

Young People's Craft Club

Y.P.C.C.
(Formerly Club 8 - 13)
Fridays 16th and 30th
January
Not 3rd as had been thought.
6.15pm Champion Hall

Ospringe School Association

December was hectic as always. The Christmas Fair on the 6th was a great success. The school was buzzing for 2.5 hours and the kitchen sold out of bacon butties again! We had a lot more "hands-on" activities this year including wacky test tubes, decorating christmas stockings and iced biscuits. The interactive whiteboard in Class 8 was put to good use for game playing as well (although its main use is, of course, educational!). The proceeds from this event, and the fireworks night, will go towards purchasing more whiteboards for the school.

The following week saw productions of Snow White and Cock-a-doodle Christmas, full of fantastic singing as usual and also the debut of our new stage lighting, bought from the collections taken at shows over the past few years. On Wednesday night the Junior Choir went Carol Singing around Ospringe in aid of Demelza House. Thank you to all who gave generously. The children were especially impressed by the lights in Cress Way! Thursday saw a theatre trip for Classes 3 & 4, and on Friday there was visit to the school by a theatre company with a production of Frosty the Snowman. The Choir was again in action at the Christmas Celebration at Ospringe Church on Saturday, 14th, singing a selection of carols.

After that hectic week it was amazing that the children had any energy left, however it was back to school for Carol Services and Christmas Parties (and maybe a few lessons). The term ended with a school disco.

The School Association are busy planning more events for the New Year, but dates are yet to be finalised.

Best wishes for a
Happy and Prosperous 2004!
Jill Fagg

Children's Church

Painter's Forstal: 8 - 13's
meet in the Champion Hall
at 10.40am on 4th January
and 1st February.

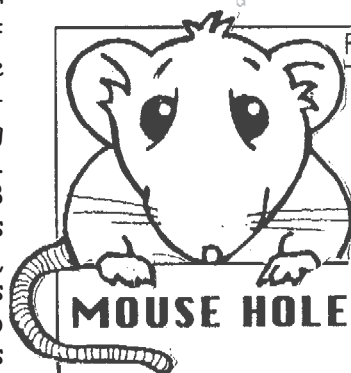
Ospringe: Sunday School
during 11am service on
11th January.

Eastling: S Club meets
10am in the Village Hall
on 18th January.

What did the snowman order
at the burger bar?
Iceburgers with chilli sauce.

What do you get if you cross
a snowball with a shark?
Frost bite.

There was a young man called
Fisher,
Who was fishing for fish in a
fissure,
When a seal, with a grin,
Pulled the fisherman in;
Now they're fishing the fissure
for Fisher.



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

On the 6th of January the
Christmas decorations come down,
this is known as 'Twelfth Night'.
It is the twelfth day after Christmas
and the day to celebrate the coming of
the 'Wise' men to see baby Jesus.



For Christians this time is called
Epiphany.

Mark it!

Make a bookmark
for your bible.

- Cut a rectangle
of card from the
back of an old
Christmas card.
- Cut pictures from other
cards you have saved.
- Glue into the bookmark.



To make a tassel:
Using coloured
wool or thread
wind around a
scrap of card 6cm wide.

• Thread another
length through
and knot tightly.



• Cut the loops
then take off the card.



• Tie again
1cm from
the top of
the tassel.
Punch a hole in
the bookmark
and tie on.

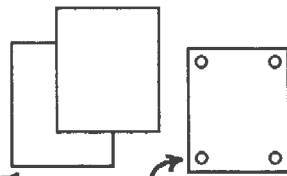


Read all about the visit of the
'wise men' in **Matthew 2:1-12**

A Chinese Album

Keep your favourite Christmas or birthday cards
in this special album.

1. Cut several sheets
of card a little bigger
than the largest card
you want to keep.



2. Make a hole in each corner with a hole punch.



3. Thread ribbon through the holes along the top
and bottom then glue the ribbon where it
crosses the cards

4. Stick your cards on to
both sides of the album.
Fold up in a zig-zag.
Make as many sheets
for your album as you like.



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Lord of the years,
we ask your blessing on the year to come.
Give us the resilience to bear its disappointments,
energy to seize its opportunities,
and openness to accept the more abundant life
which you have promised to us
in Jesus Christ our Lord.



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

Message for the Month

I hope that you have enjoyed Christmas and I wish you all a very happy and peaceful New Year.

If you have seen me in the last few months,then you will know that I have a Wispa mobility scooter to help me get around, I have resisted the idea of a walking stick, zimmer frame, wheelchair or scooter for a long time.However, last August we were on a camp-site and one of the elderly members in his eighties, saw me struggling to walk. He pointed to his scooter, and said " Go on Pat, you have a go." Although I hesitated as we were in a field, he assured me it would be OK and, of course, it was - it was great. "That's what you need" he said, "it has transformed my life, and it will transform yours." That was a Saturday afternoon and



Please Pass On “double one-two”

Thank you to Carol Dolman for sending in this piece.

This actually happened to someone's daughter; Lauren was 19 years old and in college. This story takes place over the Christmas / New Year holiday break. It was the Saturday before New Year, about one o'clock in the afternoon and Lauren was driving to visit a friend. An UNMARKED police car pulled in behind her and put on its lights. Lauren's parents have 4 children and had told then never pull over for an unmarked car on the road side, rather wait until they reach a petrol station or similar. Lauren had listened to that advise and promptly called '112' on her mobile phone to tell the police dispatcher that she would not pull over right away. She proceeded to tell the dispatcher that there was an unmarked police car with flashing red light on its roof behind her. The dispatcher checked to see if there was a police car where she was and there wasn't. He told her to keep driving, remain calm and that he had back up already on the way. Ten minutes later four police cars surrounded her and the unmarked car behind. They pulled the man from the car and tackled him to the ground

on Monday morning I bought one. Yes, it has transformed my life. I still don't feel old enough, but what is age but a number? It was an elderly man who encouraged me to give it a try; we have since had a race!

Occasionally I am going through the supermarket and as I pass children, they watch me and I hear them exclaim " Cor, wicked! Mum can I have one of them?" I laugh and feel encouraged and not quite so 'past it'. Children too have a part to play in our journey through life and help to nurture our faith so, whatever your age, you can do Jesus' work of encouragement.

When you make your New Year resolutions this month, make one of them to have a go at the faith factor - it can transform your whole life.

You Know You're Worth It.

Revd Pat Pollard.

the man was a convicted criminal and wanted for other crimes. I didn't know this piece of advice that, especially for a woman alone in the car, you should not pull over for an unmarked car. Apparently the police have to respect your right to keep going to a "safe" place. You obviously need to make some signals that you acknowledge them (e.g. put on your hazard lights) or call 112 like Lauren did. Too bad the cell phone companies don't give you this little piece of helpful information. So, now it's your turn to let your friends know about the number '112'. - pass it on!

Audrey Sharp

Reprinted from “The Pressings” the news sheet of St. Peter and St. Paul, Appleford-on-Thames, Oxon.

But be warned....

Using a hand-held mobile phone while driving could now cost you £1000 as well as three penalty points on your driving licence, as it became illegal in December.

Prayer Pointers January 2004

<u>Sundays</u>	For a renewed commitment to God's service.
<u>Mondays</u>	Friends and family in the year ahead.
<u>Tuesdays</u>	All who lead worship in the Benefice.
<u>Wednesdays</u>	The Samaritans.
<u>Thursdays</u>	For honesty and integrity in public life.
<u>Fridays</u>	For the united Nations.
<u>Saturdays</u>	The Children's Society and similar organisations.



Left out in the cold

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services each week, stopped going.

After a few weeks, the minister decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening. The minister found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his minister's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a big chair near the fireplace and waited. The minister made himself comfortable but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the play of the flames around the burning logs.

After some minutes, the minister took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet fascination.

As the one lone ember's flame diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead and dark. Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The two men sat on in reflective silence.

A little while later, just before the minister was ready to leave, he picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the minister reached the door to leave, his host said, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I shall be back in church next Sunday."

CHOIR REPORT

A Very Happy New Year to all in our Benefice and to those of you who read The Good News beyond our area. On Saint Nicholas' Day, 6th December, Mrs. Diamond and Mrs. Brencley took the youngsters on another Choir Treat. They joined the St. Nicholas Parade in Canterbury, travelling there by train. They started at the Westgate Towers and walked along the High Street following St. Nicholas in his carriage to the West Door at the Cathedral. They had a good sing having practised the Saint Nicholas Carol to a French carol tune, with words written by our Dean, Robert Willis. They looked round the Cathedral and the Saint Nicholas Exhibition in the South East Transept. Then into the Cathedral Shop to meet Saint Nicholas himself. Thank you for their gifts Saint Nicholas. I have sent a cheque to the Saint Nicholas Society in Canterbury from the Choir. This year, they are supporting Demelza House. Thank you, Mrs. Diamond and Mrs. Brencley for taking them. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Choir Practices resume on Wednesday, 14th January, at 6 p.m.. I have two splendid newly composed Anthems, "Make me a Light", most suitable for Candlemas and the one on Aled Jones' recent CD, "Aled". It's called "Do you hear what I hear?" This last song, Mr. Shepherd has been searching for for 4 years and now I have the music, Hurrah!

! Epiphany !

If the Three Wise Men had been Three Wise Women, they would have arrived on time, brought nappies, blankets and a casserole, shooed out the sheep and cow, and generally tidied the place up a bit. Anon.

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FROM THE ORGAN LOFT

I have returned from a splendid week "up North"! My sister-in-law, Barbara, lost her father, Jack at 90 years old, and I wanted to visit her family and see the grave. I knew Jack and my Mum and I were always part of Barbara's family when we were there. Barbara's sister-in-law, Elizabeth has written a lovely poem, *Hands* about Jack which she sent to us as a Thank You for all the thoughts they had had sent to them. I would like to share it with you.

I sent Elizabeth a poem by Audrey Keen about her mother which was in Good News and Elizabeth showed me it in her file of poems. Elizabeth also had kept some of my Mum's letters to her! I was privileged to meet the new grandson, with initials GEM and he was a gorgeous little gem!

Next time I must write about my visit to the Lowry Centre and the regenerated Salford Docks.

I have had a letter from Kay Baxter of Niagara Falls, Canada, who is going to be ordained in the Anglican Church of Canada. In 1953 she lived at 22, Bayfield, Painters Forstal and was baptized Kay Georgina Pink at Whitehill on June 14th 1953, just after our Queen's Coronation. Does anyone remember her please? It would be good to add her to our Prayer List for her ordination.

God bless, Vicky Shepherd.

HANDS

*Hands that worked hard and were never still
Hands that were skilled with a lathe and a drill
Hands that papered and painted
Strong hands, capable hands that never tainted -
Anything they touched .. maybe they did too much
But they were kind hands - those hands, and gentle
Soothing pain and sentimental
Hands that changed a baby's nappy
That created a smile and made you happy.
Yes - Granddad's hands were good hands -*

*They cooked and cleaned
They hoed and sowed
Always there to ease a load
In the garden - nipping buds
Washing dishes - immersed in suds -*

*All this until - one day
Gnarled and arthritic they went away
Safe to the hands of Someone who cares
And loved and remembered in our prayers.*

The Conversion of Paul

January is a month of the beginning of great things! As well as the naming of the Son of God, we celebrate, on 25th January, the conversion of the greatest ever apostle of the Christian faith. Many books have been written on Paul, and here is the briefest of introductions.

He was a Jew, born as 'Saul' at Tarsus, and brought up by the rabbi Gamaliel as a Pharisee. A devout, fanatical Jew, Saul persecuted the Christians, and watched with satisfaction the first Christian martyrdom, the stoning of Stephen. Then on his way to Damascus Saul had a vision

of Christ that stopped him, literally, in his tracks. He realised that this Jesus whom he was persecuting was in fact the Messiah he had longed for.

Saul changed overnight. He took a new name, Paul, and became an evangelist for the cause of Christ. He became a leader in the early Church, and his special calling was as an apostle to the Gentiles. He wrote many epistles to the young churches he founded - and thus, inadvertently, wrote a great part of the New Testament.

Life as the greatest apostle was hardly full of perks: he was stoned, beaten, mobbed, homeless, hated, imprisoned, and finally martyred. Tradition has it that he was beheaded in Rome during the persecution of Nero in AD 64, and buried where the basilica of St Paul 'outside the walls' now stands. His mighty faith in Christ has kindled similar belief in many millions of people down the centuries. Read the whole story in the bible - Acts, chapter 9.

Services in our Benefice

Sharing Ministry in our Benefice

4th January Epiphany		
Isaiah 60. 1 - 6, Ephesians 3. 1 - 12, Matthew 2. 1 - 12		
Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Whitehill Chapel	10.40 a.m.	Sunday School (8-13s)
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	Family Service
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Morning Prayer

Tuesday 6th January		
Whitehill Chapel	2.15 p.m.	Holy Communion

11th January Baptism of Christ		
Acts 8. 14 - 17, Luke 3. 15 - 17, 21 - 22		
Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Eastling	10.30 a.m.	Newstyle
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Holy Communion
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Sunday School

18th January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany		
1 Corinthians 12. 1 - 11, John 2. 1 - 11		
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

25th January Conversion of Paul		
Acts 9. 1 - 22, Matthew 19. 27 - end		
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 Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

1st February 4th Sunday of Epiphany		
1 Corinthians 13. 1 - 13, 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.	Sunday School (8-13s)
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	Family Service
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Morning Prayer

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

**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.

|                                  |                                            |                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Priest in Charge                 | Reverend Penny Fenton                      | (01795 536366) |
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| Reader                           | Mr. Hugh Perks                             | (01795 890603) |
|                                  | Weald Cottage, Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. |                |
| Reader                           | Mr. Norman Fowler                          | (01795 890412) |
|                                  | 4 Meesons Close, Eastling.                 |                |
| Methodist Minister               | Reverend Chris Esgate                      | (01795 532461) |
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|                                  | Mrs. A. Smith                              | (01795 890469) |
| <b>Stalisfield with Otterden</b> |                                            |                |
|                                  | Mrs. H. Galer                              | (01795 890780) |
| <b>Whitehill</b>                 |                                            |                |
| Steward                          | Miss. B. Richards                          | (01795 532756) |

## From the Registers

|                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Baptism</b>                                                                                           |
| MIRANDA JANE Petts<br>at Eastling on 21st December 2003                                                  |
| <b>Weddings</b>                                                                                          |
| Mark Anthony SINDEN and Michelle Joanne CRUMP<br>at Ospringe on 13th December 2003                       |
| <b>Funerals</b>                                                                                          |
| Jack BARBER<br>Cremation at Bobbing on 25th November 2003                                                |
| Poppy BUTLER<br>Cremation at Charing on 3rd December 2003                                                |
| Constance Rose BARNARD<br>Funeral at Ospringe followed by Cremation at Charing<br>4th December 2003      |
| Florence Maud Marjorie HART<br>Funeral at Ospringe followed by Burial at Love Lane<br>11th December 2003 |
| <b>Interment of Ashes</b>                                                                                |
| Agnes Rosina KITE<br>at Ospringe on 8th December 2003                                                    |
| Christopher Thomas REYNOLDS<br>at Ospringe on 10th December 2003                                         |

## Do Nothing.....

When clients come to the Citizens Advice Bureau with a problem, one of the options they have is to do nothing. So even when faced with snowballing debts, a crumbling relationship, or frustrating government maladministration, our clients can always sit back and let events take their course. We remind them that it is always an option.

Some clients use the Citizens Advice Bureau after "doing nothing" hasn't worked out, and the bailiffs, the court letters and the rest have become too much for them to cope with alone.

When they arrive at the Citizens Advice Bureau, they are greeted by our receptionists, and then assisted by our advisers who discuss all the options open to them. Behind the scenes, our clerical staff ensure that the information given to our clients is up to date and accurate. Every piece of information given to clients is checked again to be sure that it is right. Every effort is taken to ensure that the people in our local community who use the CAB don't lose out because they don't know their rights.

We do this by giving quality advice ensured by the accredited training of advisory staff, providing a friendly and supportive working environment for all our workers, and ultimately making a difference in the lives of local people. Last year we dealt with over 10,000 enquiries and brought hundreds of thousands of pounds in unclaimed benefits, renegotiated debts, and compensatory awards into the local economy.

Almost 80% of CAB staff work on a voluntary basis. Our volunteers come from varied backgrounds: some have retired and want to do something new, others still work but 'want to put something back'. Some people find CAB work a useful way of re-training if they want to pursue a new career.

We need more volunteers for advice, management, clerical and administrative roles. In return we can offer full free training, the opportunity to develop new skills, and a workplace that values those you already have.

Contact the CAB on 01795 537101 or drop in to our office at 43 Stone Street in Faversham to find out more. Alternatively, you could do nothing.

## Eastling Parish Council

Eastling Parish Council's next Meeting is on Monday, 12th January 2004 at 8pm in Eastling Village Hall. Items on the agenda will include setting the budget for the 12 months from April and progress on the Village Design Statement. Villagers with suggestions for community projects should contact the Chairman, Cllr John Payne, as soon as possible so ideas can be discussed before setting the budget. Call him on 01795 890793. As always, there will be a public forum at the start of the meeting and people can remain to hear the rest of the proceedings.

### 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 PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday 21st January 2004 at 7.30pm in Whitehill Chapel, Painters Forstal.

Horse & Pony Riders  
Please note that it is illegal to ride horses on footways, and that all horses should be ridden on the road or along designated bridleways. It has been reported that horse dung has been found on the footway along Painters Forstal Road on a number of occasions.  
Jill Seaman, Clerk to the Council

### 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.

## Stalisfield Parish Council

It is with great regret that I have to inform you that that all members of Stalisfield Parish Council have been dismissed in our capacity as Parish Councillors.

As you might be aware, the Local Government Act 2000 required every authority in England to adopt a code which relates to the conduct expected of its members. Whilst the former members of Stalisfield Parish Council understood and agreed with the intentions of this legislation, the disclosure of certain information was felt by the members as being an invasion of personal circumstances by forcing PC members to lodge this information in the public domain.

The Parish Council was duly reported to the Standards Board for England for investigation.. The PC, with a combined service of its councillors in excess of 86 years, argued that this legislation was brought in mid term and that we should be allowed to continue under the conditions by which we were elected until the natural term of the PC automatically ceased in the Spring of next year.

As a result of the Standards Board for England's investigation, and the rejection of Stalisfield PC's compromise proposal, all members of Stalisfield PC were stood down.

As I hope you can appreciate we are all obviously very disappointed at this outcome, but we understand that local elections will now take place to appoint a new Parish Council.

Yours sincerely  
Rob King John Hills Richard Vant  
Mike Eckley Mrs Summerfield

Shire Lane Farmhouse, Stalisfield Green  
Nr Faversham, Kent. ME13 OHY

14th December 2003

## Neighbourhood Watch

If any one is of retirement age they are entitled to the 'Help The Aged Handy Van Scheme'. The NHw Office will arrange for the Handy Van to call and make their home more safe and secure 'free of charge'. The 'Fire Service' are also offering free safety checks and smoke alarms. If any one would like to take advantage of this free service, they must telephone Freephone 0808 100 3308



## IF...

- \* If you can start the day without caffeine,
- \* If you can get going without pep pills,
- \* If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
- \* If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
- \* If you can eat the same food everyday and be grateful for it,
- \* If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
- \* If you can overlook it when those you love take it out on you when, through no fault of yours, something goes wrong,
- \* If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
- \* If you can ignore a friend's limited education and never correct him,
- \* If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend,
- \* If you can face the world without lies and deceit,
- \* If you can conquer tension without medical help,
- \* If you can relax without liquor,
- \* If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

Then... you are probably the family dog!

★★★★★★

## Doddington Buddies

Parent and Toddler Group

We meet every Thursday, during school term time, 1.30pm - 3.00pm at Doddington School Hall. All Babies and Children aged 0-4 years with their carers are very welcome. Come for a cuppa and a chat while the children play.

For further information please contact Amanda Tel: 01795 886277.

## Eastling Short Mat Bowls Club

Last month the club held its own club championship in the village Hall and had 22 players taking part in the singles, pairs and triples. Everybody had a very enjoyable six hours of bowling, playing very competitively. Not every entrant played in the singles, but the final between Mick Heath and Brian Searley finished with Mick the winner after nine very close ends. In the pairs and triples, despite names being drawn out of the hat, three husbands and wives came out together. After five rounds the pairs final was won, by one shot, by Eileen and Roy Piles. During the afternoon the tea pot, cakes, biscuits etc., were constantly on the go so that no time was wasted leading up to the triples final won by the team of Neville Taylor, Marjorie Hann and Roy Piles.

'The Cherries' are now meeting on Wednesday afternoon, 2.30 - 4.20pm, through till spring. If you want something to do during the winter months, come and join us in Eastling village hall. We continue to hold club meetings on Friday afternoons from 2.30 - 4.30pm and in the evenings, 7.30 - 9.30pm. After the introduction with the school, we are still hoping to have a youth section. We can play between 5 and 7pm on a Friday, with a playing fee of just £1. Some other bowls clubs we play against have younger members playing and they are very good. Please contact Roy on 537162.

## FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

The children thoroughly enjoyed joining in with the pantomime "Frosty the Snowman" and also their Shopping Afternoon when they bought and wrapped gifts for friends and family. The term ended with the Christmas disco and social evening, the school Christmas dinner and class parties as well as the impressive Talent Show! Spring Term commences on 6th January 2004.

We have a number of enticing events planned for the term -- details to follow.

Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity



## Painter's Forstal with Ospringe W. I.

Tuesday 20th January  
2.15pm Champion Hall  
Talk: Slides of Ospringe and Painter's Forstal (Mr. Kennett)  
Competition: Photograph of a rural scene, plus flower of the month.  
New members welcome.

## Afternoon Club

A Happy New Year to all our members, after a successful 2003.  
Activities for January 2004  
8th Bingo  
22nd Board Games.



This photo, of a past Eastling cricket team, was sent to Harold Wyld by former Eastling resident Tony Piles. He says he played for the Eastling Cricket Club from approx. 1954 to 1974 when he emigrated to South Australia. He thinks the picture was taken in the 1950s.

The people in the picture are believed to be:

Back row...(left to right) Percy Pilcher, Horace Keen, Bryan Croucher, Ronnie Gammon, Ernie Piles (Tony Piles' father), Roger Dodd, Keith Whibley, Ted Pout, "Bubbles" Smith, Reg Tanner, Bob Muddle.

Seated...(left to right) Frank Adams, Bill Roalf, Clarence Barwick, Tommy Pout, Jim Smith, Alan Atkins, and ? Mr Bacon.

The picture is now on the Eastling Website... on a new page of "times past" photos. A while ago, Arthur Percival at the Faversham Society sent an ancient photo of villagers outside the Carpenters Arms, so this will go on the website as well.

It may be that villagers have other old photos of Eastling and local events tucked away and would like to lend them to Harold for scanning and adding to the website. Anything from 25 (or more) years ago - with a brief caption would be fine. There is a danger that this type of "recent" history goes unrecorded and is lost to future generations. Computer users will find more details on the Eastling website at [www.eastling.info](http://www.eastling.info) <<http://www.eastling.info>> .

## Painter's Forstal Gardeners' Club

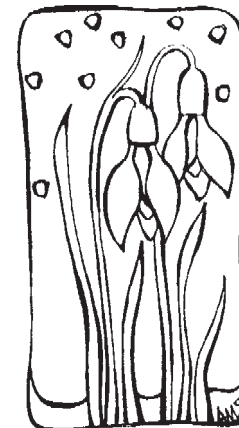
The meetings for January are on Monday 12th - Mr John Clarke will give an illustrated talk on 'Alpines

found during his, and Lorrie's, travels'.

Monday 19th - Second round 'Neame Cup Quiz' at home to Lower Hardres.

Both meetings are in the Champion Hall. Painter's Forstal, at 7.45pm.

Further details from Fav. 533608.



## WEA Gardening Classes in Faversham.

Eastling's very own gardening 'nerd' is tutoring ten gardening classes on Friday mornings, starting Jan.16th 04.

Classes are held at the Fleur de Lis Hall from 10 - 12 noon.

Fee £39.00. Concessions available. Further information from Branch Secretary, Colin Parry, on 01795 531415 or from Janet on 01795 890396.

Other classes at Whitstable on Tuesdays or Canterbury on Thursdays. For details, ask Janet

## Painter's Forstal Village Committee

Annual General Meeting  
Tuesday 17th February,  
7.30pm in the Champion Hall.

Please make an effort to come and give your support.

## PUDDLEDUCKS PLAYGROUP

Thank you to all those who bought tickets for our Christmas raffle - we raised enough to help towards our running costs and a little over to purchase some new craft items. Our Spring Term starts on Tuesday 6th January.

We wish you all a Happy New Year!  
Jill Seaman, 01795 890519.

## Diary

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| 8th Afternoon Club (Bingo)           | 2pm Champion Hall         |
| 12th Gardeners' Club                 | 7.45pm Champion Hall      |
| 12th Eastling Parish Council         | 8pm Eastling Village Hall |
| 15th Deadline for February Good News | Pinks Farm, Eastling      |
| 16th Gardening Classes begin         | 10am Fleur de Lis         |
| 16th Y.P.C.C.                        | 6.15pm Champion Hall      |
| 17th P.F.Village Committee A.G.M.    | 7.30pm Champion Hall      |
| 20th Women's Institute               | 2.15pm Champion Hall      |
| 21st Ospringe Parish Council         | 7.30pm Champion Hall      |
| 22nd Afternoon Club (Board Games)    | 2pm Champion Hall         |
| 27th Magazine Folding                | 2pm Usual venues          |
| 30th Y.P.C.C.                        | 6.15pm Champion Hall      |
| FEBRUARY                             |                           |
| 17th P.F. Village Committee          | 7.30pm Champion Hall      |

## January 2004



## Thank you

to everyone who supported the fundraising at the Coffee Pop-in last term. We raised over £90 for the Pilgrims Hospice. The Pop-in is open for everyone, every Wednesday, from 7th January, 9 - 11am in Eastling Village Hall.

## Looking to earn some extra money?

Professional Couple are looking for ad hoc secretarial/research support.

For more information please call

**01795 890 264**

## THANK YOU

A big "thank you" to all who contributed in any way to Ospringe Church's Christmas Celebration on Dec. 13th. Much fun was had by all, the refreshments were delicious, AND we raised over £140 for church funds! Gill Wilson