

Eastling Bluebell and Nature Walk Bank Holiday Monday 1st May

Walks of varying length from short (3miles) to long (12miles). Maps and nature notes provided.

Come and enjoy the spring woods on May Day with some of the loveliest bluebells in Kent!

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

Visit the **BLUEBELL BISTRO** in the hall for lunches and light refreshments.

Proceeds to raising funds for toilet and kitchen facilities in Eastling Church.

Help needed on Saturday and Sunday (29th, 30th April) to put out the route markers.

Please phone 01795 892124 or 890338 for more details.



Craft Club

50p per session
Champion Hall
April 14th and 28th
at 6.15pm

Painter's Forstal Village
Amenities Committee

Easter Surprise



**16th April
Easter Sunday**

Commencing at
Champion Hall at 2.00pm
50p a team (approx 4!)

This is for the young members of the village who should bring their parents along!

Ring 591463 if you wish to take part.

Other Dates

Barn Dance June 3rd at Painter's Farm, by kind permission of Miss D. Knowler
Fete - August 13th, 2 - 5pm
Lorenden Meadow, Whitehill.



Confirmation Classes

Would you like to be confirmed? Over the summer there will be Confirmation classes for teenagers and separate classes for adults, in preparation for the Deanery Confirmation at St. Mary of Charity, Faversham on Sunday 17th September. Please let the clergy know if you are interested, or would like to discuss what "being Confirmed" means.

Rev'd. Angela Cheeseman, 892124 (Eastling, Stalisfield and Otterden)
Rev'd. Ali Duguid, 5334272 (Ospringe and Davington)



CONFIRMATION

There is an **Alpha Course** starting here soon.....
All are welcome!

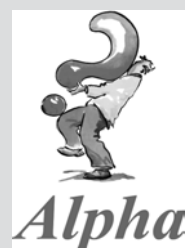
Each Tuesday evening from 25th April, through to July, we shall be hosting the course in Eastling. Please call Mark or Hilary on **890338** for more details about the course or how you can join us.

Christianity: Boring, Untrue and Irrelevant?



Alpha is for everyone, especially:

- Those wanting to investigate Christianity
- New Christians
- Newcomers to the church
- Those who want to brush up on the basics



Young People's EASTER SPECIAL

TUESDAY 11th APRIL
@ Eastling Village Hall
DANCE BLAST

Get moving with cool moves in this funky dance fitness session with TV choreographer Leigh Miles

8-10 years @ 9.30am
11-16 years @ 10.30am
Session £3.00

Contact Leigh 01795 890 149 or
<leigh.fitness@btinternet.com>



FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

Unfortunately, the Family Games Evening scheduled for 4th March had to be cancelled. It will be rearranged for later in the year. Forthcoming events:

Indoor Boot Fair - Saturday 20th May - Eastling Village Hall. Please phone to book your table (only £3 each). Set up from 10.30am, doors open at 1pm.

Pool Party - Friday 23rd June - Faversham Swimming Pool - 6.45pm - 8.30pm

The Eastling School 'Circus'

Summer Fete - Sunday 9th July from 2pm to 5pm.
Leavers'/End of Term Disco & Social Evening - Tuesday 25th July - 6.30pm - 9pm.

AUCTION Saturday 23rd September - Eastling Village Hall.

Details of all events to follow.
Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity 890519.

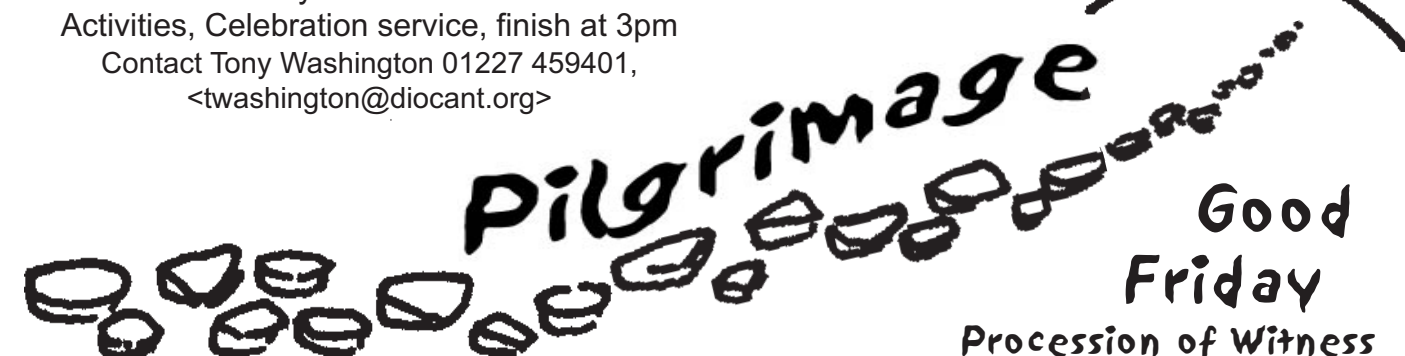


Check out the Easter story at <www.topmarks.co.uk/christianity/easter/easter.htm>

Easter Monday YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

17th April 2006

PASSION PRAYER PILGRIMAGE
Procession from Dane John Gardens at 10.30am
Canterbury Cathedral at 11am
Activities, Celebration service, finish at 3pm
Contact Tony Washington 01227 459401,
<twashington@diocant.org>



Good
Friday

Procession of Witness
in Faversham

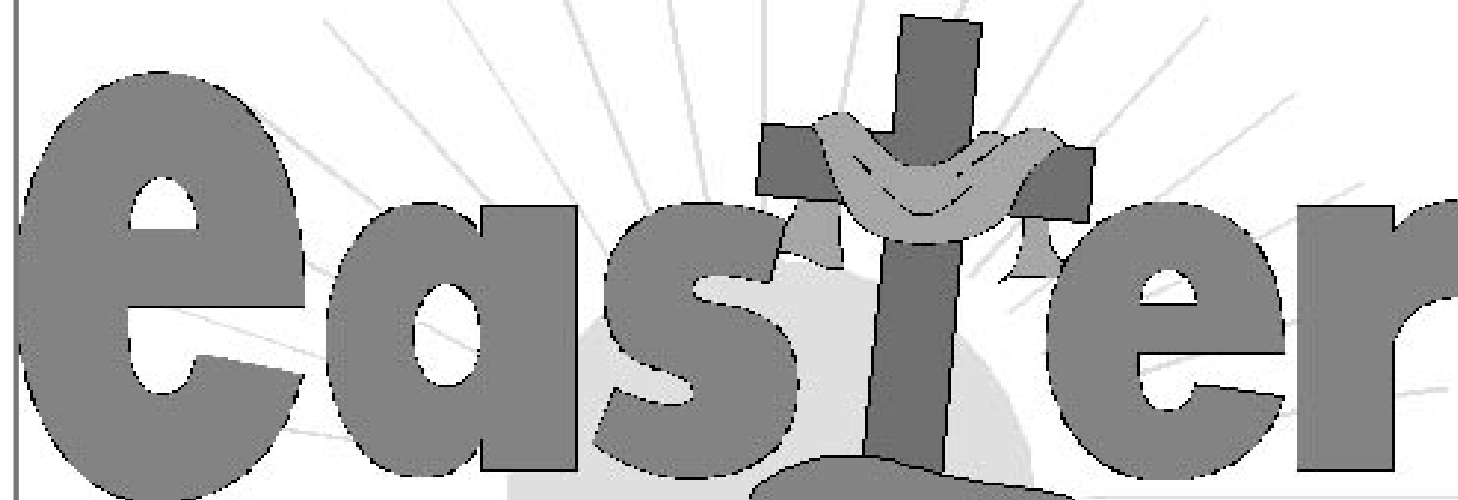
Procession from United Church,
Preston Street at 10.30 a.m.
Service in the Market Place at 10.45 a.m.
Devotional Service in Davington Church
10am - 12 noon

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

Good News Parish Magazine April 2006

Sunday 16th April Easter Morning Communion Services

10am Stalisfield, 10am Eastling,
8am and 11am Ospringe, 10.30am Davington



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

From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

Those I have spoken to already know just how overwhelmed I was at my licensing service on March 16th..... You have all been so warm and welcoming, encouraging and supportive - thank you ever so much. Thank you to those that came to the service (and to those that played active parts) which I think you will agree was amazing! For me it was a really good mix of formal and informal, traditional and 'trendy'. Very relaxed yet very dignified and meaningful. Thank you ALL musicians, singers and ringers, speakers, readers, planners and organisers, cleaners and polishers..... Everyone who made it happen!

As for the wonderful reception afterwards - well! That too was amazing and all of my guests were commenting on the welcome and the quality of the refreshments so thank you - all of you - who played a part in that. Thank you too for all the cards and gifts - an amazing amount of good wishes!

So here I am those that came to the tea party the Sunday following my instal-lation will know that I am ever so happy in the Vicarage and the Church Commis-sioners, along with the Property Dept of Canterbury Diocese, have done a won-derful job in making me feel very comfort-able in my living accommodation and now I am looking forward to living and working with you all. It will take a bit of time for me to remember names, so please forgive me if I make silly gaffes in the early weeks - I'm sure you'll gently remind me!

As you read this we will be approaching Easter together. I hope you are valuing a Lenten journey of your own - mine has certainly been very different this year - leaving the old and discovering the new. It has been (obviously) a great period of upheaval and change - going from the familiar into the totally unknown with all sorts of disruptions to my regular habits and disciplines. The unknown can be good though - a bit scary sometimes, maybe, but being hoicked out of our comfy armchair, being allowed less sleep and more activity can be a good learning curve. Some of us are more courageous than others to venture into an unseen horizon of life, but it is possible that the new armchair, so to speak, is even more comfy than the old one (if only we'd known!) So it is with our relationship with Jesus Christ the Risen Son of God. We may think we know Him, we may think we are comfy with Him, but let us together discover new and exciting things about Him and more importantly what He wants us to do for Him.

At the end of my licensing service in the vestry I prayed with the clergy that well known sentence 'Send us out Lord, in the power of your Spirit to [truly] live and work to your praise and glory. Amen'. Let us apply this to ourselves afresh this Easter as we celebrate His rising to New Life and the new life we all now have together.

Thank you for your welcome, I am deeply honoured and the new 'armchair' feels great!

With love
Ali.
Priest in Charge Ospringe and Davington.




Prayer Pointers	
Sundays	Praise and thanksgiving for the Resurrection message.
Mondays	Those chronically sick or disabled.
Tuesdays	For new mission opportunities in our parishes.
Wednesdays	For all who teach.
Thursdays	For peace in the Middle East.
Fridays	For the Good Friday witness in the Market Place.
Saturdays	For those living in countries where they must celebrate Easter in secret.

Mothers' Union Notes.

We met on the last Wednesday of February and welcomed young Vanessa. The meeting started with a cuppa and then led into "Thoughts on Psalm 23" led by Vicky. There was exchange of what the psalm tells us and we enjoyed different versions of "The Lord's my Shepherd" on CD and singing the hymns. The March meeting is when young Heather will talk to us about her experiences of family life. The April meeting is on Wednesday, 26th April, in the Parish Room. Do join us. Vicky feels honoured to be asked to play the Western Crypt organ for the M.U. Lady Day Service on Saturday, 25th March. The Diocese are organising a visit to the Houses of Parliament and a Boat Ride along the Thames on Tuesday, 6th June. Thank you to Audrey Lewis of Sittingbourne who has arranged this for us. Vicky (for Brenda Cardwell, Branch Leader)

Oasis

Sunday 2nd April
11am Ospringe Church



Continuing our series on Jesus Christ, this month we look at **His Death**.
Guest speaker: Revd Pat Pollard
All welcome.
Contact number 535246.

OTTERDEN CHAPEL

Change from the rota -
2nd April - 10am Morning Prayer at Stalisfield
7th May - 3pm Evening Prayer at Otterden

Sunday Freestyle



Palm Sunday,
9th April
10.30am Eastling Village Hall
Breakfast from 10am
All ages welcome
Contact number 890338



In Canterbury Cathedral on Maundy Thursday, at 11a.m.

There is a service of the Renewal of Ordination Vows and the blessing of oils. Most of the clergy of the Diocese attend to renew their vows, Archbishop Rowan will preach and preside at Communion and lay people are invited to come and support their clergy and obviously take Communion. It is a wonderful occasion. If any would like to attend could they please let Ali know in good time as the Cathedral like to have some idea of numbers. It is held in the quire.

FROM THE ORGAN SEAT

24 of us were at the moving Service led by Penny for Gracie Jenkins at Charing Crematorium on a snowy day, 23rd February. Fortunately it was picturesque going over The Downs and the snow did not stick on the roads. Gracie came to live in Ospringe in 1972 when they both retired from work in London. Unfortunately her dear Tom died soon after they moved here but, undaunted, Gracie joined in village life and became part of Young Wives (my dear husband still makes us laugh by referring to the Old Hens!). She looked after the old Parish Room in Water Lane and she and her Scottie dog, Susie, walked for miles in our lovely countryside. We remember her as part of our Young Wives floats at The Carnival. We won a cup the year we were Tramps! Shirley and Roy Frier lent us a harmonium and Dr. MacPherson lent me his top hat. We had fish and chips after the judges had visited us and Don Hammond drove the lorry with John Bilcliffe alongside him. My dear husband supplied cups of tea whilst we prepared the lorry at the school during the day. What fun we had and continued to have. When my Mum died, Gracie was the first to tell me I had no need to have any regrets. She was surrounded with friends and family for her 90th Birthday Party at church on 2nd December, 2001, just as she decided it was time to be looked after in Carnalea. The wonderful care she had there enabled her to keep her dignity to the very end. We were all stunned at the sudden death of Sylvia Drury in March and the flowers in the churchyard were a tribute to her and her family. It was only last September that Penny took her last Wedding in Ospringe for Sylvia's son, Keith and Jeanette, and I can hear Mrs. Drury's chuckle and see her smile now. Sylvia was in Church the Sunday before her death. Rev. Pat has asked us to pray for the young

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people in our Church as part of an initiative for Working with Young People in our Deanery. The Youth Pilgrimage is on Easter Monday and they meet in the Dane John Gardens and walk to the Cathedral. A Service and Workshops follow. It is a great occasion and I would recommend it for our youngsters. I will add you to my Prayers. Sunday, 11th March, was the 10th Anniversary of that dreadful massacre at Dunblane. I remember the horror I felt when I heard about it and thought of all the children with whom I had been photographed. Last week I found the photograph of young Vicky with her first class at Milnrow C.E. Primary School "way up there in them Lancashire hills!" I had a letter from one of those pupils who was Church Warden there, as I had written following the death of a colleague with whom I have kept in contact. When I retired as Head it was 6 months before Dunblane and as I handed over the keys I took my car onto the empty playground and had many quiet prayers and thanked God for keeping the children and their families safe. I know everyone's heart went out to the families of that lovely teacher and those lovely children.
Please God keep children and their teachers safe in Your arms. Be with the people of Dunblane. May the souls of Gracie and Sylvia rest in peace and please be with their families in their sorrow.
God bless, Vicky.

Memorial Service

90th Anniversary of The Great Explosion at Uplees on Sunday 2nd April 1916

Sunday 2nd April 2006 at 2pm at the Memorial in Faversham Cemetery Introduction by Dr A Percival, Faversham Society Service led by The Reverend Canon Anthony Oehring Music by Faversham Gospel Mission Band

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CHOIR NOTES

What a wonderful welcome for Rev. Ali. Thank you to everyone and the Choir for their support. We have been invited to sing at a Memorial Service on Sunday, 2nd April, at 2 p.m. in the Love Lane Cemetery by the Massed Grave of those killed in the Explosion that rocked Faversham 90 years ago to the day. The Gospel Mission Band are playing and the hymns include "Crimond", "Now Thank We All Our God" and "The Day Thou Gavest". Tony Oehring is leading the Service. I have displayed in the Parish Room articles about this awful tragedy, the rumblings were felt in Essex!
Later on 2nd April, Rev. Peter Jacobs is leading a Taizé Service at St. Dunstan's Church, Canterbury, Rehearsal at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 p.m. and the Service at 6.30 p.m. Rather a busy day with our 3 excellent morning services as well!
Easter Sunday is 16th April and it will be lovely to see the church full of flowers and the scented fragrance of the Easter lilies. The Bells will be ringing and that is a wonderful sound across the valley. I wonder whether, as Spring has been so long in coming, will the daffodils, which are about to flower, be greeting us too?
Lauren is making her debut in the world of musical-theatre as part of the cast of "Me and my Girl" and Hannah is a Munchkin in the community production of "The Wizard of Oz", all at The Marlowe. Vicky has joined the team of Bell Ringers. Well done to our young Choristers, widening their experience and giving to the community.

Vicky Shepherd
"O Lord, help us to be masters of ourselves, that we may be the servants of others". Amen.
A prayer by Alexander Paterson, 1884-1947. from CMS Prayerlines.

GARDEN CLEARANCE
Most jobs considered.
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Services in our Churches			Ministry in our Parishes		
2nd April 5th Sunday of Lent			Priest in Charge of Ospringe and Davington Reverend Ali Duguid (01795 533272) The Vicarage, Brent Hill, Davington, ME13 7EF		
Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)	Priest in Charge of Eastling and Stalisfield - Vacant		
Ospringe	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Curate Reverend Angela Cheeseman (01795 892124) (Eastling & Stalisfield) New House Farm, Eastling. ME13 0BN		
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Oasis	Reader Mr. Norman Fowler (01795 890412) (Eastling, Stalisfield & Ospringe) 4 Meesons Close, Eastling.		
Davington	10.30 a.m.	Parish Communion. (CW)	Reader Mr. Hugh Perks (01795 890603) (Eastling, Stalisfield & Ospringe) Weald Cottage, Eastling.		
Whitehill Chapel	10 a.m.	Brunch followed by	Methodist Reverend Philip Barker (01227 463180) Minister		
	10.40 a.m.	Family People’s Choice	Contacting the Church’s staff		
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer	For general enquiries and for specific enquiries about Baptisms and Weddings, please telephone Faversham 533272 for Ospringe and Painter’s Forstal; for Eastling and Stalisfield please telephone 01795 892124. 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.		
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)	May Good News		
Tuesday 4th April			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 Current and back copies of Good News are available on the website: http://go.to/goodnewsmag		
Whitehill Chapel	2.15 p.m.	Holy Communion	From the Registers		
9th April Palm Sunday			Funerals		
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)	Reginald Arthur PEEK		
Davington	10.30 a.m.	Parish Communion. (CW)	7th March 2006 Cremation at Charing		
Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)	Sylvia DRURY		
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)	10th March 2006 Funeral at Ospringe followed by cremation at Charing		
Eastling	10.30 a.m.	Freestyle in Village Hall			
10th, 11th and 12th April Holy Week			7th May 4th Sunday of Easter		
Davington	7.30 p.m.	Evening Prayer (CW)	Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
13th April Maundy Thursday			Ospringe	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Davington	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (CW) with stripping of the altar followed by Night Vigil	Ospringe	11 a.m.	Oasis
14th April Good Friday			Davington	10.30 a.m.	Parish Communion. (CW)
Davington	10 a.m. - 12 noon	Devotional Service	Whitehill Chapel	10 a.m.	Brunch followed by
Faversham	10.30 a.m.	Procession of witness	Stalisfield	10.40 a.m.	Family People’s Choice
Market Place	10.45 a.m.	Open air service	Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling	12 noon	Devotional Service			
16th April Easter Day					
Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)			
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Family Communion			
Davington	10.30 a.m.	Parish Communion. (CW)			
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)			
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)			
23rd April St George’s Day					
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Family Service			
Davington	10.30 a.m.	Parish Communion. (CW)			
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	People’s Choice			
Stalisfield	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)			
Eastling	10 a.m.	Youngstyle			
30th April 3rd Sunday of Easter					
	9.45 a.m.	Churches Together in Faversham			
Combined open-air service at Faversham Recreation Ground.					
Prelude to the Annual Faversham Charity Bike Ride					
11am Downsfoot Benefice Service at Throwley					
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(BCP) Service taken from the Book of Common Prayer, 1662.					
(CW) Service follows Common Worship Liturgy, 2000					

<b>Eastling Neighbourhood Watch.</b>		
E-mail - <a href="mailto:neighbourhoodwatch.swale@kent.pnn.police.uk">neighbourhoodwatch.swale@kent.pnn.police.uk</a> NHW liaison officer 01795 419212		
Emergencies or crime in progress always use 999		
<b>Sheds:</b> There have been a few sheds broken into within the Milton and Kemsley areas. The offenders are targeting power tools but also fishing equipment. Police recommend householders to keep their fishing equipment secure thus preventing the opportunity for an easy theft. Police would appreciate any information on these crimes phone Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 (24 hours, free and anonymous).		
<b>Drive resurfacing:</b> A number of men have been knocking on householders doors in the Maidstone, Gravesend & Northfleet area, some with fluorescent vests, and using vehicles including a white Ford Transit van and a tipper lorry. Householders are being cold called, the caller offering to resurface the householder’s driveway or provide a drop kerb for their drive. Kent Trading Standards advise householders to be wary of doorstep sellers and ask friends or neighbours to recommend traders, and get at least 2 written quotes before agreeing to have work done. Please report any similar incidents to Trading Standards - 08457 585 497.		
<b>Scrap metal:</b> The following vehicle has been seen visiting rural locations, purporting to be interested in scrap metal. The vehicle is a blue Transit van RJ02 BWL. Usually there are 3 males described as "traveller types" If you see this van please call NHW on 0808 100 3308 (free).		
<b>Eastling Parish Council</b>		
From the meeting on March 8th. “County Lengthsman” scheme: This is run by KCC to organise small repairs to Highways. Anyone can report minor road surface problems to Eastling Chairman or Clerk, who will notify KCC. The Council approved the budget for 2006/7. Village Warden: Villagers are asked to express which functions they would a Village Warden to perform. Any thoughts should be communicated to Councillors by 10th April 2006, so that the matter can be discussed, evaluated and a job description formulated after discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting. Village Sign: The design for the proposed village sign can be viewed in the Village Hall prior to the Annual Parish Meeting on 10th April. Traffic Calming: Despite the Council's best efforts, little progress has been made in achieving the 30mph limit through the village. Cllr Bickerdike will pursue the matter further. Village Hall Trustees: Cllr Helen Higgs agreed to continue to serve as the Council's representative. The Parish Council agreed to provide a further £200.00 towards the purchase of new crockery and cutlery. Communication: The Council considered a proposal to place suggestion boxes, or something similar, at strategic points in the village enabling the public to apprise the Council of its views on important matters. The Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish Council was fixed for Wednesday 10th May 2006 at 6.00pm. This will precede the normal bi-monthly meeting. The Annual Parish Meeting will follow the AGM of the Village Hall Trustees, which is due to be held on Monday 10th April 2006 at 7.30pm.		
<b>Ospringe Parish Council</b>		
<b>met on the 8th March at Champion Hall.</b>		
<b>Councillors fees:</b> Following a review initiated by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, Parish Councillors have been awarded an annual payment of £154 for 2006. This would be paid from Parish funds. The Ospringe Parish councillors decided that they will not take the payment, the money saved will remain in the Parish Funds. <b>Footpath beside Champion Hall:</b> The Parish Council are working with Kent County Council to have this cleared of overhanging and encroaching vegetation. This work will be funded by KCC. <b>Painter’s Forstal Village Triangle:</b> The Council received a report on the work recently carried out on the Triangle. Some grass re-seeding is required around the new posts, and the Council have authorised this work to be carried out. The Council is reviewing the grass cutting arrangements on the Triangle, with a view to having the grass cut more often. <b>Flooding on Brogdale Road:</b> The council received a report on the localised flooding on Brogdale Road, opposite Lorenden, just before it climbs to the fork to Stalisfield Road. This area is the course of the old river. The Council will alert those responsible for the highway to ask for an investigation into what what can be done to the drainage system in this area. <b>Parish Council impact on Council Tax:</b> The Parish Council income is from Council Tax and is called a Precept. A recent article in the Sunday Telegraph pointed out that the Precept is not capped and that some Parish Councils had raised their Precept by 35% to 40%. Ospringe Parish Council have not raised the Precept for the last two years. <b>Faversham Bike Ride:</b> This takes place on the morning of the 30th April. The route runs from Faversham recreation ground, up and across the A2, along Brogdale Road, down Whitehill, taking the left fork past Cement Cottages and left again at Churchmans Farm towards Belmont. Then back from Belmont past the bottom of Box Lane to Churchmans Farm, then re-tracing the route to Faversham. Motorists are asked to take care with 500 cyclists on the road, and reminded that this is a worthwhile event - it raised over £10,000 for local charities last year. John Griffin		



## Ospringe Spring Clean

### Litter pick 18th February

A hardy band of 25 volunteers of all ages, suitably wrapped up against the cold wind, met at Champion Hall. Swale council had kindly provided an array of equipment. 'Hi-vis' vests, strong gloves, litter-picking sticks, spades, a long handled broom, and lots and lots of plastic bags. Following a short briefing by the chief wobble, and photographs, the volunteers were despatched to parts of the Parish. These include Abbots Hill, Coxett Hill, Hansletts Lane, Eastling Road, Box Hill, the centre of Painter's Forstal and the footpath to the side of Champion Hall.



Two hours later the trusty band, now warmed up from their exploits, returned to Champion Hall for a welcoming lunch of soup and rolls prepared by our very own Gordon Ramsey. And the volunteers had fully earned the lunch. There were over 55 bags of litter collected, a pallet, a carpet, a traffic cone, builders' rubble, and a microwave (not working) Plus a large amount of tree pruning along Hansletts Lane. But no bags of used banknotes, unfortunately! It is estimated that 15 cwt of litter was picked!

A very well organised and worthwhile morning, and still time to get to the shops. We all look forward to the next pick.

### Collection of Household rubbish - reminder

This **free** service will be on Saturday the 22nd April. If you wish to have items collected than this can be arranged via the Parish Clerk on 01795 410086, who is arranging the route through the Parish.

### Presentation to the Cottage hospital

On a night that was possibly even colder than the December night of the Carol singing, two representatives of the Painter's Forstal Carol Singers attended the Cottage Hospital League of Friends AGM. But at least the meeting was indoors! They attended to present a cheque for £161.27. This was the money raised during carol singing in Painters Forstal in December 2005.

The League of Friends are very grateful for the donation, and will ensure that it is put to good use in providing extra care for patients. The extras provided by the League make a tremendous contribution to the patients at the Cottage hospital.

The League of Friends send their thanks to all the singers and, most importantly, to the kind folk of Painter's Forstal who donated the money.

### Ospringe in Bloom 2006 - the 16th year

A short article before the daffodils arrive!

A small change this year, following on from an idea last year, will be the award of Commendation Certificates to front gardens that enhance the Parish but were too modest to enter.

Dates for your diary:

Judging Allotments 25th June

Judging Gardens 23rd July

Presentation Evening 20th September

## Eastling Short Mat Bowls Club

This is the latest for the games we have played in the Swale Short Mat Bowls League:

February 10th away to Leysdown. A new team to this division who have fast mats and a very funny floor. Players often say "I don't like those mats", I say it is the floor you have to learn to play! We all stuck to our task and came away with 7 shots to 7, losing out on a bonus point by one shot, Leysdown 47: Eastling 46.

February 17th at home to Borden Hawks. We won 62 shots to 30 and gained 11 to 3 league points. Next came Newington Reds which we knew, even at home, would be a tough and serious game, but we played well and came out on top with 52 points to 39 and 14 points to nil. That win put us on top of the division - we will now have to see if we can stay there with only three games to play, one at home and two away. In between all these games Mick Heath, Chris Smith, Barbara Buse and I have played through to the next

round in the Kent County Fours with the knock out final on 11th March. The start time was 8.30am at Strood Leisure Centre and it was a straight knock out on the 8 mats with sixteen teams. Much to our delight, and some good play by our team, we got into the final where we met two England players and two premier League players, captained by Tim Raycraft, so we were right up against it. We took them to the last nine end, losing, but what an experience! We are also playing in a non-County Badge Triples competition on 19th March, again at Strood.

**Wednesday afternoons will finish for the winter on 29th March.** The Club continues to meet on Friday afternoons, 2.30 - 4.30pm and Friday evenings, 7.30 - 9.30pm. Both sessions are open to all players. New members welcome, so if you want to see what it is all about and want to try your hand at Short Mat Bowls, just come along and have a go.

If you need any more details please contact Roy Piles on 01795 537162.

### PUDDLEDUCKS PLAYGROUP

Congratulations to all the winners in our Easter Raffle. Our thanks are extended to everyone who bought tickets. We have now raised the amount needed to pay the insurance premium.



Summer term will start on Tuesday 18th April. The children will continue to look at letters of the alphabet and will be making some flowery pictures.

All pre-school children are welcome, although children under 2 years 4 months must be accompanied by an adult. The cost of each session remains at £3.50. Jill Seaman, Playgroup Manager. 01795 890519

## Charing and District Local History Society

On 6th April

Lt Col Dick Bolton

will give a talk on:

### *The Arts and Crafts of William Morris and his circle*

How Morris became the most influential craftsman and designer of the 19th Century.

The presentation will be given in the Parish Hall, Charing. Everyone who is interested will be welcome when the doors open at 7.45pm. Non-members of the society pay £2.00.



## The Annual General Meeting of the Otterden Parish Meeting

will be held on Wednesday 19th April at Otterden Place starting at 7.30pm.

## Family Quiz Saturday 13th May 7pm in Eastling Village Hall

Please come and support us on our second QUIZ NIGHT, the first one was a great success. This is to raise funds for a Parish Youth Worker. Adults £3.00, children £1.50. Bring your own food and drink.

Lots of Prizes, fun and games for all the family.

Telephone 890865 to book your table. Jill and Caroline look forward to seeing you all again.

## Whitehill Chapel Anniversary Concert

Thursday 1st June

7.30pm

Handbell Ringers  
from Ospringe

## 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 contact Mr Tony Stephens on 890010.

## Painter's Forstal Gardeners' Club

Spring Show - Monday 10th April in the Champion Hall. Staging 7pm. Schedules available from John or Noreen.

Teas at Copton Ash - Easter Sunday, 16th April. Further details on the 10th.

Forthcoming events

May (date to be announced)  
an evening visit (Monday).

3rd June - Annual Coffee Morning  
at 74 London Road, Faversham,  
10am - 12 noon.

10th June - All day outing to Kew  
Gardens. If interested, please notify  
Noreen to give an idea on numbers.  
Further details from 533608

## Eastling Gardeners' Club

Thursday 11th May

Evening Visit to Macknade's Fine Foods  
Please let Clive Jolliffe know if you  
intend coming Tel: 890160

## Charity Open Day

at 26 Kings Road on  
Thursday 6th April  
10am - 7pm.

Ploughmans / coffee & tea  
available through the day.  
Craft stalls/cakes & raffle.  
All proceeds to Ospringe  
Church and Pilgrims  
Hospice, Canterbury.

## Afternoon Club

Activities

April 13th Board Games

April 27th Bingo

2pm in the Champion Hall,  
Painter's Forstal

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

18th April, 2.15pm Champion Hall

*All about the Marlowe*

- a talk by Mrs Booker

Competition: Flower of the Month.

# April



## Diary

1st Wit and Wisdom	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
3rd - 30th Maison Dieu Exhibition	Fleur de Lis Gallery	
6th Charity Open Day	10am - 7pm	26 Kings Road
6th Charing History Society	7.45pm	Charing Parish Hall
10th Gardeners' Spring Show	7pm	Champion Hall
10th Hall Trustees AGM	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
10th Eastling Annual Parish Meeting	8.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
11th Dance Blast	9.30am and 10.30am	Eastling Village Hall
11th Vivaldi's Gloria	8pm	Newnham Church
12th Vivaldi's Gloria	8pm	Eastling Church
13th Afternoon Club (Board Games)	2pm	Champion Hall
14th Maison Dieu re-opens 2-5pm Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays		
14th Craft Club	6.15pm	Champion Hall
15th Deadline May Good News		
16th Easter Surprise	2pm	Champion Hall
18th Women's Institute	2.15pm	Champion Hall
19th Coffee Pop-In reopens	9 - 11am	Eastling Village Hall
19th Otterden Annual Parish Meeting	7.30pm	Otterden Place
22nd Household rubbish collection		Ospringe Parish
25th Magazine Folding	2pm	Usual Venues
25th ALPHA Course begins	Evening	Eastling
27th New Fitness Class	9.15am	Eastling Village Hall
27th Afternoon Club (Bingo)	2pm	Champion Hall
28th Craft Club	6.15pm	Champion Hall
MAY 1st Bluebell Walk	from 11am	Eastling Village Hall
13th Family Quiz Night	7pm	Eastling Village Hall
20th Indoor Boot Fair	10.30am	Eastling Village Hall
1st June Anniversary Concert	7.30pm	Whitehill Chapel
3rd June Barn Dance		Painter's Farm