for themselves. But I tell you that not even King Solomon with all his wealth had clothes as beautiful as one of these flowers."


**It is God who clothes the wild grass...**  
Won't he be all the more sure to clothe you?"

If God takes so much care with a flower how much more does he care for his people?


"Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares about you."  
1 Peter 5:7

Make paper flowers using rectangles of tissue or thin paper, here are two different flowers to try:

1



2



Cut down along the folded edge about 1cm apart. Roll up and stick.

Cut up along the edge 5mm apart. Roll up and stick.

Glue the flower heads onto a card or attach to thin straws or sticks to make a posy.

Preserve flowers and leaves by drying them in a flower press. Here is a simple one you can make

Lay flowers between sheets of blotting paper.

Press together between two plywood squares screwed together with wing nuts and bolts. Leave for several weeks until fully dried.

Re-arrange the letters and find the names of the flowers

SYAN  
TRUCE  
NAP  
RUBTP  
OVEL  
IDYAS

# Good News

## Parish Magazine

### April 2005

## Eastling Bluebell Walk: Sunday April 24th

There will be another Bluebell Walk through the beautiful woods of Eastling, Otterden and Stalisfield this year, following a very successful event last year. Some of the walks are through land not normally open to the public. Three routes of varying lengths, from 3 to 9 miles, will be marked out. Maps are provided, plus nature notes, and map-reading is not essential.

All the walks will start from Eastling Village Hall, between 11am to 2pm. Home-made teas will be available at the village hall until 4pm. The cost of the walk, plus nature notes, will be £2 per adult, 50p per child. Family rate £4. Money raised will go towards kitchen and toilet facilities for Eastling Church.

Each route will be slightly different from last year. The walk is being held one week earlier (it was held on May 2nd last year) so there may be a difference in the flora for this reason also. Please keep dogs on a lead and walk in single file over ploughed fields.

Tickets may be bought on the day, but to avoid a hold-up at the start, tickets may be ordered from Angela Cheeseman at New House Farm Eastling.

Further enquiries to : Jill Seaman 01795 890 519, or Peter and Angela Cheeseman 01795890629.

## Spring Prayer

For flowers that bloom about our feet;  
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;  
For song of bird, and hum of bee;  
For all things fair we hear or see,  
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!

For blue of stream and blue of sky;  
For pleasant shade of branches high;  
For fragrant air and cooling breeze;  
For beauty of the blooming trees,  
Father in Heaven, we thank Thee!

Ralph W Emerson



### Wine and Wisdom

**Saturday 2nd April  
at 7.30pm in  
Eastling Village Hall**

We are holding another Wine and Wisdom on the above date in aid of the Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch. The usual format applies, tables of six at £4.00 per head can be booked by phoning me, Norman, on 890242.

**Last chance to book!**

### SPRING SUPPER

Cast off those winter blues at Eastling Village Hall on **Saturday 16th April**  
7pm for 7.30pm  
Tickets £8 each

Make up a table with your friends (funds raised in aid of the Hall) Call Sue on 890254 to book.

Beer, wine and soft drinks on sale. After Supper entertainment!

### 'Bring and Buy' Auction

Auctioneer -  
Rev. C. Esgate

**Saturday 9th April**  
**Whitehill Chapel, Painter's Forstal, starting at 11am.**

Items for the Bring and Buy can be received from 10am onwards. Please come and take part. Proceeds to Christian Aid.

Part of the tour of  
St. Augustine's  
Methodist Circuit



# Pull up a chair

He is close to all who call on him sincerely – Psalm 145.18

The old man was very ill, so his family called the minister. When the minister came in, he noticed an empty chair by the bed and said, “I see I’m not your first visitor today.”

The old man smiled and said, “Let me tell you about that chair. Years ago I found it difficult to pray. A friend told me not to worry about it. He said ‘Just sit down, put a chair in front of you, and begin to talk to him as you would to a friend.’” Then the old man added with a smile: “I’ve been doing that for the last 30 years, and it’s been wonderful; it really works.”

Soon the old man died. His daughter called for the minister. She said, “When I left him this morning, he was sleeping comfortably. But when I came back, he was gone. Then I noticed something: his hand was on the empty chair beside the bed. Isn’t that strange?”

“No,” the minister replied. “The One in the chair just took him by the hand and they left together.”



If it helps you, pull up a chair today and spend some time talking to the Lord. Come to him confidently, for He couldn’t love you more than He does at this moment – and that will never change. The Bible says: “Let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy and we will find grace to help us when we need it.” (Hebrews 4:16).

UCB The Word for Today

If you would like to use the daily reading booklet, you can write, requesting the Word for Today, to: United Christian Broadcasters, Freepost ST1135, Stoke-on-Trent ST4 8BR.

## Have a Teaspoon of Prayer

If you have trouble praying, just try it by the teaspoonful (tsp):

- T – thank you
- S – sorry
- P – please



There are prayer and study groups in our benefice. If you would like to join one, please call Revd. Penny Fenton on 536366 for contact details.

## Prayer Pointers April 2005

<u>Sundays</u>	For perseverance in the life of faith.
<u>Mondays</u>	Those taking on new responsibilities.
<u>Tuesdays</u>	The Mothers’ Union
<u>Wednesdays</u>	Local voluntary workers.
<u>Thursdays</u>	Christians in Parliament.
<u>Fridays</u>	For hopes of peace in Palestine.
<u>Saturdays</u>	The Assyrian Church.

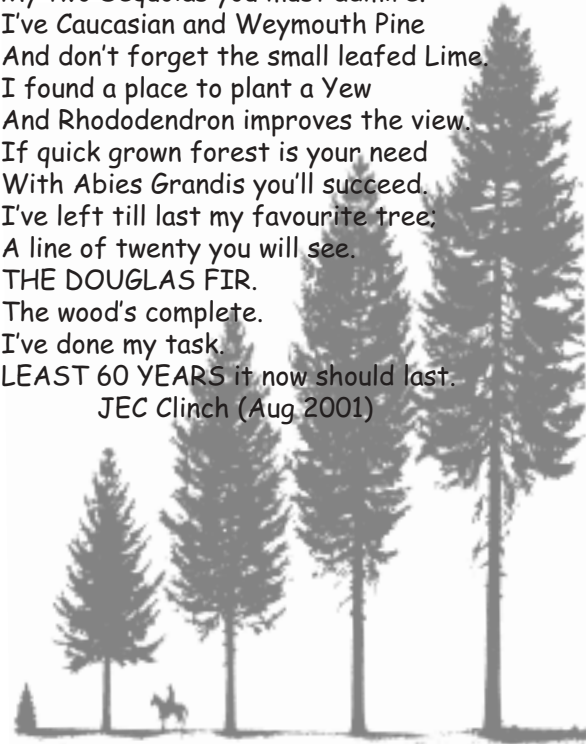
From Vicky Shepherd:

John Clinch died recently and we had a wonderful Service at Ospringe which was well supported and the singing was magnificent. Young John read out a wonderful poem which they found among John’s papers and the family are pleased to share it with Good News readers.

## My Wood (with apologies to POETS) Planted 1962 - 64

Alas the corner elms were dead  
Tops all bare, leaves long shed.  
Ash and Oak now take their place,  
Growing fast as in a race.  
Beeches are keeping up as well,  
Best ones on the chalky soil.  
Wild Cherry grows so high and straight;  
Good timber, given time, will make.  
Sweet Chestnut best for poles and sticks,  
Footpath, stile and good sheep gates.  
Chestnuts help to feed my pheasants,  
Found favour too by local peasants,  
To get enough you needs be quick,  
Squirrels think they’re theirs to nick!  
Holly bush and Norway Spruce  
At Christmas time are found a use.  
Japanese and English Larch,  
Heading skyward on the march.  
Southern Beech I cannot recommend,  
What use be they in the end?  
Scots Pine I find are not much good,  
Best let grown at Holyrood!  
Western Hemlock -

the lady, tall elegant and fair,  
Best be given space to see sun and air.  
To give the wood a high church spire,  
My two Sequoias you must admire.  
I’ve Caucasian and Weymouth Pine  
And don’t forget the small leafed Lime.  
I found a place to plant a Yew  
And Rhododendron improves the view.  
If quick grown forest is your need  
With Abies Grandis you’ll succeed.  
I’ve left till last my favourite tree;  
A line of twenty you will see.  
THE DOUGLAS FIR.  
The wood’s complete.  
I’ve done my task.  
LEAST 60 YEARS it now should last.  
JEC Clinch (Aug 2001)



## FROM THE ORGAN SEAT

The Women’s World Day of Prayer in Faversham had to be postponed for a week to Friday, 11th March. It was a wonderful service. The Christian women of Poland planned it this year and it included a Polish Greeting with the distribution of bread and salt. I used a tape of Polish Carols sung in Polish by a Choir in Poland, Infant Holy and Joseph Cooper playing Chopin’s Raindrop Prelude. The singing was excellent and hearty and it was a pleasure to play for the service. The following Sunday the M.U. Deanery President, our own Carol Marshall, was commissioned along with our own Brenda Cardwell as our Branch Leader. It was lovely to welcome to our Church, the M.U. Diocesan President, Brenda Lawson, and our

"Godmother", Audrey Lewis, and our M.U. friends in Ospringe, Sittingbourne and St. Mary of Charity. They enjoyed our service and chatted with us afterwards. Brenda Lawson is from Minster Abbey on the Isle of Sheppey and brought greetings for me from their Choir who remember me "in my younger energetic days!" when I was Secretary of the local R.S.C.M. and helped to host Get-togethers for singing at Minster Abbey. Minster Abbey is a lovely Church with a Saxon part and dedicated to St. Sexburga. It is lovely when paths cross again and friendships are renewed.

I hope everyone has had a Happy Easter and we will be able to enjoy a good Spring!

Vicky Shepherd.

## 3rd April - Richard of Chichester (c1197 – 1253)

Ever wonder where the prayer ... 'May I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day' comes from? Richard of Chichester, a bishop in the 13th century, wrote it.

He began life as Richard de Wych, of Droitwich, the son of a yeoman farmer. But Richard was a studious boy, and after helping his father on the farm for several years, refused an advantageous offer of marriage, and instead made his way to Oxford, and later to Paris and Bologna to study canon law.

In 1235 he returned to Oxford, and was soon appointed Chancellor, where he supported Edmund, Archbishop of Canterbury, in his struggles against King Henry III's misuse of Church funds. Richard then studied for the priesthood and after ordination served at Charing in Kent and at Deal and was in due course made a Bishop himself. He was greatly loved. He was charitable and accessible, both stern and merciful to sinners, extraordinarily generous to those stricken by famine, and a brilliant legislator of his diocese.



He decreed that the sacraments were to be administered without payment, Mass celebrated in dignified conditions, the clergy to be chaste, to practise residence, and to wear clerical dress. The laity were obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days, and to know by heart the Hail Mary as well as the Lord's Prayer and the Creed.

Richard was also prominent in preaching the Crusade, which he saw as a call to reopen the Holy Land to pilgrims, not as a political expedition. He died at Dover on 3 April 1253. In art, Richard of Chichester is represented with a chalice at his feet, in memory of his having once dropped the chalice at Mass! One ancient English church is dedicated to him.

And, of course, he is author of that famous prayer, now set to popular music, which runs in full:

'Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ for all the benefits thou hast given me, for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for me.  
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly, day by day.'

## CHOIR NOTES

THE SNOW stopped our Choir Practices for two weeks! We have met to practise for the Easter Services. At school the children learnt to work out on keyboards the tune of "Now the green blade riseth" and were delighted to sing it. We have also enjoyed John Rutter's "I believe in Springtime" and no doubt when you read this Spring will be here. I have arranged our Easter Egg Hunt for Easter Sunday. After Easter we will be in demand for weddings and we look forward to enhancing the couples' special days. How many of you remember Mr. Shepherd teaching you, "I watch the sunrise"? Karlene Jemmett wants Lauren to sing it at her wedding and so far I have not tracked down the tune and the words. The search is on. Amanda and David have asked me to play "The Hallelujah Chorus" as their exit music so I played that as the final music after our Services and at the Women's World Day of Prayer on the new organ at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Congratulations to Vicky Brenchley and to Rebecca Fagg who were confirmed along with 51 others in the Deanery.

## Concerts in Churches

promoted by Kevin Mayhew Ltd.  
Four concerts in the series will be in St Mary of Charity, Faversham:  
26th May: King's Singers  
12th July: Evelyn Glennie  
10th November: John Dankworth and Cleo Laine  
10th December: Julian Lloyd Webber

Ticket prices range from £9 to £25.  
More details next month or go to [www.concertsinchurches.com/](http://www.concertsinchurches.com/)

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## Services in our Benefice

### 3rd April Easter 2

1 Peter 1. 3 - 9, John 20. 19 - end		
Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Ospringe	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Whitehill Chapel	10 a.m.	Breakfast followed by Family People's Choice
	10.40 a.m.	
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Oasis
Otterden	3 p.m.	Evening Prayer (BCP)

### Tuesday 5th April

Whitehill Chapel 2.15 p.m. Holy Communion

### 10th April Easter 3

1 Peter 1. 17 - 23, Luke 24. 13 - 35		
Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling	10.30 a.m.	Freestyle
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)

### 17th April Easter 4

1 Peter 2. 19 - end, John 10. 1 - 10		
Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	S Club in Village Hall
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Family Service

### 24th April Easter 5

1 Peter 2. 2 - 10, John 14. 1 - 14		
Stalisfield	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Youngstyle
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Family Communion
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Sunday School
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	People's Choice

### 1st May Easter 6

1 Peter 3. 13 - end, John 14. 15 - 21		
Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Ospringe	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Whitehill Chapel	10 a.m.	Breakfast followed by Family People's Choice
	10.40 a.m.	
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Oasis
Otterden	3 p.m.	Evening Prayer (BCP)

### Tuesday 3rd May

Whitehill Chapel 2.15 p.m. Holy Communion

### 5th May Ascension Day

Ospringe	3 p.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
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(BCP) Service taken from the Book of Common Prayer, 1662.  
(CW) Service follows Common Worship Liturgy, 2000

## Sharing Ministry in our Benefice

Priest in Charge Reverend Penny Fenton (01795 536366)  
9 Brogdale Road, Faversham. ME13 8SX

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 Joint Warden Mrs. J. Baker (01622 858332)  
Mrs S. Gaind (01622 858551)

Whitehill Steward Miss. B. Richards (01795 532756)

#### 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 staff 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 @btconnect.com

## From the Registers

#### Baptism

KEIRA LOUISA Davison  
20th March 2005 at Eastling

#### Funerals

Richard Antony Alfred BAKER  
Cremation at Eltham on 7th March 2005

Winifred Marjorie MANN  
Cremation at Charing on 11th March 2005

Desmond Andrew MILLS  
Funeral and burial at Stalisfield on 18th March 2005

#### Interment of Ashes

Charles Felix ('Charlie') FIELD  
28th February 2005 at Ospringe

Winifred May ('Win') DAVIES  
6th March 2005 at Ospringe

## Exploring Our Faith

We are all on a life journey of discovery and Christians describe this as their spiritual journey, their journey of faith. At the heart of being a disciple of Jesus is our faith, but what does this actually mean? Before we can begin to explore our faith we need to understand what it is. In his book 'To Love and To Serve' Jonathan Draper describes faith as knowing enough to get on with, but having knowledge that is incomplete, limited and partial. The Bible interprets faith as trust, reliance or fidelity.

Christ has faith in his absolute unity with God. His is a personal response to God's blessing. We strive to be more Christ-like and therefore need to make that personal response of faith too. Faith is not an intellectual passive thing, but a radical and total commitment to Christ; a conscious human act and experience.

Martha explored her faith when she made time to be with Jesus after Lazarus died. She moved from a general statement of belief to a personal response of faith after she heard Jesus say, 'I am the resurrection and the life...'. But faith cannot be explored in unity with God alone. We also need unity with each other for our faith to grow. We need to respond and act together as members of the body of Christ. We need to learn with, and from, each other; open our eyes to see the world as God sees it and share this with others; ask questions of ourselves; and not be afraid to ask questions of others and God.

Contact numbers:  
Swale NHW office 0808 100 3308 (free)  
Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 (24 hours, free and anonymous)  
NHW liaison officer 01795 584143  
Sittingbourne police station 01795 477055  
Emergencies or crime in progress always use 999  
Kent Trading Standards 08457 585 497

There was an attempted break in to a garage Painter's Forstal in early March. Police advise that sheds and garages should be secured and alarmed if possible. Shed Alarms can be purchased from Swale Neighbourhood watch, please call the above number for details. These are effective in providing protection to all manner of outbuildings and patio furniture etc.

No journey of discovery is the same but if we want to move forward in faith we have to consciously step out into the unknown and put absolute trust in God to guide us.

## Eastling Neighbourhood Watch.

Householders continue to receive unsolicited phone calls telling them they have won a prize, usually a holiday. The caller then asks for credit card or bank details "to confirm eligibility". This is a scam, bank details should never be divulged to unexpected callers.

The Fire service has issued warnings about bogus callers offering to fit smoke detectors. These firms may be legitimate but care is advised. Advice and home fire safety checks are available free from the Fire Service; call your local fire station for information (not 999).

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch messages are also posted on the village notice boards (at the Village Hall and the Parish notice board in The Street). Anyone in Eastling wishing to receive alert information by e-mail please send a message to eastlingnhw@tesco.net

## WELLSPRING 2005

### Aylesford Priory (The Friars)

#### Saturday 18th June

This will be an exciting day for all the family, with activities for all ages.

Come and listen to inspiring speakers, be enthused at the workshops, spend some time in quiet meditation, enjoy the lovely surroundings and join in worship, which will be led by the Prior, Father Wilfred McGreal.

*The Family Trust, of Maidstone, will run children's activities and the young people will be led by the team from Gillingham Youth for Christ.*

The many speakers and leaders include Bishop John Pritchard, Adrian Plass, Roly Bain (the Biblical Clown), Frititi African (who danced at the installation of the Archbishop of Canterbury) and Jewish, Muslim and Sikh leaders taking part in an inter-faith discussion chaired by Bishop Michael Nazir Ali.

Booking forms and further details for WELLSPRING 2005 are available in our churches. Tickets - £6 adults, £2 child 5 - 7yrs if booked in advance. Payment on the day - £7 and £3.

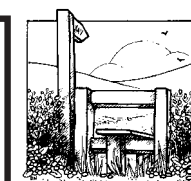
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## Friends of Eastling School

The snow had luckily melted enough for the Children's Fashion Show to take place. The children modelled the clothes very professionally, so well done to all of you. We raised £76 during the evening.

Red Nose day was great fun with most of the children decked out in red clothes (and hair!), red nose iced biscuits, the Red Nose staff band and the most money was raised in the custard pie raffle when the lucky winners chose which teacher would be their victim to receive a face full of pie! The children raised a total of £77.50 for Comic Relief.

The Jumble Sale was very successful -thank you to everyone who donated jumble, helped sort and sell. The proceeds will be spent on further improvements to the school hall.

Our Easter activities included an egg box model competition - very hard to judge as the models were really inventive. The term concluded with the Egg Hunt and raffle draw which was enjoyed by the school children and their families.

If you wish to purchase summer bedding plants, the order forms are now available. 25% of all orders to FOES. The last date to order is Friday 15th April, with delivery late April/early May. Why not brighten up your garden and containers and raise money for the school at the same time!

Due to the bad weather, the Murder/Mystery evening had to be postponed and the provisional new date is Saturday 14th May. More information next month.

Don't forget to note the dates of our Swimming Pool Party at Faversham Pool on Friday 24th June, and the Summer Fete to be held on Sunday 3rd July. There will be a competition to design the cover of the programme and there will be advertising space available. Please contact me for further details.

Jill Seaman  
FOES Publicity,  
Tel 01795 890519



## Ospringe Parish Council

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 9th March, at Champion Hall.

Highlights of the meeting included:

Mr Haratbar of the Swale Highways Unit attended the meeting. He described the recent changes to the ways the Highways Unit worked. The Unit wishes to work closely with the Parish Council and has provided a single point of contact to report problems such as pot holes. The unit has also provided the Parish Council with inspection schedules and salting routes. Prior to the recent bad weather the Parish Council had been in touch with the Unit to request more salting of Abbots Hill. The Parish Council thanked Mr Haratbar for the unit's work in salting the Parish during the recent snow, this had worked better than in previous years. Swale Council had put a lot of extra effort into salting, their staff had worked long hours and the cost of the exercise in the Borough had exceeded £100,000.

The Parish Council took the opportunity to report the problem on the Throwley Road. The Swale Council

contractors had cut the overhanging hedge. This had revealed another problem, that of the bank encroaching on to the road, causing passing vehicles to move out into the road. Mr Haratbar agreed to look into this problem.

A resident of the Parish had reported problem with litter in hedges. There is particular concern on the Eastling Road. In addition to being unsightly and unhygienic, the litter was a danger to wildlife. The Parish Council discussed ways to resolve this problem. A number of suggestions were made. These included, the Parish Council to lead a 'Womble' to remove litter, a 'tidy your hedgerows day' for the Parish and the possible involvement of voluntary groups to help out.

The public are invited to submit suggestions for litter removal to the Parish Council. These should be made via the Clerk on 01795 410086 between 10am and 2pm, on weekdays only.

The Parish Council next meets in Champion Hall on Wednesday 13th April at 7:30. The Public are welcome to attend.

# April



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|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2nd Wine & Wisdom                               | 7.30pm                     | Eastling Village Hall         |
| 4th Gardeners' Spring Show                      | 7.45pm                     | Champion Hall                 |
| 5th Annual Church Meeting                       | 7.30pm                     | Stalisfield Church            |
| 9th Bring & Buy Auction                         | 11am                       | Champion Hall                 |
| 9/10th Young Artist Exhibition                  |                            | Sutton Valence School         |
| 11th Hall Trust A.G.M.                          | 7.30pm                     | Eastling Village Hall         |
| 11th Eastling Parish Meeting                    | follows                    | Hall A.G.M..                  |
| 13th Afternoon Club                             | 2pm                        | Champion Hall                 |
| 13th Ospringe Parish Council                    | 7.30pm                     | Champion Hall                 |
| 15th Children's Obstacle course                 | 9.30am                     | Champion Hall                 |
| 15th Deadline for May Good News                 |                            | Pinks Farm                    |
| 16th Spring Supper                              | 7pm                        | Eastling Village Hall         |
| 17th Annual Church Meeting                      | 11am                       | Eastling Church               |
| 19th Women's Institute                          | 2.15pm                     | Champion Hall                 |
| 24th Bluebell Walk                              | Start between 11am and 2pm | Eastling Village Hall         |
| 26th Magazine Folding                           | 2pm                        | Ospringe Church & Pinks Farm  |
| 27th Afternoon Club                             | 2pm                        | Champion Hall                 |
| 27th Otterden Parish Meeting                    | 7.30pm                     | Otterden Place                |
| 30th Bunce Charity Outing                       |                            |                               |
| MAY 7th Race Night                              |                            | Ospringe School               |
| 14th Murder/Mystery evening                     |                            | Eastling School               |
| 21st Coffee Morning                             |                            | 74 London Road, Faversham.    |
| 21st Plant Sale                                 |                            | 10.30am Eastling Village Hall |
| JUNE 18th Summer Fair                           |                            | Ospringe School               |
| 24th Eastling Pool Party at                     |                            | Faversham Pools               |
| 25th Ospringe in Bloom Allotments judging       |                            |                               |
| JULY 3rd Eastling School Fete                   |                            |                               |
| 24th Ospringe in Bloom Gardens judging          |                            |                               |
| AUGUST 21st Painter's Forstal Fete              |                            |                               |
| SEPTEMBER 20th Ospringe in Bloom Awards evening |                            |                               |
| OCTOBER 8th Autumn Feast                        |                            | Painter's Forstal             |
| NOVEMBER 12th Craft Fayre                       |                            | Painter's Forstal             |



## Painter's Forstal Village Committee

It is with regret that we have to cancel the proposed events for May 2nd, as there has been no response to the proposed 'Table Top' Boot Fair.

### BARN DANCE

Saturday 11th June at Painter's Farm,  
by kind premission of Miss Doris Knowler.  
More details next month

## Painter's Forstal Fete August 21st

We know it is looking ahead but we do need to know if we have enough volunteers to man the stalls and set up & take down the necessary equipment. Ring 01795 532756 if you can help in any way from 8.30am on Sunday 21st August.  
October 8th - Autumn Feast  
November 12th - Craft Fayre



## Ospringe in Bloom

Key dates are  
25th June  
Judging of Allotments  
24th July  
Judging of Gardens  
20th September  
Awards evening

**Eastling  
Gardeners' Club**  
Bring & Buy Plant Sale  
Saturday, 21st May  
10.30am-12.30pm  
at the Village Hall

## Afternoon Club

Activities:  
March 31st Bingo  
April 13th Board Game  
April 27th A.G.M.  
followed by Bingo.

The Annual General  
Meeting of the  
**Otterden  
Parish Meeting**  
will be held on  
Wednesday 27th April  
at Otterden Place  
starting at 7.30pm.

**Sunday  
Freestyle**  
10th April, 10.30am  
Eastling Church  
**for good health**  
Breakfast from 10am  
All welcome



## EASTLING VILLAGE HALL TRUST

At the Trust's Annual General Meeting at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, 11th April 2005 in the Village Hall, nominations will be considered for election of two 'village representatives' to serve as Trustees. Nominees must be 18 years of age or over. Nomination forms (to be returned by 8th April) and further details are available from the Trust Secretary, Sue Parry at Magnolia Cottage, Newnham Lane, Eastling (tel: 890254).

Even if Trusteeship doesn't appeal, the Trustees are always looking for additional helpers. If you have a few hours to spare to do a bit of gardening or decorating at the Hall, please give Sue a ring.

## Painter's Forstal Gardeners' Club

The meeting for April is on Monday 4th, in the Champion Hall. It is the Spring Show, staging 7 - 7.30pm, judging 7.45pm. Shedules now available. Further details from Faversham 533608.  
Annual Coffee Morning - 21st May.

## Ospringe School Association News

Unfortunately the wine and wisdom had to be cancelled due to the weather, hard to believe as it is now warm and sunny! We hope to re-schedule it in June. The Race Night is still on course for 7th May and the Summer Fair on 18th June. There are some new good ideas for fundraising this year so look out for the promise auction and diary dates sale which will be circulating soon.

Jill Fagg

## Coffee Pop-In

Thank you to everyone who supported the Pop-In's Red Nose Special. Our total raised for Comic Relief was £173.41 and Belinda was the winner of the sweepstake. Pop-In will close for the Easter holidays and re-open, 9 - 11am every Wednesday, from 13th April in Eastling Village Hall. All ages welcome, plenty of toys for toddlers.



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

Hall and smaller rooms available with kitchen facilities at

## Eastling Village Hall.

For more information please contact Mr Tony Stephens on 890010.

## Eastling Hall Snooker Club



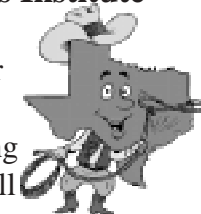
The snooker club has begun to meet every Monday. All past, present and future members are welcome. The club will open 7.00 - 8.30pm youngsters under 16 years old (Snooker and Table Tennis). Adults 8.30 - until 10.00pm. Cost : Youngsters 50p per game of Snooker, Table Tennis free... Adults £1.00 per game of Snooker, Table Tennis not available.

Would you please contact me on 01795 890010, if you are interested in playing.

Tony Stephens  
Snooker Club Representative.

## Painter's Forstal with Ospringe Women's Institute

Tuesday 19th April  
Talk by Mrs A. Catoor  
*Don't mess with Texas*  
Open Birthday Meeting  
2.15pm Champion Hall



## PUDDLEDUCKS PLAYGROUP

Thank you to everyone who supported our Easter Draw and Coffee Morning. Summer term commences on Monday 11th April at the normal time of 9.30am. The children will be planting seeds during the month and we will have a letter and colour for each week, starting with the colour yellow and letter D (for daffodil). The children are invited bring in an item for the 'show and tell' table of the colour for the week. The fundraising for our Insurance premium will continue with our children's sponsored obstacle course on Friday April 15th. Do try to get as many sponsors as possible and join us to watch the children negotiate the obstacles! Any enquiries to Jill Seaman, 01795 890519

## The Rotary Club of the Weald of Kent SPRING ART EXHIBITION at Sutton Valence School

Pictures and crafts on exhibition and for sale  
Including a Young Artist Exhibition  
Saturday 9th April from 2pm to 6pm  
Sunday 10th April 10am to 3pm  
Entrance £3.50 on the door, including refreshments

All proceeds go to the club's  
TSUNAMI APPEAL

For further information call  
Robert Taylor (01233 756379)  
or Neil Wye (01622 891225)

