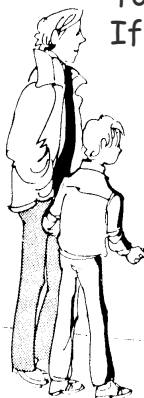


COURTENAY RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB.

We are starting a new U11 squad for the forthcoming season.

If you are interested and would like more details, please ring Mick Cook on 01795 530435.



Club 8 to 13 years

14th June and 21st June (50p per session)
Champion Hall 6.15 p.m.
Games and Handicrafts

EASTLING CHERRIES SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB for 10 - 15 years

The club would like to invite girls and boys, ten to fifteen, to try their hand at short mat bowls, on Friday, May 31st. and Friday, June 7th. from 5.30 p.m. until 7.30 p.m. in the village hall. The Hon. Sec. Norman Fowler and Club Captain Roy Piles will supervise the introductory evenings, which will be free of charge.

Young Church

Ospringe young people meet during the 11 a.m. services on June 16th and 23rd.

Painter's Forstal 8yrs and upwards meet in Champion Hall on 2nd June at 10.40 a.m.
Younger children meet during the 11 a.m. Family Service on 2nd June.

Eastling young people meet in the village hall at 9.50 a.m. on 16th June.

New members will be welcome on any of the above Sundays.

The members of Eastling Sunday School said thank you to Steve Youle and gave him a large outdoor pot with seeds and compost.

The following poem was written by Sarah Bell and read by her during the April Family Service at Eastling.

Thank you Steve for Sunday School,

And for letting us swim in Eastling pool.
You've taken us biking,
You've taken us hiking,
And you've even let us run wild in the hall!
Games days are great fun,
Eating cakes is yum, yum!
But best of all are the parties!
The songs are great,
The makes are ace,
And all your prayers are pretty cool!

After three long years of giving us fun,
And you've stuck to it like a cherry on a bun!

You've changed to churchwarden
(To replace Norman)
And now you'll look after the church.

Thank you to Steve and Steph as well,
For the lessons you've taught us
and the stories you tell.
You've taught us of Jesus, Jacob and Zacchaeus,
You've taught us of Mary and Joseph on their way to Nazareth,

God is great and so is Jesus,
And now we know, all of us,
That we have a place in God's own heart,
And that nothing can ever, rip us apart.
So.....

Thanks a bunch, thanks a lot,
We'll give you, a brand new pot.

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The Maison Dieu in Ospringe

A photographic exhibition of pictures taken around the village by children of Ospringe Primary School will be on display in the Maison Dieu on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd June from 2 - 5 p.m. Free admission for Ospringe residents over the three days otherwise normal entry charges apply. This should be of interest to many of the local community.

For more details telephone 532135



The next fund-raising event will be part of the "Secret Gardens of Faversham". On the weekend of 27th and 28th July, Bridge Cottage, Water Lane, 1 Queen Court Barn, Water Lane and Laurel Cottage, Mutton Lane will be open from 1 - 5 p.m. There is to be a bookstall at Bridge Cottage, so all donations of saleable books are most welcome.

Then on Saturday, 14th September, the Seventh Annual Lecture will be given in the Upper Chamber of the Maison Dieu.

The Millennium in Stalisfield / Otterden

*To Stalisfield you all must come,
To see what Kevin Hart has done.
As head of a very special team,
Driven by such a head of steam.*

*The purpose of all this zeal,
Is in the future to reveal,
How we live and work round here,
In the millennium year.*

*They talked to all and photographed,
Country work and country craft.
Churches, houses; grand and small,
They did their best to get them all.*

*Farming skills in the modern age,
Through the year at every stage,
Ploughing, planting, harvesting,
Lambing milking - there's everything.*

You mustn't miss our exhibition on June 14th in the Stalisfield Hut.

On view will be a wall display of the Stalisfield & Otterden Millennium Scrapbook, compiled in the year 2000 to record for posterity just how things are in these parts at the turn of the century. It's been a tremendous effort on the part of the compilers and the result is important enough for the archivists of Kent County and the Cathedral to show interest in obtaining copies. The unique work incorporates text, records and a brief history to support the wealth of photography. Come along at 7.30 p.m. to see for yourselves. It doesn't matter whether or not you

actually live in the parish. There's plenty to interest all and boundaries have been stretched! Check whether your property is pictured or even yourself. Discover the many things our rhymester has had to miss out. You will probably want your own copy of this unique work and will be able to register your interest, at the meeting. The Stalisfield Hall Committee are happy to provide glasses and nibbles and invite you to stay a while for a good "Natter Party". Bring your own tittle and talk to your neighbours. Everyone will be welcome and there's no charge!



*People working and at leisure,
Living life and taking pleasure.
Milkman, pubs, service providers,
Morrismen, horses and their riders.*

*Highlights of the village scene,
Millennium Party on the green.
Flora, fauna, wood and field,
All as in time-capsule sealed.*

*Facts about the Village Hall,
Where polls and council meetings fall.
"The Hut" it is, with affection called,
With pride from Throwley airfield hauled.*

*Rich folk, poor folk, young and old,
Buyers, sellers, bought and sold,
Photographed for all to look,
And entered in the MILLENNIUM BOOK.*

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

God, Our Father

It was Jesus who taught us to call God our 'Heavenly Father'. When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray he said:



"When you pray, go to your room close the door and pray to your Father who is unseen. And your Father who sees what you do in private, will reward you..."

*...This then is how you should pray:
Our Father in heaven..."*

Read Matthew 6:9 - 15

The word Jesus used for 'father' was 'abba' which is like our word for 'daddy'.

Jesus once told a story about a father and his two sons.

Read Luke 15:11 - 24

Jesus told this story to help us to understand about God being a loving and forgiving father.

The Apostle Paul explained that when we become a Christian we become one of God's children, and by the power of the Holy Spirit we can call to God "Father! my Father!"

Read Romans 8:15 - 17



When finished roll up and tie with ribbon.

Make a special certificate or award for your Dad (or anyone in your family) to show them how much you love them.



MOUSE HOLE

This is a Roman puzzle square, it reads the same whether you start from the top or bottom.

R O T A S
O P E R A
T E N E T
A R E P O
S A T O R

It says 'Arepo the sower holds the wheel tightly' and may refer to Mark 4:1-20. If you rearrange the letters it can spell:

A P A T E R N O S T E R O

PATER NOSTER means 'Our Father'.

What words can you make from the puzzle square?

Message for the Month

by Mark Harlow

'On Becoming Little Children' Some thoughts around Matthew 18: 1-4

Jesus taught us the necessity for developing a childlike nature if we want to experience the Father's kingdom. In every culture there are certain wonderful qualities exhibited by children which the Christian is encouraged to emulate before they can truly know God's love.

I suspect, for some of us British folk, showing that part of ourselves to others is not so natural and, at times, can feel threatening or weak. However, being childlike is not the same as being childish, a term which implies selfishness and immaturity. "The one who makes himself as a little child", in this context, is deliberately putting aside his or her own desires in order to respond to the Lord's directions in every aspect of their lives.

Parents know that little children are usually quite spontaneous in their actions since they're not complicated, as adults often are, by reason and logic. They simply don't allow obstacles to hamper them from the goal they have in mind, as I'm sure every mother of a toddler can attest. A friend said recently, "My eldest son was just learning to walk when I took him into a department store one afternoon. His curiosity was aroused by an aquarium full of fish and, before I could stop him, the entire tank came tumbling down, water fish, seaweed going in all directions. I thought the experience would slow down his explorations but it only served to increase his determination to overcome all barriers."

Children have a high degree of trust since they must be totally dependent upon the people around them to provide for their needs. They don't usually find it necessary to plead for the necessities of life, because they assume others will care for them. Jesus asks us to become like little children; trusting, loving and uninhibited, but often at this point we discover great barriers in the way. Living in the world can cause us to erect walls of protection around our childlike characteristics in order to keep us from being hurt. We tried trusting others and encountered broken promises. We opened ourselves to love and to be loved only to discover insensitivity and pain. Acting uninhibited brought us charges to "grow up" and "act your age".

These life experiences have a way of suppressing the child within each of us, making it difficult, sometimes impossible, to find the kind of free and open relationships necessary for human and spiritual growth.

I believe that knowing Jesus can free our "inner child". In fact, I think this is part of the message he taught in bringing "liberty to the captives" (Luke 4:18), when he began his ministry on earth. Some of the most whole and mature people I have ever known seemed to have this wonderful capacity to get in touch with, and enjoy this childlike quality within them. That's what I shall remember most about the Queen Mum.

"Walk through my life, Lord, and comfort me when I felt confused or others were not kind. Heal the wounds of encounters which left me vulnerable and frightened, which caused me to erect barriers within myself and towards others. Jesus, I give myself to you, body, mind and spirit; adult and child, and thank you for making me whole. Amen."

Prayer Pointers – June 2002

Sundays	For the gifts of the Spirit in our lives.
Mondays	For family or friends recovering from illness or an operation.
Tuesdays	For study and discussion groups in the Benefice.
Wednesdays	For local health services.
Thursdays	For those who make or interpret our laws.
Fridays	For all who work to relieve poverty, worldwide.
Saturdays	For those involved in Christian broadcasting.

Mothers' Union News

We welcomed Denis Pritchard (Yeoman Warder of the Tower of London) and his wife to our April meeting.

Denis gave us an excellent talk and slide-show on the Tower of London's history from the time of William the Conqueror in 1067 and its development through the ages to the present day. He explained the role of the Tower over the years as a principal residence for all Kings from William 11 to Henry V11; a Royal Mint; Royal Menagerie; an Arsenal; a repository for the Crown Jewels and, most famously, a Prison and place of execution. Famous names associated with the Tower are Edward V and his brother, Sir Thomas More, Ann Boleyn, Catherine Howard, Lady Jane Grey, Guy Fawkes, and Sir Walter Raleigh.

The slides showed the rooms, the grounds and the ceremonial costumes of the Yeoman Wardens. We saw the procedure of the handing over of the keys at the end of each day - a practice which has taken place for centuries. We were told about the Ravens and their individual characteristics and the reason why they are kept at the Tower.

We would like to thank Denis for coming to talk to us and would recommend his talk on the Tower of London to anyone who has not heard it.
Carol Marshall

A team of bellringers from St. Peter and St. Paul's

Church, Ospringe won the Canterbury District Six Bell Striking Competition on Saturday, 11th May, 2002. Eight teams from the Kent County Association of Change Ringers competed in the competition, held at Chislet. Each band rang two hundred and forty changes (about ten minutes of ringing). The teams had two minutes practice to familiarize themselves with the bells, just prior to ringing their test piece.

The competition is one of two organized by the Canterbury District each year. The second is a Call Change Competition, which is for learners and less experienced ringers. Their aim is to improve the standard of ringing through friendly competition and they are open to bands from any of the fifty-two towers in the Canterbury District.

FROM THE ORGAN SEAT

The sale at The Fleur, of the CD of William Flackton's Viola and Continuo is going well; as is our practicing of these Sonatas! They sound wonderful on our organ!

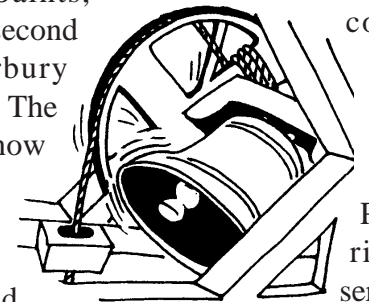
The Mothers' Union Journal, "Home and Family" had a competition for a holiday at Brenley Farmhouse and it was won by a delightful couple from Devon. The Faversham Society offered a tour of Faversham. So on 25th April, I showed the couple our Heritage Walk. There are some splendid photos of this tour; by The Pump, in front of The Old Pharmacy and also by The Creek at high tide, beautifully bathed in sunlight.

I have some splendid photos of Katy and Wayne with the Choir and also of Penny and Ted in front of the new Wedding Kneeler.

Vicky Shepherd.

Ospringe Bellringers Win

A team from All Saints, Birchington came in second place and Canterbury Cathedral were third. The Ospringe team will now go on to represent the District in the County Six Bell Striking Competition, to be held in September at Bethersden.



The Ospringe team consisted of Eileen Palin, Clare Larter, Peter Saddleton, Philip Larter, Nick Bucknall and Stuart Palin. All are regular ringers for Sunday services at Ospringe.
Clare Larter

Sunday Newstyle

There are two opportunities to enjoy Sunday Newstyle this month.

Sunday 9th June

The Best of.... compilation of some of this year's music.

Sunday 30th June

Peter - The Apostle

Speaker: Revd. Penny Fenton.

Eastling Church 10.30am

Coffee & Croissants from 10am.

All welcome

Music for Royal Occasions and Summer Evenings

The Choir of Canterbury Cathedral in Concert with Jubilate Brass

Sunday 2nd June 2002

7 p.m. in the Quire

of Canterbury Cathedral

Admission by Programme, available on the door, £5 each, £3.50 for concessions.



The Choir Report

Please put in your diaries:-

1. Queen's Golden Jubilee Service, on Sunday, June 2nd. 11 a.m. at St. Mary of Charity, we have been asked to be part of The Choir. I guess we will be sitting where Choirboys and men have stood for over five hundred years! We will, however, be singing a lovely celebration service for 2002.
2. David Flood, the Organist of Canterbury Cathedral is coming to give an Organ Concert on FRIDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER to celebrate the dedication of our new Choir Pew Runners and to add to The Ospringe Organ Fund. Gill is also going to sing to David's accompaniment.
3. The wedding of Krystle Sweeting and Scott Davies on 29th June, St. Peter's Day, 2.30p.m.

We are enjoying singing the two-part version of Brother James' Air and will sing that at The Compline Service on 30th June, if there are enough of us. We have also been singing Walford Davies' Psalm 121 and The Beatles' "When I'm 64"!

Vicky

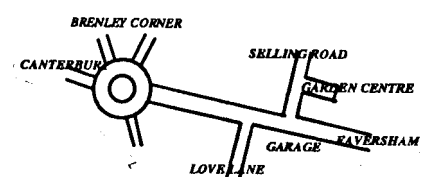
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A Quiet Day

Saturday 22nd June 2002
at Kingsdown Church,
near Doddington.
A day of refreshment
to be led by Joan Priestman.
Starting at 10 a.m. and finishing
about 3 p.m., the day will include
quiet meditation, poetry and music.
Please take your own packed lunch.
Open to all.
Further details from Liz Bayford,
01795 886392

PUDDLEDUCKS PLAYGROUP

The children are enjoying a wide range of activities during the sessions, with role-play being high on the priority list! At the end of May, the children made various art works using red, white and blue to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee. We have lots of exciting things planned for the second half of Summer term, including a trip to the beach if the weather is kind!

A reminder that half term is from Monday 3rd - Friday 7th June inclusive.

Any enquires to Jill Seaman, 01795 890519

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.

OSPRINGE 200 CLUB DRAW

You contribute £1 a month for at least one year and you could win a prize in our monthly draw. Contact Carol or Stuart Marshall on 537873 for more details.

The winning numbers for the 26th draw in May were:
1st - 47, 2nd - 17, 3rd - 34

Painter's Forstal and Ospringe Women's Institute

The June meeting will be in the Champion Hall at 2.15 p.m. on 18th June.

Talk – The heart of healing (Mrs. C. Latham).

Competitions – Photograph of a Cat & Flower of the month

Chapel Anniversary Concert

July 4th at 7.30 p.m.

in Champion Hall

Light refreshments

The Champion Hall at Painter's Forstal is available for hire at reasonable charges. (Kitchen facilities). Ring 01795 532756 for further information.

Eastling Village Golden Jubilee Celebration

On Monday, 3rd June

12 noon - 12 midnight

In the grounds of
**The Carpenter's Arms
Barbecue and Music**

All the family are welcome
Tickets for evening available
from the Carpenters Arms
on 01795 890234.

Eastling Village Hall Postponement of Barbecue

The barbecue for 8th June 2002, which had been announced in the April and May issues of Good News, has now been postponed until later in the Summer, in view of a number of other activities taking place in June.

Afternoon Club

Many thanks from all members for the contents of the "Pig" from the customers of the "Alma".

Activities for June

13th. Bingo

27th. Board Games

2 p.m. in the Champion Hall.

Painter's Forstal Gardeners' Club

Invite you to their COFFEE MORNING

on Saturday, 8th June, 2002

10 a.m - 12 noon at

74 London Road, Faversham
(Colin and Noreen Mitchell's)
Plant stall, Raffle, Tombola, Cake
stall and more!

Hope to see you there!

There are still seats available for the outing to Beth Chatto Nursery on Saturday, 29th June

Further details from 01795 533608

Jubilee Barn Dance

Saturday 29th June

7.30 p.m. at

PAINTER'S FARM BARN

By kind permission of D. Knowler

Music by the

"A2 Barn Dance Group"

Tickets at £5.50 are available from
01795 532756, 537530, 532043 or

The Alma, Painter's Forstal.

Buy your tickets early as space is limited.

Please bring your own refreshments.

Newnham Village Fete

22nd June at 2 p.m.

in the garden of "The George Inn".

(Off-road parking sign-posted)

Special Events in Golden Jubilee

Year

Kings & Queens Fancy Dress
for the under 10's

'Coronation' Race for Adults -

sponsored by Shepherd Neame

Themed 'Guess the Weight' Cake

Other events include Punch &
Judy and Magic shows
Pony Rides, Children's obstacle
and other Races

Bottle and Teddy Tombolas, Fun
Corner, Coconut Shy and many
other games

Many stalls including Cake,
Produce, Books, White Elephant
Ice Creams and Hot Dogs served
throughout the afternoon
With a Jazz Band to help things
go with a swing.

Ospringe School Association

invite you to their

**KINGS & QUEENS
SUMMER FAIR**

2002

Sat 6th July

11.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Featuring:

LIVE MUSIC BBQ

ICE-CREAMS / REFRESHMENTS

Face Painting

GROCERY SMASH

YUCKY DIP

Octopus rides Horse racing

COCONUT SHY

AND MUCH MUCH MORE

See you there!

Eastling School

Summer Fete will be held on Sunday
14th July commencing at 2pm.

On the school field

More details next month.

Book your tickets now for the BUFFET DANCE

Live music by the **Be Sharps**

featuring the sounds of the

50s, 60s and upward

Speciality acts ----- Party atmosphere

Big buffet with tea and coffee but

bring your own drinks/glasses

Ospringe School Hall

Saturday, 15th June:

7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Admission by ticket only – book early – numbers limited

Tickets, £5 each, are available from Ted Bowers on

01795 532546

All proceeds to **British Humanitarian Aid**
(Tony Budell) and **The Convoys of Hope**

Help Urgently Needed

British Humanitarian Aid's continued endeavors on behalf of the children, both physically and mentally handicapped, in the three orphanages, Zamgli, Stara Bassan and Timki, goes from strength to strength, but there is still much more to be done.

The eating bowls and drinking mugs used by the children are both unsatisfactory and, it is felt, unhygienic. BHA would like to replace these with unbreakable plastic bowls and mugs, with bright and colourful designs, plus plastic bibs with the little tray at the bottom that catches any dropped food. It may not seem much, but providing over 200 of these sets will be quite costly.

Having managed to provide 50 colourful new duvets, BHA would like to provide warm duvets for all the children, replacing the rather smelly old blankets that have been used, literally, for years. As well as the duvets, plastic undersheeting is urgently required.

These will help the budget of the orphanages enormously as replacing mattresses, even with second-hand ones, is quite expensive, so is not done very often.

Thank you for your help.

FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

Our Wine & Wisdom evening was enjoyed by all and raised £200. Many thanks to the organisers and the Questionmaster.



Adults £2.90, Children (under 16) £2.10. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Do join us for a lot of fun!

Our Plant Sale was held on Friday 24th May and any hanging baskets ordered will be available by 31st May. Anyone still wishing to place an order for a basket should contact Denise Parter via the school office.

We will be holding a Grand Boot Fair on the school field on Sunday 30th June 7am for 8am start. Cars booked in advance £5, on the day £7 - Pickups/vans £7 in advance, £10 on the day. Please phone Jill for details and to book on 01795 890519.

The Summer Solstice Pool Party is now booked for Friday 21st June at Faversham Swimming Pool from 6.45pm to 8.30pm. We have exclusive use of the outdoor pool, the fun pool and the children's pool. There will be a BBQ and soft drinks available to purchase. Tickets (including one item from the BBQ) are on sale now -

The Tea Shop will open it's doors every Friday from 14th June 2.30pm - 4pm in the School Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

Our Summer Fete will be held on Sunday 14th July commencing at 2pm. Watch this space for more details. Jill Seaman, tel: 01795 890519