

Children in Church

Ospringle Sunday School takes a break, no meeting on 10th August.
Painter's Forstal meets 10.40am on 3rd August.
S Club next meets in September.

Club 8 -13

August meetings on
8th and 22nd
6.15pm in
Champion Hall.

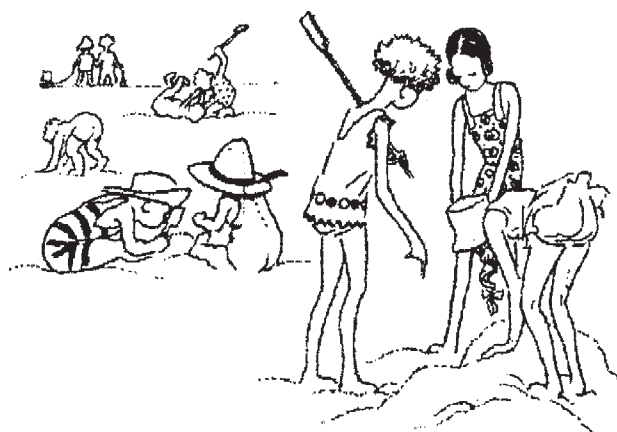


Please help Daniel
to keep smiling.

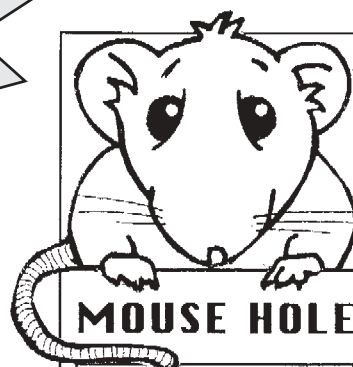
**Coffee Morning
and stalls
Saturday 2nd August
10am**

**United Church Hall,
Preston Street**
in aid of buying a

Wheel Chair for Daniel Feakins. Daniel has Spinal Muscular Atrophy. He is now aged 3, but in the not too distant future will need an electric wheel chair which he can steer himself. Daniel's father, Michael Feakins lived with his parents for many years in Box Lane Cottages, Painter's Forstal.



It was unfortunate that the Sunday School seaside outing forgot where they had buried the minister.



MOUSE HOLE

"On the Move"

Here are some things to do while you are travelling...

I Spy

Make a list of 10 things you may see as you travel, like... a yellow car, a red phone box, a pushchair, a police car., a sweet shop...etc who ever spots the most wins!

Make Words

Choose a long word and see how many other words you can make out of it's letters. Try this ...

HOLIDAYS

Surprise!

To make a long journey fun, before you go make up a bag of surprises for each other. Wrap up little things to open every hour of your journey like, sweets, a puzzle, a toy, pens, or a colouring book.

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

"LORD,
You know everything I do...
You see me whether I am
working or resting...

You are all around me on every side;
you protect me with your power

Where could I go to
escape from you?
Where could I get away
from your presence?...

If I flew away beyond the east
or lived in the farthest
place in the west,
you would be there to lead me,
you would be there to help me."

from Psalm 139

When you leave home and go to somewhere new,
everything can seem very different and strange.

King David may have written this psalm when he was far away from home. It tells of how God is with us, wherever we go, watching over us and protecting us.

Holiday Memories

Collect together your holiday postcards and photographs, then put them in a holiday scrapbook.

Write in what you did, where you went and who you met.

Later, you can look at your scrapbook and remember the fun things you did and thank God for summer holidays!

LOOK UP
Psalm 145
verse 18, 20

Deuteronomy
31 verse 8



Good News

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FAMILY BARBECUE at EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

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Village Amenities Committee

BARN DANCE

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7.30pm

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GRAND £100 DRAW

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committee or the above two numbers.

Pentecost 2003 - 8th June

Sunday Newstyle at Eastling centred on the Holy Spirit, from the Apostles' experience in the book of Acts to individuals in our own congregation.

Here is Sylvia's story, followed by a prayer which Sue Perks gave during the morning.

What the Holy Spirit means to me.

The Holy Spirit enables us to do the things we cannot do in our own strength.

Thinking back through my Christian years, I realise how true this is. I also realise how much I have taken for granted the things he has done for me.

As a young mum, I became a Christian. There were no signs that anything had changed. Norman and I, then living in Sidcup, had joined the fellowship of St. Andrew's church and we were confirmed together. Later on I found that my attitude was changing, and also I had gained a conscience! The Holy Spirit was gently setting me on

the right path. Each time I have slipped off His path, He has picked me up and given me the faith to go on.

He is my comforter, healer and guide. When I ask for help (often as a last resort I'm afraid) he helps me. If I just can't pray He intercedes for me.

Quite a number of years ago, I went through a very dry time. Going to church became a chore, and I lost interest in church activities. Every year St. Andrew's celebrates the building of the church with an anniversary weekend, usually led by a group from another church. The theme that weekend was the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Many of

those attending were moved by Him. I dug in my heels, but the Holy Spirit nudged me in a big way, renewing my faith and setting me back on the right path. Our deacon encouraged me to train as a Christian listener. This training was very helpful later on when Norman and I were privileged to become leaders of a caring group.

I still slip off the path sometimes, but he is always there to encourage me.

The Holy Spirit helps ordinary people do extraordinary things. I'm not extraordinary, but I know Christians who are!

Sylvia Fowler.

Prayer Pointers

August 2003

<u>Sundays</u>	For a Spirit of Praise.
<u>Mondays</u>	Those on holiday
<u>Tuesdays</u>	Organists, choirs and music groups.
<u>Wednesdays</u>	Local holiday clubs
<u>Thursdays</u>	Decision makers in the N.H.S., especially locally.
<u>Fridays</u>	Those countries involved in civil wars.
<u>Saturdays</u>	Unity in the Church.

Holy Spirit, come as fire and burn away the sins that cling to our lives
Come as fire, and burn away the conflicts that divide and depress us
Come as fire, and burn away our pettiness, our pride and our unopen hearts
Come as fire

Holy Spirit, come as wind and blow away the complacency that separates you from our daily lives
Come as wind, and disturb our best laid plans which left you out
Come as wind, and blow away the hypocrisy and cowardice which prevent us from distinguishing between our will and yours
Come as wind

Holy Spirit, come as living water, and water the dry land that we call our spirituality
Come as living water, and sweep away our ramshackle defences against your love
Come as living water, and fill every nook and cranny of our lives
Come as living water.

J. Pritchard (adapted)

CHOIR REPORT

"Merciful God, create peace and gentleness within our hearts. Bind together the nations of the world in love, hold the chain in your hand, and let each link signify each one of us"
This is from our M.U. Prayer Diary for July 1st.

The choir are looking forward to singing at the weddings of Martin Fall and Rebecca Hills, 3 p.m. 2nd August and Becky Shapcott-Hume and Neil Palmer on 9th August at 11.30 a.m. I am delighted to be back playing the organ especially as we taught Martin and Becky and I have enjoyed discussing with them the music for their weddings. It is good to see the couples in church sharing our services and listening to their banns.

Thank you to Clare, Carolynne and Mark who played the music and the organ whilst I was laid-up! Thank you too to the choir who turned up for services, I have missed you all and your smiles have made such a difference to me. Congratulations to Sue Brewer who was priested in the Rochester Diocese on 28th June.



FROM THE ORGAN SEAT

Thank you to all the organists who played both at Ospringe and the Almshouses Chapel during the three weeks of the Open House. They were Graham Galer of Stalisfield, Brian Adams of Holy Trinity, Sittingbourne, George Downar of St. Augustine's, Ramsgate, Matthew Young of Littlebourne, David Barnes of Ashford, Revd. John Wright of Hythe, Philip and Susan Cheetham of St. Mildred's, Canterbury, Bill Griffin of Whitstable, Richard Bosworth of Herne Bay, Philip Le Camp of Norton, Rodney Foord of Faversham, Nigel Durrant of Eindhoven, Holland.

Thanks too to the volunteers who manned our Church. I am thrilled with the number of locals who have volunteered to help open our church more often. Well done to Carolynne and her team for this initiative. Carolynne has had another BRAINWAVE! She wants to illuminate the path to the church for evening Christmas services and is saving Bonne Maman jars in which she will add a night-light. If you have any Bonne Maman jars spare, please give to Carolynne.

Arthur Percival has asked if I know when the Victorian Print in the Church was painted over? Does anyone remember the Prints? I remember that soon after we came in 1972 we raised money to paint the Church and of course we are doing that now!

Arthur was also telling me how much the Jaunts Group enjoyed the talks about the church and the tower. My HEADREST Group were impressed a year ago when Clare demonstrated the bells for them. Thank you those who gave the talks.

We have been enjoying the local Broad Beans prepared as when we lived in Cyprus;

cooked and skinned beans marinated in a little olive oil and lemon, lovely for salads. For Harvest at school we sang a wonderful "Blues" song/hymn, "Cauliflowers fluffy and cabbages green" and the chorus ends with "Broad beans are sleeping in a blankety bed". so I have been singing it to myself whilst peeling the skins off the Broad Beans. I think I will write it out for the Choir and try "The Blues" tune on the organ! How many of you remember singing it?

I was delighted to learn that Hayley Jemmett and her husband, Philip Sainsbury had a baby boy on 2nd July. Congratulations!

Last Friday I had a long chat with Linda Bennett and Russell. Linda had come to put flowers on Jason's grave as he died tragically 30 years ago, just aged 6. He was a lovely lad and was in my class. Our Vicar at the time, Ian Hawkins, did a very moving service for Jason at 4 o'clock so that many of the Mums and Dads and his classmates could come and I was able to play the organ. Becky remembers coming to the service. I can hear his cheeky laugh, he was a happy lad.

Frank Colquhoun wrote this Prayer which was included in our M.U. Canterbury Diocesan Summer Newsletter:-

*God of all goodness,
as we thank you for our daily work,
we thank you for our opportunities of recreation:
for physical exercise and games,
for the companionship of books,
for the enjoyment of music and drama,
for the refreshment we find in the world of nature,
for our hobbies and holidays and rest days,
Father, may all our recreation bring renewal and refreshment to our lives,
so that we may be better fitted to serve you in body, mind and spirit:
for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.*

Vicky Shepherd.

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MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

This month we listened to Pam Clark's talk on her five and a half week holiday in New Zealand. The outward journey was via Los Angeles to Fiji, where Pam and her friend stayed for four days. Fiji, we were told, is as magical a place as one can imagine. There are 320 islands (covering 250,000 square miles) of which only 100 islands are inhabited with a population of 700,000. The tropical climate with temperature variation from 80 degrees - 76 degrees Fahrenheit and frequent rain results in a lush vegetation. These islands were known as "The Cannibal Islands" prior to the missionaries arriving. The islands acceded to Britain in 1874 and today are part of the Commonwealth with Suv, the capital, which has a mixture of old Colonial and modern architecture. Visits were made to the Hot Springs and the Coral Reef which was seen from a glass-bottomed boat.



Auckland skyline from Devonport on the northern side of Auckland Harbour.

The next destination was Auckland (North Island), New Zealand's largest city, surrounded on three sides by water. The cars being right-hand drive and the roads relatively traffic-free meant they could tour the country using a hire-car. They travelled to Devonport, a fishing port, Victorian in character, where they visited a museum with nostalgic items, and enjoyed a Food and Wine Festival.



The life-sized figure of Christ on the chapel window over looking the lake

They drove to Rotorua - famous for its hot springs with a distinct sulphurous odour. In Maori custom, their lunch was cooked in a sulphur pool! In a small Church, overlooking Rotarua lake, they viewed a beautiful window of a Maori Christ which gave the impression of Christ walking on the water, when in fact the water seen was the lake outside the Church. There is now a similar window in a Church on the Isle of

Man, donated by a previous visitor to Rotarua. The Maoris are Christians and each village has Anglican and Catholic Churches - the people visit each others' Churches for services - perhaps lessons can be learned from this practice! Napier, an art-deco city (devastated by an earthquake in 1931) and a wine producing area was the next stop. Here they spent a few days with friends.

They left Wellington, the Capital, by ferry to South Island. Arriving at Nelson, where the buildings were protected from the sun by canopies. Visits were made to the Cathedral, Abel Tasman National Park, and two hours were spent sea-kyacking and cliff walking. Travelling along the west coast to the town of Westport, a coal-mining area, then down the coast and through Arthur's Pass to Christchurch (named after an Oxford College)

and known as "The Garden City". Four shiploads of settlers, handpicked by the Church of England, arrived here together with land surveyors who laid out the city with many of the wide streets named after Anglican Bishops. Sight-seeing and a wild-life cruise around the harbour were enjoyed. A visit to the French-colonised seaside town of Akaroa, where the Gallic influence can be seen in the street names, followed by a whale-watching trip at Kaikoura.

They returned to North Island where they saw the conical-shaped Mt. Taranaki and visited by boat the impressive Glow Worm Caves at Waitomo.

Their flight home took them via Singapore. Pam hopes to return for a holiday to New Zealand, where the scenery is breath-taking and the every sport is catered for. Thank you Pam for showing us your photographs and talking to us.

Carol Marshall

Results of the Photographic Competition

held in Eastling Church on Sunday 6th July.

A special thank you to our judge Laurence Wood, Head of Canterbury School of Fine Art. Mr Wood studied Fine Art, graduating from the Royal College of Art in 1984. In 1986 he won a Taliani scholarship to Venice. His paintings and drawings have been included in many exhibitions and he has also completed large scale public art works, the largest being the 150 metres long Charter Place shopping centre mural in the centre of Watford. In 1987 he was commissioned by the National Trust to make drawings and paintings of the damage caused to Kent woodland in the Great Storm and one of these can be seen in the house at Emmett's Garden. His first book, Watercolour Masterclass, was published by Harper Collins in 1993.

In 1998 he was appointed as Head of Canterbury School of Fine Art, part of the Kent Institute of Art and Design.

Weddings

1st prize: Audrey Smith as a bride 1961: Classic Black and white composition - captures era, fashion and above all the texture of dress and sense of occasion.

Commended: Jimmy West's photo of Bridesmaids' preparations 2000: Atmospheric "behind the scenes" snapshot that captures poignant moment and different generations.

Around Eastling

1st prize: Jimmy West's view of The Street in winter: Good composition and contrast of dramatic sky and pure white snow.

Commended: Angela Cheeseman's picture at Otterden: commended for colour and atmosphere, plus other sequence of photos of leafy lanes and summer vistas.

Christmas

1st prize: Belinda Richardson's snapshot of indoor fireworks: Spectacular snapshot - full of glitzy movement and sense of celebration.

Commended: Phillipa Amos' picture of Sophie: Unusual composition and quiet sense of contemplation away from the Christmas crowd.

Animals

1st prize: Mark Harlow's picture of Sam, the cat, in nesting box: Beautiful photo capturing warm sunny day and sleepy atmosphere - good colour and composition, light and engaging subject.

Commended: Steve Youle for the photo of intertwined cats: Striking colour contrast - two cats almost looking like one.

Children's prize

1st prize to Jordan for his picture of a frog: Unusual view point of an unusual pet! Interesting palette of browns and greys - a budding wildlife photographer perhaps!

Commended - Hannah Ridge for her picture of 'Lottie': Amazing snap-shot - revealing the cat as part of the family celebration - a touch of humour and unusual low level viewpoint.

EASTLING DOG SHOW

The Dog Show held on 6th July on the Church car park was a resounding success with 54 dogs from all over Kent entered under judge David Mathias. This turned out to be a very happy occasion, with dogs (and handlers) behaving very well. Our judge was extremely patient, most especially with the child handler class which had 10 entrants. All the

Reserve BiS, Judge, Best in Show

class winners received a bag of Genesis dog food, and the rosettes to fourth place were sponsored jointly by Mrs Carol Wood of Charing Heath, and Mrs Angela Cheeseman of Eastling.

Best in Show was a Doberman named Phoebe, Reserve Best in Show was a Samoyed named Liza.



1st and 2nd in Child handler

Best Child Handler was Gail Shrubsall, from Otterden, with Tufty, second was Nathalie Maslem, from Ospringe, with Annie.

Individual class winners were:
AV Working and Hound - 1st Doberman, Phoebe; 2nd Newfoundland, Rigsby
AV Gundog - 1st Cocker Spaniel, Katie; 2nd Golden Retriever, Sammie

AV Terrier and Toy - 1st Norwich Terrier, Henry; 2nd Norwich Terrier, Cookie
AV Utility and Pastoral - 1st Samoyed, Liza; 2nd Rough Collie, Tilly
AV Junior - 1st Shetland Sheepdog, Daisy; 2nd Whippet, Joey
AV Veteran - 1st Shetland Sheepdog, Tammy; 2nd Rough Collie, Nash
Prettiest Bitch - 1st Samoyed, Liza; 2nd Norwich Terrier, Cookie
Handsome Dog - 1st Newfoundland, Rigsby; 2nd Samoyed, Zorro
Best Crossbred - 1st Terrier, Badger; 2nd Terrier, Henry

Dog with Waggiest Tail - 1st Terrier, Albert; 2nd Terrier, Winston
Dog the judge would like to take home - 1st Boxer, Kerry; 2nd Terrier, Albert

The event raised £116 which was added to the total for the Eastling school fete.



The Dog with the waggiest tail - all local winners - left to right 3rd Badger Lewis from Stalisfield, 1st Albert Freed from Otterden, 2nd Winston Keeler from Painter's Forstal and 4th Freckle Baxter from Eastling.

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Painter's Forstal Gardeners' Club

The Summer Show was much enjoyed by all who entered and those who visited. Entries in a few classes were down on last year but the flower section were up.

Results

Den Reynolds Fuschia Cup - Mrs Angela Jeffrey

Club Challenge Cup for the Best Vegetable Garden - Mr. John Clarke.

Club Challenge Cup for the Best Small Garden - mainly bedding - Mr. & Mrs Don Watts

Russell Challenge Cup for the Best other Flower Garden - mainly Shrubs and Herbaceous - Dr. and Mrs Moskovits and Mr. Peter Reid - tied.

Ospringle Parish Council Cup - for the most points in Flowers & Foliage, Vegetables and Fruit sections cumulatively - Mr. John Clarke.

Statuette for most points in Flowers & Foliage - Mrs Ros. Williams

Statuette for most points in Vegetable section - Mr. John Clarke

Statuette for most points in Fruit section - Mr. John Clarke

Bell for most points in Culinary section - Mrs Angela Jeffrey

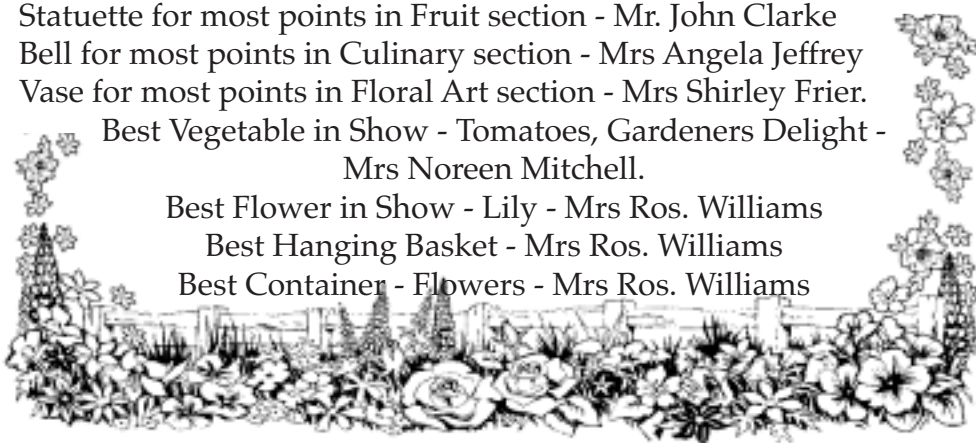
Vase for most points in Floral Art section - Mrs Shirley Frier.

Best Vegetable in Show - Tomatoes, Gardeners Delight - Mrs Noreen Mitchell.

Best Flower in Show - Lily - Mrs Ros. Williams

Best Hanging Basket - Mrs Ros. Williams

Best Container - Flowers - Mrs Ros. Williams



The meeting for August is on Monday 11th, 6.30pm at Bayfield Farm, Painter's Forstal, by kind invitation of John and Ruth Moor.

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Because of this there are active Chaplaincy teams working on all sites. they are each headed up by a Team leader chaplain and are made up of Lay and Ordained, part-time and volunteer team members. Our aim is to have at least two dedicated team members for each ward and major department across all our hospitals. we are currently looking for committed and suitably gifted people from Churches of East Kent for two particular roles.

Volunteer Lay and Ordained Chaplains

Each year we run a ten-week training course for those wishing to join our teams as volunteer Lay and Ordained Chaplains. This year the course will be held at the William Harvey Hospital, Ashford on Monday evenings from 19.30 to 21.30 starting on 29th September and ending on 8th December (with a break for half-term). All those wishing to attend will have an initial informal interview, undertake the training evenings, have

a formal interview and, if accepted, will undergo a probationary period before being commissioned some-time around Easter 2004. Once a part of the team, there are regular monthly team meetings, study/quiet days and annual appraisals. Basic requirements are:-

- ◆ Support from your Minister/Vicar/Priest/Pastor
- ◆ Attendance at the ten week course
- ◆ A strong and growing faith
- ◆ A willingness to serve for at least one year for a minimum of three hours a week
- ◆ An ability to draw alongside people of all faiths and none going through suffering and uncertainty.

Chapel Helpers

Chapel Helpers come along on Sunday afternoons on a rota basis to help escort patients who wish to attend Chapel Services from their beds to the Chapels. All that is required is attendance at an evening or daytime training event (which can be arranged more or less at your convenience) and the ability to be available some Sundays in the late afternoon.

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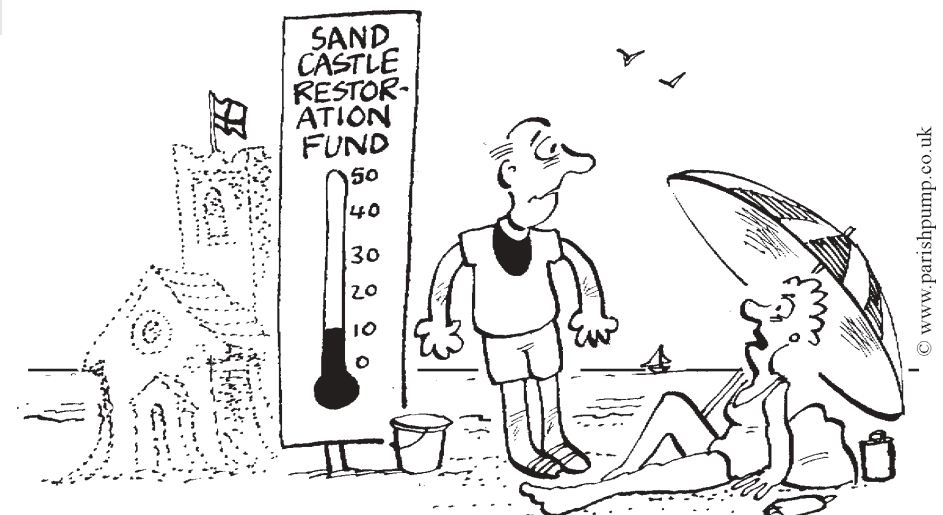
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*"...for goodness sake dear, you're
meant to be on holiday!"*

Services in our Benefice			Sharing Ministry in our Benefice		
3rd August 7th Sunday after Trinity Ephesians 4. 1 - 16, John 6. 24 - 35			Priest in Charge	Reverend Penny Fenton (01795 536366) 9 Brogdale Road, Faversham. ME13 8SX	
Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)	Curate	Reverend Patricia Pollard (01795 535407) 7 Arthur Salmon Close, Faversham.	
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)	Reader	Mr. Hugh Perks (01795 890603) Weald Cottage, Kettle Hill Road, Eastling.	
Whitehill Chapel	10.40 a.m.	Young Church (over 8's)	Reader	Mr. Norman Fowler (01795 890412) 4 Meesons Close, Eastling.	
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	Family Service	Methodist Minister	Reverend Chris Esgate (01795 532461) Chris@Esgate.plus.com	
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Churchwardens		
Otterden	3 p.m.	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Ospringe	Mr. P. Larter (01795 531044) Miss C. Brightman (01795 531960)	
Tuesday 5th August			Eastling	Mr S. Youle (01795 890368) Mrs. A. Smith (01795 890469)	
Whitehill Chapel	2.15 p.m.	Holy Communion	Stalisfield with Otterden	Mrs. H. Galer (01795 890780)	
10th August 8th Sunday after Trinity Ephesians 4. 25 - 5. 2, John 6. 35, 41 - 51			Whitehill		
Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)	Steward	Miss. B. Richards (01795 532756)	
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Contacting the Church's staff		
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)	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.		
17th August 9th Sunday after Trinity Ephesians 5 . 15 - 20 John 6. 51 - 58			September Good News		
Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)	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 August 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		
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)			
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Family Service			
24th August 10th Sunday after Trinity Ephesians 6. 10 - 20, John 6. 56 - 69			From the Registers		
Stalisfield	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)			
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	People's Choice			
Guest Speaker: Miss Charlesworth					
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Family Communion			
31st August 11th Sunday after Trinity James 1. 17 - 27, Mark 7. 1 - 8, 14, 15, 21 - 23			Baptism		
Stalisfield	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)	DANIEL ARCHIE Duncan-Webster		
Benefice Service			20th July 2003 at Eastling		
7th September 12th Sunday after Trinity James 2. 1 - 10, 14 - 17, Mark 7. 24 - 37			Wedding		
Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)	Sarah WINN and Brian SIDDONS		
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)	19th July 2003 at Otterden		
Whitehill Chapel	10.40 a.m.	Young Church (over 8's)	Funerals		
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	Family Service	Doris YARNLEY		
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Morning Prayer	4th July 2003 Cremation at Charing		
Otterden	3 p.m.	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Katharine Mary (Kitty) BAKER		
			17th July 2003 Burial at Stalisfield		
			ADA THEAKSTONE		
			23rd July 2003		
			Funeral at Ospringe with Cremation at Charing		
(BCP) Service taken from the Book of Common Prayer, 1662.					
(CW) Service follows Common Worship Liturgy, 2000					

EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

School Governors Appointment

At their meeting on Monday, 14 July, councillors agreed to nominate chairman Cllr John Payne as the local parish councils, governor on the management board for Eastling Primary School.

Finance

A check by treasurer Cllr Peter Cheeseman into the cost of Eastling Parish Council's mandatory public liability insurance has revealed that the present policy with Alliance (formerly Cornhill) offers the best value. Application for grant aid towards the cost of introducing a bus shelter at Glebe Cottages has been made. It is expected councillors will hear if their bid has been successful in August or early September.

Mobile Library

Introduction of a larger mobile library van in September means that it will be impractical for it to stop at Manor Lees. The weekly visit to Glebe Cottages will continue, but move to Tuesdays. Eastling parish councillors have expressed disappointment at the loss of the Manor Lees service but agreed to help in making representations to the KCC if any present users let them know of any problems this would cause.

Tipping

Eastling parish councillors have expressed concern at the unsightly dumping of rubble and soil from local building works on the roadside at the junction of The Street and Kettle Hill Road. At their meeting on 14 July, they heard that there was good evidence on who was responsible but, so far, attempts to contact the person and gain a remedy had failed. Apart from gross unsightliness, some of the material was spilling onto the highway. It was agreed that Swale Council and the Harris Estate should be notified and asked to take urgent action at what appeared to be illegal fly-tipping.

Warm Weather Risks

Brian Wimlett, the organiser of the local Neighbourhood Watch e-mail alerts scheme, has drawn attention to a recent growth in night-time burglaries in this area. He warns that the temptation to leave windows open during hot weather is ideal for burglars and suggests people with alarms use the night setting before retiring and ensure that any ground-floor windows and doors are well secured. Sheds and garages are also vulnerable and should be protected by an alarm.

Brian also says mowers, garden furniture, ornaments and hanging baskets have been stolen in recent weeks. He advises marking these with name and postcode to make them less attractive to steal. Securing larger items with a chain as well makes life more difficult for thieves and helps with any insurance claim. Swale Neighbourhood Watch sells inexpensive shed alarms. For more details, contact Brian Wimlett on (01795) 532747 or e-mail brian.wimlett@whitehill-intl.com .

Eastling Planning

Parish Councillors gave a "thumbs up" to plans to create a first-floor extension at the rear of 1 The Street, Eastling when they met on Monday, 14 July. The parish clerk was asked to advise Swale Council of their agreement with the proposal. Parish councillors also noted recent decisions by the applicants to withdraw an application for a barn conversion at Divan Court and by Swale planners to refuse permission for an extension to 3 Mill Cottages, Otterden Road.

Road Problems

Eastling parish councillors have renewed their call to Swale Highways Unit for re-surfacing and white lining on the Eastling Road approaches to Eastling village. Among other problems identified by the Parish Council were badly damaged road signs on the junction of Newnham Lane and The Street, new potholes on the edge of Eastling Road about 50 yards north of the "watertank bend" and vandalism to a 40mph repeater sign in Newnham Lane. The Highways Unit would also be asked to deal with these.

Hall Licence

Eastling parish councillors have raised no objections to an application by Eastling Village Hall trustees to renew their annual entertainment licence. This permits music, singing and dancing between 9am and 11.30pm on Mondays to Saturdays. Issued by Swale Council, a new licence will cover the period 4 September 2003 to 3 September 2004.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Eastling Parish Council is at 8pm on Monday, 8 September in Eastling Village Hall. As usual, there will be an open forum for villagers suggestions and questions at the beginning of the meeting.

Swale Borough Council

Roadworks in August

Swale Highways Unit has provided details of roadworks it intends carrying out during August. Three of these schemes are likely to affect local motorists.

The two most significant ones are for the full length of Brogdale Road from the junction with the A2 (beside the Abbey School playing fields) to Porters Lane; and the section of Eastling Road between Porters Lane and Stalisfield Road (at the bottom of Dark Hill). The third set of works is at Stalisfield Road between the Rigshill Road and the Kettle Hill Road junctions. Diversions will be signposted while any works are in progress and the Stalisfield Road scheme could mean more traffic in the Eastling area and a need for extra care.

Bank Holiday Refuse

Swale Council refuse collections will operate as normal on Summer Bank Holiday Monday (25 August). However, the refuse freighter may turn up a bit earlier than usual, so householders should put out wheelie bins first thing or the evening before.

Verges

Swale Council has taken action to stem problems caused by motorists parking on pavements and verges. Introduction of new byelaws covering all of Swale,s towns and rural areas mean that offenders could face fines of up to £500.

Neighbourhood Watch

Sky Scam

Kent Trading Standards office has issued a warning about leaflets offering a £60 swipe card that claims to enable free viewing of all Sky TV services including Box Office films. However the cards do not work and consumers who complain are told that Sky have changed their details and a further £65 is required for new codes - which turn out to be bogus as well! Anyone receiving this offer is advised to ignore it and notify Trading Standards on 08457 584497 or via their website at www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/kent. Residents in our local parishes who have signed up for the FREE e-mail and fax Neighbourhood Watch alerts service were among the first to hear about this scam. For more details and how to obtain the alerts service, contact Brian Wimlett on (01795) 532747 or e-mail brian.wimlett@whitehill-intl.com . Details also appear on the Eastling Village and Otterden Online websites.

FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

The Summer fete was a great success and a total of £1800 was raised. Thank you to all the organisations, parents and friends who set up and manned the stalls helping to make the event so successful. (The lovely sunshine helped too!)

The children's End of Term Disco and parents Social Evening held on a sunny Friday 18th July went with a swing, with great music, BBQ and the chance for everyone to catch up with all their friends. Definitely an event to be repeated.

Our annual Pool Party was held on 25th July at Faversham Swimming Pool and was enjoyed by all. Next year's booking will be made for earlier in the month.

The planning for Autumn Term's events is well underway starting with a 'Race Night' to be held on Saturday 11th October in conjunction with the Eastling Village Hall trustees. Please phone for details. We are also hoping to hold a Barn Dance later in the term - more information to follow.

Jill Seaman, tel: 01795 890519

STALISFIELD HIGHLIFE

Following last year's outstanding performance on the Stalisfield stage by the

Times of Our Lives Music Theatre, we have booked the Company again to open the 2003 Stalisfield theatre season. Reserve the date of

Friday 12th December.

As details become available, we will keep you informed.



**Meeting of
Eastling Gardeners' Club
on Wednesday, 8th October**

Mrs. Grace Goodman, a National Trust lecturer, will be talking about the garden at Sissinghurst, followed by tapas and wine. Members free, non-members £2.

Ospringe School Association News

The end of term was very very busy for the School Association. July started with the Primary School Choir Festival (with refreshments provided by guess who!). Children from 5 primary schools performed a variety of songs and poetry readings before joining together with a tear jerking performance of "Siya Hamba".

The next night 25 children from the school were dressed up by Brats Children's Fashion wear and walked the catwalk at the schools second Fashion Show. Although numbers were not as high as hoped the evening raised £140 for the school and the participants had a great time.

The following week saw years 5 and 6 joining forces for the end of term production of "Hoodwinked". Based on the story of Robin Hood the show played to packed houses on two nights. Another excellently staged production with fantastic singing.

Sports Days went off well, luckily the weather wasn't too hot! Then term ended with discos for the whole school and then the traditional Leavers' Disco and bbq.

Hope you all have a lovely summer. School starts back on Thursday 4th September. We look forward to seeing you at events in the new term! Don't forget the fireworks on the 8th November.

Jill Fagg

Show Ospringe Skills

The date fixed for the handicrafts, art and other hobbies, is 15th November. No charge for exhibiting or coming to see the show and entries from Ospringe and the surrounding area are welcome. There is still room for people to exhibit their craft, so please ring on 532756 and leave your name, address and telephone number and stating your craft.

Would the person who rang 532756 from Eastling regarding entry into the exhibition, please call again as message wiped by mistake. Thank you.

Bobbie Richards



Diary

2nd	Coffee Morning	10am	United Church, Preston St.
7th	Afternoon Club (Bingo)	2pm	Champion Hall
8th	Club 8 - 13	6.15pm	Champion Hall
9th	Barn Dance	7.30pm	Painter's Farm
11th	Gardeners' Club	6.30pm	Bayfield Farm
15th	Deadline for September Good News		
19th	W.I. meeting	2pm	Fleur de Lys
21st	Afternoon Club trip to Kew	All day	
22nd	Club 8 - 13	6.15pm	Champion Hall
25th	Family Barbecue	4pm	Eastling Village Hall
26th	Magazine Folding	2pm	Usual Venues
SEPTEMBER			
8th	Eastling Parish Council	8pm	Eastling Village Hall
10th	Ospringe Parish Council	7.30pm	Champion Hall
20th	Coffee Morning	10am	United Church, Preston St.
OCTOBER	8th Eastling Gardeners' Club Meeting		
11th	Race Night		Eastling Village Hall
NOVEMBER	8th Fireworks		Ospringe School
15th	Show Ospringe Skills		
DECEMBER	12th Music Theatre		Stalisfield

August 2003

PUDDLEDUCKS PLAYGROUP

The Autumn Term starts on Thursday 4th September at 9.30am. During the term, we will be looking at the colours of the rainbow and numbers one to ten. I'm sorry to advise that the fees will be increased this term to £3.50 per session to cover running expenses. We do still have some vacancies for children aged 2 1/2 to 5 years on most mornings so please phone for further information.

Jill Seaman, 01795 890519.

Experienced Baby-Sitter available.

I have been working with children of varying abilities for the last two years during weekends and holidays for 'Kids' - a charitable organisation. I have spent time as a classroom assistant at a local primary school and in September I will be going to Christ Church College to study for a Degree in Primary Education. I enjoy looking after children; my experience is with three to eight year olds. I can sometimes also offer "house sitting" or "animal sitting".

Please phone 533819 and ask for Steven.

Rates to be agreed.

Afternoon Club

Despite the weather for the trip to Bewl Water, a pleasant day was had by all. Some tickets are still available for the "Kew" trip, at £14, entrance included. Departing Painter's Forstal at 9am.

Activities for August

August 7th	Bingo
August 21st	All day trip to Kew Gardens.

Rodney French



The Coffee Pop-in at Eastling will continue through the summer holidays, 9 - 11am every Wednesday morning in Eastling village hall. Everyone will be welcome to come for a free cuppa and biscuit. Come in for a chat, arrange to meet your friends - and there are plenty of toys for toddlers.

Painter's Forstal with Ospringe W.I.

The August meeting has changed from a Garden Meeting and will now be 2pm at the Fleur de Lys in Faversham.

A visit to the museum to be followed by tea in the hall.

Coffee Morning

The W.I. will be holding a coffee morning and stalls at Preston Street, United Church from 10am to 12 noon on Saturday 20th September.

Faversham Hop Festival 29th - 31st August

"Relive the Hop-Picking Experience" with a week-end of good old fashioned entertainment, hoppers ball, street theatre, traditional music, song and dance.

The Hop Festival in 2003 starts on Friday evening 29th August.

The celebration of the hop harvest starts at 9.30 am on Saturday 30th August in the Market Place.

On Sunday 31st August the procession starts at 11am from the Water Tower in Station Road and goes past the railway station, along Preston Street and into the Market Place. The festival concludes with a service outside the United Church, Preston Street at 4.30pm.

DOMESTIC HELP NEEDED

Owing to unexpected illness, Gentleman needs to replace his Domestic Help. Responsible person, non smoker, sought for 8 hours per week, over 2 mornings, to help in large house near Eastling.

Own transport essential. Terms negotiable. Please telephone 01795 890140

Light Cleaning Duties in Ospringe

Help in house needed,
just light cleaning,
only two persons in the house.
Two or three hours a week.

01795 539938

