HAPPY NEW YEAR

God the Holy Trinity
make us strong in faith and love,
defend us on every side,
and guide us in truth and peace.
May the blessing of God almighty,
the Father,
the Son,
and the Holy Spirit,
be among us
and remain with us always.

Good News

Parish Magazine

January 2003

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Joint service for
Churches Together in Faversham
Sunday 26th January 2003
11 a.m.
St. Mary of Charity, Faversham
Speaker: Robin Gill
All welcome.

Children's activities in the Queen Elizabeth's School starting 10.45 a.m.
Come and join the fun.
Children re-join adults near the end of the service.
For more information
tel: Revd. Tony Oehring, 01795 532592.

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

Children welcome in church....

5th in Whitehill Chapel	10.40 a.m.	Sunday School
	11.00 a.m.	Family Service
12th in Ospringe Church	11.00 a.m.	Sunday School
19th in Eastling Village Hall	10.00 a.m.	S Club
in Ospringe Church	11.00 a.m.	Family Service
26th in Eastling Church	10.00 a.m.	Young Style
in Q.E. School, Faversham	10.45 a.m.	Activities

Club 8 - 13

Champion Hall
50p per session
Friday 3rd at 6.15 p.m.
Friday 24th at 6.15 p.m.

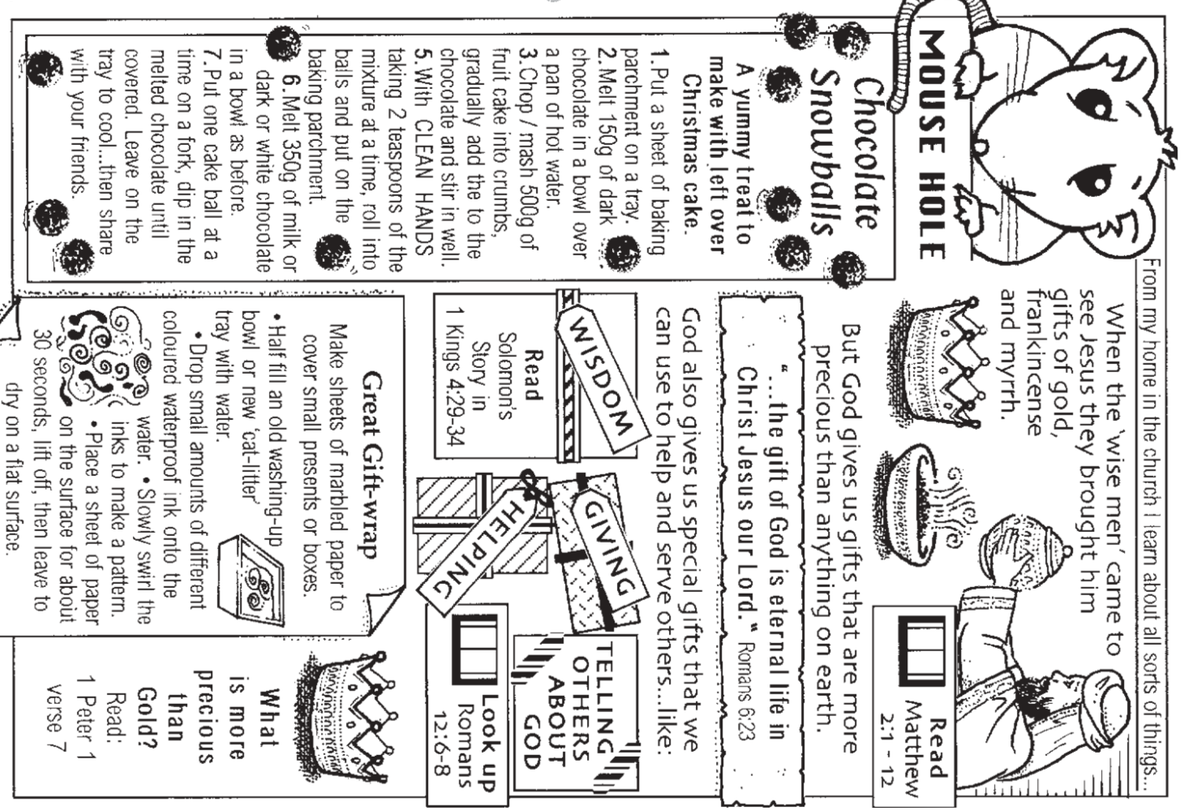
How did the snowman keep himself cool at the football match?
He sat by the fans!

What did the snowman order at McDonalds?
Iceburgers with chilli sauce!

What is white, furry and smells of peppermint?
A polo bear!

How did the eskimo keep the roof on his house?
Igloo it!

What stays hot even at the North Pole?
Mustard.



Chocolate Snowballs

A yummy treat to make with left over Christmas cake.

1. Put a sheet of baking parchment on a tray.
2. Melt 150g of dark chocolate in a bowl over a pan of hot water.
3. Chop / mash 500g of fruit cake into crumbs, gradually add the to the chocolate and stir in well.
5. With CLEAN HANDS taking 2 teaspoons of the mixture at a time, roll into balls and put on the baking parchment.
6. Melt 350g of milk or dark or white chocolate in a bowl as before.
7. Put one cake ball at a time on a fork, dip in the melted chocolate until covered. Leave on the tray to cool...then share with your friends.

Great Gift-wrap

Make sheets of marbled paper to cover small presents or boxes.

• Half fill an old washing-up bowl or new 'cat-litter' tray with water.
• Drop small amounts of different coloured waterproof ink onto the water. • Slowly swirl the inks to make a pattern.
• Place a sheet of paper on the surface for about 30 seconds, lift off, then leave to dry on a flat surface.

Message for the Month

Imagine the feeling of loss when you have finished reading a book in which you have enjoyed following the lives of certain characters, and you really would like to read a sequel. Or, perhaps worse, imagine a favourite T.V. soap ending - the characters are so real. We share their experiences and really want to know what is going to happen to them.

We usually think of the New Year as a new beginning, a fresh start, but, perhaps, it is much more like a sequel to the old, a continuation of the story of the previous twelve months.

There were so many experiences, some of them happy, some sad. Some so important that they have left their mark on our soul or our character; and, much as we feel last year is behind us, these experiences will inevitably affect us this year.

To a certain extent each day is like that. We are creating sequels all the time. The behaviour of the child *(or puppy!)* today is often the result of our treatment of him yesterday. If we were too busy, or couldn't be bothered, to check his naughtiness yesterday, he will try it again today, with even more determination. If he "gets away with it" again, the following day will be even worse. Conversely, if we keep him happy and good today, by administering discipline with a large helping of love and attention, tomorrow is much more likely to be peaceful and happy.

Almost everything we do today is contributing to the sequel which life is writing for us. Many of us are concerned about the permissiveness of young people today; their lax morals, their drug-taking, their peculiar attitude to life. If we are middle aged, we look back on our own youth and say in shocked tones "We were never like that in our young day." Of course we weren't. But, weren't the middle aged people saying that same thing about us? None of us stop to think that the actions of the present generation are the result of the actions and attitudes and circumstances of the former one.

Unwise decisions made at the end of the 1939-45 war led to political divisions and persecution 20 years later. Are we now living the sequel of arming one country against another? What was done, was done, and the form of the sequel was already decided.

So often we see only the present moment, and we do what seems best at that moment only to find much later that, if we had looked ahead to the sequel which would inevitably come, we would never have acted as we did.

In the realm of thought and word we must think of the result. It is so easy in moments of thoughtlessness to say something, even as a joke, which will have a very unhappy sequel.

Solomon in his wisdom realized that we are creating sequels all the time. He gives us good advice in the book of Proverbs. We read in chapter 23, verses 17 and 18 (RV) "Be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long, for surely there is a reward". This does not mean that our lives must be ruled by fear of what God will do to us if we don't please Him. That is a negative way or life and will bring an equally negative sequel. "The fear of the Lord" means reverence for God which leads to obedience to His Laws. Of course, we need to know His Laws before we can obey them, but many are given to us in the Bible and others have come to us through man's developing knowledge of the physical world and man's needs. So we have learnt, for example, that cleanliness, good food, sufficient sleep, and love and contentment, lead to a healthy body and a healthy mind. We know that if we neglect them the result - the sequel, will be illness of mind or body sooner or later.

Right down through the ages men have felt that there is a sequel to life itself, that death is not just the end. Some thought they would come back to earth in another form. Others thought they would go on to a similar life elsewhere, burying utensils, food and weapons with the dead to equip them to begin a new life. Others have thought that the soul wanders in purgatory waiting to be released by the prayers and money of their loved ones who are still on earth. The religious men of Christ's day argued about it, but Christ was explicit in His teaching. He knew that there is an after-life and that in all certainty it is a sequel to this life. He told stories to illustrate this: The ten virgins (Matt 25. 1-13), the sheep and the goats (Matt 25. 31 - 46). He showed that heaven is not just a reward but a glorious sequel to a life of preparation. So we see that our attitude to God, our acceptance or rejection of His love will determine our future. We are already writing the sequel. The future life will be a continuation of the story of this life.

So, as we go through this year, may we be careful to keep the laws of God, to think not only of the moment, but of the result which will come from our actions and words. Let us not "grow weary in well-doing" or lose confidence in God, for surely there is a sequel, and the content of it is in our hands; but with the help of God it can be successful one.

Adapted from 'The Chapel of the Open Book' by Ruth Saunders.

Prayer Pointers January 2003

Sundays	For new opportunities for service.
Mondays	Anyone making a new commitment.
Tuesdays	For the clergy and all who lead worship in the benefice.
Wednesdays	For the Citizens Advice Bureau and other advisory services.
Thursdays	For good industrial relations in the New Year.
Fridays	For a peaceful resolution in Iraq.
Saturdays	The Bible Society and similar organisations.

Confirmation

There will be a Confirmation Service in the benefice on 16th February 2003.

If you would like to consider being confirmed, please let the clergy know. There will be separate preparation sessions for teenagers and adults. To register an interest at this stage,

Teenagers - please contact The Revd. Pat Pollard (535407), sessions will begin on Friday 10th January 2003.

Adults - please contact The Revd. Penny Fenton (536366), sessions will start in the new year.

From the Organ Seat

Last year I helped take Infants children on a Christmas Tour of the Cathedral telling the Christmas Story from the stained glass windows and banners and statues and their splendid big Crib Scene. I have helped again this year and used that idea to tell each Infants Class at Ospringe "The Story of the very First Christmas" from our/their Church using the Hart Chapel window, the West window, the M.U. banner, the Christmas Tree and Ruth's beautiful sculpted clay crib figures. Ruth, your grand-daughter was thrilled we visited Granny's figures. We finished singing carols around the organ. They were delightful and I was grateful to Nicola Batey for her help.

I am grateful to Hilary Harlow and the Parish Pump Site for more enlightenment on another "Story behind a Christmas Carol" Did any of you see the edition of "Wipeout" when we had to name what was included in "The Twelve Days of Christmas" For once, I was on terra firma!

When most people hear 'The 12 days of Christmas' they think of the song. This song had its origins as a teaching tool to instruct young people in the meaning and content of the Christian faith. From 1558 to 1829 Roman Catholics in England were not able to practise their faith openly, so they had to find other ways to pass on their beliefs. The song 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' is one example of how they did it.

God bless, Vicky.

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Ospringe Choir Report

The Choir will continue to meet on Wednesdays, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Parish Room and we will restart after the Christmas Break on Wednesday, 8th January, 2003.

We enjoyed an exciting Advent and Christmas programme:

Saturday, 30th November, Freda, Don and I joined Tony Roach and his Choir at St. Laurence-in-Thanet, Ramsgate, for their Eve of Advent Service at 6.30 p.m. We were made most welcome! We rehearsed at 4 p.m. then enjoyed tea and mince pies and other bites. The Candlelit Service started under their central tower then moved into the Choir Stalls with the lights full on for the final hymn, "Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding" to welcome ADVENT.

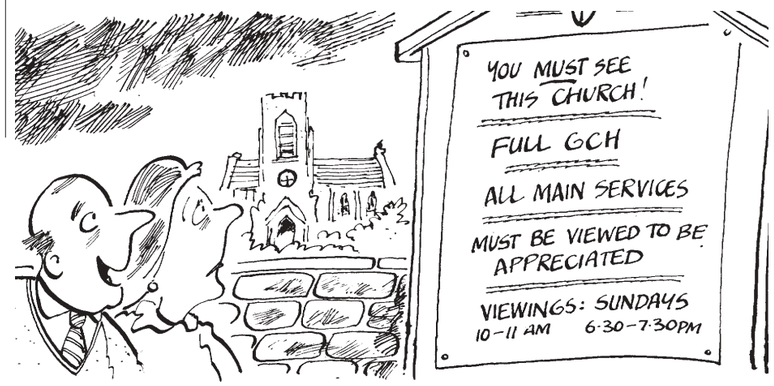
Sunday, 1st December, Advent Sunday we sang "The Angel Gabriel" and a Jewish Blessing. Gill sang "He shall feed His flock".

Saturday, 7th December, we were in the Cathedral Precincts to welcome Saint Nicholas at 11 a.m. Eight of us travelled by bus to Canterbury and joined the procession as it left from Fyndon Gate. The youngsters received a bar of delicious chocolate from Saint Nicholas and spoke to Bishop Stephen. We sang along with the story of Saint Nicholas written by the Dean and the Editor of the Anglican World. The tune is a well known French Carol. W e had a quick tour of the Cathedral then met Saint Nicholas and had a Choir photo taken with him. One for the Archives?! We ate in Marks and Spencer's 'Café Revive' and we were well looked after. Three tables were put together for us. The youngsters were a credit to themselves. Mrs. Diamond and I enjoyed it too and I kept counting to make sure I had not lost them!

We took part in the *Christmas Celebration*, singing at The Cottage Hospital, "Carols for all the family", Eastling Nine Lessons and Carols, then sang at Carnalea with "Stories behind Christmas Carols", all before the Christmas Midnight Service.

A very Happy New Year to everyone, our third year in the second Millennium!

Vicky Shepherd.



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Services in our Parishes

5th January Epiphany

Ephesians 3. 1 - 12, Matthew 2. 1 - 12

Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Whitehill Chapel	10.40 a.m.	Young Church (over 8's)
		Younger Children during the service
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	Family Service
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Morning Prayer

Tuesday 7th January

Whitehill Chapel	2.15 p.m.	Holy Communion

12th January Baptism of Christ

Acts 19. 1 - 7, Mark 1. 4 - 11

Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Eastling	10.30 a.m.	Sunday Newstyle
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Sunday School

19th January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Revelation 5. 1 - 10, John 1. 43 - 51

Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling	10 a.m.	S Club
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Family Service
Ospringe	3 p.m.	Baptism

26th January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Revelation 19. 6 - 10, John 2. 1 - 11

Stalisfield	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Young Style
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	People's Choice
St. Mary of Charity	11 a.m.	Churches Together in Faversham

Combined Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

2nd February
Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Hebrews 2. 14 - end, Luke 2. 22 - 40

Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Whitehill Chapel	10.40 a.m.	Young Church (over 8's)
		Younger Children during the service
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	Family Service
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Morning Prayer

Sharing Ministry in our Benefice

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

Churchwardens

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

Contacting the Church's staff

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

From the Registers

Baptisms

SEBASTIAN JAMES Hinckley
on 1st December 2002 at Eastling

WILLIAM GERALD HUGH Risdon
on 22nd December at Eastling

Wedding

Alistair Blair NEWTON and Sarah Helen BAXTER
on 14th December 2002 at Eastling

Funerals

Leonard Herbert TRACEY
Cremation at Charing on 2nd December 2002

Irene May MOORE
Cremation at Charing on 6th December 2002

Stella Helen HADLOW
Cremation at Charing on 6th December 2002

Leslie Arthur (Les) DAVIES
Cremation at Barham on 18th December 2002

Painter's Forstal Village Amenities Committee

The Village Amenities Committee grew from the enjoyment that the Queen's Silver Jubilee celebrations brought to the village. Following such a hard won success it was decided that future social activities would be of benefit to all. The formation of the Amenities Committee was to champion such future functions.

At first, we were only involved in staging socials, but the conversion of the Whitehill Chapel for use as a meeting hall was the trigger for deciding to try and raise money for a small project. During this time, the Champion family were very active, both with the Chapel and with the amenities committee. The hall was used by several groups including a playgroup. It was suggested that more storage was needed for all the equipment to make the hall of more use to the community.

It was decided to put aside monies from various fund raising events to pay for some sort of storage to be built in the hall. The main fund raising event is the village fete held nowadays in 'Lorenden Meadow' in mid summer. Many of the local organisations help set up and man various stalls.

It took several years to accumulate an appreciable amount in our project fund, but unfortunately, Brenda Champion passed away before the fund raising was complete. In recognition of her tireless work for the Chapel and on behalf of the amenities committee it was decide to name the new storage area 'Brenda's Cupboard' This is now complete and has been dedicated. We are now saving to help with the provision of more play equipment on the village green.

The majority of the committee has been made up from the same members for some years now, and our fund raising ideas have all been tried. We need new ideas and new members to say what the local community would like to see in the way of village entertainment and fund raising. Then we need the help to organise the events. Just a couple of hours would be of great help, but of course if you can spare more time that would be very welcome. One 'job' that we do need a volunteer for is the post of secretary; this is not too arduous we keep paperwork generation to a minimum.

We have periodic meetings, which become a little more frequent as we run up to the date of a function.

As the Amenities Committee is a registered charity we are obliged to hold an Annual General Meeting, this will be on Friday 7th of March 2003 at 7.30 p.m. in the Champion Hall. Please come along and meet the current committee members, tell us your ideas or what you would like to see happen in the village. If we can make it happen or help towards it we will. Better still why not join us and help to make your ideas become a reality.

Colin Hudson, Chairman

OSPRINGE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of Ospringe Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 22nd January 2003 at 7.30pm in Whitehill Chapel, Painter's Forstal.

Jill Seaman
Clerk to the Council

Friends of Ospringe Church

Dear Friends

Many of you were able to join in our Christmas celebrations and it was very good to see you again. We know that most people living in the parish value the church as part of the community and some of you attended a TRIO (The Responsibility Is Ours) presentation a few years ago. The Parochial Church Council (P.C.C.) is keen that a "Friends of Ospringe Church" society be formed.

This would be run by you rather than by the P.C.C., whose members are already heavily involved in the work required to keep the church open and available for weekly worship, as well as Christenings, Weddings and Funerals.

If you think that the formation of a Friends Society is a good idea, please come and discuss the way forward over a cup of tea in the Parish Room at the church on Saturday 26th January 2003 at 3 p.m.

R.S.V.P. (01795 531960) by 19th January would be appreciated.

Carolynne Brightman
On behalf of the P.C.C.

Diary *January 2003*

3rd	Club 8 - 13	6.15 p.m.	Champion Hall
6th	Playgroup term begins	9.30 a.m.	Champion Hall
9th	Afternoon Club (Bingo)	2 p.m.	Champion Hall
9th	Woodland Archaeology	7.45 p.m.	Charing Parish Hall
13th	P. Forstal Gardeners' Club	7.45 p.m.	Champion Hall
13th	Eastling Parish Council	8 p.m.	Village Hall
15th	Deadline for the February Good News		
17th	Ospringe Coffee Afternoon	2.30 p.m.	School Hall
20th	P. Forstal Gardeners' Quiz	7.45 p.m.	Champion Hall
20th	Eastling Parish Council	8 p.m.	Eastling Village Hall
21st	Women's Institute	2.15 p.m.	Champion Hall
22nd	Ospringe Parish Council	7.30 p.m.	Whitehill Chapel
23rd	Afternoon Club (Board Games)	2 p.m.	Champion Hall
24th	Club 8 - 13	6.15 p.m.	Champion Hall
26th	Friends meeting	3 p.m.	Ospringe Church
28th	Magazine Folding	2 p.m.	Usual Venues
29th	Mothers' Union meeting	2 p.m.	
FEBRUARY			
16th	Confirmation Service	10.30 a.m.	Ospringe Church
MARCH			
7th	Painter's Forstal Amenities AGM	7.30pm	Champion Hall
19th	Eastling Gardeners' Club		Eastling Village Hall

Eastling Parish Council

JANUARY MEETING

Eastling Parish Council's next Meeting is in Eastling Village Hall on Monday, 20 January at 8pm. Villagers may attend to hear the proceedings and there will be the usual period at the beginning of the Meeting for residents to raise matters of interest or concern. Among the topics on the Agenda will be consideration of the Council's budget for the coming year and whether the Parish Council should go ahead with a project to provide a village green.

February 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 January to Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, Faversham ME13 0BA. Tel: 01795 890338 . Where possible, please submit your entries by e-mail: h.f.harlow@talk21.com

Ospringe School Association News

Phew! December is so busy. The month started off with members of the choir, governors and friends carol singing around Ospringe. Due to inclement weather only one night of singing was managed but the school still managed to raise a magnificent amount for Demelza House. The following weekend the top junior choir joined with Sheldwich school to sing carols in Faversham Market Place. Then it was time for the Christmas Productions. Always a highlight in any parents calendar, we were once again treated to some excellent performances.

In the Year 3 & 4 production of Babushka the story had a happy ending and she made it to the stable in time along with a miscellany of others including a pop star, and some American tourists, as well as the expected shepherds, kings and angels.

In the Infant production the Whoops-a-Daisy angels progressed from counting dancing snowflakes (a surprisingly challenging if pointless task) to spreading the good news of Jesus' birth and (much to the surprise of the 'perfect' angels), getting it right!

The last week of term was slightly more relaxing, with the Christmas Church Services and parties and disco-doesn't sound more relaxing does it!

OSA events for the New Year are still at the planning stage, but we will be holding a coffee afternoon on the 17th January from 2.30pm in the Hall. The aim of these afternoons is for parents to get together (in the warm) prior to collecting their children from school.

Jill Fagg

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 33rd draw in December were:

1st :- 65 2nd :- 4 3rd :- 39

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.

Afternoon Club

Wishing everyone a happy and heathly New Year.

Activities for January:
9th Jan. Bingo
23rd Jan. Board Games
Rodney French

Charing and District Local History Society

On Thursday 9th January at 8 p.m. Dr. Nicola Bannister will give a talk on:

WOODLAND ARCHAEOLOGY IN THE SOUTH EAST.

The Management of ancient woodland, and what went on in them, including a look at the Dering woods in Pluckley.

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.

Stalisfield with Otterden

Senior Citizens Christmas Tea.
Saturday 14th December 2002

I would like to thank all of the Helpers over the past 27 years who have ensured this event went smoothly and in particular my Helpers who made this, the last Christmas tea I shall be organising, go so well.

Thank you to the Roger Payne Trustees for the lovely basket of plants they presented to me and the kind words of thanks from Reg Baker and Ian McKay.

A big thank you also, to the Village Hall Committee who presented me with a Radio, CD and Cassette player which I was very pleased to receive and will give me great pleasure.

Take care everyone and a big thank you to you all.

Brenda Newman

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

Our November meeting was our planning meeting for 2003.

We agreed the following programme:

Most meetings will be held on the last Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m.

29th January.
Wave of Prayer Service
followed by a Quiz.
26th February.
Talk by Mr. Bill Lusted,
"Maundy Thursday, 2002,
at Canterbury Cathedral".
26th March.
A talk to be confirmed.
30th April.
A talk to be confirmed.
28th May.
Talk by Pam Clark. "My Travels"
25th June.
Visit to M.U. H.Q.,
Mary Sumner House, London.
30th July.
Summer Lunch.
27th August.
Garden Party at Pam Clark's House.
24th September.
To be arranged.
29th October.
Talk by Sue Spillett,
M.U. Canterbury Diocesan Prayer and Spirituality Unit Co-ordinator.
26th November.
Planning Meeting.
December. - Christmas Lunch.

Two other dates for members and friends to put in their diaries are:-

Tuesday, 18th March, 11 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. at Westgate Hall, Canterbury, Reg Bailey, Chief Executive, and Clare Berry, Head of Marketing, M.U. Worldwide, will talk to our Diocesan Members and Friends.

Thursday, 19th June, 11 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. at Westgate Hall, Canterbury. Two more from M.U, Worldwide, Fleur Dorrell, Head of Prayer and Spirituality, and Vicky Riseley, Head of Outreach, will talk to our Diocesan Members and Friends.

The Christmas Market and Annual Meeting for the Diocese, 2002, was well supported by Ospringe Deanery, (thank you from Pat). It was good to meet up with friends from across the Diocese and to see the wealth of material produced by our H.Q., Mary Sumner House. The 2003 meeting is on Tuesday, 18th November, at Westgate Hall.

Anyone wishing to join the Ospringe Mothers' Union, please telephone and chat with Rev. Pat Pollard, 535407. You will have a warm welcome.

A Happy New Year from our Secretary, Carol.

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 group or as members of organizations using the Champion Hall.

Painter's Forstal with Ospringe Women's Institute

January meeting: 21st, 2.15 p.m.
Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal.
Talk: Remembering Joyce Grenfell (Mrs Woolf)
Competition: A School Day Memory
plus Flower of the Month.

Eastling Gardeners' Club

Some 20 members celebrated the relaunch of the Gardeners' club in Eastling on 11th December. Amply provided with home-made nibbles and good wine, they enjoyed a convivial evening solving the competitions set by Helen Abell as well as seeing a demonstration by Biddy Freed on how to make a Christmas wreath and table decorations. The next meeting on 19th March will be a wine and cheese evening at which David Carey of Hadlow College will talk about wildlife in the garden.

Painter's Forstal Gardeners' Club

The meetings for January are on
Monday 13th - A talk on propagation by Dr. Tim Ingram.
Monday 20th - Second round of Neame Cup Quiz at home to Selling.
Both meetings are in the Champion Hall, The Chapel, Painter's Forstal, 7.45 p.m.
Wishing all members a very Happy New Year.
Further details from Fav. 533608.

PUDDLEDUCKS PLAYGROUP at Painters Forstal

Thank you for your support throughout the past year and many congratulations to the winner of the Christmas Hamper, and other raffle prize winners.

Spring Term will commence on Monday 6th January at the usual time of 9.30am.

Jill Seaman, 01795 890519

FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

We had very busy Autumn Term with a number of successful fundraising events - thank you for supporting us. We will be planning another interesting programme for the Spring Term, so watch this space!

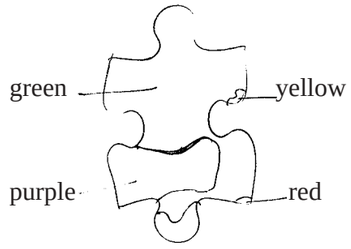
Jill Seaman, 01795 890519

A Celebration of Christmas

A big THANK YOU to Vicky Shepherd for organising this years 'Celebration of Christmas' at Ospringe Church. It was a real mixture from Talking Turkey (be kind to your turkey this Christmas, - 'cos turkeys just want to have fun!) to the carol singing story from Cider with Rosie. The musical items were as varied from a comic music hall song to an organ Christmas Voluntary. A small selection of pupils from years 3 and 4 at Ospringe School sang three songs from Babuska., the church choir sang beautifully (although Vicky's music juggling act during the cowboy carol made keeping a straight face rather difficult) and Ted's band woke us up with some less traditional Christmas songs. The evening ended with carols followed by mulled wine and mince pies. An excellent start to the Christmas Celebrations.

The Missing Piece

When disposing of the unsold toys after the Ospringe Autumn Fayre, I found a large piece of cardboard jigsaw.



If you would like to claim it please ring me on 531960.
Caralynne M. Brightman

Ospringe Social Activities

Thank you to Brian and Pam Thompson for opening their home for the Craft Days. Everyone who supported the days enjoyed the happy, friendly atmosphere and helped to raise £126 for Ospringe Church and £126 for the Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury.

All good wishes for a Happy New Year.

Sally, Social Secretary.