



Bike or Hike

around Kent Churches
Saturday 9th September
 10am - 6pm

Friends of Kent Churches Sponsored Bike Ride
 No entry fee - all ages welcome.

Anyone can ride, or walk, for their local church. Contact one of the numbers below for a sponsorship form and list of churches open. To take part, or to support our cyclists and/or stewards by sponsoring, please

telephone: 532756 to support Whitehill Chapel
 533272 to support Ospringe Church
 890469 to support Eastling Church
 890376 to support Stalisfield Church

The Bike Ride is an excellent chance to see inside churches which are often closed.

Whitehill Chapel (Toilets available) will be open from 10am-6pm on September 13th. Tea/coffee and cakes at reasonable prices will be served to anyone who wishes to visit, not just cyclists. There will also be a small cake stall.

Stalisfield Church will be open from 10am - 6pm with refreshments for riders, plus homemade cakes for sale.

Eastling Church will also be open with refreshments available. (Sitters needed, please ring 890469 to sign up for an hour or two)

Young Buds' Summer Workshop

Following last year's success of the Art and Design workshop for 9-16 year olds will be run on Thursdays during August, 2 - 3pm in Eastling Church.

Using your own ideas & inspiration in art and flower design. Culminating in an exhibition of your work during Harvest Festival in Eastling Church. Please contact Lorraine on 890 719 to book your place.

PUDDLEDUCKS PLAYGROUP

We have vacancies for children aged from 2 to 5 years on both Tuesdays and Fridays during term time - 9.30am to 11.25am. We also welcome any parent and toddlers to the playgroup. Each session costs £3.50 and includes all creative materials as well as a drink and snack. The Autumn term starts on Tuesday 5th September. Please pop along to a session or phone me for details.

Jill Seaman, Playgroup Manager - 01795 890519

Puppet Club in August

We will be holding two rehearsals, in church, at 3pm on Saturdays 5th and 12th of August.

The performance will be during the **YOUTH SERVICE** which is on **19th August at 3pm** in **EASTLING VILLAGE HALL.**

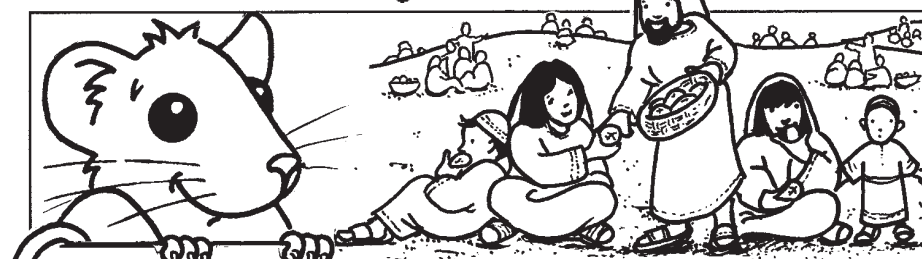
Tel 01795 892124 for further details.



Craft Club

There will be a PICNIC evening on August 18th. Bring your own picnic and we will supply drinks.

Meet 6.15pm, at the Champion Hall as usual.



MOUSE HOLE

Super Straws

Have fun making these drinking straw decorations for a picnic or a party.



Cut large shapes from coloured card or craft foam. Punch a hole in the top and bottom then push through a drinking straw.

Fruit Whizzzz

Put 100g (4oz) of strawberries and a cut up banana into a liquidizer with 2 tablespoons of natural yogurt and 100ml (3 1/2 fl oz) milk and whizzzz together for 1 minute. Pour in a glass and drink!

Have you been on a picnic with your family or friends or with your church? In his Gospel, **John** tells of how **Jesus** provided food for over 5000 people all from a little boy's picnic of five small barley loaves and two small fish. Everyone ate all they wanted and there were still 12 baskets of bread left over!



Do you think it was the biggest picnic ever?

Read about how Jesus fed the 5000 in **John** chapter 6:1-13

Picnic Puzzle

All these things have been unpacked from the picnic basket, can you find them on the rug?

PICNIC MILK SANDWICH SAUSAGE JARS PIE CRISPS CAKE SALAD HAM CUP EGG TEA DRINK

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Summer Special Youth Service
 Saturday 19th August, 3pm
 in Eastling Village Hall
 Arranged and conducted by young people from Eastling and surrounding area. Special performance by the Puppet Club. Bring along your friends and family to join in the fun. All welcome.

Ospringe Church will be open to visitors on Sunday afternoons in August from 2.30pm - 5pm. Why not visit the Maison Dieu, on the corner of Water Lane and the A2, and then come and join us for tea? The Maison Dieu is open from 2 - 4 pm.

PLANNING TO GET MARRIED?

Ospringe Church is now taking bookings for 2007. It is probably cheaper than you think. Please ring to see if you are eligible to marry in our Church. Revd Ali Duguid. 01795 533272



COME AND JOIN US ...
Family Service with Blessing of Animals
 Ospringe Church
 Sunday 20th August
 11 a.m.

Bring your pets!

If the weather is fine we hope to be outside for this service. Please bring a fold up chair or rug with you and feel free to sit or stand at any time. Please remember your animal is your responsibility. If the weather forces us inside the Church, please kindly ask your animals to respect not only each other but also the fabric of the building!



Please stay and join us for a bowl of water, Bonio or catbix, seeds and nuts, lettuce or carrot. Refreshments for well behaved owners also available!

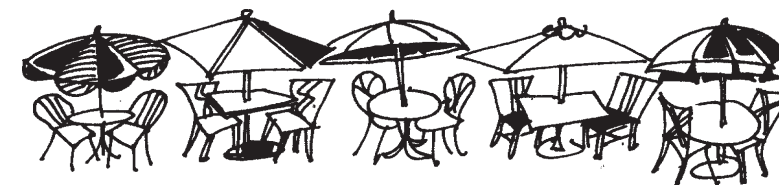
BARBEQUE PRAISE

Sunday
 6th August
 12 noon



Ospringe Church. Join us for a barbeque and some songs. Please bring some drink and something to cook on the barbeque. More details can be obtained from Revd Ali. 533272

Songs of Praise
 Sunday 27th August
 6pm in Ospringe Church
 All welcome



SUMMER FETE

Sunday 13th August
 Lorenden Meadow
 2pm - 5pm

Lots of stalls and games. This year there will be a **BALLOON RACE**

and £100 prize draw
 Everyone welcome

AUGUST FETE

ON THE GREEN AT STALISFIELD
 2PM,

SATURDAY 26TH AUGUST

Greasy pole, splat the rat, pig racing, toy tombola, lucky dip, face painting, races, guessing competitions and more.

We will try to tempt you with offerings on stalls featuring baked goods, books, bric-a-brac, plants and jewellery. We will make sure you are not distracted by hunger by offering a feast in the food tent. Come to Stalisfield at 2 o'clock and make your Bank Holiday memorable. More Stalisfield news on centre pages.

Thank You!

May I thank all those who kindly supported me by your presence, prayers or cards at my 'priesting' on July 2nd. It was a wonderful day for me, made richer by your support.

Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Canterbury, ordained three of us: Carolin Clapperton, Simon Roscoe and myself. (Carolin and Simon will be working in the benefice of Faversham).

The Church of St Mary of Charity, Faversham, was packed. It was lovely to have Penny Fenton, my tireless tutor throughout the last year, close at hand and Norman Fowler, our Licensed Reader, who read the first lesson. The ceremony was very colourful, as decorated red stoles, representing the fire and the dove of the Holy Spirit, were worn by the clergy.

It was a very moving service. The Archbishop's talk was illuminating, putting into simple words what the task of priesthood is about. A group of musicians, including guitar, flute and drums, aided by the choir, accompanied us in some inspiring songs and hymns.



Angela with husband, Peter and daughter, Katie.

Prayer Pointers

August 2006

<u>Sundays</u>	For a spirit of Praise.
<u>Mondays</u>	Those on holiday.
<u>Tuesdays</u>	For Family Services in our churches.
<u>Wednesdays</u>	For local holiday clubs.
<u>Thursdays</u>	For honesty and integrity in public life.
<u>Fridays</u>	Conflict in the Middle East.
<u>Saturdays</u>	Persecuted Christians in Africa.



Photo by Steve Youle

After the service we had a 'bring and share' lunch in the church. Thank you to all the Eastling and Stalisfield people who provided lovely desserts. It was good to experience the fellowship and goodwill between the parishes involved. The Archbishop was very relaxed and approachable, and went round chatting to people as they ate.

The transepts of St Mary of Charity have been cleared of pews and the resulting area is to be used as a coffee shop and exhibition area, and the Archbishop blessed and dedicated these areas after the service.

A big **thank you** to Tony Oehring, the Vicar of St Mary of Charity, and the congregation, for their warm hospitality. They made us feel very welcome, and we enjoyed the beauty of this historic church.

I now look forward to serving as a priest, together with Caroline Pinchbeck, in the parishes of Eastling, Stalisfield and Otterden, and ask for your prayers to have the strength to do so.

God bless you all.

Angela Cheeseman

Date for the Diary

Sunday 24th September will be an important day in the life of Ospringe church.

Come to hear a presentation about our parish, what we are doing now, and how we can build on our achievements to thrive in the future.

Please keep this Sunday free, and we look forward to seeing you in Church at 11am on Sunday 24th September.

Revd Ali Duguid.



Confirmation Service

There will be a Confirmation Service at St Mary of Charity, Faversham on September 17th, at 10.30am. Everyone will be welcome to attend and support the four Eastling teenagers to be confirmed.

Ospringe M.U. News

The Summer Lunch at the Dover Castle at Teynham was most enjoyable for just twelve of us. We missed Norma and she knows we were thinking of her and admiring her progress. We were thrilled that Kath came along to enjoy a day out with us all. It was a smashing good meal, good company, lots of chat about, catching up with Pam and Colin and hearing about their adventures and churches in New Zealand and of their new home here. Pam has brought some songs she would like us to sing at our worship. Vicky and Pam will be teaching us! Although the pub was having extensive building work outside, the welcome we received inside made the afternoon most pleasant. If you ever want a change from our excellent pub meals in Faversham it is well worth a visit; good menu and lots of choices at reasonable prices. It seems as if we are always partying,

for our Garden Party is on Mary Sumner Day, 9th August, another Wednesday at the home of Stella and Peter.

Our July meeting is 'back to business' in the Parish Room at the rear of church, 2 p.m. Wednesday, 26th July, the day after the children break up! We look forward to our God-mother's talk; Audrey Lewis is a great friend from Sittingbourne and is one of the Trustees of the M.U. Diocesan Council.

Audrey supported us for the Organ Recital and Vicky would like to thank us for supporting her in the many practical ways.

Our September meeting is in the Parish Room, on Wednesday, 27th, when we welcome Gill Wilson to talk to us.

May all you do in kindness to others give you joy and a smile.

My love to you all and God bless, Brenda.

FROM THE ORGAN SEAT

There has been a feast of wonderful music in the last few weeks! On 29th June, St. Peter's Day, Ospringe Church was ringing with great organ music played by our Cathedral organist, David Flood. He was just superb and must have walked for miles, he said at least 9 miles!, on the pedals. Gill had us admiring her beautiful rich soprano voice and Lauren and Vicky sparkled away. David played:

Grand Choeur in D - Alexandre Guilmant. France. 1837 - 1911

Prelude, Fugue and Variation - Cesar Franck. Belgium/France. 1822 - 1890

Fantasia in F Minor - W. A. Mozart. Austria. 1756 - 1791

Gillian sang, accompanied by David: "But who may abide the day of His coming" from The Messiah - G.F. Handel. Germany. 1685 - 1759

"Nusa in mundo pax sincera" - A. Vivaldi. Italy. 1678 - 1741

Vicky and Lauren sang, accompanied by David "Any dream will do" from Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat - Andrew Lloyd Webber, born 1948

"Look at the world" - John Rutter born 1943

David played: Prelude and Fugue in E flat - J.S. Bach German. 1685 - 1750

Chant de Mai - J.M.A.N.Jongen. Belgium. 1873 - 1953

Carillon de Westminster - Louis Vierne. France. 1870 - 1937

and the Encore was Sortie in E flat - Louis Lefebure-Wély. France. 1871 - 1870

and "Happy Birthday" was sung to me!

The Church was full, the weather was perfect and, after the performance, chat and food were much enjoyed. As our visitors came up the church path they were greeted by the Carillon played by Sarah and Philip. I was thrilled and thank everyone for their support. £520 was added to Church Funds, thank you to all who generously contributed to the evening.

Friday, 16th June, 2006, I went to St. Paul's Cathedral with the Trustees and Residents of the Almshouses for the celebration service of the 60th Anniversary of the founding of the Almshouses Association. At the last minute there was a spare seat and Pam Thompson was delighted to join us.

We were a merry lot leaving Faversham at 7.30a.m! On arrival near St. Paul's we were met and escorted by a young Blues and Royal soldier into the Cathedral. It was light and airy inside and we had half an hour of wonderful organ music before the service including Trumpet Tune by Stanley when the trumpet pipes over the West Door were added. During the service an almshouse resident from London spoke of her relief and joy at getting an almshouse; one of our residents tugged my sleeve and said, "That is just how I felt and still do". After the service we stopped at Sue Brewer's newly planted community church, The Living Well at St. Edmund's, Temple Hill, Dartford, where a splendid spread had been prepared for us. We were pleased to tour the whole building and took a photo for Faversham Archives! Sue Brewer sends her love and hopes we will visit The Living Well again. So it was from the old and trusted to the brand new and vibrant.

Saturday, 8th July. At the Alexander Centre, Faversham Choral celebrated their 40th Anniversary with a Last Night at the Proms style concert, another superb evening feasting on glorious singing and orchestral playing. Many friends, including our choir member, Stella, were singing away from Bach's Peasant Cantata to Rule Britannia with us all joining in and waving our flags. All three soloists were wonderful: a soprano, a bass-baritone and a young Spanish tenor who is just finishing his degree course who we all thought must come again before he hits the

world stage. Peter Litman conducted the evening and he and the Faversham Choral are to be congratulated for giving us this treat.

Monday, 31st July, at 7.30 p.m. The Sittingbourne Co-op Choir are giving a Concert in the Almshouses Chapel singing songs from the Musicals and other favourites. All are welcome.

Speak to us, Lord, as You spoke to the prophets of old. Guide our steps in the way of faith; teach us to listen for your voice in the tumult and noise of our lives.

from the M.U.Prayer Diary for 10.07.2006.

God bless, Vicky Shepherd.



CHOIR NOTES

It was a privilege to sing "Look at the World" by John Rutter for the second Sunday service when Margaret Barber and family were dedicating their gifts of the small movable Lectern and the Baptismal and Paschal Candlestick in memory of Jack. We are looking forward to our Choir Treat which will be to Teapot Island and to see the Millennium Window crafted by Graham Clarke and the accompanying "Son et Lumière" at Boughton Monchelsea Church.

We are looking forward to singing for two weddings in August. Saturday, 5th August, at 2 p.m. Victoria Foulcer marries Stuart Page and Saturday, 19th August, Noon, Samantha Jones marries Adrian Reed. I hope all the Choir enjoy their Summer Holidays and continue to join in a Sunday Service wherever they are.

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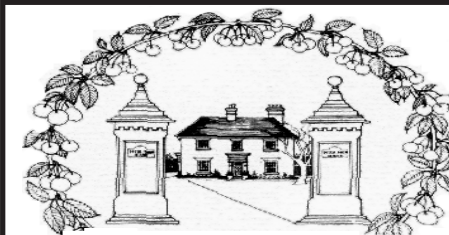
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Services in our Churches

Tuesday 1st August

Whitehill Chapel 2.15 p.m. Holy Communion

6th August Transfiguration

2 Peter 1. 16 - 19, Luke 9. 28 - 36

Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Ospringe	12 noon	Barbecue Praise
Davington	10.30 a.m.	Parish Communion (CW)
Whitehill Chapel	10 a.m.	Brunch followed by
	10.40 a.m.	Family People's Choice
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Otterden	3 p.m.	Evening Prayer (BCP)

13th August Trinity 9

Ephesians 4, 25 - 5.2, John 6. 35, 41 - 51

Ospringe	11 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Davington	10.30 a.m.	Parish Communion (CW)
Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)

19th August

Eastling Village Hall 3 p.m. Youth Service

20th August Trinity 10

Ephesians 5. 15 - 20, John 6. 51 - 58

Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Family Service to include Blessing of Animals
Davington	10.30 a.m.	Parish Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)

27th August Trinity 11

Ephesians 6. 10 - 20, John 6. 56 - 69

Ospringe	11 a.m.	Family Communion (CW)
Ospringe	6 p.m.	Songs of Praise
Davington	10.30 a.m.	Parish Communion (CW)
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	People's Choice
Stalisfield	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)

3rd September Trinity 12

James 1. 17 - end, Mark 7. 1 - 8, 14 - 15, 21 - 23

Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Ospringe	9 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Oasis
Davington	10.30 a.m.	Parish Communion (CW)
Faversham Hop Festival	Open Air	Service 5.30 p.m.
Whitehill Chapel	10 a.m.	Brunch followed by
	10.40 a.m.	Family People's Choice
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Otterden	3 p.m.	Evening Prayer (BCP)

(BCP) Service taken from the Book of Common Prayer, 1662.
(CW) Service follows Common Worship Liturgy, 2000

Ministry in our Parishes

Priest in Charge of Ospringe and Davington Reverend Ali Duguid (01795 533272) The Vicarage, Brent Hill, Davington, ME13 7EF (not available Fridays)

Priest in Charge of Eastling and Stalisfield with Otterden Reverend Caroline Pinchbeck from 13th September 2006

Curate Reverend Angela Cheeseman (01795 892124) (Eastling & Stalisfield) New House Farm, Eastling, ME13 0BN

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

Reader Mr. Hugh Perks (01795 890603) (Eastling, Stalisfield & Ospringe) Weald Cottage, Eastling.

Methodist Minister Reverend Philip Barker (01227 463180)

Churchwardens

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

Whitehill Miss. B. Richards (01795 532756)

Steward

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)
Mrs P. Thompson (01795 890376)

Contacting the Church's staff

For general enquiries and for specific enquiries about Weddings, please telephone Faversham 533272, for Baptisms please phone 531044, 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.

From the Registers

Baptism

ADELAIDE ROSE Thorpe
16th July 2006 at Whitehill Chapel

Funerals

Bryan (Peter) TASSELL
28th June 2006 Cremation at Barham and
Thanksgiving service at Ospringe

Tony Eric BOORMAN
26th June 2006 Funeral and burial at Otterden

Mid Week Worship at Davington

8 a.m. Morning Prayer will be said Monday - Thursday
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion every Thursday

Mid Week Worship at Eastling

2.30 p.m. Celtic Prayer every Wednesday - 20 minutes for prayer and reflection.

Eastling Parish Council

July meeting

Village Warden - see separate advertisement
Footpaths: Relevant persons have been contacted regarding the condition of some village footpaths. An 'Environmental Task Force' will tidy the Church Path and restore it to its intended width after the surrounding crop has been harvested. Complaints have been received from residents about dog fouling along the Church path. Dog owners are asked to clear up after their pets on these tarmac areas.
Roads: Cllr Bickerdike stated that he was continuing the Council's fight for 30mph speed limit. The Clerk undertook to contact the liaison officer to rectify the matter of the missing chevrons on the S bends.
Computer: It was agreed that Monday evenings and Wednesday mornings - during the 'Coffee Pop-in' - would provide ideal opportunities to allow access to any one who wished to use the computer now installed in the village hall. Basic tuition would be available at those times.
The next meeting will be held on Monday 11th September 2006 at 6.00pm.

VACANCY

Eastling Parish Council is considering creating a new position, of Parish Warden. Applications are invited to fill this post. It is envisaged that the designated duties will involve:

- Co-ordination of the Neighbourhood Watch within the Eastling Parish area.
- Liaison with the Kent County Constabulary
- Development and implementation of a Community Safety and Patrol Policy
- Provision of Community Development Support

It is anticipated that the position will require between 3 - 5 hours a week. The rate of pay will be £8.00 per hour.

Please send written applications to the Clerk of Eastling Parish Council, Briar Cottage, Newnham Lane, Eastling, ME13 0AS

Ospringe Parish Council

Next meeting is on
Wednesday 6th
September 2006, 7.30pm
in the Champion Hall,
Painter's Forstal.
Members of the public
are welcome to attend.

If you are retired or a student and would like to earn some money in August / September, come Apple Picking at Pawley Farm, Painter's Forstal. Phone 01795 532043

Neighbourhood Watch

Contact numbers:

Swale NHW office 0808 100 3308 (free)

E-mail - neighbourhoodwatch.swale@kent.pnn.police.uk

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 (24 hours, free and anonymous)

NHW liaison officer 01795 419212

Sittingbourne police station 01795 477055

Emergencies or crime in progress always use 999

Kent Trading Standards 08457 585 497

Fake £20 notes Police have issued a warning following a report that fake £20 may have been passed into circulation in the Sittingbourne area.

If you believe that someone has passed a counterfeit note check it against the genuine one as this may help clear confusion. It is a crime to try to pass or possess a banknote that you either know or think to be counterfeit. If you inadvertently receive a note that you believe to be counterfeit, you should take it to the nearest police station. The Police are asking Faversham residents to get in touch with DS Gary Scarfe on 01795 419251 or the NHW office on freephone 0808 100 3308 if they have encountered dyed £20 notes. On Friday 23rd June officers were contacted by a resident who had been issued with a number of £20 notes that had red dye on them. The money was handed over to the Police & officers are now investigating how they came into circulation.

Handbag thefts Police are reminding people to be vigilant following the theft of a handbag from a woman in Sheerness. Thieves have more chances to steal from you when the shops are crowded, so stay alert and be extra careful with your bag and purse.

If you are heavily laden with shopping bags you may not notice someone trying to steal from you, so try to make several smaller shopping trips rather than do it all at once. Keep your bag or wallet close to your body, don't carry too much cash and always keep your pin number confidential. Keep your chequebook and card separately.

Damage to vehicles This is a general message concerning criminal damage and items being stolen from vehicles in the Swale area. If you see anybody either acting suspiciously around vehicles or committing criminal damage please phone the Police on 01795 477055 and the NHW Office on freephone 0808 100 3308.

Empty box scam The following incident took place on the Isle of Sheppey but similar incidents have been reported in other areas of Kent. This may affect you.

A female was approached in a car park by three males with Irish accents. They offered to sell her Flat screen TVs and Laptops. When the boxes were delivered by the males to her home address they carried them into the house as there were allegedly "very heavy". When the males had left the female discovered the boxes with the TVs in were in fact empty.

Police are interested in any information about three males with Irish Accents driving a blue van. Any information to the police on 01795 477055 or NHW freephone in confidence on 0808 100 3308. If the price is too good to be true, there has to be a catch.

Doorstep sales Kent Trading Standards have received a number of reports about doorstep sales of household goods. The salesmen are young men. They may carry cards that they use as ID cards. Some times they will claim to be down on their luck in some way; for example, jobless, homeless or on probation. Kent Trading Standards have received reports of threatening and bullying tactics being used to make householders buy their goods. The sellers seem to be more likely to try pressurising older or vulnerable people into making a purchase.

Kent Trading Standards advise householders to be vigilant and report similar incidents to the Kent Police on 01622 690690

Tack theft There have been a number of tack thefts in South Yorkshire and some items may be offered for sale in Kent. If you are offered any suspect riding equipment please report to NHW office.



FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

The children gave a splendid musical performance on 3rd July and the BBQ food and ice creams were very popular! An event enjoyed by parents, children and friends.

The wet start to the morning of the Summer Fete did not dampen the spirits of everyone setting up the stalls and the sun came out in time for the grand opening. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon and we raised over £1000 to be used to benefit all the children at the school. Many thanks to all the helpers, whether donating items, setting up or running a stall and, of course, a big thanks to Marianne for her stunning performance.

Don't forget to make a note of events already arranged for Autumn term:

AUCTION of items and promises - Saturday 23rd September in Eastling Village Hall.

FOES AGM - Thursday 28th September 7.30pm - School Hall
'APPLE PIE day' - Friday 13th October - 3pm to 4.30pm - School Hall

Fungi Foray - Sunday 15th October starting at Eastling school

Carved Pumpkin Competition - Wednesday 1st November

Rural Food Fair - Sunday 5th November

Children's Christmas Shopping afternoon - Friday 1st December



Ospringle in Bloom 2006

The allotments were judged on the 27th June. Of special note is the good show of redcurrants and the abundant asparagus this year. Gardens judging is planned for the 23rd July. Keen competition is anticipated for the tallest sunflower!

The allotment winners were:

Best Overall	The Chairman's Shield	Paul & Jeanette Bennett
Runner-up Best overall	The Tassell Trophy	Mr B Hubbard
2nd runner-up Best overall	The Henry S Tett Shield	Mr & Mrs Sidders
Best flowers	The Mansell Clay Shield	Mrs Gail Baylif
Best All round	The Joyce Field Cup	Mike Trower
Best Organic	The Joyce Field Shield	Mr & Mrs G Brown
Best Newcomer	The Winnie Wright Salver	Mr Lee Grigsby
Special Mention	Mr & Mrs Huseman, Mr & Mrs T Dallas	
Good Mixture	M/s L Medhurst	
Commended	Mr M Bodimeade, Mike Waters, Frank Rush, Mr D Hector	

The awards evening is at Champion Hall, on 20th September at 7:30pm - all welcome. Light refreshments will be served

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August



Painter's Forstal Village Committee

The Fête, August 13th, 2 - 5pm, is almost here. May we appeal for cakes, toiletries and young people's gifts for the tombola. Tickets for the £100 prize draw are on sale. If you cannot come, please ring 532756 for ticket information.

This year we are having a balloon race. Helium balloons cost £1 and there will be a prize for the one that has the label returned from the furthest distance. Again, these can be purchased at the fete or from any of the committee.

Craft Fayre

November 11th, starting at 10am.

We are taking bookings for tables for people to sell their crafts at this event and hope to have all 13 filled. There will be refreshments throughout the day. This has been very successful in the past and the crafts on show, and for sale, are of a high standard. Please book the date now!!

FITNESS CLASSES @ EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

Wednesday classes running in August as usual,

6.00pm GENTLE EXERCISE

7.00pm BUMS, LEGS & TUMS

8.00pm **Summer Special SALSAcise**
Thursday Fitness Fusion back in September.

Classes £3.00 each or £5.00 for a double class.

More info contact Leigh 01795 890149 or leigh.fitness@btinternet.com

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.



Marquee also available

The Marquee costs £50 if erected on the village hall site as part of a hall letting or £75 if erected on the party givers site. The trustees with the help of the party givers erect transport and take down the marquee all inclusive in the price.

Stalisfield Highlife

The Jumble Sale held in June raised over £200. Thank you to all who supported the event.

HARVEST SUPPER

The Hut Committee and Parish Council are combining forces to provide a Harvest Supper on Saturday 23rd September.

Tickets will be available at the Fête on 26th August, or by telephoning Roy on 01233 712893,

or Kim on 01233 713579.

Precise details available at the Fete and will be published in the September

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Afternoon Club

Activities for August:

3rd Board Games

17th Board Games

31st Winter Garden Theatre, Margate - a few seats remaining.

To book, please ring 537154

Eastling Village Hall Trustees

The Chairman's report from the Eastling Village Hall AGM, held on 10th April 2006, included reference to bookings running at record levels, the purchase of the new marquee - which is available to hall hirers and others, the purchase of new crockery and a shedding machine available for all to use on Monday evenings and Wednesday mornings.

During the year the Trustees had made a number of small grants to hall user groups to assist them in enhancing their equipment. Three fundraising events had been successful, including the VJ Day celebration raising £116 for the British Legion, and some income continues to come in from the recycling bins. The Treasurer explained the financial position with some funds earmarked as a maintenance fund - some expenditure on maintenance being likely within the next year, e.g. possible replacement windows, up-grading of Hall lighting and exterior lighting.

Painter's Forstal Gardeners' Club

The August meeting in on TUESDAY 15th August, 6.45pm onwards at The Oaks, Abbots Hill, Ospringle, by kind invitation of June and Colin Neame. Do hope you make it. More information from Faversham 533608.

Ospringle School Association

Now that the School Holidays are upon us, The Ospringle School Association would like to thank everyone who has supported our many events throughout the year. We have had another successful year in fundraising, for those items which cannot be funded through the normal channels, and in our support for the school in general. We shall be back in the new school year with more Quiz Nights and Wine & Wisdom events and other activities. For those who like Advanced Planning:- Our Fireworks night will be on Saturday 4th November

The Christmas Fayre will be on 2nd December
We look forward to seeing many of you there. In the meantime - enjoy the summer and thank you all for your support.
Andrew Shepherd



Photo by Graham Galer

The Otterden Online Photo Album

A photo album is gradually building up on the Otterden web page that records some of the people, buildings and events in our area. It is an interesting archive, though not very large as yet. You can see it at <http://www.northdowns.plus.com/otterden/photos.html>. The latest addition is a snap of the highly enjoyable communal picnic held at Otterden Place last month.

Various local people have contributed to the album, and all contributions are most welcome. If you would like to add one of your own photos, you can either email otterden@northdownsplus.com, or ask Graham Galer to help (01795 890780, email <graham@galer.demon.co.uk>)

Diary

3rd Young Buds starts	2pm Eastling Church
5th Puppet Club rehearsal	3pm Eastling Church
6th Barbeque Praise	12 noon Ospringle Church
12th Puppet Club rehearsal	3pm Eastling Church
13th Painter's Forstal Fête	2 - 5pm Lorenden Meadow
15th Deadline for September Good News	
15th Gardeners' Club	6.45pm The Oaks
18th Craft Club Picnic	6.15pm Champion Hall
19th Youth Service	3pm Eastling Village Hall
20th Blessing of Animals service	11am Ospringle Church
26th Village Fête	2pm Stalisfield Green
29th Magazine Folding	2pm Usual venues
September 13th Licensing of Priest in Charge for Eastling and Stalisfield with Otterden	7.30pm Eastling Church
20th Ospringle in Bloom awards	7.30pm Champion Hall
23rd Auction	Eastling Village Hall
23rd Harvest Supper	Stalisfield Village Hall
November 4th Fireworks Night	Ospringle School
5th Rural Food Fair	Eastling School
11th Craft Fayre	10am-2.30pm Champion Hall
December 2nd Christmas Fayre	Ospringle School

September Good News

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