



Ospringe School Association
.....Christmas Fayre.....
Saturday 3rd December
 From 11.00 am to 1.00 pm
 At the School, Water Lane, Ospringe.
 Come and Join in the Fun
 Meet Father Christmas in his Grotto
 Decorate your Own Christmas Stocking

 Christmas Tombola Chocolate Tombola
 Children's Tombola Grand Tombola
 Activities & Games for the Children
 Cake Stall Craft Stalls
 Badge Making - Bookmarks of Your
 Own Design
 Refreshments on Sale

Smile lines:

Why is Christmas like a cat at the seaside?
They both have sandy claws!
 How do you get an elephant in a
 Christmas cracker?
Take out the party hat first!
 Who hides in a bakery at Christmas?
A mince spy!



Carol Singing: Tuesday 20th December,
 meet at 6.30pm in Champion Hall.
 Singing carols around Painter's Forstal, we
 welcome members of the village to come
 and join in the singing. Money collected
 for the Cottage Hospital.
 Followed by refreshments.
 We would ask people not to give to anyone
 without an official collecting tin on that
 night, 20th December.
 The amount collected will be published in
 the February magazine.
 Bobbie Richards.

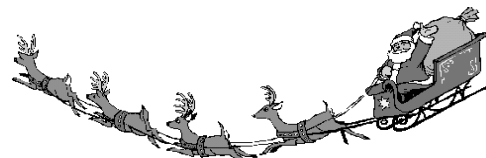
Carol Singing: We will be Carol singing
 around Eastling on Tuesday, Dec 20th,
 starting at 7pm from the Village Hall car
 park. In aid of Canterbury Open Centre.
 Children welcome. Please wear WARM
 CLOTHES and if possible bring a torch.
 Angela Cheeseman

**Advent
 Children's Club**
 December 3rd, 10th & 17th.
 10am - 12 noon
 in Ospringe Church
 Carols, Cookery, Crafts
 Open to all school age children
 Contact no. 531960

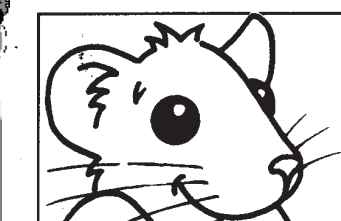
Craft Club

50p a session
 6.15pm Champion Hall,
 9th December.
 Only one meeting in December owing
 to schools' end of term activities and
 Christmas. We hope all our young
 people will have a very happy time.

**S Club
 CHRISTMAS PARTY**
 18th December
 10am Eastling Village Hall
 All welcome



Puppet Club: Will be closed
 for the Christmas period but
 recommence January 21st.
 See you then!
 Angela Cheeseman



MOUSE HOLE

What does a new baby need?

A baby needs somewhere
to be born, like at home
or in a hospital.

Where were you born?
Jesus was born in a stable.

**Make an
 Advent
 mobile.**

Add a
 new cord
 with a
 Christmas
 picture on
 each Sunday
 in Advent.
 Add a fifth
 cord on Christmas Day
 with a large sparkling
 star on to help you
 remember that one day
 Jesus will come again!

A baby needs clothes to keep
 warm like fleecy pyjamas or
 a warm vest and nappy.

What were you dressed in?
 Jesus was wrapped in
 strips of linen cloth.

A baby needs somewhere
 to sleep like a cot with
 a cuddly blanket.

What did you sleep in?
 Jesus slept in an animals
 manger with hay to
 keep him warm.

At Christmas we remember Jesus,
 God's Son and our Saviour, coming to Earth
 as a baby, and we look forward to the time
 when Jesus will come again, not as a
 baby but as a mighty King!

**T A M A R Y J
 I B I N N U O
 M A N G E R Y
 E B J E S U S
 A Y C L O T H**

**Look in the manger
 for these words:**
 JESUS MARY JOY
 INN BABY MANGER
 TIME ANGEL CLOTH

Little Baby Jesus • Cut from thin card:

1 x gold 1 x pink 2 x white 1 x white

• Then glue together:

pink + white =

• Draw a face on the pink circle.
 • Glue lengths of raffia, wool or brown
 paper on the back to look like hay.
 • Glue to a card or hang as a decoration.

Celebrate The Birth Of Christ

Christmas Communion Services

Ospringe
Christmas Eve
 11.30pm Holy Communion
Christmas Day
 10.30am Family Carols
 with Communion

Stalisfield
Christmas Eve
 11.30pm Holy Communion

Eastling
Christmas Day
 10am Family Communion

Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday 18th December
 4pm at Eastling Church
 Traditional readings tell
 the Christmas story,
 illustrated with new and
 familiar carols.



An Invitation to a New Year's Eve Party

at
 The Carpenters Arms,
 Eastling

Food, Dancing,
 Fireworks and Fun

Quality Buffet: £8.50

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 Sandra on 01795 890234
 or in the pub

Nativity Play

10.40am
 Sunday 4th December
 Whitehill Chapel
 The children performing go to
 Eastling School, some of whom
 also attend the Craft club on
 Fridays. We will be singing
 Christmas carols during the play.
 Families welcome!



Carols by Candlelight

6.30pm
 Sunday 18th December
 Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal
 A Village Carol Service

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Stalisfield Highlife Quiz Party

Friday 16th December 2005

Gather yourselves a table of six if you
 can or, if you can't, ring Ian on 01795
 890475 for a guaranteed place amongst
 convivial company. Anticipate a lively
 evening with humour, atmosphere and
 unbelievable prizes. £2 per person, bring
 your own nibbles and tipples.
 Reservations for this outstanding event
 in the Stalisfield calendar should be
 made with Ian. We will begin the
 festivities promptly at 7.30pm in our
 Historic Hut on the green.



Crib Service

3pm
 Sunday 11th
 December
 Stalisfield
 Church

Christmas Family Service

A fun look at the real meaning
 of Christmas at Ospringe
 on Sunday 18th December
 at 11am

Wear a festive hat or head-dress
 - prizes for the best (and worst!)

Come to the Manger

Christmas Eve
 4pm-4.45pm
 Ospringe Church
 A short nativity service for
 families and children

EASTLING A DINGDONG SING ALONG

Saturday 3rd December
 Eastling Church
 Doors open at 7pm
 Show starts at 7.30pm

Christmas Entertainment

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Happy Christmas to everyone in Ospringe, Eastling, Stalisfield and Otterden

Christmas Message

It was Christmas and the Judge was in a merry mood as he asked the prisoner, "What are you charged with?" "Doing my Christmas shopping early," replied the prisoner. "That's not an offence," said the judge. "How early were you doing this shopping?" "Before the shop opened" the prisoner answered.

At the time of writing this Christmas message the high streets and shopping centres are gearing up into full swing for Christmas shopping. Whilst waiting for my wife, Sylvi, outside one store I stood observing people rushing past, and wondered "what are they thinking?" They appeared to have tunnel vision, focused on their next purchase or shop. They hardly noticed each other.

It was a similar situation nearly two thousand years ago. Bethlehem was humming. The population was swelled by the influx of people from all over the Middle East to register, as decreed by the Romans. There were probably gatherings, reunions and family parties taking place all over the town.

Prayer Pointers December 2005



Sundays	That Christ may be the centre of our Christmas.
Mondays	Those who may be sad or lonely at this time.
Tuesdays	Advent and Christmas celebrations in our parishes.
Wednesdays	The Children's Advent Club at Ospringe.
Thursdays	For those caring for others over the Christmas period.
Fridays	For those working overseas at Christmas time.
Saturdays	For peace and goodwill to all.

It is a great privilege to be the new curate of Eastling and Stalisfield with Otterden. I am enjoying meeting people. Do please ring me on my new number 01795-892-124 if you would like a visit.
Just one appeal - please do not contact me on my days off: Mondays and Thursdays, except for emergencies. I then have greater energy for the other days of the week!

Thank you
God bless you this Christmas
Angela



However on the outskirts of the town, in a ramshackle stable, all was quiet apart from the distant bleating of sheep, the occasional shuffle of hooves from the animals in the stable and the laboured breathing of a young woman in the final stages of giving birth. People passing in the nearby streets were completely unaware of what was going on in that stable. Few were privy to this news at the time.

But in Luke's account of the First Christmas, the angels were delighted and burst out their joy to the shepherds in the fields nearby. It frightened the life out of them! They were at first terrified and later astonished by this spectacle and went to the stable to see for themselves.

Matthew's wise men were already on the road in search of this special baby. They had been studying the prophecies of the prophets, especially Isaiah and various signs for many years. They had concluded that it was all about to happen somewhere in Judea. Most Jews of the day knew of the prophet Isaiah but probably didn't give any thought to his prophecies. Why? Because they were made some five hundred years earlier and few took such writings seriously. That's not very different today!

In my observance of people outside that shop I wondered how many gave a thought to the real reason for Christmas. That baby changed our understanding of God for ever. That baby was Jesus; God in human form. He came to teach and minister to us about many things including the love of God and Kingdom of Heaven. At Christmas when we receive presents as tokens of love and good will, God offers us the greatest gift of all, His Son, Jesus Christ.

We wish YOU Happy Christmas in the love of Christ.

Norman Fowler.

Mothers' Union News

I look back with fond memories at all our meetings and activities in 2005. The February meeting was cancelled because of a heavy covering of snow, perhaps not such a happy memory! Brhh!!! We have enjoyed talks by our Diocesan President, Brenda Lawson; Rev. Jacqui Henry and Normandy Veteran, Bill Lusted. We've also heard about Keeping Safe on the Roads, had a Summer Lunch at The Ship, Ospringe and a Fund-Raising Garden Party at Pam Bell's where we raised £120 for M.U. Worldwide and Home Projects.

We have grown! So in September we moved into our Parish Room which accommodates all our members. My grateful thanks to June Akhurst for inviting us all to her home over the past months and thank you to Pam for inviting us into her garden. In October we had an Open Discussion on the programme from the General Meeting in Ipswich Football Stadium where over 4000 M.U. members gathered and heard of the M.U. ongoing work to MAKE POVERTY HISTORY. From this we hope to get in contact again with the lovely Mary Rwubusisi, the wife of Geoffrey, the Bishop of Cyangugu, Rwanda, whom Carol and Vicky had the pleasure of meeting in 2000. Mary works with Ruth, the M.U. Worker in Cyangugu Diocese. The M.U. Overseas Fund funds M.U. Workers all over the world. Also we are supporting the M.U. work in another of Canterbury Diocese Links by collecting used stamps and sending them to Alan in Nottingham. Last year he raised £1000 for Lesotho and this year so far, £415. PLEASE SAVE ALL YOUR USED STAMPS AND GIVE THEM TO ME or ANY M. U. MEMBER so we can boost the money for Lesotho. Thank you for that in our drive to MAKE POVERTY HISTORY.

I am looking forward to the ADVENT M.U. SERVICE, "On our way to Bethlehem" in the Quire of Canterbury Cathedral on Thursday, 1st December, at 11 a.m. All members welcome. Do ask me if you would like a lift and if you would like to join us for Lunch afterwards!! Our Post Christmas Lunch will be in January. December is such a hectic month with lots of events going on, we all find it more relaxing to celebrate after the rush of Christmas. Venues either "The Alma" at Painter's Forstal or "The Dover Castle" at Teynham. It now gives me the greatest of pleasure to wish you all God's blessing for a peaceful, joyful and grateful Christmas and for Good Health in the coming year. God bless.
Brenda Cardwell. Ospringe, M.U. Branch Leader.

CHOIR NOTES

A Masai Prayer from Tanzania for Christmas Day from C.M.S. Prayer News. "Hail the day on which this child is born. O Joy!

Let us all sing and give praises for the mother who gave birth to this child for whom she longed.

Greet this day with joy. Our hearts are glad. Amen"

It struck me that this could be said at the birth of all children.

The Choir are preparing Carols and look forward to joining Eastling for The Nine Lessons and Carols on 18th December, at 4pm.

Lauren and Vicky have been invited to sing at the United Church Christmas Party on Monday, 12th December; the Choir are to lead a Carol Service at Carnalea on Monday, 19th December, at 3 p.m. (last year friends joined us for that, please do so again), and on Wednesday, 21st December, the Choir will be singing round the Wards at Faversham Cottage Hospital from 6.30 p.m.. We have invited Selling Choir to join us.

On 5th November, Carolynne, Lauren and a friend, Vicky and I sang in the RSCM "Thy Kingdom Come" Evensong again at the Cathedral but this time with 250 others. It was good to meet very old friends and to take Lauren and Vicky to such a BIG SING at the Cathedral.

We have also been invited to sing at the Advent Service at The Almshouses Chapel on Advent Sunday, at 3.30 p.m.. Vicky Shepherd



FROM THE ORGAN SEAT.

I have been working on a piece by Herbert Howells, one of his Psalm Preludes, that I started in 1959! as a student at Trinity College of Music. Then it was considered Avant-garde!! It has a lyrical beginning then travels through a wonderful discordant section to be resolved in a reassuring lyrical ending, really rather like the Psalms with their wonderful messages.

I was delighted to hear from Tom Nixon and know you will enjoy his writing. Joanne Fagg is very happy at Derby and has joined the Cathedral Voluntary Singers and their team of Bell Ringers. We are thrilled you are both having such a great

time in studying and play. We look forward to hearing more. Thank you both. Joanne Marshall is kept busy as a Class Language Assistant in the south of Japan and already has a store of games to play with the children. She has visited Seoul and is taking the opportunity to learn about the Japanese culture, their writing and language, and is taking lessons in Japanese Calligraphy. Well done all three.

Prayers from the present M.U. Prayer Diary.

"Let us so mature in our faith that, as we grow, each new step will reveal a different sign of God's glory."

" Thank You Lord for this day opening before me. Give me grace to look for Your blessings in everything I do and everyone I meet today. Help me to be filled with Your new life and share it with others."

"God does not love us because we are valuable. We are valuable because God loves us." Fulton J. Sheen.



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Life at Cambridge

I am studying Medical Sciences at Clare College, Cambridge. It is the second oldest college in the university and is located next to the world famous King's College Chapel. It has very beautiful buildings and gardens which lie either side of the River Cam. My rooms are in Memorial Court which was built in the 1920s to commemorate Clare scholars who had died in the First World War. I am very lucky as I have been allocated a "set", which means I have my own study plus a bedroom with an en suite shower room overlooking a lawned quadrangle. I do quite a bit of cooking for myself but I can also eat at the College Buttery or, for special occasions, go to a Formal Hall. This is dinner in the panelled Dining Hall where you must wear your undergraduate gown and are waited on. Last month I met Dr. Jim Watson, one of the discoverers of the DNA double helix, who lived in Memorial Court when he was doing his research and was making a return visit.

I will be here for some time as my course lasts for six years. I have never had to work so hard, not even for Chemistry A level at QE (sorry, Mr. Larter!) One night I didn't get to bed at all as I was preparing a seminar presentation on the thyroid. In anatomy I have done the arm and the leg so far. Dissection classes are really interesting but one of the older medical students warned us that you always feel really hungry afterwards – and strangely it's true!

I have a very full timetable but have found time to take up rowing – this is Cambridge, after all! Clare College is very famous for its music, and now that I have settled in I shall get more involved in this side of things. Terms are short at Cambridge (I break up on the 3rd December) but you can pack in a great deal. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else.
Tom Nixon

ROOM WANTED TO RENT.

I wonder if there is anyone in or fairly near to Ospringe/Painters Forstal/ Eastling who would be prepared to rent me a room. I need dry and clean storage space to store my huge collection of books for a couple of months. I would supply my own book cases.

I would pay rent and can supply character references. I would even be prepared to do housework and odd jobs if, for example, it was an elderly person with a spare room.

Any suggestions welcome.
Please telephone Jan Williams on
01795 536528

Services in our Churches

Ministry in our Parishes

4th December Advent 2

2 Peter 3. 8 - 15a, Mark 1. 1 - 8		
Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Ospringe	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Oasis
Whitehill Chapel	10 a.m.	Brunch followed by
	10.40 a.m.	Family People's Choice
		with Children's Nativity Play
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)

Tuesday 6th December

Whitehill Chapel	2.15 p.m.	Holy Communion
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11th December Advent 3

1 Thessalonians 5. 16 - 24, John 1. 6 - 8, 19 - 28		
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	3 p.m.	Crib Service
Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10.30 a.m.	Freestyle in Village Hall

18th December Advent 4

Romans 16. 25 - end, Luke 1. 26 - 38		
Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Christmas Family Service
Whitehill Chapel	6.30 p.m.	Carols by Candlelight
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling Village Hall	10 a.m.	S Club Christmas Party
Eastling	4 p.m.	Nine Lessons and Carols

24th December Christmas Eve

Ospringe	4 p.m.	Come to the Manger
Ospringe	11.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	11.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (CW)

25th December Christmas Day

Ospringe	10.30 a.m.	Family Carols
		with Communion
Eastling	10 a.m.	Family Communion

1st January 2006 Christmas 2

Galatians 4.4 - 7, Luke 2. 15 - 21		
Ospringe	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion with
		Hymns and Address (BCP)
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Short informal service for
		the beginning of the new year
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield joins Eastling		

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

Priest in Charge Vacancy from 1st October 2005

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)

**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)

**Whitehill** Miss. B. Richards (01795 532756)  
Steward

#### Contacting the Church's staff

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

### 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. Tel: 01795 890338 . Where possible, please submit your entries by e-mail: h.f.harlow @btconnect.com Current and back copies of Good News are available on the website: <http://go.to/goodnewsmag>

## From the Registers

#### Baptism

LUCY ANNABELLE Butterworth  
30th October 2005 at Eastling

#### Funerals

Charles Thomas (Charlie) SMITH  
Funeral at Charing Church and  
Burial in Charing Cemetery on 3rd November 2005

Rachel Mary CHEESEWRIGHT  
Funeral at Kennington Church and  
Burial in Bybrook Cemetery on 4th November 2005

#### Interment of Ashes

Emma CHAPMAN  
8th November 2005 at Eastling

## EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

Report from the November meeting: The Chairman and the Clerk had attended the AGM of the Kent Association of Parish Councils. The two major items of interest were "Operation Stack" and a new initiative called "Speedwatch." The Chairman felt that the implications of "Stack" were unlikely to impinge on the village, but there is a sharply growing need for overnight lorry parking in this part of the county and, as lorry drivers became increasingly desperate, they could become increasingly adventurous. It is a growing a problem. "Speedwatch" is a Kent initiative which involves local councils purchasing speed monitoring equipment, providing 3 - 6 volunteers to man, and passing their findings, in the case of speeding motorists, to the police, who would then take a predetermined course of action. The initial set-up cost was between £2000 and £3000.

The "action plan" which had been submitted to the Education Authority had been accepted, and if all went well, Eastling school could be free of "special measures" within a year.

Mr Alan Willson had volunteered to act as Village Warden. This appointment was welcomed whole-heartedly by the Council.

The Treasurer reported the bank reconciliation at 31st October 2005 showed £1300.00 in the current account and £2850.00 on deposit. Monies from the subsidiarity fund had been paid towards the costs of producing a village design statement (£250) and £610.00 was due to be paid the Village Hall Trustees.

The Council suggested that the Office in the Village Hall, the Village Sign, the Church car-park and extended storage facilities for user groups at the Village Hall should be given consideration. Details of the budget for 2005/6 would be presented at the next meeting.

Cllr Bickerdike advised the meeting that the Council's request for the possible imposition of a 30 mph limit had been refused. The Council asked Cllr Bickerdike to contact KCC to request detailed statistics from their experiments in the Village.

Mr John Darlington has completed his concept for a sign for the Village. He has, however, not completed his cost analysis and anticipates being able to make a presentation to the Council at the January meeting.

The Council has received a number of representations from residents relating to the nuisance caused by unlicensed motorcycles being ridden on the public highway, privately owned woodland and farmland and through freshly planted crops. Residents expressed their on-going concerns and asked for the Parish Council's assistance in finding a solution to the problem. Accordingly the Clerk was instructed to write to the Police and other statutory bodies who might be in a position to help.

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*Ray Huntley*

## Ospringe Parish Council

Swale Borough Council have awarded the Parish Council a Subsidiarity Grant for the benefit of the community.

The Parish Council would like parishioners to think of projects and schemes that they feel would benefit the local area. All ideas should be put into writing and sent to the Parish Clerk by the end of December 2005.

Have you ever used a company other than the council to take rubbish away from your home? If you have someone that knocks on your door and states that they can clear your rubbish for a knock-down price, it is likely that they will be acting illegally. See neighbourhood Watch column for further details.

Ospringe Parish Council would like to thank Wyn Florists for the wreath which was laid in remembrance at the M2 Motorway crash site.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 14th December, 7.30pm,

## Neighbourhood Watch.

Contact numbers:

Swale NHW office 0808 100 3308 (free)

E-mail - [neighbourhoodwatch.swale@kent.pnn.police.uk](mailto:neighbourhoodwatch.swale@kent.pnn.police.uk)

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

NHW liaison officer 01795 584143

Sittingbourne police station 01795 477055

Emergencies or crime in progress always use 999

Kent Trading Standards 08457 585 497

**A Bogus caller burglary** occurred at a property in Lower Halstow recently. It is reported that a woman was at home when three people called at her property. One male entered into conversation with her stating that he needed to leave a note for a neighbour and wanted a pen. After this they left the house. The woman then discovered £500 in cash had been stolen from her home. The fist suspect is described as being a white male, 6ft tall with short dark brown hair. He wore a blue top. He was accompanied by another male who is described as being white, 5ft 8in tall with dark brown hair and dark clothing. The third suspect is described as a white female. They left the area in a green Toyota Previa.

**Cycle thefts** in the Swale Area are becoming only too frequent. It takes only one minute to make it secure, even less for someone to relieve you of your property. Police advise care as these cycles are not cheap and in some cases very expensive.

**Distraction burglary:** Two young women have been visiting homes in the area, claiming to be from British Telecom. BT confirm that they never employ door-to-door salesmen. One of the females involved was described as young; white; blonde hair; about 4'10" tall, with a speech impediment. Please be on your guard and to phone the police if you are approached in this way.

**Rubbish collection** by companies other than the council. From the 21st November 2005, there will be a responsibility on the householder to ensure that those collecting rubbish

(other than normal refuse collection services) are licensed to do so. Legitimate companies are registered with the Environment Agency If you use a company that is not registered and your waste is then dumped illegally, you may face prosecution. You can check if a person or company is registered by: Calling the Environment Agency on 08708 506506, or by using the internet at the following address <<http://www2.environment-agency.gov.uk/epr/search.asp?=register>>

All local councils have facilities to take away most articles of household rubbish and are registered correctly, so if in doubt, your local council may be able to assist or advise you further.

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## EASTLING SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

On Sunday 23rd October we had three teams playing at Prizer's sports hall in an all day triples competition. Forty teams played on the ten mats they had laid down. It was a very good event and one of our teams with Brian Searley, Mick Heath and Roy Piles, were unlucky in having won two and lost one, the same as a lot more teams, but did not go into the Quarter Finals for they did not have enough shots. But we all enjoyed the day and the meal that was provided for us was very good. Our league game on Sunday 30th was away to Borden Hawks who beat us on their very fast mats, so this makes two games we have played this season. The weekend of 5th/6th November was very busy for our members, with Chris Smith, Mick Heath & Roy Piles playing in the Kent County Triples at Strood on the Saturday morning, were they won by 27 shots to 6, then lost their next game 18 to 10. This has taken them through to the final on 22nd January 2006 at Strood on highest shots. On Sunday 6th we had two teams playing all day at A.R.C.A. Canterbury but even though our teams played well, we could not win enough games to come into a winning position. This month we have our own club competitions, Mick and Roy are playing at Strood in a County Pairs game, so I will keep you posted through out the winter months. Please note that we have changed the times for Wednesday afternoons now 2.00 - 4.00 pm. The club also meets on Friday afternoons from 2.30 - 4.30pm, and again in the evenings from 7.30 - 9.30pm These sessions are open to all players. New members are welcome, so if you want to see what it is all about, and want to try your hand at short mat bowls come along and have a go. If you need more details, please contact Roy Piles on 537162.

## YOGA CLASSES (beginners welcome)



at  
SHELDWICH VILLAGE HALL

Stretching - Strengthening -  
Breathing - Relaxing  
Monday Mornings:  
0930-1100  
1130-1300  
Limited places available

Contact Julie Page BWY Dip  
01795 591453

## PUDDLEDUCKS PLAYGROUP

The children are getting excited about Christmas and will be making cards and calendars as well as lots of winter pictures.

Don't forget to buy your tickets for our Christmas Raffle - 50p for 5. 1st Prize a Christmas Hamper. Other prizes include Wine, Port, coffee & mint selection, Chocolates, Books and Chocolate biscuits. The draw will take place on Friday 16th December. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas!  
Jill Seaman, Playgroup Manager.  
01795 890519

## Christmas Freestyle

Sunday 11th December  
Eastling Village Hall

Join us as we look at another parable  
- with Christmas flavour.  
Breakfast from 10am,  
Freestyle starts at 10.30am

## Congratulations

Well done to Kane Willoughby, who swam 100 lengths at Faversham Pools in 90 minutes, raising over £180 in sponsorship for the Eastling Youth Worker Fund.

## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported our Wit & Wisdom on Saturday 12th November. As a direct result of your splendid effort, a grand total of £308.00 has been added to the Eastling Senior Citizens Christmas funds. I look forward to seeing you all in the village hall for our Christmas lunch at 12.30pm on Tuesday 6th December.  
Norman Neaves



## Coffee Pop-In

Everyone is welcome  
at the Coffee Pop-In  
- even Tea drinkers!

Pop-In is open every Wednesday morning during term time, 9 - 11am in Eastling Village Hall. We will not be open on December 21st or 28th but will be back on 4th January 2006. We will have cakes for sale on 7th December 2005 and 11th January 2006. Join us on 14th December at 10.30am to sing your favourite carols.

## Stalisfield Over 60's Party

If you are over sixty, come and join us for our annual get-together at 4pm on Saturday 17th December. Last year's arrangement of buffet style with scattered tables allowed plenty of circulation amongst the guests with lots of scope for 'comparing notes' among friends and neighbours. We will try similar arrangements again and hope for another happy result. Although all the people we know will receive an invitation, please ring Ian (01795 890475), Kim (01795 890691), or Roy (01233 712893), if you haven't received yours in good time

## Eastling Gardeners' Club New Year's Party

on Saturday, 7th January  
Village Hall at 7.30 pm  
Includes a presentation by  
Macknade Fine Foods  
£2.50 admission, but join the Club  
for £5.00 for free entry to our events.

## Friends of Eastling School

As we draw nearer to the end of term, there are a number of events to note: The children's Christmas Shopping afternoon will be on Friday 2nd December from 1.20pm - 3.20pm. Gift tags will have been sent home and children will be able to purchase gifts for family and friends and have the presents gift wrapped.

I have a few bulbs & winter bedding plants, stocking fillers and Chocolate for sale at the Coffee Pop-in on Wednesday 7th December. The last children's cinema club will be on Friday 9th December - £2 per child including refreshments. The Eastling School Christmas Disco will be on the last day of term, Friday 16th December - 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Tickets will be on sale soon - £2.00 each. We have a number of events planned for the Spring Term - so watch this space!  
Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity 01795 890519.

## Oasis

Sunday 4th December at  
11am in Ospringe Church  
Continuing our series about  
God:  
"God's Revelation"

## Painter's Forstal Gardeners' Club

On Monday 12th December, 7pm sharp, in the Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal the Club will be holding their usual Christmas Social. Seed catalogues are now available from John on 533756. For further details please ring Faversham 533608.

## There will be a FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

on Saturday 14th January in  
Eastling Village Hall,  
in aid of funding a parish  
Youth Worker.

Bring your own Food and Drink  
Contact 892088 for further details.  
Put the date in your diaries!

## The Afternoon Club

members will meet on  
8th December 2005 at  
1.30pm for a Christmas Party

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

Tuesday 13th December  
2.15pm in Champion Hall  
Competition: 3 Mince Pies.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Prayer Group

The Thursday morning prayer group will not meet on December 22nd or 29th. Anyone wishing to join our weekly group will be welcome on other weeks. Phone 890338 for more information.

## EASTLING FITNESS CLASSES

Bums, Legs and Tums 7pm  
Fat Burner 8pm

The last fitness classes this year will be on 14th December and will start again on 11th January. Every Wednesday in Eastling Village Hall

## Thank You

from Ospringe School Association for the support of the Community in making our Fireworks night very successful. We raised over £1,200 to support the school in the education of our children.

## Painter's Forstal Amenities Committee

### Craft Fayre

We were sorry to have one table cancel at the last moment and two exhibitions did not turn up on the day! Those who did come to sell their crafts had a good display and made the room colourful. Did you forget, because the numbers who came to buy were disappointingly low. We must thank Angela Macey and Jacky Searley for their sterling work in the kitchen, providing refreshments especially the baked potato lunches.  
Thank you.

## 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.

## Diary

3rd Christmas Fair  
3rd Eastling A DING DONG A SING A LONG  
6th Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch  
8th Afternoon Club Christmas Tea Party  
9th Craft Club  
11th Crib Service  
12th P.F. Gardeners' Christmas Social  
13th W. I. Christmas Party  
15th Deadline for Januray Good News  
16th Stalisfield Quiz Party  
17th Stalisfield Over 60's Party  
18th Christmas Family Service  
18th Nine Lessons & Carols  
18th Carols by Candlelight  
20th Painter's Forstal Carol Singing meet  
20th Eastling Carol Singing starting  
27th Magazine Folding  
31st New Years Eve Party  
JANUARY 7th Gardeners' New Year Party  
14th Family Quiz Night

## December 2005

11am - 1pm Ospringe School  
7.30pm Eastling Church  
1pm Eastling Village Hall  
1.30pm  
6.15pm Champion Hall  
3pm Stalisfield Church  
7pm Champion Hall  
2.15pm Champion Hall  
7.30pm Stalisfield Village Hall  
4pm Stalisfield Village Hall  
11am Ospringe Church  
4pm Eastling Church  
6.30pm Champion Hall  
6.30pm Champion Hall  
7pm from Village Hall Car Park  
2pm Usual Venues  
Carpenters Arms, Eastling  
7.30pm Eastling Village Hall  
Eastling Village Hall