

Children welcome in church....

2nd in Whitehill Chapel	10.40 a.m. Sunday School 11.00 a.m. Family Service
9th in Ospringe Church	11.00 a.m. Sunday School
16th in Eastling Village Hall in Ospringe Church during	10.00 a.m. S Club 10.30 a.m. Confirmation Service
23rd in Eastling Church in Ospringe Church	10.00 a.m. Young Style 11.00 a.m. Family Service



PUDDLEDUCKS PLAYGROUP

The children are enjoying a wide range of activities during the sessions, with role play being high on the priority list! We do have a few vacancies for children aged from 2 to 5 years, although we will consider taking children from 18 months if accompanied by a parent/carer. A reminder that half term is from Monday 24th to Friday 28th February inclusive.

Any enquires to Jill Seaman,
01795 890519.

Club 8 - 13

Champion Hall
50p per session
Friday 7th Feb at 6.15 p.m.
Friday 21st Feb at 6.15 p.m.
Friday 7th March at 6.15 p.m.

FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

Following the recent meeting of the Foes Committee, we now have a programme of exciting events for the Spring Term starting with a Valentine Disco on 14th February from 6pm - 8pm in the school hall. This will be open to Eastling School children only. We will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday on 4th March with Pancakes and tea on sale in the School playground from 2.45pm and a Pancake Race. Do come along to join in the fun. The children will be participating in fund raising for Comic Relief on 14th March and the term will end with an Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday 10th April. A note for your diary - our JUMBLE SALE will be held on Saturday 22nd March in the School Hall. Please start sorting out your jumble to be brought to school after half term. Details of all events will follow.

Jill Seaman, Tel: 01795 890519

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

"You are the *salt* of the earth..."

"You are the *light* of the world..."

Matthew 5: 13-16

MOUSE HOLE

Experiments with Light

Can a tiny torch light up large, dark room?

Shine a torch through coloured cellophane sweet wrappers and see how things look different in coloured light.

How far away can you go before you cannot see the light of a torch anymore?

Make shaped light beams on the wall. Cut out a shape from dark coloured paper then shine a torch through it.

The **light** from a lighthouse shines out to show the right way back home. Christians are like **lights** shining in the darkness showing others the way to be friends with God by telling them about Jesus.

"Your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Grow your own salt crystals.

Add 2 teaspoonfuls of salt to half a cup of warm water, stir until the salt has dissolved. Pour into a saucer and leave on a windowsill until the water has evaporated and left tiny salt crystals. To grow bigger crystals keep the saucer topped up with salt solution.

Good News

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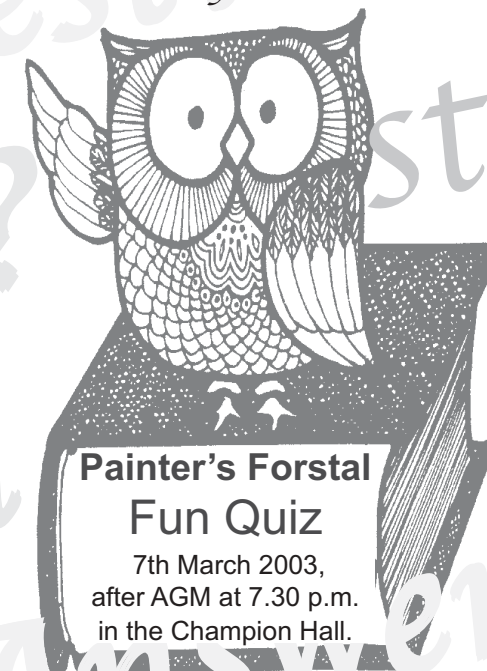
QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 7th February

7.30 p.m.

Stalisfield Village Hall

The event will be organized for tables of six at a charge of £2 per person. You are invited to form your own group or just come along. We'll fit everyone in. Bring your own refreshments - whatever you like.



Painter's Forstal

Fun Quiz

7th March 2003,
after AGM at 7.30 p.m.
in the Champion Hall.

The Newstyle Band invite you to a Wine and Wisdom

Saturday 1st March
7pm for a 7.30pm start
in Eastling Village Hall.
Tickets £5 per person
food and wine provided.
Tables of six can be booked
by calling 890338 or 890168.

Book Sale

on
Saturday 1st March
The Champion Hall
Painter's Forstal
10.00 a.m.

Good quality second hand books wanted, please - we will collect. Proceeds towards our Parish Design Statement production. PLEASE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT US. Info from Joan on 01795 535267

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

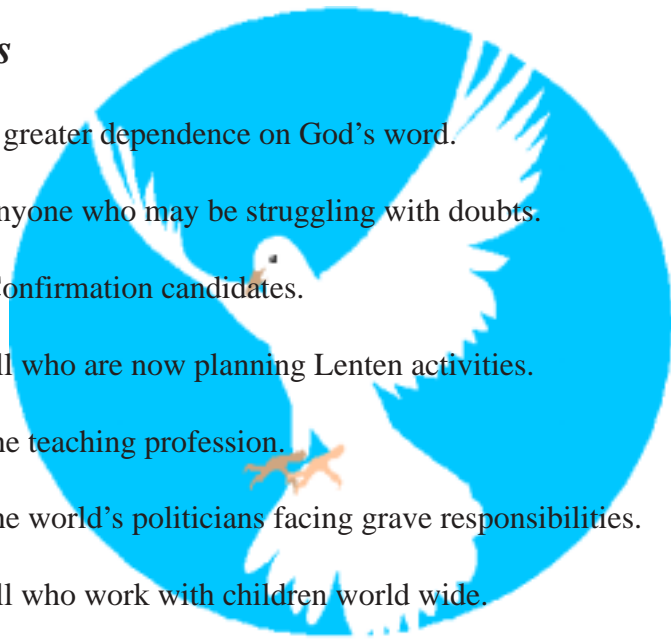
Message for the Month

To say that I'm glad to see the end of the year 2002 is perhaps an understatement. I do know that one shouldn't wish one's life away and that especially as a Christian I should be positive, and acknowledge the sure and certain hope of eternal life. But hang on a minute, not yet. I want to live my life to the full, now, and although with hindsight I can see how, with so much love and prayer, *thank you to everyone*, I have been brought through the darkest of time; nevertheless it was tough and a test of faith. My husband has just read this over my shoulder and pointed out that Jesus never said that it would be easy! No, not easy, but there are times when I could do with it being a little less hard. And, yes, to be honest, as I'm supposed to be, it does test my faith as I find myself thinking; "where are you, God, in all this?" And then, someone says something or something happens, and I know, I absolutely know, that it is of God. That HE is still here, that it was me who moved, not Him and He just pulled me a little bit closer once again. There have been two such occasions recently.

Revd. Pat Pollard

Prayer Pointers

- Sundays For a greater dependence on God's word.
- Mondays For anyone who may be struggling with doubts.
- Tuesdays For Confirmation candidates.
- Wednesdays For all who are now planning Lenten activities.
- Thursdays For the teaching profession.
- Fridays For the world's politicians facing grave responsibilities.
- Saturdays For all who work with children world wide.



CITIZENS' RIGHTS FOR OLDER PEOPLE (CROP)

A free confidential advocacy service helping older people in East Kent. The service operates from Watling Chambers, Canterbury, (01227 789777), using trained advocates controlled by a Project Co-Ordinator. Clients are visited in their own homes and help is given to resolve a range of problems including: Claims for attendance allowance, income support, council tax rebates etc., and if necessary, appeals against refusals to grant them; help with sorting financial problems arising from decreased mobility or from the loss of a partner; Helping older people suffering physical, mental, verbal abuse, to resolve their problems by for example moving home or ensuring their fiancés are more secure; Disputes with neighbours; Presenting options to those considering entering sheltered accommodation or a residential home; Help with returning from a nursing home or hospital to the local community; Plus a host of other items as well as advice on appeals where necessary. The overall aim is to leave older people stronger and more able to cope.

CAN YOU HELP?

Have you an empathy with older people? If so you are just the person we are looking for. Citizens' Rights for Older People known as CROP are looking for volunteers to join our team of advocates, in East Kent. If you can honour absolute confidentiality, and have the time to spare, we would like to hear from you. We can offer a friendly, welcoming atmosphere with the opportunity for achievement, satisfaction in helping the older person to maintain their rights. Life skills are important; support and training is available on a continuing basis. Authorised expenses and travel costs are reimbursed. Apply to Mrs Julie Older CROP Canterbury Office 01227 789777

OSPRINGE CHOIR REPORT

Father, you go before us with mercy and truth. Your footsteps are our safe pathway. May we walk your way in the year ahead and receive what is good. Amen.

This prayer opened my Bible Readings for 2003 and I wanted to share it with you.

December was a wonderfully busy month for the Choir. Gilbert prepared an excellent Advent Service for Advent Sunday when we lit the first of the candles on our Advent Ring which John and Ruth had prepared for us. On Saturday, 7th December, eight of us enjoyed the trip to Canterbury and welcomed Saint Nicholas. Nikki, who is from India, but staying with the Baxter family, joined us and we made sure she chatted with Saint Nicholas and Bishop Stephen. This was the first visit for the youngsters and they want to visit again!

Sunday, 8th December, we lit the second Advent Candle, and sang for the Service. Saturday, 14th December, was "The Christmas Celebration" and I was thrilled with the support. Thank you everyone!

Sunday, 15th December, we lit the third candle. Wednesday, 18th December, we sang round the wards at The Cottage Hospital and we were joined by Sarah Patterson, in her new post there as "Activities Organiser". Sunday, 22nd Mark and Alison, with Penny, organised a super Carol Service. We sang

Choir Practices have restarted after a cancellation because of the bitter icy roads and we look forward to increasing our spiritual and musical knowledge.

God bless, Vicky Shepherd.

FROM THE ORGAN LOFT

Did you see this in The Faversham News towards the end of December 2002? "100 Years ago: *Sunday last being the 11th Anniversary (therefore 1891) of the hanging of the bells of Ospringe Church, a peal of grandsire triples (J. J. Parkers 6 part) consisting of 5,040 changes were rung by the members of the Kent County Association of Church Bell Ringers.*

This is the first peal conducted by F. Hunt. G. A. Ransom hails from Isleworth, the others are ringing members of the Faversham Parish Church.

Taken from the Faversham News, December, 1902."

Our team here in Ospringe are still members and won County Six Bells Competition at Bethersden in September, 2002 and were given a bell and plaque. Earlier in 2002 they won a Cup for the Canterbury District. Well done.

Arthur Percival, from the Faversham Society, has given me three lovely piano pieces by a Robert Heller, Faversham born composer. I am enjoying playing them, "Wayside Flowers", "Presidents Mounted Guard Quickstep" and "Ripple Waltz Brilliante".

ROBERT HELLER is a 19th Century Composer born in Faversham. He was born, William Henry Palmer, the son of the Organist of Faversham Parish Church, in Church Street. He went to one of the Music Academies in London and was highly thought of by Sterndale Bennett. He became a Concert Pianist and emigrated to the U.S.A. There he played "The Halls" and also became a magician. In America he is known as "The Father of American Magic" He died in Boston when he was only c. 50 years and is buried there. He changed his name to Robert Heller because he admired the great violinist of the day, Joseph Heller. Does anyone know anything more about him please?

I used to tell the story of "Johnny Appleseed" for one of my special Assemblies and this Grace I would like to share with you. It is very appropriate for us in this Benefice when we are surrounded by orchards of excellent apples and can buy locally produced delicious Apple Juice of many varieties.

Johnny Appleseed's Grace.
*"The Lord is good to me,
And so I thank the Lord,
For giving me the things I need,
The sun, the rain and the appleseed.
The Lord is good to me."*
From M.U. Quarterly Journal,
Home and Family.
God bless, Vicky Shepherd.



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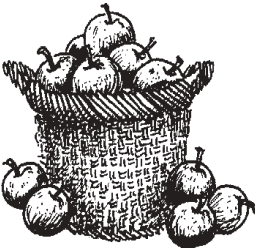
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Where possible, please submit your entries by e-mail: h.f.harlow@talk21.com</p> <p>From the Registers</p> <p>Baptism</p> <p>NEIL KEITH Lofts 19th January 2003 at Ospringe</p> <p>Funeral</p> <p>Hugh Thomas CURLING 24th January 2003 at Ospringe</p> <p>Interment of Ashes</p> <p>Sylvia Dawn NORMAN 20th January 2003 at Ospringe</p> <hr/> <p>The Family of the late Ivy Feakins would like to thank everyone who attended her funeral, for the floral tributes and kind messages of sympathy. Thanks also to Brenda Newman for the much needed cup of tea on our return from the cemetery.</p>	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.		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EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

Village Green

Monday, 10th March could be ‘decision day’ for proposals to create a village green at Eastling. Parish Councillors are calling a Special Meeting at which villagers in favour of the project are being asked to turn out and help form a Steering Committee to prepare detailed plans for the open space and its future management.

At their meeting on 20th January, Councillors agreed that, although a recent poll of all residents had shown 63% in favour of a green, there now had to be a willingness for villagers to get involved in the practical aspects of seeing the project through to completion. Without a clear demonstration of support and agreement by a few to serve on a Steering Committee, there was a danger that the opportunity to create a green would be lost.

The Meeting on 10th March is at 7.45pm in Eastling Village Hall and is expected to last an hour at most. It will be followed by the regular Parish Council meeting which, as usual, is open to those villagers who wish to stay and hear the proceedings.

More news from the January meeting in March issue of Good News or log on to the Eastling website at: <http://go.to/eastling>

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - Help Doddington

Residents in neighbouring parishes who regularly drive through Doddington have been asked to keep an eye open for suspicious activity. The Neighbourhood Watch organisers say that they have recently had problems with vehicle fuel pipes being cut in order to steal petrol. In one case, brake pipes were severed. The offences take place after dark and it is believed youngsters are involved. To report anything suspicious, call the police on (01795) 477055 or the Neighbourhood Watch free hotline on 0808 100 3308.

SEEKING FAMILY HISTORY

Suzanne Court-Oak, from Colchester in Essex, has been in touch to see if villagers can help with her researches into her family’s history and their links with Eastling.

Her father, Mr James Court, was born in Magnolia Cottage, Newnham Lane in September 1920. Sadly, James’ father, Sydney Court, died only five months later and the family moved north shortly afterwards. One consequence of this was that, if ever a photograph of Sydney existed, it was lost in the upheaval.

" I think it’s awful that my dad has never seen a photo of his own father." says Suzanne. But, against the odds, she hopes that her researches might uncover one - a mission made all the more urgent by her father’s deteriorating eyesight.

James can remember return visits to Eastling towards the end of the 1920s when he stayed with cousins. He thinks they may have had a farm behind their house as he recollects sitting on a wall and there being lots of pigs. He also recalls visiting his father’s grave, flanked by two huge yew trees on the north-east side of Eastling parish church. A further journey to Eastling in the 1970’s with his mother confirmed Magnolia Cottage (then known as "The Cottage") as the house where he was born.

Suzanne’s researches reveal that her grandfather, Sydney, was born at Pig Green, Eastling, in 1895. His mother was 17 year old Ethel Court - unmarried and a "domestic nurse". Suzanne says there is no record of who the father was but the 1901 census shows Sydney, age six, living with his grandparents Henry and Louisa Court at Tong Farm, whilst his mother was "in service" as an in-house assistant at Lenham working for a family named Bean.

Read more on the Eastling website at: <http://go.to/eastling>

If anyone can help, Suzanne may be contacted by writing to her at 1 Toga Close, Colchester, Essex CO2 9JJ, telephoning 01206 520266 or by e-mail at soak@aspects.net.

Join our Area Campaign for Broadband Internet Access

by Ian Connell

Fed up with slow Internet access?

- Constantly loosing connection?

- Spending hours downloading / sending files?

So am I!

Broadband Internet access is always connected, instantly available and up to 10 times faster than the standard 56k Modem.

So can we connect to Broadband?

Well currently the answer is a big NO.

Broadband is available to 68% of the Country but mainly in Towns and Cities. It will not become available on the Eastling and Lenham Telephone Exchanges until the residents using these Exchanges have demonstrated to BT "sufficient interest" to upgrade the Exchange Equipment. Although Broadband means no more charges for calls to your Internet Service Provider (ISP), It may cost up to £28 / Month depending on your ISP for the service. For many the benefit may not justify the cost. However unless we campaign to upgrade our Telephone Exchanges we will never have the option.

How do we demonstrate our interest to BT?

We need to register with our chosen ISP.

For more information and a list of ISP's that can provide Broadband visit the BT Web Site, just go to <http://www.bt.com/broadband/>

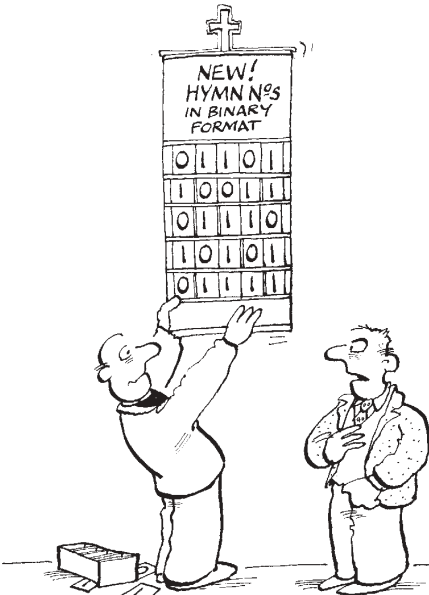
At this site are many links; on the Home Page under the heading "Check Registration Levels" you can enter your phone number to view a barometer of current levels of interest.

Registration must be done via your ISP. It is free and after registration there is no obligation to convert to Broadband after the Exchange has been upgraded.

To quickly register you can call your ISP direct and explain that your current Exchange has not been upgraded. Your ISP will almost certainly register on your behalf.

If you have any problems or questions please contact me via E-mail on: <iconnell@aol.com>, with your telephone number and I will ring you back.

Finally I would like to maintain a list of registrants, so once you register could you please E-mail me <iconn3ll@aol.com> confirming your registration.



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"...give us a break Vicar! We're still struggling to get used to that new-fangled prayer book!!"

Stalisfield News

QUIZ NIGHT

We had such a good time at the last quiz night that Ian McKay has been persuaded to run another. The date is Friday 7th February, i.e. virtually right now! The time is 7.30 p.m. and the place is Stalisfield, in the "Hut". The event will be organized for tables of six at a charge of £2 per person. You are invited to form your own group or just come along. We'll fit everyone in. Bring your own refreshments - whatever you like. Don't miss this thoroughly enjoyable night out. Everyone's welcome.

THEATRE

Our billing in the "Good News" for the performance of "THE BEST OF TIMES" and "THE WORST OF TIMES" proved to have been a grand understatement! The brilliant cast of four created a hundred characters and scenes in their whirlwind tour through thirty years of everyone's past. Every member of the audience seemed to recognise some relative, friend or acquaintance characterized to a "T" in the performance. The audience rocked with laughter and shed the odd reminiscent tear in between. With the encouragement of such outstanding ticket sales, there is no question that we will see again the "TIME OF OUR LIVES MUSIC THEATRE". We may even have to allot tickets by lottery!

OVER SIXTIES CHRISTMAS TEA.

This was, sadly, the last event to be organized by Brenda and she certainly ended her run with a sparkle. The fare was up to its usual excellence. Ray Sprawson entertained with his accordion and sing-along which, as appropriate, included favourite carols. Reg Baker had been volunteered to express the company's appreciation of Brenda's years of effort for the village and their regrets that she now found the work involved more than was manageable. The Village Hall Committee presented Brenda with a combination radio, tape and CD player, a gift which prior intelligence had determined to be welcome. The Roger Payne Trust sent a special gift of plants to mark its recognition of Brenda's years of service to the community. In acceptance Brenda expressed gratitude for the support of the Trust over all those years. In honour of the occasion, a splendid, decorated cake was sliced and distributed round the table. In the final stages, each participant received generous Christmas gifts, the helpers were presented with bouquets and the tombola (mysteriously) came up with a prize for everyone! Complaints were scarce!

Roy Okell.

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 34th draw in January were:
1st :- 49 2nd :- 3 3rd :- 32



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 please contact Mary Eagleton on 890436.

News from Eastling School

This term we have strengthened our teaching team by the inclusion of two new teachers. Mr Kevin Tiernan will take over in Class 4 for the next two terms. He has particular strengths and expertise in the areas of modern languages, Religious Education and PE. Mrs Liz Woodington will be supporting Class 3 for two days a week with Mr Bromley undertaking the remaining three. Mrs Woodington brings us a range of expertise including music. As well as this, we have now entered into an agreement with the Kent Music School so that children are able to take music lessons for a variety of instruments including recorder, guitar and keyboard. The tutors from the Kent Music School are Mr Keith Hale for keyboards and Mrs Annie Barton Hodges for recorder. Our guitar tutor is yet to be confirmed. One of our pupils also won a County Wide Christmas card competition. Photographs of her presentation assembly are to be published within a Kent County Council publication to all schools. An image of her receiving the prize is on the Class 4 section of the school web site www.eastling.kent.sch.uk

The school is holding an ICT training session for interested adults on Thursday 6th Feb 9.30-11.30 within its ICT suite. "Word Processing a home web site" is the topic and by the end of the session participants will be able to boast of a web site on their hobby, pet theme or area of interest!

Applications for the course are strictly on a first-come, first served basis, but if the venture is succesful it will be repeated. There will be a nominal charge of £3 for the course which will include tea and biscuits at 'half time'

Mr Dave Walsh
Headteacher, Eastling Primary School
01795 890252



Afternoon Club

Arrangements are being made for this year's outings, any suggestions would be welcome. Activities for February:-
Thursday 6th Bingo
Thursday 20th Board Games
2pm in the Champion Hall,
Painter's Forstal.
Rodney French

Diary

6th	ICT Training Session	9.30 - 11.30 a.m.	Eastling School
6th	Afternoon Club (Bingo)	2 p.m.	Champion Hall
7th	Club 8 - 13	6.15 p.m.	Champion Hall
7th	Quiz Night	7.30 p.m.	Stalisfield Village Hall
10th	P. Forstal Gardeners' Club	7.45 p.m.	Champion Hall
12th	Ospringe Parish Council	7.30 p.m.	Champion Hall
13th	The Stained Glass of Kent	7.45 p.m.	Charing Parish Hall
14th	Valentine Disco	6 - 8 p.m.	Eastling School Hall
15th	Deadline for the March Good News		
16th	Confirmation Service	10.30 a.m.	Ospringe Church
17th	P. Forstal Gardeners' Quiz	7.45 p.m.	Champion Hall
18th	Women's Institute	2.15 p.m.	Champion Hall
20th	Afternoon Club (Board Games)	2 p.m.	Champion Hall
21st	Club 8 - 13	6.15 p.m.	Champion Hall
25th	Magazine Folding	2 p.m.	Usual Venues
26th	Mothers' Union		
MARCH 1st	Book Sale	10 a.m.	Champion Hall
1st	Wine & Wisdom	7 for 7.30p.m.	Eastling Village Hall
4th	Pancake Sale and Race	2.45 p.m.	Eastling School
7th	Painter's Forstal Amenities AGM	7.30pm	Champion Hall
10th	Village Green and Parish Council Meeting	7.45 p.m.	Eastling Village Hall
			Eastling School Hall
22nd	Jumble Sale		

Open to any denomination - Healing Prayer Group
meeting every 1st Tuesday in the month, 11am Faversham Parish Church.
Weekly prayer group (and chat!) 10am, Thursdays, at Pinks Farm, Eastling. 890338.

OSPRINGE PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday 12th March 2003 at 7.30pm in Whitehill Chapel, Painters Forstal. Members of the public are welcome to attend.
Jill Seaman
Clerk to the Council

Painter's Forstal Gardeners' Club

The February meetings are on Monday 10th - A.G.M. followed by 'Your Questions Answered' (have them ready please). Monday 17th - Third round of the Neame Cup Quiz, at home to Lower Hardres.

Both meetings will be in the Champion Hall, The Chapel, Painter's Forstal, at 7.45 p.m.

Further details from Fav. 533608

Painter's Forstal Amenities Committee.

The A.G.M. will take place on 7th March 2003, at 7.30 p.m. in the Champion Hall. This will be followed immediately by an intergroup fun quiz. Join in the fun as a family, friends or as members of organizations using the Champion Hall.

Champion Hall

Is available for parties and meetings of all kinds. £5 per hour, with an extra charge for Disco's. Children's and Teenage Parties must be well supervised. For further details, phone 01795 532756

Charing and District Local History Society

On Thursday 13th February at 8 p.m. Lt. Col. Dick Bolton will give a talk on: THE STAINED GLASS OF KENT

Stained glass through the ages.

The presentation will be given in the Parish Hall, Charing and everyone who is interested will be welcomed when the doors open at 7.45 p.m. Non-members of the Society pay £1.



Painter's Forstal with Ospringe Women's Institute

The February meeting is on Tuesday 18th, 2.15 p.m. in the Champion Hall.

Talk: *Walk up a Swiss Mountain* - Mr Newcombe.

Competition: *A souvenir of a mountain area* plus *Flower of the month*.

New members welcome, phone 533756 for more details.

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

Members, families and friends enjoyed an excellent Christmas lunch at the Alma, Painter's Forstal. We are looking foward to our programme of events for 2003 - the first of which is our Wave of Prayer service followed by a quiz on 29th January. On 26th February we will be listening to Mr Bill Lusted's talk on "Maundy Thursday, 2002 at Canterbury Cathedral" and on 26th March the Revd. Jacqui Henry will be talking about her missionary work in Africa. Anyone wishing to join us at our meetings, please contact the Revd. Pat Pollard (Tel. 535407) for further information.

Carol Marshall

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Person required to run Ticket Sales and Shop
Sundays 2pm - 5pm
April - September

For further details please contact the Administrator
01795 890 202

Responsible and trustworthy person,

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CLEANER REQUIRED

(Painter's Forstal)
To do general house work
Ave:- 3 hours per week
Occasionally 5 hours.
Phone:- 01795 591463