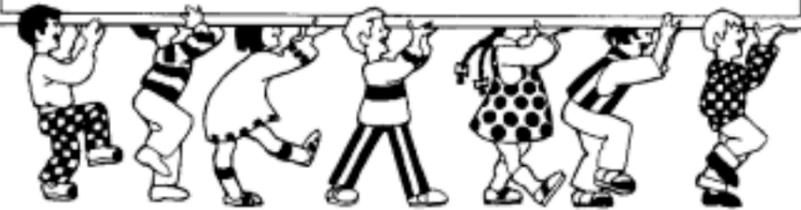


**Children welcome in church.... in July.**

4th in Whitehill Chapel 10.40 a.m. Sunday School  
 11.00 a.m. Family Service  
 18th in Ospringe Church 11.00 a.m. Family Service  
 25th in Eastling Church 10.00 a.m. Young Style  
 with Puppet Club performance  
 25th in Ospringe Church 11.00 a.m. Sunday School



**PUDDLEDUCKS PLAYGROUP**

We continue to look at colours for the remainder of the term, using various printing materials and shapes. The end of the term is on Tuesday 20th when we say goodbye to the children leaving to start school. We have vacancies for the autumn term, please phone for details. Jill Seaman, 01795 890519.

**Doddington Buddies**

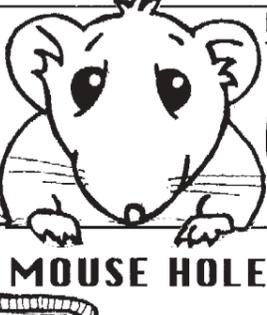
Parent and Toddler Group

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.

**Knee-mail**

Subj: Holidays  
 Date: July 2004  
 From: Samuel and William Batey  
 To: JC@Godinheaven.com

Dear God,  
 Thank you for our teachers and everybody at school who has worked so hard all year. Please look after all the people who are moving on to new schools. Thank you for the summer holiday. Please keep everybody safe and happy all through the holidays. Help us to remember people who don't have food to eat and don't even know what a holiday is. Amen.



**MOUSE HOLE**

There are many ways we can worship God and tell him how much we love him using songs, music, art, prayer, dance and our church services. Most of all we can worship God by giving our lives to to him.

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

Praise God in his Temple,  
 Praise him in his mighty heavens.  
 Praise him for his acts of power  
 Praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise him with the sounding trumpet,  
 Praise him with the harp and lyre,  
 Praise him with tambourine and dancing,  
 Praise him with he strings and flute,  
 Praise him with the clash of cymbals,  
 Praise him with resounding cymbals.

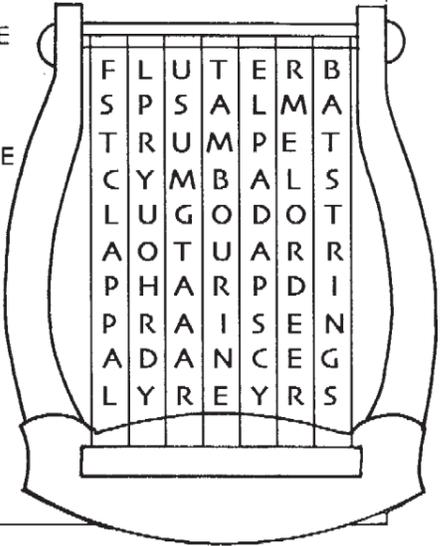
Let everything that has breath  
**PRAISE THE LORD!**

This is Psalm 150, a song of praise to God, it tells us why and how to worship God.

**Sounding Trumpets**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord with these simple squeakers! Cut a drinking straw in half, flatten at one end and cut into a shape. Put this end between your lips and blow! Cut straws to different lengths and see what sounds they can make.

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE HARP STRINGS!  
 TAMBOURINE  
 TRUMPET  
 CYMBALS  
 STRINGS  
 HARP  
 LYRE  
 DANCE  
 FLUTE  
 CLAP  
 PSALM  
 PRAISE  
 LORD  
 GOD



**Fete on the Meadow**

Painter's Forstal village fete will be on Sunday 8th August at 2pm on Lorenden Meadow, Whitehill.

**CAN YOU HELP?**  
 We need plants, bottles (full), cakes (on the day or evening before), unused present suitable for Tombola prizes (perfumes, soaps, creams, children's toys etc.). Please phone 532756 to arrange for them to be received. WE ALSO NEED help on the day to man the stalls and games etc., to help set up tables and/or clear away. The Painter's Forstal Amenities Committee would be delighted to hear from any willing volunteers now, so that we can plan ahead. DON'T FORGET your raffle tickets for the £100 prize draw. Available from 537530, 532756 or at the fete.

**Eastling Summer Fete**  
 Sunday 11th July  
 2.00 - 5.00pm  
 on the school field.

- Pool Games
- Horse Rides
- Tea and Cakes
- Children's Corner
- Bottle Stall
- Obstacle Course
- Caber Tossing
- Plant Stall
- Live Music
- Football
- Beer tent
- Bar-be-que
- Coconut Shy
- IKEA Tombola



**The Raffle - Tickets cost 20p each and are available at the fete or from the school or tel. 890519.**  
 1st Prize - £75, 2nd Prize - £50, 3rd Prize - £25, plus hampers and more.



Visit the Pop-In stall at the Eastling School fete on 11th July.

We will have hand painted cards from Africa for sale, also cross-stitch bookmarks, keyrings and greetings cards.



**Young People's Craft Club (Y.P.C.C.)**  
 July 2nd, 16th and 30th  
 6.15pm to 7.15pm  
 in the Champion Hall.  
 50p per session - all are welcomed.

# The Parable of the Pencil

The Pencil Maker took the pencil aside just before putting him into the box. "There are five things you need to know," he told the pencil, "before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best pencil you can be.

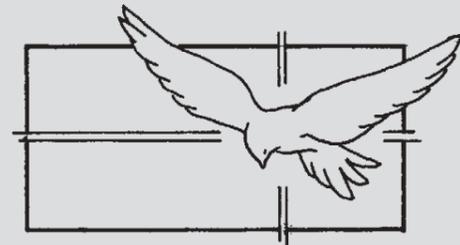
One: You will be able to do many things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in someone's hand.

Two: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you'll need it to become a better pencil.

Three: You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make.

Four: The most important part of you will always be what's inside.

and Five: On every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition, you must continue to write."



## Prayer Pointers

<u>Sundays</u>	For perseverance in a life of faith.
<u>Mondays</u>	Friends and family planning new ventures.
<u>Tuesdays</u>	All who will be married in the benefice in the coming year.
<u>Wednesdays</u>	Playgroups in the area.
<u>Thursdays</u>	Those working with the homeless.
<u>Fridays</u>	Christians suffering in Sri Lanka
<u>Saturdays</u>	The Missions to Seafarers and similar organisations.

The pencil understood and promised to remember, and went into the box with purpose in its heart.

Now, replacing the pencil with you; always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best person you can be.

One: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in God's hand. And allow other human beings to access you for the many gifts you possess.

Two: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, by going through various problems, but you'll need it to become a stronger person.

Three: You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make, by repenting and being willing to change.

Four: The most important part of you will always be what's on the inside.

And five: On every surface that you walk through, you must leave your mark. No matter what the situation, you must continue to do your duties.

By understanding and remembering the example given by Jesus, let us proceed with our life on this earth having a meaningful purpose in our heart.

## Granville Wheler 1929 - 2004

Mourners from Kent and Yorkshire joined together for the funeral of Granville Hugh Hastings Wheler at the Chapel of St. Lawrence, Otterden.

The historic chapel, full of memorials to the Wheler family, was packed for the service taken by Revd. Penny Fenton, Priest in Charge.

In an address by Mark Granger, land agent for the Otterden and Ledston Estates, it was underlined that Mr Wheler had been passionate about both estates and the people who lived and worked them.

Mr Wheler was born at Syndale on November 6th, 1929, when a peal of bells was rung at Ospringe Church to mark the event. As a child, the family spent the year split between Kent and Yorkshire.

During the war, he was sent to Lakefield Preparatory School in Ontario and, on his return, attended Eton and gained a place at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he read law.

After university he joined the army, where he learned surveying skills which were later put to good use on both estates.

Mr Wheler's involvement in forestry was not confined to design. He loved his woodlands and always wanted them maintained to a high standard. The 1987 hurricane was an enormous shock to him.

His methods of extracting timber from the woods was ingenious. Mr Wheler designed and laid a horse-drawn railway track reflecting his love of railways. The Otterden and Boardfield railway had level crossings and a loading bay.



Granville Wheler, taken when recording material for the Statfield and Otterden Millennium Book.

Mr Wheler had a great love of history and an encyclopaedic memory of events concerning his ancestors and the estates. He gave talks to the Castleford Historic Society and visitors during Civic Trust weekends.

He viewed his ownership of both Otterden and Ledston as one of stewardship, maintaining and improving them for those who followed.

He was a religious man with a strong faith and was at Ledston Hall chapel the week before he died.

He supported many individuals and groups including the First Faversham Scout Group, known as Wheler's Own.

During his address, Mr Granger revealed Mr Wheler had established the Wheler Foundation, a charitable trust into which both estates now pass.

"For all of us who knew Granville, some of us for all our lives, we will miss him," he said.

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## CHOIR NOTES

By the time you read this, Choir Practices will have finished until September. Five adults should have been to "A Voice for Life" Training Session at Bearsted Church. The youngsters keep asking me when they can have their badges and we need to get this Scheme up and running.

Cassie was given her robe. She and Abbey have brought along two friends, Rebecca and Kelsey and they should have their robes soon. Well done everyone! Keep singing and smiling!

It has been good to have a full house for practices. Recently we have learnt two Maori Songs, a Jewish Blessing and a Taizé as well as lots of hymns and our "old" favourites like Brother James' Air and "The Vicar of Dibley" theme tune. Hayley Westenra sings the Maori songs in her native tongue and when we were in New Zealand I bought a book of Maori Songs which include these two we are learning, Hine E Hine and Pokarekare. We hope you will enjoy them in English with some Maori refrains. They should bring some tear jerks at weddings; we have been asked to sing at some weddings in July and August.

Carolynne sings with Kent Chorale. On Wednesdays, usually at 7.30 p.m. in July and August, they sing a traditional Choral Evensong in different churches across East Kent. Carolynne and Colin very kindly take me along when I am free and it is lovely to visit the splendid churches on a summer's evening and enjoy the 4 part choir. Here are the venues: July 7th, St. Leonard, Badlesmere; July 14th St. John the Evangelist, Kingsdown; July 21st, St. Andrew, Wickhambreaux; July 28th, the Baptist Church, Canterbury; August 4th, All Saints, Stanford (that I will have to look up on the map!); August 11th, St. Mary the Virgin, Chisle; 18th August, St. Mary the Blessed Virgin, Crundale; August 25th, Holy Cross, Goodnestone (Canterbury). They plan to perform a Recital on the August 30th Bank Holiday. All will be welcome.

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## FROM THE ORGAN SEAT

On 15th May I had the pleasure of playing for the wedding of Katie Dolman to Craig. Carol and Ron were there to make us all welcome. Katie and Craig live in a lovely village, Appleford-on-Thames near Abingdon. Katie, escorted by Ron, walked to their tiny church and everyone sang brilliantly on a splendid warm, sunny afternoon. The organ is a gem! (Now are not all organs gems in Vicky's eyes?! Well, not quite; I try and write about the good ones!) This organ was still as it was built originally apart from having an electric pump added, a genuine Samuel Green sound! It was a tiny chamber organ, built in 1777 by a renowned organ builder of the time, Samuel Green. In May, 1855, it was presented to St. Peter and St. Paul. Appleford by Theobald Esq. of Sutton Courtney, the nearby bigger village. Sutton Courtney and Appleford share a wonderful priest, Revd. Helen Kendrick, no relation to the famous Graham! She took a great service and Katie and Craig knelt on the wedding kneeler borrowed from Ospringe St. Peter and St. Paul! (Pam Bell, who stitched it with her Mum, was delighted to learn of its use). The organ has one manual and eight stops and a kick pedal. I had a good practice on it the day before and chose pieces which I thought suited that organ. Katie came in to Wagner's Bridal March and left to Mendelssohn's Wedding March. During the Signing of the Register I played Mozart's Adagio for a Glass Harmonica and I was delighted with all I played. It was a lovely day which we were delighted to share with the Dolman family and friends and meet Craig's family too.

I liked this, written in the Second Century A.D. "Live not as though there were 1000 years ahead of you. Fate is at your elbow. Make yourself good while life and power are still yours" Marcus Aurelius Antoninus, A.D. 120 to 180.

It reminds me of the message written on the wall of Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal, by that lovely Faversham stalwart, George Champion, and which I must write down next time I visit the Hall.

This is from a letter to "Evergreen". 'Spotted on a Church Noticeboard!' "When you were born your mother brought you here, When you were married your partner brought you here, When you die your friends will bring you here, Why not try coming on your own sometimes?"

Yes, I can recommend taking part in the worship in our churches here in Ospringe and The Benefice!

Please does anyone know about the World War One Grave of 201145 Private W.J. Hadlow, Gordon Highlanders, died, Age 25 on the south side of the Church? The Parish Council has added some poppy wooden crosses.

God bless, Vicky.



## Mothers' Union News

June saw our branch visited by our godmother Audrey Lewis from Tunstall, nr. Sittingbourne. Our godmother is a member of the Board of Trustees who cares for and nurtures the branches of MU in Faversham and Sittingbourne and thereabouts. Rather like our spiritual godmothers. She brought with her a young MU member who spoke to us about prayer and spirituality, and that was very good. Audrey then told us that there will be a visit by Priscilla Akanya ( from our link diocese Kebbi, Nigeria ) on Tuesday 6th July at the Dominican priory, St Peter's Street Canterbury at 10.30 am till 12 noon and at 8 South Canterbury Road, Canterbury 2.30pm till 4.30pm. All branch members and anyone in the parish interested in the work of the MU in Africa are most welcome to attend.

Our AFIA holiday in 2005 will be at Herne Bay Court. This is where MU makes it possible for families who would not be able to have a holiday, to have a much needed break. So you see the MU does more than just tea and cakes! However I confess we did lay on scones, jam and cream when our godmother came!

Revd. Pat Pollard

## Services in our Benefice

### 4th July Trinity 4

Galatians 6. 7 - 16, Luke 10. 1 - 11, 16 - 20

Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	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 (BCP)
Otterden	3 p.m.	Evening Prayer (BCP)

### Tuesday 6th July

Whitehill Chapel 2.15 p.m. Holy Communion

### 11th July Trinity 5

Colossians 1. 1 - 14, Luke 10. 25 - 37

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

### 18th July Trinity 6

Colossians 1. 15 - 28, Luke 10. 38 - 42

Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Family Service

### 25th July Trinity 7

Colossians 2. 6 - 25 [16 - 19], Luke 11. 1 - 13

Stalisfield	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Youngstyle
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Family Communion
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Sunday School
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	People's Choice

Guest Speaker: Rita Maxwell

### 1st August Trinity 8

Colossians 3. 1 - 11, Luke 12. 13 - 21

Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	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 (BCP)
Otterden	3 p.m.	Evening Prayer (BCP)

(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.

## Sharing Ministry in our Benefice

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Weald Cottage, Kettle Hill Road, Eastling.

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

Methodist Minister Reverend Chris Esgate (01795 532461)  
Chris@Esgate.plus.com

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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)

### Whitehill

Steward Miss. B. Richards (01795 532756)

### August 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 July 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

## From the Registers

### Baptism

HOLLY BETHANY Longman  
6th June 2004 at Ospringe

### Funerals

Megan Royce KEEL  
25th May 2004 Cremation at Charing

Granville Hugh Hastings WHELER  
26th May 2004 Burial at Otterden

Richard Kenneth John HAWKINS  
18th June 2004 Cremation at Charing

Daphne Gwendoline DIAMANT  
22nd June 2004 Burial at Eastling

## London Marathon 2004

I ran in the London Marathon in April, and have been asked by Good News to tell of my experience.

The Marathon started in 490 BC. The Athenians won a battle at Marathon, about 40 kilometres or 25 miles north east of Athens. A man called Pheidippedes ran to Athens to give news of the victory. He delivered the message and then collapsed and died.

Given this start it is amazing the marathon ever caught on as a sporting event!

In 1896 the Olympics were revived with the Marathon as a key event. In 1908 the Olympics were held at the White City in London. By this time the Marathon distance had grown to 26 miles. The Marathon started at Windsor Castle, waved off by the Royal Children.

When Queen Alexandra arrived at the White City, she noticed that the finish was the other side of the stadium. She demanded that the finish should be moved to underneath the Royal Box. The officials did this, and that is how the Marathon became the classic distance of 26 miles and 385 Yards.

An Italian, Dorando Pietri won the marathon. He had collapsed in the stadium, run the wrong way round and was then carried to the finish by officials. I now know how Dorando felt. If only the Royal box had been somewhere else perhaps the distance would have been shortened. Still, no one carried me, and I definitely didn't run the wrong way!

Then, in 1981, Chris Brasher – who was a member of the team that paced Roger Bannister when he ran the 4-minute mile – thought that we should have a regular marathon in London.

However, most people thought it would fail to attract more than a few entries. They were wrong!

It is now far and away the biggest marathon in the World with 33,000 finishers. The majority of these finishers were in front of me in April, but some were behind me.

But why did I want to run the marathon? When I was on holiday in Australia 3 years ago I broke my right leg – both bones – this was on the first day and it did spoil the holiday a bit. Being disabled, even for a couple of months, brought it home to me how fortunate able-bodied people are. I vowed to run a marathon when I got fit.

### Training.

Over the winter I ran along the A2 and around Faversham town centre, as it was too dark to run in the lanes. I struggled through the cold, and dark, and rain – it even snowed on a couple of occasions. I live in Water Lane and I knew when I was nearly home, as I could smell the chips at Ospringe Fish Bar. Reg Tumber helped out with the training, providing us with 42 copies of Good News to deliver at the end of every month.

Then Spring arrived. Marvellous, I could then run through the lanes, over the fields, finish at the church. This really is a most attractive Parish, and it is a pleasure to run round it. Towards the end of the spring training, Reg again helped out by extending our Good News paper round – adding in Lewis Close and part of Lower Rd.

### The Big Day.

It rained, and rained, and rained. I was soaked through but the crowds and bands along the course kept me going. Someone said "At least it kept you cool". They were right, 5 hours in the rain certainly does keep you cool, The course takes one past many famous sights, such as The Cutty Sark, near where my husband was born, though he me tells it has changed since the Boer War. Tower Bridge, twice, over once at 13 miles, and then a loop back under at 22 miles. The cobbles at 22 miles are great 'fun' but I did get a lot of encouragement from the Beefeaters (but no gin).

Then Big Ben, nearly home, the Palace and it's over. A medal and a silver foil blanket. Desperate for something to eat and drink.



Patricia as she crosses the finish line.

I saw some amazing sights on the route, people running through all the emotions, tiredness; pain; high spirits; fear; elation; pride; each with a personal victory at the finish, irrespective of their time (but I will mention that I was in front of Jeffrey Archer and the Coughing Major).

I am so impressed with the runners who dress as Rhinos. How do they do that? So heavy, so awkward. They deserve their medals, their moment of triumph against adversity.

And for the record: Paula Radcliffe holds the women's world record at 2 hours 17 minutes 18 seconds. Paul Tergat the men's, at 2 hours 4 minutes 55 seconds, and I did 5 hours 25 minutes 23 seconds – Plus over £400 for Macmillan nurses (donations still accepted).

And finally.....  
Women weren't allowed to run Marathons until the 1970's - too far for the fair sex!!!

Patricia Griffin Number 21684

PS the entry forms for 2005 are out in August

### Please Drive Carefully

"On Monday the 7th of June a pensioner and her German Shepherd Dog were very nearly run down by an oldish red car on Bay (Dark) Hill at Painter's Forstal. She was walking down the hill when a car appeared to drive straight at her. It was going fast, definitely exceeding the 30m.p.h. speed limit. The car did in fact brush the dog's side as hairs were found on the road at that point. The pensioner would like to say "Thank You" to the lady in the green car who witnessed the incident and stopped to make sure she was all right. This happened at about 5 p.m. the driver of the red car, who stopped at the top of the hill, didn't bother to check that the pensioner was not hurt. The sun is directly in drivers' eyes at this time of the evening but the walker and her dog were as far over as they could get. Please, please, would drivers be aware of the problem and leave a gap of at least two feet between their cars and the bank and keep within the speed limit. The walker has walked down the hill around this time of day for the past twenty five years without a problem but has noticed that more than one driver has caused her to worry about being hit in the last month."



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## Stalisfield Highlife

Ian McKay and Nick Swatland steered our Summer Quiz Party through its usual riotous course with wit and style, as ever. Ian even revealed an unexpectedly fine vocal talent during the 'music' round. We have to thank Jonathan Ryan once again, for providing the main prizes and for the loan of his amplifier system.

In short, no effort was spared to create the unique Stalisfield party atmosphere and the bonus of a handsome contribution to the hall funds was almost incidental.

We do have to make an appeal. Some of the wine glasses, loaned to us by The Bowl Inn as a great favour, were inadvertently packed away when partygoers cleared their belongings. If anyone finds glasses bearing the distinctive crown mark of a licensed glass, would they please phone Ian or Roy to arrange collection, or drop off the glasses at The Bowl.

Telephone Ian on 01795 890475, Roy on 01233 712893.

Finally, keep your diary for October clear. We are planning our next party for that month and you won't want to miss it! Exact details will be announced in Good News but not, this time, in the national press.

Roy Okell

## Barn Dance

Painter's Forstal Amenities Committee. About 50 people, ranging in age over 80 years, sat down to listen or dance to the music of 'Watershed' on 12th June. Those who couldn't dance clapped or tapped their feet to the rhythmic music. There was a wide variety of dances clearly explained so that even beginners could join in. For those of Painter's Forstal who didn't come they missed a lively, friendly evening. Those who did come had a lovely time. Thank you 'Watershed'.

Bobbie Richards

## Faversham Art Society

Tuesday 6th July  
7.15pm in United Church Hall, Preston Street.

Bob Webster, Newspaper Cartoonist, will be talking about 'Arty Laughter' Cost £1 members, £2 non-members. Phone the Secretary on 01233 621167 for more information.

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

July meeting is on Tuesday 20th at 2.15pm in the Champion Hall.  
Talk: Pins and Needles - Mrs Surrey  
Competition: A Needle Case and Flower of the Month.  
New members welcome, call 532756 for more details.

## Ospringe School Association News

The sun shone brightly (despite the weather forecast) for our summer fete on June 19th.

We were up against a lot of local competition for the event, however a steady stream of people came and all seemed to enjoy it. The Human Fruit Machine caused great amusement, the girls attending were well catered for with face painting, nail art and hair makeovers. There was also a display of country and disco dancing, and Strikeforce provided a "beat the goalie" complete with inflatable referee! The barbecue and refreshments did continuous business and the tombolas were sold out halfway through the event. There were some very lucky people around! The event raised about £1200 which will go towards a new storage shed for the OSA and playground toys.

This is the last fundraising event organised by the School Association this year. However the OSA will be still supporting the school at the Choir Festival, Sports Days and Year 5/6 productions before the end of term.

Jill Fagg

## OSPRINGE PARISH COUNCIL

Officers elected at the recent AGM are: Chairman - Andrew Keel; Vice-Chairman & Tree Officer - Derek Macey; KAPC Representatives - Rosemary Simmons & Julie Hadlow, Police Liaison - Mick Seaman.

The new council met on the 16th June. One agenda item was the proposal by Swale Council to extend the Ospringe Conservation Area. A fuller report will appear in the next issue of Good News.

The next meeting is the 21st July, 7.30pm at Champion Hall, which the Public are welcome to attend.



## Diary

## July 2004

2nd Y.P.C.C.	6.15pm	Champion Hall
6th Art Society	7.15pm	United Church, Fav.
8th Afternoon Club outing to Southend.		
10th Open House	11am - 5pm	Ospringe Church
11th Summer Fete	2pm	Eastling School
13th Closing date for entry to Ospringe in Bloom		
15th Deadline for Agust Good News		Pinks Farm, Eastling
15th Eastling Gardeners' trip	7pm	Lower Halstow
16th Y.P.C.C.	6.15pm	Champion Hall
17th Gardeners' Summer Show	2.15pm	Champion Hall
20th Women's Institute	2.15pm	Champion Hall
21st Ospringe Parish Council	7.30pm	Whitehill Chapel
22nd Afternoon Club (Bingo)	2pm	Champion Hall
25th Judging for Ospringe in Bloom gardens		
27th Magazine Folding	2pm	Usual Venues
30th Y.P.C.C.	6.15pm	Champion Hall
AUGUST		
8th Painter's Forstal Fete	2pm	Lorenden Meadow
September 19th Memorial Service	6.30pm	Ospringe Church
November 13th Craft Fayre		Painter's Forstal

## Afternoon Club

Activities for July  
8th - Coach trip to Southend.  
22nd - Bingo 2pm in the Champion Hall

## FRIENDS of EASTLING SCHOOL

The School Fete will be held on Sunday 11th July starting at 2pm. Details on front cover. Do join us for a great afternoon. The End of Term disco and social evening (with BBQ) will be held on Tuesday 20th July. This event is open to all Eastling School children and their families. Details will be sent home shortly. Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity.

## 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.



## Painter's Forstal Gardeners' Club

The Coffee Morning was a great success. A very big thank you to all who helped, provided things for the stalls and attended.

## The Summer Show

is on Saturday 17th July in the Champion Hall.

Schedules are available from John Clarke or Noreen Mitchell. Members of the public are most welcome to view the exhibits from 2.15pm. Admission is FREE. Further details from Faversham 533608.

## Faversham and beyond Open House Scheme

Saturdays 3rd, 10th and 17th July 2004.

Now in its 35th year and the longest running event of its kind in Britain, the Open House Scheme enables participants to visit about 30 historic properties in Faversham, many within easy walking distance of one another in or near the town centre.

This year for the first time, visitors will be able to see a Grade 1 listed property of outstanding national historic and architectural importance The Abbey Barns are the most substantial remaining buildings of Faversham Abbey founded by King Stephen and Queen Matilda in 1147.

This is a unique opportunity to visit places such as The Mayor's Parlour, where the oldest Cinque Ports charter will be among ancient documents on display, the 16th century Old Grammar School with its rudely carved names and initials of generations of Faversham schoolboys, the Guildhall with its council chamber, Chart Gunpowder Mills and many, many more.

Ospringe Church will be open on 10th July, 11am - 5pm as part of this scheme. Admission to all the properties is by programme, which includes detailed historical and architectural notes on each. The programmes, which cost £6.00 or £7.00 by post, are available from the Fleur de Lis Heritage Centre, 13 Preston Street (534542).

If you are retired or a student and would like to earn some money in August / September, come Apple Picking at Pawley Farm, Painter's Forstal.  
Phone 01795 532043

## FOR SALE Trees and Hedging

Many types of trees  
Well grown in 1 & 2 litre containers  
£5 - £7.50 each  
Phone 01795 890514  
W. Mount

## BELMONT HOUSE AND GARDENS

Cleaner required for Main House  
4 Mornings a week 9am-1pm  
For further details please contact the Administrator 01795 890 202

## OSPRINGE-IN-BLOOM 2004

This year is the 14th year of the competition. Last year saw the usual high standard of entries; in particular the tallest sunflower was a pleasure to judge.

With the warm start to the year our gardens will be even more colourful than usual and bumper crops are expected at the allotments. The gardeners at the allotments have been busy, helped by the donation of a mower and a rotovator.

There are 6 categories of competition (with a range of trophies within each category):

- Front Gardens under 600 square feet (approx. 40 x 15)
- Front Gardens over 600 square feet
- Window boxes, Hanging baskets, Tubs and Containers
- Children's Corner - Window box, Tub or Small corner
- Tallest Sunflower
- Best kept Allotment/ Vegetable garden

People within the Parish can enter as many categories as they wish. There is no entry fee. By the time this magazine is printed the allotments will have been judged, but the Gardens will be judged on the 25th July. Closing date for entries for Gardens is 13th July.

Entry forms will be circulated within the Parish or can be obtained from John Griffin 01795 534408



## Eastling Gardeners' Club

Visit to Sue Hartfree's Nursery at Lower Halstow on 15th July at 7 pm. Entrance costs £2.50. Please let Clive Jolliffe know on 890160 if you intend to come.