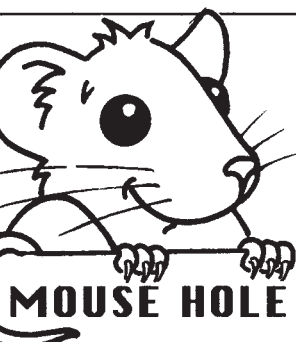


**Eastling Puppet Club**  
(all ages welcome from 9-15yrs)

Rehearsals start again on Saturday 21st January, and then on : Feb 4th and 11th March 4th and 18th, all at 3pm in Eastling Village Hall. Performance on 26th March.

**Senior Puppet Club:**  
Following their lively performance at the Eastling 'Sing-a-long', it has been decided to start a separate club for teenagers (13+). A thriller or a longer drama or comedy will be undertaken. Rehearsals start on January 21st, at 4.30pm in village hall. Angela Cheeseman 892 124



**FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL**

After the excitement of all the activities leading up to Christmas, we have no events planned for January. I will have Chocolates for Chocoholics catalogues available soon for your Valentine, Mothers' Day and Easter gifts. A range will be on display at the Pop-in in Eastling Village Hall on 1st February. Future dates for your diaries: Friday 10th February - Eastling School Valentine's Disco; Saturday 4th March - Family Games/Quiz Evening; Saturday 25th March - Jumble Sale. Details of these events to follow. Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity 01795 890519.

**The Ospringe School Association**  
would like to thank the local community for their support at the recent Christmas Fayre, helping us to raise nearly £1,100. This has enabled us to support the development in the school's Computer Suite, and will also enable us to update some of the Canteen Tables which are in need of replacement. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the day such a success.  
Andrew Shepherd

**Star Facts**  
'Polaris', also known as 'The North Star' can be seen in the sky all year round. Look out for it in the night sky.

URSA MINOR      URSA MAJOR

The closest star to EARTH, is our own SUN

Stars are different colours, the colour we see depends on the temperature of the star. The coolest stars appear RED. Then there's ORANGE, YELLOW, YELLOWISH-WHITE to the hottest stars which are a BLUE-WHITE

The wise men came from a land far away, They'd seen a great star that shone brighter than day.

The star was a sign of the birth of a king, So they followed that star to pay homage to him.

They carried three gifts: myrrh, frankincense and gold, and they found him in Bethlehem as the Prophets foretold.

The star led to Jesus, our Saviour and King, So let's join with the wise men and go, worship Him.

**Star Makes**

1. Fold a rectangle of shiny paper into half and half again (1).  
2. Then (2) cut to make a Star of Bethlehem.

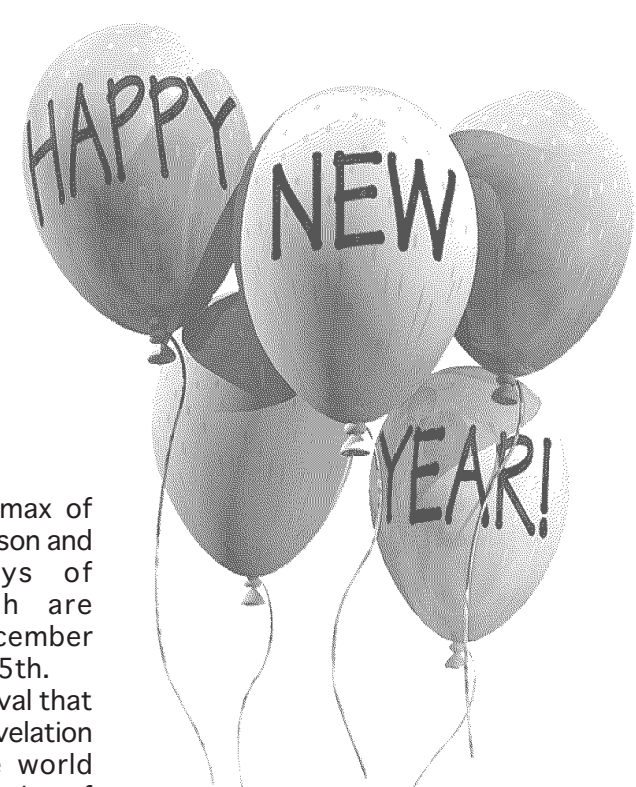
• Glue 3 lolly sticks together. Starting from the centre, wind wool around each stick until about 2-3cm of stick is left. Try painting the sticks gold, use gold thread and add sparkle with glitter.

**Kids' Club**

**Craft Club**  
50p per session  
Champion Hall  
January 6th and 20th  
at 6.15pm

**PUDDLEDUCKS PLAYGROUP**  
Thank you to all those who bought tickets for our Christmas Raffle and congratulations to the winners. We raised £32 towards our insurance premium. Our Spring Term starts on Friday 6th January at 9.30am. We have vacancies for pre-school children on both Tuesdays and Fridays. Do come along with your youngster to join in with the activities. We will be holding an Indoor Boot Fair on Saturday 11th February in the Champion Hall, Painters Forstal. If you would like to book a table please contact me. Jill Seaman, Playgroup Manager. 01795 890519

# Good News Parish Magazine January 2006



**Epiphany 6th January**  
Epiphany is the climax of the Christmas Season and the Twelve Days of Christmas, which are counted from December 25th until January 5th. It is an ancient festival that focuses on God's revelation of himself to the world through the incarnation of Christ. Epiphany is celebrated on the 6th January. It originated in the East, where it celebrated the baptism of Jesus, and his birth.

Epiphany is a feast of hope and celebration, revolving around the story of eastern travellers following a star, so in Western churches, it remembers the coming of the wise men bringing gifts to Jesus, who by so doing 'reveal' Christ to the world as Lord and King. Eastern Orthodox Churches recognise the 6th January as the celebration of Christ's birth. The day before Epiphany is the twelfth day of Christmas, and is sometimes called Twelfth Night, a time for feasting in some cultures.

**Volunteers needed:** The Ospringe team of magazine folders need a couple of volunteers, once a month, to help them fold the Good News. We meet on the last Tuesday each month (for February magazine that is 31st January), at 2pm in the parish room inside Ospringe Church. The folding takes around an hour and includes a cup of tea.

**Statement from Revd. Canon Tony Oehring:** Revd. Alison Duguid (Curate at the Appledore group of churches of this Diocese) has been appointed Priest in Charge of Davington and Ospringe. She will be living in Davington Vicarage. The Licensing will take place at Ospringe Church on Thursday 16th March 2006 at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be provided in Ospringe School Hall after the service.

Also needed is a volunteer with a car to help deliver bundles of magazines around Ospringe. Please phone Reg Tumber on 536332 or Hilary on 890338.

**Family Quiz >>>>>>>>>**  
Saturday 14th January  
7pm in Eastling Village Hall

Lots of prizes, fun and games for all the family.

Adults : £2.50, Children; £1.50  
Bring your own food and drink. Hot dogs will available to buy. Book a table of six or eight by phoning Jill (890865) or Carolynne (892088).

Please come and support us on this quiz night and help us to raise funds for a Parish Youth Worker. We look forward to seeing you all.

## The Basket and the Bible

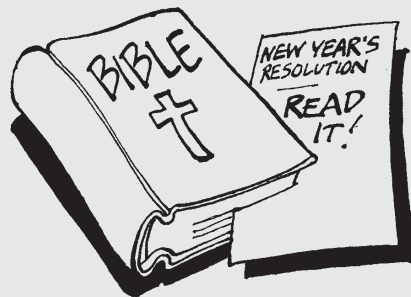
The story is told of an old man who lived on a farm in the mountains with his young grandson. Each morning, Grandfather was up early sitting at the kitchen table reading from his old worn-out Bible.

One day the grandson asked, "Grandfather, I try to read the Bible just like you but I don't understand it, and what I do understand I forget as soon as I close the book. What good does reading the Bible do?"

The Grandfather turned from putting coal in the stove and said, "Take this coal basket down to the river and bring back a basket of water." The boy did as he was told, even though all the water leaked out before he could get back to the house. The grandfather laughed and said, "You will have to move a little faster next time," and sent him back to the river with the basket to try again.

This time the boy ran faster, but again the basket was empty before he returned home. Out of breath, he told his grandfather that it was "impossible to carry water in a basket," and he went to get a bucket instead. The old man said, "I don't want a bucket of water; I want a basket of water. You can do this. You're just not trying hard enough," and he went out the door to watch the boy try again.

At this point, the boy knew it was impossible, but he wanted to show his grandfather that even if he ran as fast as he could, the water would leak out before he got far at all. The boy scooped the water and ran hard, but when he reached his grandfather the basket was again empty. Out of breath, he said, "See, it's useless!"



"So you think it is useless?" the old man said. "Look at the basket." The boy looked at the basket and for the first time he realized that the basket looked different. Instead of a dirty old coal basket, it was clean. "Son, that's what happens when you read the Bible. "You might not understand or remember everything, but when you read it, it will change you from the inside out."

## Mothers' Union News

Carol Marshall, Carol Dolman, Vicky Shepherd and I were at Canterbury Cathedral for our Diocesan "Service for Advent". The Theme was "On the Way to Bethlehem". My thoughts went back to last year as I remembered how much I enjoyed that service. Thinking it can't be as wonderful as it was on what was my first visit .....BUT..... my enjoyment was reached and surpassed! Having three grandchildren, the two youngest being 7 years and 9 years, I was thrilled with singing of the children from Parkside Primary School: They

started the service all in darkness singing "He's got the whole world in His hands"; later they sang "Little Donkey". I just love to hear children singing! Still in darkness, the first candle was lit on the Advent wreath. During the service the other 4 candles were lit. We had carols and music from Janet McDonald on a small harp and Chris Spillett playing clarinet. They were interspersed with Bible and other readings, including an updated version of "The Census" as narrated by Herod, Anthony and Brutus and "Mary's Journey" both from "Cloth for the Cradle" by Wild Goose Worship Group; a poem "The Donkey" written by Di and Les Sable. Di was the M.U. organiser of this splendid service: I must ask her if we can print it in Good News for Christmas 2006! There was another reading - "The Innkeeper's Tale" from Nick Fawcett's "A Quiet Word" read from the 1663 Lectern by Vicky. This was something

Vicky has wanted to do but never thought the opportunity would happen! It had the line, "For suddenly, there in the shadows, I spotted a bunch of shepherds - God knows where they came from!" It was all very thought provoking, an insight into what it would be like today and humorous at times! The Speaker was our M.U. Chief Executive, Reg Bailey, such an inspiring man, who included with his Advent message the work of the M.U. at Home and Overseas which continues to grow. Praise Be! Word must have got around how good it was last year as 3 more benches were needed to seat everyone in the Quire! The service was just smashing and a good sum was raised for the Overseas Fund.

Our November meeting was our A.G.M. when we appointed the Committee.

The following accepted their nominations and were appointed:-  
Branch Leader : Brenda Cardwell.  
Secretary : Carol Marshall.  
Treasurer : Reg Tumber.  
Prayer Leaders : Pam Bell and Brenda Cardwell.  
Refreshments and Bring and Buy Stall : June Akhurst and Norma Luckhurst.  
Musical Director : Vicky Shepherd.  
My love to you all; my prayer for you all is our Lord's blessing for a bright and joyful and peaceful New Year.  
Brenda Cardwell.

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3. 17.

I would like to thank all of you who tell me how much you enjoy my "pieces" in Good News and the Faversham Society Newsletter. Here's the next!

As I write this, we are in the midst of great Advent and Christmas Music! On Advent Sunday we joined the congregation at The Almshouses Chapel for their 4th Sunday Afternoon Service. We sang our Advent Carols, "People Look East", "The Angel Gabriel" and "Make me a Light". Thank you to Carolynne for conducting us and to Daphne, Sally and Nic who enhanced our singing along with Freda and Don, Stella, Lauren, Vicky and Hannah. After that service we joined the residents for tea in the Linda Head Room and I had another of my "magic/special moments"; Lauren and Vicky wanted me to listen to their 2 part arrangement of "O Holy Night" in the Chapel. The acoustics there are fantastic and it was a great privilege for me.

A couple was arranging for their wedding, and asked the bakery to inscribe the wedding cake with 1 John 4:18 which reads: "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear."

The bakery evidently lost, smudged or otherwise misread the noted reference, and beautifully inscribed on the cake John 4:18: "For you have had five husbands, and the man you have now is not your husband."

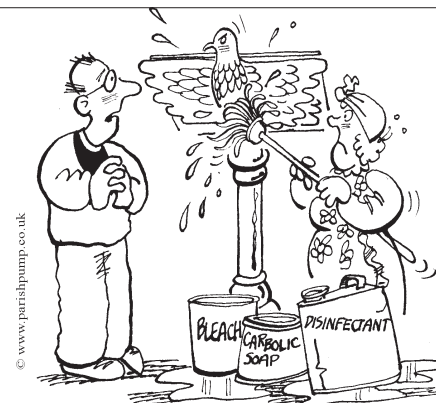


Since then Lauren and Vicky have done a Christmas Concert for the United Church Guild at the Preston Street Church as part of their Christmas Meal and Party. They were stars.

We look forward to singing with Eastling and friends for Eastling's Nine Lessons and Carols, for Ospringe's Family Service, for the Christmas Service at Carnalea and round the wards at the Cottage Hospital when Selling Choir will join us.

It was a privilege for Mr. Shepherd and me to be invited to Q.E.G.S's Carol Service. I could see Vicky, Lauren, Esther and Philip singing heartily their carols. Congratulations to Esther who sang the solo first verse unaccompanied to "Once in Royal David's City", it was very beautiful.

A reflection from New Daylight on the passage, Isaiah 45 1-6: *Those in positions of leadership have not only privileges, but also high, sometimes impossible, demands placed on them. Pray that they might have the wisdom and integrity, courage and compassion, strength and humility to carry out their responsibilities.*



Mabel, I can't help thinking you're taking this risk of bird 'flu a bit too seriously!

## FROM THE ORGAN SEAT

I am grateful to Barbara Blunkell who very kindly played our organ for us, for our very special Christmas "Midnight" Communion. When I was practising the organ there was a big tap on the North Door and Gwen Garlinge and Rita Cherry were pleased to be able to come in and pray as their sister, Joan Hermon, had died in London and they could not get to the funeral. The sisters belonged to the Kent family and were born in Ospringe and christened here too. Michael and John, their brothers live in Faversham as does Gwen. Rita lives in Lordswood and was married here too. We were pleased to pray for them and Joan at the Advent Sunday Service and it was lovely that Gwen and her husband, Sonny, joined us. "God, we cannot do great things for You, but let us do something beautiful for You by doing small things well." I would like to wish everyone Happiness and Good Health in 2006. God bless, Vicky.

## New workbook for rural churches

Seeds in Holy Ground, compiled by National Rural Officer Jill Hopkinson and the Rural Affairs Committee of General Synod, is a new workbook aimed at all those interested in the distinct challenges of rural ministry. Covering over a dozen key topics, this practical book offers a stimulus to group discussion and prayer on different options open to churches in the countryside planning how to engage in mission. Full of real life case studies, the full colour publication points to the success of rural churches that try and do a few things very well rather than attempt to accomplish everything.

The books cost £3.99 each. Details: Jill Hopkinson, National Rural Officer, The Arthur Rank Centre, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire CV8 2LZ (024 7669 6460), or email: [katrinas@rase.org.uk](mailto:katrinas@rase.org.uk).

## As you consider your New Year's resolutions...

Philippians 4:13 --- I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

The road to success is not straight. There is a curve called Failure, a loop called Confusion, speed bumps called Friends, red lights called Enemies, caution lights called Family. You will have flat tyres called Jobs. But, if you have a spare called Determination, an engine called Perseverance, insurance called Faith and a driver called Jesus, you will make it to a place called Success.

## Prayer Pointers



- Sundays** For God's blessing in the year ahead.
- Mondays** Those facing special problems in the new year.
- Tuesdays** For youth work in our parishes.
- Wednesdays** Playgroups in the area.
- Thursdays** Those who make and interpret our laws.
- Fridays** For all victims of natural disasters.
- Saturdays** Christians translators and writers.

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## Services in our Churches

## Ministry in our Parishes

### 1st January 2006 Christmas 2

Galatians 4.4 - 7, Luke 2. 15 - 21

Ospringle	9.30 a.m.	Covenant Service with Holy Communion
Ospringle	11 a.m.	Short informal service for the beginning of the new year
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield joins Eastling		

### Tuesday 3rd January

Whitehill Chapel 2.15 p.m. Holy Communion

### 8th January Epiphany

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

Ospringle	11 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Whitehill Chapel	10 a.m.	Brunch followed by Family People's Choice
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10.30 a.m.	Freestyle in Village Hall

### 15th January Epiphany 2

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

Ospringle	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Ospringle	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

### 22nd January Epiphany 3

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

Ospringle	11 a.m.	Family Communion
Ospringle	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

### 29th January Epiphany 4

Leaveland 9.30 a.m. Downsfoot Combined Service  
Queen Elizabeth School 10.30 a.m.  
Churches together in Faversham joint service  
Guest Speaker: Rev Steve Chalke OBE

### 5th February 4th Sunday before Lent

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

Ospringle	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Ospringle	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Ospringle	11 a.m.	Oasis
Whitehill Chapel	10 a.m.	Brunch followed by Family People's Choice
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)

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

Priest in Charge Vacancy from 1st October 2005

Curate Reverend Angela Cheeseman (01795 892124)  
(Eastling & Stalisfield) New House Farm, Eastling. ME13 0BN

Reader Mr. Norman Fowler (01795 890412)  
(Eastling, Stalisfield & Ospringle) 4 Meesons Close, Eastling.

Reader Mr. Hugh Perks (01795 890603)  
(Eastling, Stalisfield & Ospringle) Weald Cottage, Eastling.

Methodist Minister Reverend Philip Barker (01227 463180)

#### Churchwardens

Ospringle Miss C. Brightman (01795 531960)  
Mr. P. Larter (01795 531044)

Eastling Mr S. Youle (01795 890368)  
Mrs. A. Smith (01795 890469)

#### Stalisfield with Otterden

Joint Warden { Mrs. J. Baker (01622 858332)  
Mrs S. Gaind (01622 858551)  
Mrs P. Thompson (01795 890376)  
Whitehill Miss. B. Richards (01795 532756)

Steward

#### Contacting the Church's staff

For general enquiries and for specific enquiries about Baptisms and Weddings, please telephone Faversham 531044 for Ospringle 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.

#### 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@btconnect.com Current and back copies of Good News are available on the website: <http://go.to/goodnewsmag>

### From the Registers

#### Baptisms

LEWIS STEVEN Fellows  
27th November 2005 at Eastling

KODY JUSTIN Cornish  
4th December 2005 at Ospringle

#### Funerals

Harry Robert WHITING  
Funeral at Ospringle with Cremation at Charing  
30th November 2005

Kathleen Mary FRANKS  
Cremation at Charing 12th December 2005

Prior to his death on 15th May 2004, Granville Wheler made extensive provision for his Estates to pass into a Charitable Trust after his death. Granville, himself a bachelor, had two siblings, neither of whom produced children. As a result there is no relative to inherit his Estates. The Wheler Family have, for many years owned the Otterden Estate, as well as the Ledston Estate near Castleford, West Yorkshire.

Both these Estates are due to pass on to the Wheler Foundation once Probate has been granted on Granville's Estates. Mr. Wheler was also Trustee of the Lady Elizabeth Hastings' Charity. Lady Elizabeth Hastings was, of course, a Wheler ancestor. When setting up the Wheler Foundation he had much of the LEHEC's good work and objectives in mind.

The Trust deed was set up carefully so that the Trustees in essence, whilst being a body of individuals, have the power to make decisions on their land and assets as an individual who owned the property and assets outright would have. This is governed and 'policed' by the Charity Commission. There are four specific objectives mentioned within the Wheler Foundation:

1. The maintenance and preservation of lands of historical educational landscape value or natural beauty, for the benefit of the public, whether or not educational.
2. The maintenance and preservation of historical buildings and works of art for the

## The Wheler Foundation

From James Hare of Carter Jonas - Land Agents

benefit of the public, whether or not educational.

3. Encouragement and assistance to agriculture, forestry and rural industry, for the benefit of the public, whether or not educational.

4. The making of gifts or donations to charitable bodies where, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, such gifts or donations will be conducive to the promotion of the objectives of the Trust or any of them.

Currently there are two Trustees of the Wheler Foundation, Mark Granger of Carter Jonas and Peter Fitzgerald of Wilson Solicitors in Salisbury. More will be appointed in due course. In accordance with Granville's wishes, it is intended that the four main

objectives of the Wheler Foundation will be at least partially fulfilled on the Estates themselves. This is hoped to include, in due course, visits by school children and others to the Estates. It is intended that Ledston Hall will be refurbished and put to a use in which at least part will be accessible by the public.

At this stage, it is not anticipated that there will be any major changes to either Estate, at least in the short term. Certainly the Trustees are obliged to take a commercial view in any transaction, be it a lease, a negotiation with a public utility company, or a disposal of



Otterden Place: Photo from <[www.northdowns.plus.com/otterden](http://www.northdowns.plus.com/otterden)>

acquisition. They do not have the luxury of a private individual in allowing such transactions to take place at under the market value. It is inevitable that some disposals of property in and around Ledston and Ledsham will take place in the future, although it is unlikely that any residential properties or land will be sold. Development opportunities, as and when they arise, may well lead to the ultimate disposal of land. The individuals who acted for Mr Wheler both as his Land Agents, Solicitors and other advisors will also remain unchanged.

I perceive the inception of the Wheler Foundation as a very exciting time, both in respect of the Estates themselves but also more importantly for those that live and work on the Estates and those involved with them. There will be many beneficiaries both financially and educationally in the future. Mr Wheler's forethought, when he set up the Wheler Foundation some years ago, was the need to provide education to those who are not lucky enough to live and work in the countryside. He showed a depth of knowledge of both countryside and his Estates, as well as other's needs, proving what those that knew him were already aware of - that he was an extremely erudite and thoughtful man.

*This passage has been included in the parish magazine of Ledsham, Yorkshire.*

#### Tack theft

Incidents of theft of tack especially rugs are becoming more prevalent. Anything that can easily be removed is likely to be stolen. Post coding may deter a thief and will help identify stolen property and can assist in getting it returned to the victim. Equally important post coding may help identify thieves and handlers of stolen property.

#### Businesses

Local Police statistics indicate that thieves tend to target businesses on agricultural/industrial sites during the festive period. It is suggested that you consider reviewing your security arrangements and implement necessary crime prevention measures to reduce the risk.

Beware of people visiting the vicinity during the day with a view to returning later. Report any suspicious activity to 01795 477 055 or crime stoppers on 0800 555 111.

Check lists are available are available,

### Eastling Neighbourhood Watch.

from the Neighbourhood Watch Office at Sittingbourne Police Station, to help you assess your security. Please call 0808 100 3308 for more details or contact Crime Reduction & Architectural Liaison Officer on 01795 584156.

#### Shopping and Purse thefts

There have been a few purse thefts in the Swale Area over the last few weeks. The following simple points can really help to reduce the risk:

Carry your bag close to your body and be wary of persons around you.

Don't leave purses, wallets or handbags unattended on top of shopping bags or prams or on your supermarket trolley.

Don't carry excessive amounts of cash in your purse, bag or wallet.

Don't put your purse or wallet in a back pocket.

Don't carry your credit cards and cheque book in the same bag or pocket.

When withdrawing money from a cash point machine be wary of anybody standing by or attempting to distract you. Put the money straight into a purse, bag or wallet.

#### Plasma TV/Vehicle theft

Kent police are issuing a warning to owners of plasma televisions, which have been targeted in a growing trend over the last six months.

In total, 52 burglaries have been committed, which have resulted in the theft of these high value TVs.

On some occasions, keys to high value vehicles have also been taken resulting in the theft of the vehicle from driveways.

Intelligence suggests that offenders travel through housing estates to identify possible targets. The glow given off from a plasma TV is distinctive, and is the exact location of the TV in the room is made easy if curtains or blinds are not drawn.

## Ospringe Parish Council met on the 14th December.

### Environment – re-cycling

Swale Borough Council is pleased with the uptake of the recently introduced door-to-door paper collection facility in Painters Forstal. The paper is collected on alternate weeks along with the rubbish collection. The uptake at the last collection was an excellent 40%! Cllr Prescott, of Swale Borough Council, reported that over the next year Swale Borough Council would be investigating ways of increasing the amount of household waste collected for re-cycling.

### Environment – disposal of rubbish

The Neighbourhood watch has reported that from the 21st November 2005 there will be a responsibility on the householder to ensure that those collecting rubbish (other than normal refuse collection) services are licensed to dispose of rubbish. Legitimate companies are registered with the Environment Agency. If your rubbish is dumped illegally you may



face prosecution. You can check if a person or company is registered by phoning the Environment Agency on 08708 506506, or on the Internet <http://www2.environment-agency.gov.uk/epr/search.asp?=-register>. If you get a caller who says they can dispose of rubbish for a knockdown price, be wary.

### Ospringe Parish Council web site

The Parish Council will shortly be on the Information Super-highway! The Council has set up a 'Skeleton' website in conjunction with KCC. Two councillors attended a training session provided by KCC on how to update the site early December, with two more attending in late December. The website will provide information Council meetings, agendas and minutes. Along with some local photographs and items of interest to the Parish e.g. local events. The site will also provide easy email links to the Chair of the Council and the Parish Clerk. More news in 2006, in both Good News and on the web site!



### Having a Party?

### Planning a Wedding?

### Venue for your Club ...

Hall and smaller rooms available with kitchen facilities at

### Eastling Village Hall.

For more information contact Mr Tony Stephens on 890010.



## EASTLING VILLAGE HALL NEWS

2006 looks like being a bumper year for Eastling Hall bookings. It's getting especially popular for weddings and children's parties. Throughout 2006 there is a special price for bookings of Children's Birthday Parties: 3 hours for £22.50, the preparation and cleaning up time is free. The best days available are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Anyone wanting to book the Hall for something should make early contact with the Booking Secretary, Tony Stephens, on 01795 890010. "The paper shredder purchased for village use by the Hall Trustees is proving worth it's weight in ..... well,

paper! All the material shredded goes straight into the recycling bins helping to generate income for the Hall of £600 so far this year. Shredding is a safe way of disposing of confidential letters and documents and avoids identity fraud. Make use of this fantastic community facility and support the Hall at the same time. The shredder is available and manned (or should that be Trustee'd) at the Hall at the following times: Monday evenings 6.30 - 9.00 p.m. (during Snooker Club) Wednesday mornings 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. (during Pop In) Don't forget to put all your Christmas wrapping paper and Christmas cards in the recycling bins."



### Stalisfield Church

### Temporary service time change

On 22nd January and 26th February there will be Holy Communion at 10am in Stalisfield Church. This service is from the Book of Common Prayer, a said service which lasts about half an hour. On 26th March there will be 10am special service for Mothering Sunday. From 23rd April onwards the fourth Sunday service will be 8am Holy Communion (BCP).

### STOP PRESS >>>

### Carol Singing

The Painter's Forstal Carol Singers were out on 20th December. Not as cold as last year. We sang as part of the Christmas cheer in the village, the decorations are excellent, to raise money for the Cottage Hospital

A good time was had by all - no one set their dogs on us! We raised £ 161.64 for the Cottage Hospital. More news on what it will buy later.

The Eastling Carol Singers met with similar success on their rounds, raising £150 for Canterbury Open Centre

Eastling village House to House Poppy Collection came to £102.02p. Many thanks to all who contributed. Hilary and Dot.

## FITNESS CLASSES

### Burn off those seasonal calories

Come and join on Wednesday evenings at Eastling Village Hall from 11th January

### 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, low impact moves to suit everyone. Benefits are - it helps to control and burn body fat. .

### To get you back on track for 2006

Classes £3.00 each or £5.00 for a double class. All levels welcome.

I am thinking of running a

### Gentle Exercise Class

designed for the more mature participant or people returning back to exercise on Wednesdays at 6.00pm. You would need to book a place & commit to 6 sessions. If you are interested please call me. For more info contact Leigh on 890 149 or e mail <[leigh.fitness@btinternet.com](mailto:leigh.fitness@btinternet.com)>

## Lost and Found

Sunday

## Freestyle

10.30am

8th January

Eastling Village Hall

Join us as we explore further parables and how they relate

to our everyday lives.

Come for Coffee and Croissants from 10am.

All ages welcome

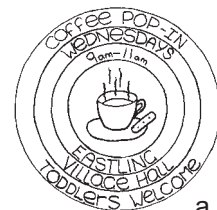
More information from Mark & Hilary on 890338



### Painter's Forstal Village Committee

Annual General Meeting February 21st at 7.30pm Champion Hall

Followed by a Social time. This is your opportunity to put forward ideas to improve the village and its appearance.



### Coffee Pop-In

reopens 4th January.

Happy New Year to all our regulars at Pop-In. Everyone is welcome to join us for a cuppa and a chat; 9-11am every Wednesday morning, during term time, in Eastling Village Hall. No charge and plenty of toys for toddlers to use.

Home-made cakes for sale on 11th January, Chocolates for Chocoholics for Valentine's and Mothers' Days will be on sale on 1st February. Contact number 890338.



### A Firework Extravaganza

A few Otterden residents and families enjoyed a fun evening on November 5th, with bonfire, barbeque, drinks and spectacular fireworks. A good time was had by all with £100 being donated to the worthy Salvation Army, for which a letter of grateful thanks has been received. Thank you to all those who contributed to make this such a successful event. Gill Linch.



## MONKS, MANORS and MURDERS

This is the title of a talk to be given by Liz Finn on 12th January at the Charing and District Local History Society. It will feature national and local history of the middle ages as revealed in Canterbury Cathedral Archives.

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

## OASIS

INFORMAL WORSHIP in Ospringe Church 11am on 5th February

Guest speaker is Tessa Taylor

Topic: JESUS CHRIST -His Ministry. What do you know about Jesus? Come and find out more. All ages welcome.

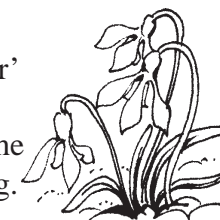


### Painter's Forstal Gardeners' Club

January 9th meeting - 'A Speaker' in the Champion Hall.

January 16th - Second round of the Neame Cup Quiz away to Selling. Both meetings start at 7.45pm.

New members welcome - further information from 533608.



### Eastling Gardeners' Club

### New Year's Party

on Saturday, 7th January Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Includes a presentation by Macknade Fine Foods

£2.50 admission, but join the Club for £5.00 for free entry to our events.

### Afternoon Club

January 2006 Activities

5th - Board Games

19th - Bingo

Both meetings at 2pm in the Champion Hall



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

January meeting is on Tuesday 17th, 2.15pm in the Champion Hall.

Mrs Wagner will talk about Phantasmagoria...

Competition: A 'Phantastic' piece of jewellery, plus flower of the month. New members welcome on the day or phone 532756 for more information.



## Diary January 2006

5th	Afternoon Club	2pm	Champion Hall
6th	Craft Club	6.15pm	Champion Hall
7th	Gardeners' New Year Party	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
9th	Gardeners' Club	7.45pm	Champion Hall
11th	Cakes for sale at Pop-In	9 - 11am	Eastling Village Hall
11th	Ospringe Parish Council	7.30pm	Champion Hall
12th	Monks, Manors and Murders	7.45pm	Charing Parish Hall
14th	Family Quiz Night	7pm	Eastling Village Hall
15th	Deadline for February Good News		Pinks Farm
16th	Gardeners' Neame Cup Quiz	7.45pm	Selling
17th	Women's Institute	2.15pm	Champion Hall
18th	Eastling Parish Council	6pm	Eastling Village Hall
19th	Afternoon Club	2pm	Champion Hall
20th	Craft Club	6.15pm	Champion Hall
21st	Puppet Club resumes	3pm	Eastling Village Hall
31st	Magazine Folding	2pm	Usual Venues
FEBRUARY			
1st	Chocolate Gifts at Pop-In	9-11am	Eastling Village Hall