

Young Church in December

1st at Painter's Forstal,
10.40 a.m. in Champion Hall. (Younger
children during the service.)
8th in Stalisfield Church
3 p.m. Crib Service
8th in Ospringe Church,
during the 11 a.m. service.
15th in Eastling
Village Hall, S Club at 10 a.m.
15th in Ospringe Church
at 11 a.m. Christmas Family Service.
22nd in Ospringe Church
no Sunday School, but all ages
welcome for Family Carols at 11 a.m.

How do you get an elephant into a



Christmas cracker? Take out the party

hat first?

Club 8 - 13

This will be on THURSDAYS
during December:
Thursday 5th, Thursday 19th.
& Friday 3rd January 2003
6.15 p.m. in Champion Hall.
Cost 50p per session.



PRIMARY SCHOOLS CHOIR FESTIVAL

On Tuesday 22nd of October and Wednesday
23rd, Ospringe (together with other schools)
went to Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School
to a choir festival. We had to leave school
early so that we could practise before the
other schools got there.

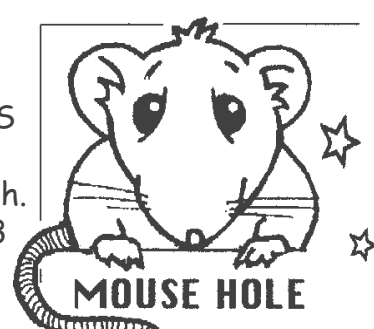
After we had listened to Davington, St Mary's,
Sheldwich and Luddenham rehearsing, every-
one had their packed tea. Soon afterwards
the performance began.

Sheldwich were first, singing 'Halfway down
the stairs', 'Day-oh' and around. Davington
were next: they sang songs from musicals they
had done. We were next! We sang a variety
of songs including 'The lullaby of Broadway' in
harmony.

After the interval Luddenham did their bit.
They sang songs from 'The Wizard of Oz'.
Then it was St Mary's turn; they sang songs
mostly from the musical 'Joseph'.

It was all quite exciting. At the end of the
day we all sang 'I'd like to teach the world to
sing', before going home after a long day.

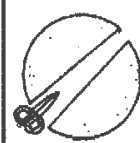
Esther Cheesman



MOUSE HOLE

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

Christmas Cones



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a small plate
onto thin card
to make circle.

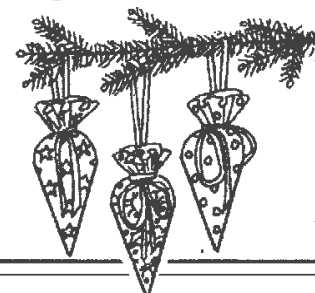
Cut out and cut in
half.

Using one of these
halves roll around
to make a cone
shape and stick.



Fill with
sweets
then cover
with Christmas Paper.

Gather the paper at the
top of the cone with ribbon and
hang on the Christmas tree.



Presents at Christmas
under the tree
A red Christmas stocking
waiting for me.

But what really is
Christmas?
What is it about?
Just look in the Bible
and you will find out!

It's about JESUS -
the best present of all
JESUS, our Saviour,
God's gift to us all!

READ
John 3
verse 16

A special present you can give
at Christmas is a
'promise' present.
Write your promise
on a decorated
card then wrap it
in Christmas paper.

EDIBLE PRESENTS!

Shortbread biscuits are easy to make.
Wrapped in cellophane or packed in
decorated baskets they make a
wonderful edible present.
Ask someone to help
you find a recipe
and bake your own.



Celebrate The Birth Of Christ



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION,

at OSPRINGE CHURCH,
Saturday, 14th December 2002.
7.30 p.m.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 8th December

Crib Service 3 p.m. Stalisfield Church

Sunday 15th December

Carols by Candlelight 6.30 p.m. Painter's Forstal

Sunday 22nd December

"Carols for all the Family" 11 a.m. Ospringe Church
Nine Lessons and Carols 4 p.m. Eastling Church

Monday 23rd December

Carols in Faversham Market Place, 7 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Holy Communion 11.30 p.m.
Ospringe, Stalisfield and Eastling Churches

Christmas Day

Holy Communion 8 a.m. Ospringe
Family Communion 10 a.m. Eastling
Christmas Family Worship 10.30 a.m. Ospringe

Good News December 2002

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

Message for the Month

‘Silent Night - Holy Night’

Have you ever noticed how many Christmas carols include reference to ‘night-time’, ‘starlit skies’, ‘sleep’ and ‘stillness’? Maybe you have wondered why the Son of God was born into this world in the middle of the night. Not into the noisy, welcoming clamour of the day, but during the hours of darkness. Was it purely coincidence that Mary delivered Jesus in the lonely hours of a cold Bethlehem night?

‘O Little town on Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie’ - how should **we** explain the stillness that one writer described as ‘hovering over Christ’s birth’? Why is it that the greatest things are often accomplished in silence?

Nighttime, more often than not, is the time God chooses to act in the world and in our thoughts. Not necessarily in the ‘busyness’ and bustle of the day - important though our activities are - but in the more receptive listening times. God created us with freedom and his respect for our freedom is almost without limit. That is why He does not shout over our voices to make himself heard, but He whispers, and the best time to hear Him calling is in the night, when our world is quiet.

Perhaps you, like me, have sometimes gone to bed at night, mulling over (or wrestling with?!) a situation, only to find when you wake the next day, that the way forward is much clearer. Depending upon your point of view, common sense has prevailed - or God has helped!

So much of the story of Christ’s coming happens at night. Maybe the angel appeared to Mary at night to announce his birth; the angel appeared to Joseph at night, urging him to take Mary as his wife; the shepherds heard the angels singing and came to the manger at night; the Holy Family was forced to flee from Herod to Egypt at night.

Thus, while most of the world was asleep, except for the Holy Family and the faithful shepherds, with the stars and angels as witnesses, God visited the earth with the birth of His Son.

That event is celebrated in many ways, in many places and most especially as Christmas Eve turns into Christmas Day ‘in the middle of the night’ in our churches. Why not come and sing with us?

May God bless you this Christmas
Penny Fenton
Priest-in-Charge.

Many people who love each other are separated at Christmas...

While I'm away from you....

I asked the Lord to bless you as I prayed for you today.

To guide you and protect you as you go along your way....

His love is always with you, His promises are true, And when we give him all our cares you know He'll see us through.

So when the road you're travelling on seems difficult at best, Just remember - I'm here praying, and God will do the rest.

Prayer Pointers

<u>Sundays</u>	For joy and peace at Christmas.
<u>Mondays</u>	Family & friends for whom this will not be a joyful Christmas.
<u>Tuesdays</u>	For our worship and other activities in the benefice during Advent and Christmas.
<u>Wednesdays</u>	For the witness of the Church throughout this season.
<u>Thursdays</u>	Those working with the homeless.
<u>Fridays</u>	For wisdom and integrity in world leaders.
<u>Saturdays</u>	Those suffering persecution for their faith.

Diamonds are forever.....

Reg and Kitty Baker celebrated their diamond wedding by renewing their vows at Stalisfield Church on the 29th September alongside the harvest festival. Pat Pollard gave a superb service to a full congregation and lessons were read by Reg and Kitty's grandchildren.

Reg made a lovely speech portraying their 60 years of married life, with both nostalgic and humorous moments.

After church all the family had lunch at Hurst Farm and were joined by Pat Pollard and her husband.

Thank you to everyone who decorated the church and sent their good wishes. A special thank you to Brenda who made a beautiful anniversary cake.
Gill Linch



Reg and Kitty Baker

We would like to say a heart felt thank you to our relatives, friends and neighbours for the lovely flowers, cards and well wishes for our Diamond Wedding and for the Blessing Celebration on 29th September at Stalisfield Church carried out so ably by the Revd. Pat Pollard. Thank you to church officials for allowing us to share the Harvest Festival, and Brenda Newman for our special window decoration.

God bless you all.
Reg and Kitty.

OSPRINGE CHOIR REPORT

The Choir will continue to meet on Wednesdays, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Parish Room. For our final Choir Practice of 2002, Wednesday, 18th December, we are singing Carols round the Wards at The Cottage Hospital starting at 6.30 p.m. Then it is HOLIDAY TIME, and we will restart on 8th January, 2003. The Choir are in fine voice, you should hear us in The Parish Room! We have tackled two-part work and, with Carolynne’s teaching, three-parts!! We hope to sing for you "Ring little bells" (really one of our sight reading pieces!) and a lovely Jewish Blessing. We are learning three of John Rutter’s Carols. *Shepherd’s Pipe Carol*, in his easy version, still lively and sparkling!; *The Christmas Carol*, one of his quiet lyrical carols, and *The Candlelight Carol*, where we need Lauren for those clear top notes. Abbey is keen to sing solos too. The youngsters in the Choir are taking it in turns to sit next to me on the keyboard and the organ and I can have a "turner-over"!

We have an exciting

Advent and Christmas programme.

Saturday, 30th November we have been invited to join Tony Roach, with whom I worked on the R.S.C.M. Committee, and his Choir at St. Laurence-in-Thanel, Ramsgate, for their Eve of Advent Service at 6.30 p.m. We went for many years before I fell foul of sciatica so we are looking forward to being with them again. We rehearse at 4 p.m. then enjoy tea and mince pies and have a Candlelit Service with the lights on for the final hymn, "Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding" to welcome ADVENT.

Sunday, 1st December is ADVENT SUNDAY and Mr. Shepherd has prepared an excellent Advent Service. The Choir are singing *The Angel Gabriel* and a Jewish Blessing and Gill is singing too.

Saturday, 7th December, we hope to be in the Cathedral Precincts to welcome Saint Nicholas at 11 a.m.

Saturday, 14th December is The Christmas Celebration. We will sing *The Christmas Lullaby* and Lauren and Abbey will sing *Shepherd’s Pipe Carol*.

Sunday, 22nd December 11 a.m. is "Carols for all the family" and we will choose a Carol to sing.

At 4 p.m. a few of us are joining Eastling for their Nine Lessons and Carols.

Monday, 23rd December 3 p.m. we are singing at Carnalea with "Stories behind Christmas

Carols" and offering old and new Carols.

It is an exciting time ahead and I am thrilled choir members are enjoying their singing to the Glory of God.

We wish all our friends in OSPRINGE a very happy preparation time for Christmas.

Vicky Shepherd.

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Carols in the Market Place

Monday 23rd December
at 7 p.m.

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FROM THE ORGAN LOFT

Did you hear the lovely "Falklands Hymn" on Remembrance Sunday Songs of Praise? Pat has found the words and I am searching for the tune! I introduced the carol "Christians Awake" to the M.U. last year. It used to be a great favourite. It was written in 1749 as a Christmas present by John Byrom (1690 to 1763) for his daughter, Dolly. He wrote it that Christmas Eve and placed it with loving care where she could find it at breakfast. A year later the local organist, John Wainwright (1723 to 1768) wrote the tune which we know as Yorkshire or Stockport as he went on from Yorkshire to be the organist at Stockport. The words are still true today!

I have a wonderful article from The Bible Lands magazine, "The Star of Bethlehem" of January, 1984, entitled "95 miles with a donkey". The journey would probably have taken 11 travelling days stopping overnight at inns and carrying all the blankets and cooking utensils for each night’s stay. Mary and Joseph would have used the Roman Highway leaving Nazareth and stopping at Afula, Jenin, Dothan, Burka, Samaria, where they would have had a Sabbath Rest, Shechem, Khan Lubban, Shiloh, Bireh, Jerusalem, and to Bethlehem to arrive on the eve of the Sabbath and remember Mary was "heavy with child"! Anyone who would like to borrow the article please ask me!

Happy Christmas and may you enjoy singing and hearing the Christmas Music!

God bless, Vicky.

*May the blessing of God surround us,
May the sure love of God sustain us,
May we drink of the Living Water,
May we go out in justice and joy,
May the shelter of God safeguard us,
May the bounty of God delight us,
May we walk in the Light of The Gospel,
May we dance in the Fountain of Life.*

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Services in our Benefice

1st December Advent Sunday		
1 Corinthians 1. 3 - 9, Mark 13. 24 - 37		
Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW) followed by Baptism
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Whitehill Chapel	10.40 a.m.	Sunday School (8-13s) Younger children during the service
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	Family Service and dedication of 'Brenda's Cupboard'.
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Special Advent Service

Tuesday 3rd December		
Whitehill Chapel	2.15 p.m.	Holy Communion

8th December 2nd Sunday in Advent		
2 Peter 3. 8 - 15a, Mark 1. 1 - 8		
Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10.30 a.m.	Sunday Newstyle
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Sunday School
Stalisfield	3 p.m.	Crib Service

15th December 3rd Sunday in Advent		
1 Thessalonians 5. 16 - 24, John 1. 6 - 8, 19 - 28		
Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling	10 a.m.	S Club
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringe	11 a.m.	'Christmas' Family Service
Whitehill Chapel	6.30 p.m.	Carols by Candlelight

22nd December 4th Sunday in Advent		
Romans 16. 25 - 27, Luke 1. 26 - 38		
Stalisfield	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	People's Choice
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Carols for all the Family
Eastling	2 p.m.	Baptism
Eastling	4 p.m.	Nine Lessons and Carols

24th December Christmas Eve		
Ospringe	11.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	11.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling	11.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (CW)

25th December Christmas Day		
Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Family Communion (CW)
Ospringe	10.30 a.m.	Christmas Family Worship

29th December 1st Sunday of Christmas		
Eastling	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP) Benefice Service

Sharing Ministry in our Benefice

Priest in Charge	Reverend Penny Fenton (01795 536366) 9 Brogdale Road, Faversham. ME13 8SX
Curate	Reverend Patricia Pollard (01795 535407) 7 Arthur Salmon Close, Faversham.
Reader	Mr. Hugh Perks (01795 890603) Weald Cottage, Kettle Hill Road, Eastling.
Reader	Mr. Norman Fowler (01795 890412) 4 Meesons Close, Eastling.
Methodist Minister	Reverend Chris Esgate (01795 532461) Chris@Esgate.plus.com

Churchwardens		
Ospringe	Mr. G. Shepherd	
	Mr. P. Larter	(01795 531044)
Eastling	Mr S. Youle	(01795 890368)
	Mrs. A. Smith	(01795 890469)
Stalisfield with Otterden		
	Mrs. J. West	(01795 890285)
	Mrs. H. Galer	(01795 890780)
Whitehill		
Steward	Miss. B. Richards	(01795 532756)

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

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From the Registers
Baptisms
27th October 2002 at Eastling
THOMAS JAMES Jordan
DAISY MAY Jordan

17th November 2002 at Ospringe
JACK JOHN Cutting

Funerals
Nellie BURRELL
Cremation at Charing on 13th November 2002
Ivy Lilian FEAKINS
Funeral at Stalisfield with burial at Charing on 15th November 2002

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5th January Epiphany		
Ephesians 3. 1 - 12, Matthew 2. 1 - 12		
Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Whitehill Chapel	10.40 a.m.	Sunday School (8-13s) Younger Children during the service
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	Family Service
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Morning Prayer

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Do you have a few hours to spare each week? Would you like to help others in your community? Faversham Citizens Advice Bureau is looking for volunteers to help in its Stone Street office. The Faversham CAB has been helping people in the town since 1975 and last year helped more than 3,600 residents with problems ranging from housing, debt and the legal system, to benefits, family matters and consumer affairs. Manager of the Faversham CAB Irene Hall says 'To be a volunteer all you need is a few hours to spare each week, an ability to work well in a team and a desire to help people in your own community. You can really make a difference by just volunteering a few hours of your time each week.' All staff receive training and the chance to develop on-the-job skills. As well as volunteers to train as general advisers, the CAB is looking for people to help with social policy work. Adrian Madden, who is currently training as an adviser says 'When I joined I was surprised at the many different backgrounds and the age range of volunteers. The most important thing we bring is our commitment to help others. The CAB provides the rest, through training and support.'

The Faversham office, at 43 Stone Street, is open for drop-in inquiries from 10 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Telephone inquiries can be made from 10am to 12 noon on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays on 0870 121 2109. The CAB is a charity which receives no government funding. Anyone interested in volunteering should call Irene Hall on 537101, contact the national recruitment line on 08451 264264 or go to: www.citizensadvice.org.uk/join-us.

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OSPRINGE PARISH COUNCIL
The next meeting of Ospringe Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 11th December 2002 at 7.30pm in Whitehill Chapel, Painters Forstal.

Jill Seaman
Clerk to the Council

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Eastling Parish Council
Satisfactory Audit
Eastling Parish Council has received a "clean bill of health" for its accounts for the year April 2001 to March 2002 inclusive. The district auditor,s report and annual return may be inspected by any registered elector for Eastling parish between 10am and 6pm Mondays-Fridays from now until Friday, 6th December. Contact Peter Cheeseman on (01795) 890629 for details.

Flooding Abated
Long-running problems with severe flooding on the Eastling-Faversham road approaches to the village seem to have been solved. At their meeting on 11th November, members of the parish council heard that Kent Highways Unit had carried out removal of accumulated mud and debris from the road drains using specialised high-powered jetting equipment. The drainage system now appeared to be working satisfactorily. It was agreed that the parish council should write to the Highways Manager to thank him and his staff for carrying out the work. A list of concerns over remaining local roads problems would also be submitted.

Village Green
The results of a recent parish poll on proposals for a new village green show that out of 267 voting slips issued, 169 were returned - with 107 people in favour and 62 people against. Statistically, it means that 63% of the village voted and 63% of these agreed the parish council should pursue the idea while 37% preferred nothing more should be done. In discussing the project at their meeting on Monday, 11th November, parish councillors heard that progressing the scheme would depend on a number of factors including planning permission, development of a detailed plan and, not least, the willingness of people to volunteer to form a management group. Some residents were opposed to the scheme and, during an extended open forum, expressed fears over misuse of any new green, pedestrian safety, potential damage to neighbouring properties and parking problems if people from outside Eastling were attracted to use it. Councillors agreed to consider the results of the poll and the issues raised at their January meeting. In the meantime, the chairman John Payne said he would like to hear from people interested in forming a steering group for the project should it be decided to go ahead.

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

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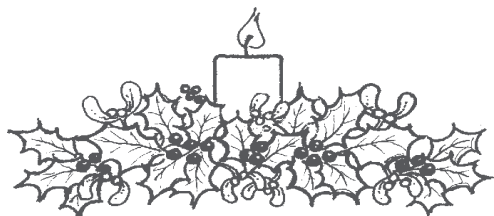
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Stalisfield Scrapbook

Well, we knew it, and told you! Now, the Stalisfield/Otterden Millennium Scrapbook has received an accolade from, none other than, the Honorary Director of The Faversham Society. "Superb - no other word for it", "a wonderful social document, handsomely produced". Not only that, but there are plans to produce an abridged, mono-colour version for the Society's bookshop, which distributes copies all over the world.

The style of production will be much more modest than the full colour original, a couple of which may still be available. It's worth a phone call - you may be lucky. 01795 890475



STALISFIELD/OTTERDEN OVER 60'S.

The annual Christmas tea, organized by Brenda Newman, will take place on Saturday, 14th December in the Stalisfield Village Hall at 4 o'clock. If your invitation has not already arrived, please phone Brenda on 01795 890 594.

A good time is guaranteed.

The event is paid for by special fundraising efforts, including coffee mornings, and by charitable contributions. Donations are always welcome and should be made direct to Brenda

Stalisfield Coffee Morning

The coffee morning held in 'The Hut' on Saturday 12th October was a mixed story. Brenda was, unfortunately, too poorly to attend, but, with family and friends, had provided a mountain of goodies. There were plenty of 'bring and buy' items and a good selection of preserves and baked goods for sale.

The only thing in short supply was 'bodies'. It must have been a great disappointment to those who provided the feast on offer that so few people turned up. We must be doubly grateful to those stalwarts who did. They dug deep into their pockets to produce the splendid sum of £77. Other generous folk gave donations totalling £30.

There was, of course, plenty of lively conversation and everyone there rallied round at the end, to make sure that perishable goods were not left unsold. The grand total of £107 will be used to fund the "Over 60's Christmas Tea".

Painter's Forstal with Ospringe Women's Institute

17th December, 2.15 p.m. in the Champion Hall.

Mr. R. Masters will talk on *Owlers, Smugglers and Redcaps*.
The competition: A Treasured Possession, plus flower of the month.

Painter's Forstal Amenities Committee.

The A.G.M. will take place on 7th March 2003, at 7.30pm. This will be followed immediately by an intergroup fun quiz. Come and join in the fun and give ideas of events you would like arranged through the year.

Painter's Forstal Gardeners' Club

Monday 9th, December, 7 p.m. sharp.
The Club's Christmas Social will be held in the Champion Hall, The Chapel, Painter's Forstal. Further details from Fav. 533608.

REMINDER

Eastling Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday 4th December at 12.30 p.m. Please ring Norman, on 890242, if you require transport.

Thank you

The Wine and Wisdom held in the village hall on Saturday 16th November was very well supported. A profit of £300 was made which has been divided equally between Village Hall funds and the Senior Citizens Christmas fund. A big thank you to all helpers.

Norman Neaves.

Thank you

I would like to thank everyone who helped and supported my *Afternoon of Tea and Cakes*. The final sum raised was £155.20, which has been sent to the charity *Send a Cow*. This money will help provide livestock for poorer people in Africa, to help raise their standard of living. Find out more on the web-site <www.sendacow.org.uk>.

Sales of *Traidcraft* items during the afternoon helped Eastling Church pay for an extra microphone to the Hearing loop,

Hilary Harlow.

Diary December 2002

4th	Eastling Senior Citizens' Lunch	12.30 p.m.	Village Hall
4th/5th	Carol singing around Ospringe		
5th	Club 8 - 13	6.15 p.m.	Champion Hall
8th	Crib Service	3 p.m.	Stalisfield Church
9th	Gardeners' Club	7 p.m.	Champion Hall
11th	Ospringe Parish Council	7.30 p.m.	Champion Hall
11th	Gardeners' Club	7.30 p.m.	Eastling Hall
12th	Afternoon Club (Bingo)	2 p.m.	Champion Hall
13th	Stalisfield Footlights	7.30 p.m.	Stalisfield Hall
14th	Stalisfield Senior Citizens' Tea	4 p.m.	Village Hall
14th	Christmas Celebration	7.30 p.m.	Ospringe Church
15th	Deadline for January Good News		
15th	Carols by Candlelight	6.30 p.m.	Champion Hall
16th	Playgroup Open Morning	9.30 a.m.	Champion Hall
17th	Women's Institute	2.15 p.m.	Champion Hall
19th	Club 8 - 13	6.15 p.m.	Champion Hall
20th	School Disco	6 p.m.	Eastling School
22nd	Carols for all the Family	11 a.m.	Ospringe Church
22nd	Nine Lessons & Carols	4 p.m.	Eastling Church
23rd	Carols in the Market Place	7 p.m.	Faversham
27th	Afternoon Club	1.15 p.m.	leave for the Winter Gardens
31st	Magazine Folding	2 p.m.	Usual Venues



Having a Party?

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OSPRINGE 200 CLUB DRAW

You contribute £1 a month for at least one year and you could win a prize in our monthly draw. Contact Carol or Stuart Marshall on 537873 for more details.

The winning numbers for the 32nd draw in November were:
1st :-45 2nd :-1 3rd :-66

Ospringe Social Activities

Grateful thanks to everyone who helped in any way, at the Autumn Bazaar on 9th November.

It was a successful event, with the result of £553.12p with several comments on the good fellowship we enjoyed on the day.

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported me during 2002, and wish you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Sally, Ospringe Soc. Sec.

Mobile Library

The KCC mobile library van will not be operating during the fortnight commencing Monday, 23 December 2002. For Eastling, Otterden, Painters Forstal and Stalisfield, the service will be resumed in the week commencing Monday, 6 January 2003 with visits on the usual days at the regular times and stopping places. Readers will be able to borrow extra books to tide them over the holiday period. In the event of bad weather, the driver Lionel Medhurst can be contacted on 07740 183757 to check arrangements.

Whitehill Chapel

Sunday 1st December
11am Family Service
followed by the opening of 'Brenda's Cupboard', by her Granddaughter, Sara Bilson.
All are welcome.

Eastling Gardeners' Club

Christmas Party on 11th December in Eastling Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.
We look forward to seeing as many people as possible at this first event organised by the Eastling Gardeners' Club.

PUDDLEDUCKS PLAYGROUP at Painters Forstal

Many thanks to all who donated jumble and helped on the day. We raised £85 to help with the running costs of the playgroup.

We will be holding our Open Morning on Monday 16th December. This will be a normal playgroup session but all family, friends and other children will be welcome to join us for Christmas activities and refreshments. The Christmas Raffle will be drawn on the last day of term - Friday 20th December. The first prize will be a Bumper Hamper with lots of other prizes to be won. Tickets will cost 50p for 5 and are available from Playgroup. Our children's party will also be on Friday 20th December.

Please save any drink cans for recycling - all proceeds to the playgroup. These can be brought to Eastling School or to playgroup.

We wish you a very Happy Christmas and look forward to a successful New Year.

Jill Seaman, 01795 890519



STALISFIELD FOOTLIGHTS.

This is positively your last chance to ensure that you do not miss the opening performance in Stalisfield's theatre season of 2002. The TIME of OUR LIVES MUSIC THEATRE Company will perform their stage magic on Friday 13th December, 7.30 for 8 p.m., in The Hut, converted expressly for the purpose.

"The Best of Times and the Worst of Times"

The company will create characters, atmosphere and space on Stalisfield's stage using techniques used by the bard himself. There will be music, laughter, tears and memories. You will just have to come and see for yourselves.

Refreshments are included in the 'at cost' admission charge of £6. Reserve your seat by telephone on 01795 890475 (Ian Mckay) or 01233 712893 (Roy Okell)

Afternoon Club

It is confirmed that the coach to the "Winter Gardens" on 27th December, will leave Painter's Forstal at 1.15 p.m. and not as previously stated.
Activities for December
12th, 2 p.m. Bingo, followed by refreshment.
27th, Visit to the 'Winter Gardens', Margate.
January 2003
9th Board Games.

Ospringe School Association

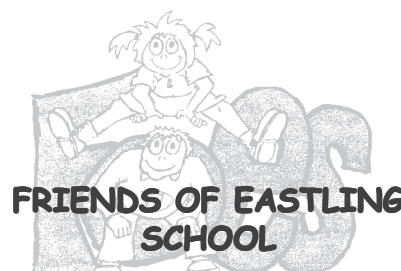
Christmas is coming fast; the children are busy rehearsing for their Christmas productions ('Babushka' for years 3 & 4 and 'Whoops-a-daisy angel' for the infants). The school choir is also busy rehearsing as they will be carol singing around Ospringe on the 4th & 5th December (raising money for Demelza House) and will be joining with Sheldwich school to sing carols in the town on Saturday 7th.

The OSA held it's second bingo night on 8th November. Despite the late advertising and the awful weather, those that attended had a very enjoyable time and the event was deemed to be a success. By the time you read this we will have also survived the Christmas Fair, but you will have to wait until January to find out how we did!

Members of the OSA committee find themselves very busy at this time of year helping at the school events. So we are compiling a list of parents/grandparents/aunts/uncles etc. who, although are not able to join the committee, for whatever reason, are prepared to offer help in other ways.

If you are willing to be included in this list please see a committee member, or leave your name at the school.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas!
Jill Fagg



The Christmas Shopping Evening raised over £200, which will be spent wisely on items to benefit the children.

It is not too late to order your CHRISTMAS TREE which will be ready for collection on Friday 13th December at 3.30 pm in Eastling Village Hall car park

The children will have the opportunity of making their own purchases for family and friends, or indeed themselves, at their own Shopping afternoon on Wednesday 11th December. There will also be the opportunity for parents to buy stocking fillers after school.

The END of TERM Disco will be held on Friday 20th December from 6pm to 8pm and is open to all Eastling School children.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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