

PUDDLEDUCKS PLAYGROUP

The children will be making Valentine cards this month as well as creating more art work. There is always time for role play and other activities on Tuesday and Friday mornings and all toddlers and pre-school children are welcome to join us. Fees remain at £3.50 per session. Make a note to come along to our Indoor Bootfair on February 11th to pick up a bargain. Doors open at 12.30pm - free entry. Refreshments available. All proceeds to go towards the playgroup's insurance premium. (Only a few spaces left, so if you wish to book a table, please phone me as soon as possible.)
Jill Seaman, Playgroup Manager.
01795 890519



Craft Club

50p per session
Champion Hall
February 3rd and 24th
at 6.15pm



Look, Reg! When I suggested we 'pull out all the stops' to celebrate the Bach anniversary. I didn't mean - literally!!

Smile lines:

You're Next

When I was younger I hated going to weddings. All my aunts would poke me in the ribs and cackle: 'You're next.' They stopped that after I started doing the same thing to them at funerals.

Young People's Church Ospringe

Family Service at 11am on
19th February
Sunday School during Family
Communion at 11am on
26th February.
Contact number 535246.

Eastling

S Club, 10am in the village hall,
19th February:
XSTREAM for 6 - 11 years and
the GRID for over 11's.
Youngstyle in church 10am on
26th February.
Contact number 890149.



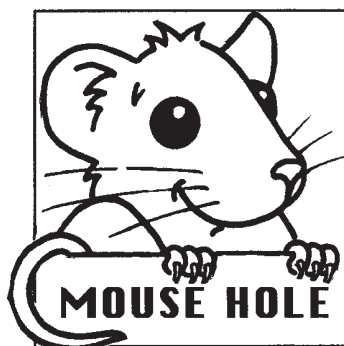
Eastling Puppet Club

(all ages welcome
from 9-15yrs)

Rehearsals on February 4th and
11th, March 4th and 18th, all at
3pm in Eastling Village Hall.
Performance on 26th March.

Senior Puppet Club for 13+:

Rehearsals start at 4.30pm
in village hall on above dates.
Angela Cheeseman 892 124



ANDREW JOHN
ABEL JACOB
JAMES JAPHETH
SHEM CAIN
JOSEPH AARON
MOSES PETER
ESAU BENJAMIN



Use the clues to
find the names.
The last letter of
one name is the first
of the next name.

J _ _ _ S
• Mary's first child
Luke 1: 30-31
• Hannah's son
1 Samuel 1: 20

7 _ _ 7
• He wrote the
third Gospel
• Followed Elijah
2 Kings 2: 15

A _ _ 7
• The first man
Genesis 2: 20
• Baby in a basket
Exodus 2: 1-10

_ _ _ S
• A wise king
1 Kings 4: 29
• He built an ark
Genesis 6: 13-14

H _ _ _
• Wrote the 28th
book of the Bible

J	O	J	E	S	J	U	D	P	H	T	E	J
M	J	U	D	M	A	T	T	H	E	W	A	E
A	O	D	J	A	M	E	S	I	M	O	N	S
T	H	A	D	D	E	U	S	L	E	H	D	U
T	N	S	I	M	S	T	H	I	W	O	R	S
N	O	T	H	O	M	A	S	P	E	T	E	R
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WHICH BOOK IN THE BIBLE...

...is the first?

...is the last?

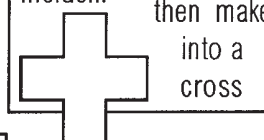
...has the most chapters?

...is the last in the Old Testament?

HOW

...many books are there in the Old Testament?
New Testament?
and whole Bible?

Enlarge this puzzle, cut out the shapes inside...



CAN YOU FIND JESUS AND ALL THE APOSTLES?
ANDREW • THOMAS
MATTHEW • SIMON
BARTHOLOMEW
THADDEUS • PETER
PHILIP • JOHN
JAMES
JAMES
JUDAS



Love is...

What do children know about love? When questioned, some 4 - 8 year olds came up with the following:

- When you're born and see your mummy for the first time. That's love.

- Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.
- If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who hates you.
- Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day.
- I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones.
- You have to fall in love before you get married. Then when you're married, you just sit around and read books together.
- I let my big sister pick on me because my Mum says she only picks on me because she loves me.
- Love goes on even when you stop breathing and you pick up where you left off when you reach Heaven.
- Love cards like Valentine's cards say stuff on them that we'd like to say ourselves, but we wouldn't be caught dead saying it.
- When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you.

The very first

Valentine card - a legend

The Roman Emperor Claudius II needed soldiers. He suspected that marriage made men want to stay at home instead of fighting wars, so he outlawed marriage.

A kind-hearted young priest named Valentine felt sorry for all the couples who wanted to marry, but couldn't. So secretly he married as many couples as he could - until the Emperor found out and condemned him to death. While he was in prison waiting execution, Valentine showed love and compassion to everyone around him, including his jailer. The jailer had a young daughter



who was blind, but through Valentine's prayers, she was healed. Just before his death in Rome on 14 February, he wrote her a farewell message signed 'From your Valentine.'

So the very first Valentine card was not between lovers, but between a priest about to die, and a little girl, healed through his prayers.

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INDOOR BOOT FAIR
Saturday 11th February
Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal
Doors open 12.30pm
Free entry
Refreshments available
Come along to pick up a bargain!!

World Day of Prayer Friday 3rd March



Service in Faversham:
2pm United Church, Preston
Street (to be confirmed)
This year's theme is
Signs of the Times
written by the Christian Women
of South Africa

Refreshments after the service
All welcome

Aspects of Romantic Love

God obviously approves of romance – after all, putting Adam and Eve alone together in the Garden of Eden was his idea. And romance – love between a man and a woman - has been around ever since.

The history of the Israelites began with three great romances: Abraham and Sarah. Isaac and Rebekah. Jacob and Rachel. The on-going history of Israel was deeply affected by later romances: Esther and King Xerxes, David's love affair with Bathsheba, and Solomon's marriage to hundreds of foreign wives. There is even an entire book in the Old Testament devoted to the love of a man and woman: the Song of Solomon!

When we reach the New Testament, we find real love between Joseph and Mary (even when Joseph thought Mary had been unfaithful, he did not want to harm her). St Paul, though himself a bachelor, nevertheless spent a lot of time urging Christians to love and be kind and faithful and considerate to their spouses. He even wrote 1 Corinthians 13 – the great love chapter that is read at millions of weddings worldwide 2000 years later.

Down the centuries ever since, romantic love has been critical in shaping history (Anthony and Cleopatra), in shaping cultural ideals (King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table). Some of our favourite stories are built on romance. (Puccini's Tosca, Shakespeare's Romeo

and Juliet, Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice, Charlotte Bronte's Jane Eyre.)

Romance remains as prominent now as it ever was, added to which we have films, television and drama all flying the romantic flag. Catherine Cookson, Barbara Cartland and Mills and Boon novels flood the market. Titanic's love-song was a smash hit. Wherever we look, whatever we do, romance continues to permeate every aspect of life.

The old adage that 'love makes the world go round' is irrefutable – and it seems to make the galaxies go round, too! (Think of the Star Wars films.)

Certainly romance is alive and well in Britain – last year we sent over 21 million Valentines to each other.

And what of the future? Well, just as the Bible begins with a love story, so it ends with one. And you are involved! For actually the greatest Love Story of all time is that between God and his people.

Christ is described in Revelation as our heavenly Bridegroom, and the Church is his beloved Bride. He has given us the most expensive present of all – himself. And, just as in all the best romances, the story will end with the bride and groom getting together at last, so at the End of Time, Christ will return for his Bride.

A prayer as Lent begins

Let me hold fast to you, beautiful Lord, whom the angels themselves yearn to look upon. Wherever you go, I will follow you. If you pass through fire, I will not flinch, I fear no evil when you are with me. You carry my griefs, because you grieve for my sake. You passed through the narrow doorway from death to life, to make it wide enough for all to follow. Nothing can ever now separate me from your love.

Bernard of Clairvaux 1090 -1153

Canterbury Open Centre

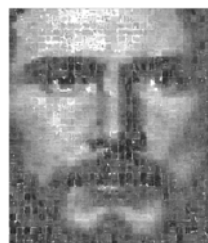
Thank you very much to everybody at Ospringe Church who supported and gave so generously to the Christmas Appeal for the homeless in Canterbury. The goods were very gratefully received and really appreciated. I think we shall receive a written acknowledgment but as I shall be away for sometime it will be quite a while before it catches up with everyone.

They were anticipating providing a full Christmas dinner for 40 people, so all the donations were very welcome. I think it was a most worthwhile effort.

Thanks again, God bless.

See you in June.

Pam Bell.



Oasis

Continuing our series on
JESUS, 5th Febrary at
11am at Ospringe Church.
Guest speaker Tessa Taylor.



Freestyle

Sunday 12th February
10.30am
Eastling Village Hall
Breakfast from 10am
All welcome

Too busy to come to church on Sunday? Come to our
Midweek Service
We have just started a short Celtic Prayer service
2.30pm on Wednesdays
at Eastling Church
Come for a quiet
20 minutes with God.

Dear Friends,

Once again, I write to thank you for your wonderful support of BHA, not only at Christmas, but throughout the year. Thank you to so many of you - individuals, schools, churches, and other organisations who, for many years now, have continued to support this charity. The need is still as great, with more people being cared for, from babies to the very elderly. All help is very much appreciated, and we are helping to improve the quality of life and comfort that all should be entitled to but, sadly, do not always receive.

If you would like to have an update on the work of BHA the directors of the charity would be only too pleased to do a presentation. If you would be interested in this, please contact BHA on 01227 453434.

With love to you all, Happy New Year and God Bless. Pam Bell.

Extracts from New Year newsletter:

The past year has been a disaster for us funding wise, with three major disasters occurring at exactly the same time as our 3 newsletters were sent. The first coincided with the terrible Tsunami, the second when the major charities were asking for funds for Niger in Africa and the third, exactly the same week as the awful Pakistan earthquake....

.... we have still managed to send 9 forty ton truck loads of humanitarian aid to our centres in the Ukraine....

...We may not be a large charity, but we do have loving hearts and the determination to help those impoverished through no fault of their own and, to this end, we have achieved a great deal indeed....

You will probably have heard in the news the Russia is trying to halt the flow of gas to the Ukraine. Considering the fact that pensioners receive the equivalent of £1.25 per week, a four-fold increase in the gas charges would hurt them considerably....

Mothers' Union News.

Thank you to all those who have saved used stamps for the M.U. work in Lesotho. The gentleman in Nottingham who deals with it for the M.U. raised £1000 in 2004 and in October, 2005 had £600 towards the work. We have just sent off some more stamps.

On 4th January, we took part in our *Wave of Prayer* when, for half an hour, at 10am we prayed for the Worldwide Church and the M.U. workers and Bishops and people in our Link Dioceses of Cyangugu in Rwanda, Lesotho, Kebbi in Nigeria, Bermuda, The Philippines, Lainya in Sudan and our own Diocese of Canterbury. We used an upside-down map of the world from Australia and placed flags and lit a candle for each area. It was a moving service. Every half hour of every day of the year somewhere a group of M.U. are praying for each other. The Canterbury Diocese is allocated January 1st to 5th and this pattern has been going on for many years. Prayer does move "mountains". Anyone who would like to

know more about the Dioceses across the world can borrow our latest M.U. book, "Woven in Prayer".

On Wednesday, 11th January, 19 of us enjoyed our Post Christmas meal at The Dover Castle in Teynham. There was a lot of cheerful talk between courses and then quiet whilst we tasted our delicious choices!

On Wednesday, February 22nd, 2 p.m. we meet at Church and Vicky will lead a "Thoughts on Psalm 23" with readings, discussion and musical versions of "The Lord is My Shepherd". Yes, Vicky is aware that Shepherds have special meaning for her!

On Ash Wednesday, 1st March, 3 p.m. there is a Holy Communion Service led by Revd. Jacqui Henry and this is usually well supported by M.U. members as well as other members of the Church.

On Wednesday, 29th March, 2 p.m. in Church, Rev. Pat Pollard will talk about her recent journey to and time spent in USA.

Brenda sends her love to us all.

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CHOIR NOTES.

Thank you for all the wonderful carols we shared. I was particularly pleased with "Do you hear what I hear" and had the pleasure of hearing that two youngsters who were at The Advent Club sang it for their family and friends. Whilst I was tidying the Christmas section of the Choir Cupboard I earmarked two carols we have not sung for a time for Christmas 2006! Thank you for singing with Eastling and friends for Eastling's Nine Lessons and Carols. Andrew was delighted we could join them. Thank you, too, for The Christmas Service at Carnalea which was much appreciated and thank you to Mrs. Wake and her Cook who gave us a scrumptious tea. 16 of us sang around the wards at the Cottage Hospital. We had several requests and it was great to see the pleasure on the patients faces. Thank you to Selling Choir who were delighted to join us.

We will join a team of singers for the Churches Together Service in January, at Q.E.G.S. They have a splendid Grand Piano which I know Mark will make "sing". Choir Practices started on 18th January and I hope to try John Rutter's "A Clare Benediction". Jacqui wants to teach us the actions used by her deaf friends to "Shine, Jesus, shine". We will be practising many of our favourites, ready to offer to our new priest, who will join us in mid March.

FROM THE ORGAN SEAT

The snowdrops were out in Manor Pound on 11th January, later than last year when I saw the first ones on 31st December! I look forward to the displays of Spring flowers around Faversham and the villages. God keeps his promise to send the seasons! Thank you for your encouraging comments when I play the Dubois Toccata. Vicky turned over for me and that was very helpful. It has taken me much practice and I was thrilled it has come off!



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Services in our Churches

5th February 4th Sunday before Lent

1 Corinthians 9. 16 - 23, Mark 1. 29 - 39

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
	10.20 a.m.	Family People's Choice
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)

Tuesday 7th February

Whitehill Chapel	2.15 p.m.	Holy Communion
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12th February 3rd Sunday before Lent

1 Corinthians 9. 24 - end, Mark 1. 40 - end

Ospringe	11 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10.30 a.m.	Freestyle in Village Hall

19th February 2nd Sunday before Lent

Colossians 1. 15 - 20, John 1. 1 - 14

Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Family Service
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling Village Hall	10 a.m.	S Club

26th February Sunday before Lent

2 Corinthians 4. 3 - 6, Mark 9. 2 - 9

Ospringe	11 a.m.	Family Communion
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Sunday School
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	People's Choice
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Youngstyle

1st March Ash Wednesday

Ospringe	3 p.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	2.30 p.m.	Celtic Prayer
Sheldwich	10 a.m.	Holy Communion
Selling	7 p.m.	Holy Communion

5th March 1st Sunday in Lent

1 Peter 3. 18 - end, Mark 1. 9 - 15

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
	10.20 a.m.	Family People's Choice
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)

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

## Ministry in our Parishes

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. Gainsd (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.

### March 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 February 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

#### Funerals

Terence James SANTER  
30th December 2005 Cremation at Charing

William Albert HARVEY  
30th December 2005 Cremation at Barham

Finty-Boo Olivia CUMMING,  
18th January 2006 Cremation at Barham

Louisa Margaret TOVEY  
18th January 2006 Cremation at Barham

Florence Alice PARTRIDGE  
24th January 2006 Funeral at Ospringe  
followed by cremation at Bobbing

## Eastling 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

Credit card skimming: It seems that the credit card skimmers are back in Kent, we urge you when making credit card purchases to ensure that you do not lose sight of the card at any time when making a payment, this is particularly important in restaurants where the practice is most common.

Bogus callers: Police have issued advice following a burglary in which a bogus caller conned his way into the home of a pensioner in Sittingbourne. It is thought that two men claiming to be police officers called at the woman's home. After they had left she realised her purse, telephone and £250 in cash had been stolen. Do not to let anyone into your home unless they show valid official identification. If you are unsure that the ID is real, contact the company or authority they claim to be from to check, no genuine caller will mind this. If anyone can help police with this enquiry, please contact Swale police on 01795 477055 or the NHW Free Phone on 0808 100 3308.

Mobile phone scam: If you receive a phone call on your mobile from any person, saying that, he or she is a company engineer, or telling that they're checking your mobile line, and you have to press # 90 or #09 or any other number. End this call immediately without pressing any numbers. There is a fraud

company using a device that once you press #90 or #09 they can access your "SIM" card and make calls at your expense. If you receive a phone call and your mobile phone displays (XALAN) on the screen don't answer the call, END THE CALL IMMEDIATELY, if you answer the call, your phone will be infected by a virus. This virus will erase all IMEI and IMSI information from both your phone and your SIM card, which will make your phone unable to connect with the telephone network. This information has been confirmed by both Motorola and Nokia.

Could you help victims of crime?

We are looking for people to help us support the victims of crime. The Code of Practice for Victims of Crime sets out the level of service victims can expect once an allegation of crime is made. It aims to make sure victims are kept aware of progress in a way they prefer to be contacted. Kent Police is committed to the high quality provision of this service and is canvassing for potential volunteers who would be prepared to assist officers and staff. It is hoped volunteers will work in police stations and use telephone, e-mail and text messaging to contact victims. Given the sensitive nature of the role, some security checking will be required and full training and support will be given. If you or anyone you know would be interested in helping us to help the people of Kent, please contact PC Mick Wright on 01622 654143 or e-mail <[michael.wright@kent.pnn.police.uk](mailto:michael.wright@kent.pnn.police.uk)>

Tack theft: Between 4.15pm on the 9th January & 4pm on the 10th January various items of horse tack was stolen from stables within the grounds of a farm in Painters Forstal area of Faversham. Please be wary if offered tack from unknown sources and inform the Police on 01795 477055 or the NHW office.

## EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

On 18th January 2006 the Parish Council held its regular bi-monthly meeting during which a number of important matters were considered.

John Darlington, accompanied by Eric Pollard, made a presentation to the Council of his design for a proposed Village Sign. The Councillors liked the concept but felt it was impossible to justify the potential £3,000 price without first giving members of the Community the opportunity to voice their opinion. To this end it was decided that a full size copy of the proposed art work will be displayed in the Village Hall and smaller A4 sized copies be placed on the village notice boards. The public will be invited to make any comments that they feel are pertinent by the end of March and matter will be considered at the Parish Council Meeting in May.

The Chairman voiced his concerns at work being carried out at the bottom of Kettle Hill by Southern Water. The Clerk was directed to write to Southern Water and the Campaign for the Protection of rural England to ascertain how the Council could best protect the landscape in this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty from unwanted interference.

The Chairman of Newnham Parish Council had contacted Eastling over the unlicensed motorcycle nuisance, which had been experienced in both Parishes, to advise us of the action that they were taking in combatting the problem.

The Chairman asked that the Council's thanks be passed on to Mr. Ben Binder for the efficient manner in which he had cut the local hedges and removed the rubbish afterwards.

The Treasurer reported that at the end of December the Council had £2,600 on deposit and £800 in the current account. Provision was made for the £1,000 to complete the expenses for setting up the Council Office in the Village Hall. £150 was set aside for the Village Hall Trustees as a contribution towards the replacement of the existing crockery and the provision of an adequate number of glasses. It was also agreed that £1,000 be

pledged towards the fund to provide a Youth Worker, conditional upon the provision of outreach to the entire community and that the money be returned to the Parish Council if the project failed to come to fruition. The Council agreed to levy a 5p precept for 2006/2007. Cllr Bickerdike explained that his many requests for the statistics upon which the decision to refuse the Council the right to impose a 30 mph throughout the length of the Village had so far fallen on stony ground. He would, however, still persist with his quest. Finally the chairman reported that an interim "Ofsted" report at the Primary School had produced "better than expected results." The next meeting was provisionally fixed for Wednesday 8th March 2006 at 6.00pm.

### Having a Party?

### Planning a Wedding?

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Eastling Short Mat Bowls Club  
Happy 2006 to all readers of this magazine from the bowls members. Our latest league game on December 2nd was away to Warden Bay Hornets on the Isle of Sheppey. The journey over there was very wet and driving conditions not good. We came away with only two points. Very disappointing, as in three of the games we only lost by one shot, but that's how it goes. The overall scores were Hornets 51 shots, Eastling 40. The following week they came to Eastling in good weather conditions. What a difference playing at home makes - we all played well and won by 14 points to nil, with a shot difference of 80 to Eastling and 22 to the Hornets. On Sunday 8th January Mick Heath, Eileen and Roy Piles played at the Boughton triples competition and won four games on our mat, taking them through to the semi-final, but it all ended there. Good experience and a good day out. On Friday 13th January the Bysingwood team came to Eastling. As a team we all played very well which resulted in a win for us of 14 points to nil and a shot difference of 88 points to Eastling, 22 to Bysingwood. Club playing sessions are in Eastling village hall: Wednesdays: 2.30 - 4.30pm, Fridays: 2.30 - 4.30pm and 7.30 - 9.30pm. Open to all players, new members welcome. If you would like to try your hand at short mat bowls, come along and have a go. Further information from Roy Piles on 01795 537162.



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**FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL**  
We've got a number of events planned for February and March for families and friends. Look out for the Chocolates for Chocoholics catalogues to order your Valentine, Mother's Day and Easter gifts. A range will be on display and to purchase at the Pop-in in Eastling Village Hall on Wednesday 1st February. The Eastling School Valentine's Disco is on Friday 10th February - 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Tickets will be on sale soon - £2 each including food. Shrove Tuesday is on February 28th with pancake racing starting at 2.30pm. Don't forget to come along to join in the fun and to purchase freshly cooked pancakes. Dates to note for March: Family Games/Quiz Evening will be held on Saturday 4th March - Fun for all the family. Watch out for more details! Our Spring Jumble Sale will be on Saturday 25th March in the school hall. The term will end on Thursday 30th March with an Easter themed children's competition, the Easter Egg Hunt starting at 2.30pm and the Easter Egg raffle to be drawn at 3pm. A future date for your diaries: The Eastling School Summer Fete will be held on Sunday 9th July from 2pm to 5pm. This year's fete will have a circus theme. (If anyone has any ideas or would like to join our fete committee, please let me know.) Details of all events to follow. Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity 01795 890519.

**STUPPINGTON CHARITY BALL**  
The Committee would like to thank everyone who supported us on New Year's Eve. We know from your feedback that you thought it was a fantastic occasion with delicious Thai food and brilliant entertainment. There were certainly many memorable moments! We are delighted to announce that a total of £1,450 was raised for Demelza House: what a perfect way to start the new year!

**BELMONT HOUSE AND GARDENS**  
Throwley  
Shop/Teashop position for 2006 Season (1 Apr – 30 Sep)

Person required to either run Shop or assist in Teashop. Must be good with people and money. Three hours pm Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays.  
For further details please contact the Administrator on 01795 890 202 or e-mail [belmontadmin@btconnect.com](mailto:belmontadmin@btconnect.com)

**February**



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**Ospringe Parish Council**  
The Parish Council met on the 11th January. **Litter Pick:** The Parish Council will be organising a verge and hedgerow litter pick this spring. It is hoped that we get the support of Swale Borough Council, to provide Picking sticks, Hi-vis safety jackets and rubbish bags. The Parish Council will be recruiting volunteer to help with this initiative - watch this space! Continuing the theme of Spring Clean, the Parish Council **Parking on grass verges:** The Parish Council has received complaints regarding parking on grass verges. The grass verges are an important part of our rural environment, providing a green area between the tarmac road and the footpath. The verges provide an area for micro wildlife. When the verges are used for parking they do get damaged. In addition to looking unsightly this can be a hazard for pedestrians who wish to cross the road. **The Precept:** The major part of the Parish Council's income is the Precept. This is a small tax collected as part of the Swale Council Tax. The Council's budget is in balance and so for the second year running the Parish Council has decided not to raise the Precept. This means it remains at the 2004 levels. The Parish Council next meets on the 8th March and then on the 19 April. The Annual Parish meeting is on Wednesday 24th May, and the Parish Council Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday 24th May.

**Painter's Forstal with Ospringe Women's Institute**  
February meeting is on Tuesday 21st, 2.15pm in the Champion Hall. Amanda Harris Deans will give a presentation on the Restoration of Higham Park Competition: A small "antique", plus flower of the month. New members welcome on the day or phone 532756 for more information.

**Charing and District Local History Society**  
Thursday 9th February  
Dr Richard Eales will give a talk on CRUSADER CASTLES. A guided tour of these fascinating buildings by a leading historian of the period. The presentation will be given in the Parish Hall, Charing. Everyone who is interested will be welcomed when the doors open at 7.45pm. Non-members of the Society pay £2.00



**Thank You**  
Jill and Caroline would like to thank everyone who attended the Quiz Night on 14th January in Eastling Village Hall. The event was a great success and £349 was raised in aid of a parish Youth Worker for Eastling and Stalisfield. Due to the success of this evening we are planning another Quiz Night in the not too distant future and look forward to seeing you all again. We would also like to thank Lewis, Colin, Leanne, Sam, Hilary, Mark, Angela and Jill Seaman for all their kind help in setting up the hall and cleaning up afterwards. Best regards Jill and Caroline.

**Afternoon Club Activities**  
2nd February Board Games  
16th February Board Games  
2pm in the Champion Hall,  
Painter's Forstal  
(Bingo now every third meeting)



**NEW GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS**  
Starting Wednesday 1st February - 6.00pm  
Eastling Village Hall This class is designed with cardio vascular, toning, stretch and relaxation sections. All exercises are at an achievable speed and level for the more mature participant and those starting or returning to exercise.  
**BUMS, LEGS & TUMS at 7.00pm**  
This low impact class helps to tone & shape these specific areas.  
**FAT BURNER at 8.00pm.**  
This class works on aerobic fitness, using fun moves to suit everyone. Benefits are - it helps to control and burn body fat. Classes £3.00 each or £5.00 for a double class. All levels welcome. For more info contact Leigh on 01795 890 149 or [leigh.fitness@btinternet.com](mailto:leigh.fitness@btinternet.com)

**Worried about SATs, GCSEs or A Level?**  
  
**Local English teacher available for tutoring.**  
**Contact 0776 630 2264 for more details.**

**"The Ospringe School Association** is planning a number of events for the first half of 2006. A Wine & Wisdom is planned for the early part of March - Tickets will be available from the school office from the start of next term 20th February 2006. Saturday 1st April - Easter Egg Hunt at the school from ten in the morning. Families welcome to come and look for eggs at the school. Saturday 17th June - Our Summer Fayre - all welcome to come and spend money!!! Saturday 22nd July - We are planning a Summer Dance at the Abbey School. Tickets will be on Sale at the school in May. Thank you to all readers who support the School Association in its aim to support the school"

**Eastling Gardeners' Club**  
Meets on Thursday, 30th March  
at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall for a talk by Mr. J. Miller on 'Vegetables from Scratch' Free to members, non-members £2.50



| Diary                                  |                               |
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| 1st Cakes for sale at Pop-In           | 9 -11am Eastling Village Hall |
| 2nd Afternoon Club                     | 2pm Champion Hall             |
| 3rd Craft Club                         | 6.15pm Champion Hall          |
| 6th Gardeners' Club                    | 7.45pm Champion Hall          |
| 8th Ospringe Parish Council            | 7.30pm Champion Hall          |
| 9th Crusader Castles talk              | 7.45pm Charing Parish Hall    |
| 10th Valentine's Disco                 | 6.30pm Eastling School        |
| 11th Indoor Boot Fair                  | 12.30pm Champion Hall         |
| 13th Neame Cup Quiz                    | 7.45pm Monkton                |
| 15th Deadline for February Good News   | Pinks Farm                    |
| 16th Afternoon Club                    | 2pm Champion Hall             |
| 21st Women's Institute                 | 2.15pm Champion Hall          |
| 21st P. Forstal Amenities AGM          | 7.30pm Champion Hall          |
| 22nd Mothers' Union                    | 2pm Ospringe Church           |
| 24th Craft Club                        | 6.15pm Champion Hall          |
| 26th Puppet Club perform 10am          | Stalisfield                   |
| 28th Magazine Folding                  | 2pm Usual Venues              |
| 28th Pancake Racing                    | 2.30pm Eastling School        |
| MARCH 4th Family Games/Quiz evening    | Eastling School               |
| 25th Jumble Sale                       | Eastling School               |
| April 1st Easter Egg Hunt              | 10am Ospringe School          |
| June 17th Summer Fayre                 | Ospringe School               |
| July 9th Summer Fete                   | Eastling School               |
| July 22nd Ospringe School Summer Dance | Abbey School                  |

**Painter's Forstal Amenities Committee A.G.M.**  
7.30pm, 21st February 2006, Champion Hall  
We welcome to this meeting all who live in the area. We would like ideas for which we could use the money raised at the Fete and the £100 draw. This year we have purchased two seats for Lorenden, sponsored the Easter Surprise and Pantomime visit for the children, also a new hot water system has been installed in the kitchen and toilets to benefit all the groups using the Champion Hall. We would also like volunteers for the fete as well as ideas to make it more interesting for all age groups. Pantomime Visit. This was enjoyed by all who went. We thank Jacky Searley who did all the organizing.

**Painter's Forstal Gardeners' Club**  
Meetings for February are Monday 6th - A.G.M. followed by a talk from Mr John Clarke, in the Chapel 7.45pm for 8pm. Monday 13th - Third round Neame Cup Quiz away to Minster and Monkton, 7.45 for 8pm. Further details from Faversham 533608.

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| 7.45pm Charing Parish Hall    |  |
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| 2pm Ospringe Church           |  |
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