

Ospringe School News

Children in class 5 have recently been learning about writing reports. As part of this work, they interviewed Mr Truman, head teacher, to obtain his views on recent building work.

New Changes!

Ospringe Primary School is delighted to have new offices and visitor reception area.

One of these offices is for our secretaries Mrs Foxcroft and Mrs Royle. The other new room is for our Head teacher, Mr Truman.

The old offices are being changed into a photocopier room and a designated first aid room.

Our Head teacher, Mr Truman said: "It's lovely to have lots more room, I can now take small groups to work in my office. It is much more spacious. The parents and visitors also have a pleasant area in which to wait and learn a little about our school."

Future building work planned by Mr Truman includes updating the toilets throughout the school and building a new corridor to classes 1,2 and 3.

Watch this space for more news!
Emily Easter
Class 5

Children's Church

Painter's Forstal: 8 - 13's meet in the Champion Hall at 10.40am on 6th June. Family service follows on at 11am.

Ospringe: Sunday School during 11am service on 27th May. Family service is on 20th.

Eastling: S Club meets 10am in the Village Hall on 20th June. Youngstyle is on 27th.



Young People's Craft Club (Y.P.C.C.)

Friday June 11th
6.15pm to 7.15pm
in the Champion Hall.
50p per session - all are welcomed.

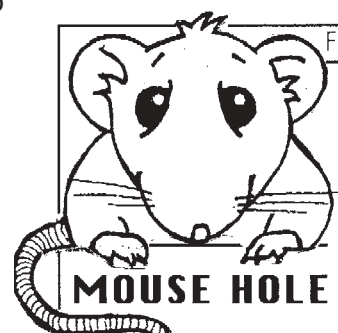
Puppet Club

A club for performing puppets was started in Eastling last term, for children between 9 and 15 years. The puppets are operated by a hand inside the head, and by sticks to move the arms (like the 'muppets'). They are full of expression and great fun to operate.



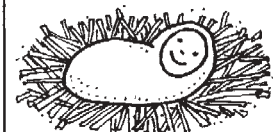
At present we are rehearsing to perform a play at half-term. Further cast would be welcome, no previous experience needed.

We meet on Saturday afternoons in Eastling. For more details please contact Angela Cheeseman on 01795 890 629

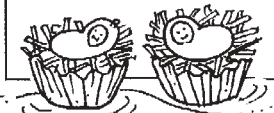


MOUSE HOLE

Edible Baskets



- Melt 110g/4oz of chocolate in a bowl in a pan half filled with hot water.
- Mix in 3 crushed Shredded Wheat until all coated with chocolate.
- Spoon the mixture into paper cake cases and press in the middle with a teaspoon to make a basket shape.
- Leave to set.
- Make little 'babies' out of ready-made fondant icing and put into the baskets.



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

The Old Testament book of **Exodus** tells the story of how **God** rescued his people, the **Hebrews**, from slavery in Egypt and led them to another land... and it all started with a baby, a little baby boy called **Moses**.



There were too many Hebrews in Egypt, so **Pharaoh** made them slaves and ordered that every baby boy that was born was to be thrown into the river **Nile** to die.

When **Moses** was born his mother hid him, but when he was 3 months old she could not hide him any longer, so she put him in a basket and left it to float in the reeds by the river's edge. But **God** was looking after **Moses**, he was found by **Pharaoh's** daughter who adopted him as her own son.

Read **Exodus** chapters 2 and 3 to find out God's plan for **Moses**.

The story of **Moses** and the **Burning Bush** is on inside pages of this magazine.

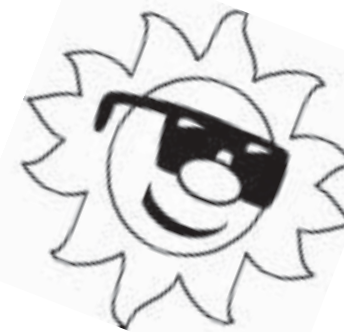
Little Boats to float in the bath

1. Fold a square of paper in half.
2. Fold corners to bottom.
3. Fold up all sheets except the last, flip over, fold up last sheet.
4. Hold corners, push to flatten.
5. Turn.
6. Holding top points pull out into a boat.

Good News

Parish Magazine

June 2004



The Feast of St. Peter & St. Paul 29th June

Peter, originally called Simon, was a married fisherman from Bethsaida, near the Sea of Galilee.

He met Jesus through his brother, Andrew. Jesus gave him the name of Cephias (Peter) which means rock.

Peter is always named first in the list of apostles. He was one of the three apostles who were privileged to witness the Transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and the Agony in the Garden.

The two most famous apostles, Patron Saints of Ospringe Church, are remembered this month, for they share a feast day.

Read more about the lives and work of St. Peter and St. Paul inside.

Like Peter, Paul also started life with another name: Saul. This great apostle to the Gentiles was a Jew born in Tarsus, and brought up by Gamaliel as a Pharisee. So keen was he to defend the god of his fathers that he became a persecutor of Christianity, and even took part in the stoning of Stephen. He hunted Christians down and imprisoned them, and it was while on his way to persecute more Christians in Damascus that he was suddenly given his vision of Christ. It was the decisive moment of Paul's life - Paul suddenly realised that Jesus was truly the Messiah, and the Son of God, and that He was calling Paul to bring the Christian faith to the Gentiles. Paul was then healed of his temporary blindness and was baptised.

Painter's Forstal Village Amenities Committee.
Have you bought your ticket for the

Barn Dance

Saturday 12th June at 7.30pm
Painter's Farm, Painter's Forstal
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The Watershed Barn Dance Band.

Bring your own food and drink
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£100 prize

Tickets for the Raffle are on sale. Some people have taken books to sell among their friends and colleagues. We would appreciate more offers.
Phone 537530 or 532756

A party of 14 small children accompanied by parents or carers arrived excitedly at Arnold's Oak Farm on May 7th to feed lambs, by kind invitation of Tish and Bob Neaves.



Fion bottle-feeding a lamb at Arnold's Oak Farm

The farm was full of delights for children: dogs, horses, 3-week old kittens, even a tank-full of tadpoles, as well as some rather surprised-looking lambs, which gained confidence after initial alarm, and took milk from several of the children.

Not only did the lambs get fed, but also the children! Refreshments were provided, and the children made for home before it started to rain. Thank you to Bob and Tish Neaves for an exiting afternoon out, which both children and adults enjoyed immensely.

God be With You

Eric Green muses on telephones and prayer – and finds prayer easier

Those recorded telephone messages offering you different options are most annoying. Trying to help a young couple who wanted to marry, I was attempting to find the bride-to-be's local Registrar. She lived many miles away, so I couldn't call on her marriage official personally. All that the phone would give me was that maddening, "If you require Deaths, press one. If Births, press two" type of reply.

After an hour I had to give up. Instead, I conducted the young couple to my local registrar at his office. The official was goodness itself. In a short time, he had shown and directed a way through the maze. Informing them of their rights, privileges and so on, he inspected their documents to establish that the bride and groom were genuine, and sorted the whole lot out. Skipping away happily the young folk left me... thinking.

The previous week a non-Christian lady had caught me in the street. "Will you get your church folks to say a prayer for my friend Lily who has cancer, please?" I agreed.

The first members of our Prayer Chain were out. I knew the next one was due home in an hour, so his phone prompted me for another recorded message. This searching carried on for a while until I realised that I was getting nowhere.

The reason was... I had omitted to call on God himself. Had failed to get on my knees and simply ask him. No recorded messages to greet me here – He is ALWAYS on the other end of the line!

In effect, I had put the most important of my actions... last.

The lady who had asked me at first had unknowingly done the same thing.

For didn't the Almighty advise us, Come to me, ye who are heavy laden, and I will give you rest? Surely the prayer with the mightiest power is one from our heart to God's ever open ear.



The Holy Spirit Brings Us Together Trinity Sunday - 6th June

John 16: 12 - 15

Of the three persons of God, the Holy Spirit is the hardest for us to see.

We see the handiwork of God the Father all around us every day in the wonders of his creation.

We see and hear Jesus live his ordinary and extraordinary life in the Gospels.

But the Holy Spirit comes into our bodies as we breathe, rushes past like the wind, flies away like a dove.

The Holy Spirit calls us.

The Holy Spirit gives us wisdom, strength, and courage.

And the Holy Spirit gives us both vocational gifts and those qualities that we call the fruit of the Spirit.

But most of all, the Holy Spirit builds the community of Christians, appearing to us most often when we are gathered together in worship.

Jesus promised that he would send us a Comforter to be with us after he was gone from the earth. And that Spirit appeared when the apostles were gathered together on the day of Pentecost and has remained with us ever since.

Since the Spirit comes most often when we are gathered together, we frequently miss out on his gifts and wisdom when we choose to undertake our spiritual journeys on our own.

The Holy Spirit's greatest gift to us is community, the communion of saints, where we can help one another recognize our gifts and where we can encourage one another's growth in grace and holiness.

Through his presence he sanctifies us and makes us holy as we praise the holiest of the holy and glorify God in worship.

Prayer Pointers June 2004



- Sundays** For a new infilling of the Holy Spirit.
- Mondays** Those suffering from domestic violence.
- Tuesdays** Those who produce and distribute the *Good News*.
- Wednesdays** Councillors and M.E.P.'s especially those newly elected.
- Thursdays** Local Police officers and their work.
- Fridays** For all those suffering in Iraq.
- Saturdays** The healing ministry of the Church.

At the end of last month we went to the Brogdale Trust at the

apple orchards. I had no idea there were so many varieties. We were enjoying ourselves when suddenly the mother of Carol, our branch leader, had a nasty angina attack. The first aider at Brogdale was very efficient and an ambulance was soon ferrying Doreen to Canterbury hospital. Once again, the members showed such loving concern. We stopped in the shop for a prayer and to get over the shock! Early next morning we knew that it was not the full heart attack that we had thought, but an attack of angina,



frightening nonetheless. However, I smiled when Carol told me that her Mother's regret was in having missed her cream tea!

As I write this, we are going to the Alma at Painter's Forstal to have a dinner to celebrate Reg Tumber's 80th birthday. Reg is Branch Treasurer and keeps the purse so safe. We wanted to make a fuss of him and say thank you. It's not that MU is always eating and drinking, it's that we call it faith, fellowship, food and fun!

Revd. Pat Pollard

FROM THE ORGAN SEAT

Belmont House was on "Bargain Hunt" on Friday, 16th April, and the lovely paintings commissioned by the 3rd Lord Harris whilst he was Governor General of Trinidad were shown and recommended as well worth a visit. There has been another visit to Belmont too for this programme. I have not been for a few years so must venture out there, it is a splendid run from Faversham.

We have been delighted to welcome back to Faversham, John Passfield and his son, Craig, from Cayuga, Ontario, Canada. Thank you to Bill Ledger, Steve Mitchell and others who have Guided and enhanced their visit to our area. John's mother was born at Mill House, Ospringe, and later the family emigrated to Canada. John's mother worshipped here when she was at Ospringe School and John and Craig were pleased to be made welcome at our Services. This is Craig's first visit to Faversham and he was delighted ... and is delightful.

Rev. Kay Baxter was ordained Deacon on Sunday, 21st March, at Hamilton Cathedral, Ontario, in the Niagara Diocese by Bishop Ralph Spence. Just before her ordination she had learnt via the Faversham Society and our Good News that her Godparents for whom she had been searching had died but had been lovely people. That meant a lot to her and her family. All the best in your chosen Ministry of Healing and Palliative Care, Kay.

Monday, 28th June, at 4 p.m. there will be another Concert in the Almshouses Chapel. Trustee John Blackford will be singing in his fine Tenor voice some of our favourite songs like "Linden Lea" and "Silent Worship" and there will be some Organ music too. All are welcome and to join us for a cuppa and cakes in the Linda Head Room. Donations welcome, we are aiming to work on Pew Cushions. This time there should be no need of the heating!

From MU Mid-day prayers for May, 2004, via the MU Website. A Blessing.

"Let us go forth now to live life to the full. Where we have questions, let us ask them! Where we think we have found answers, let us share them! And may our gracious God meet us with peace and hope and joy".
(Roberta Rominger)

Vicky Shepherd.

CHOIR NOTES.

Choir Practices at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays will continue, apart from half-term on 2nd June. The last Choir Practice for this term will be on Wednesday, 28th June, so all you youngsters can enjoy your end of term celebrations.

I hope all the youngsters (and their families too!) have a splendid week's holiday from school and join us on Sunday, 6th June, at 11 a.m. for Mr. Shepherd's specially prepared sermon for Trinity Sunday. Several of you have been given tasks and challenges for this Service! We adults think you are wonderful with the way you prepare these tasks and challenges. I know it would be a challenge for me!!!

It has been good to welcome Mrs. Stella Glenn who has recently moved to Faversham from River near Dover. She was a member of the Choir there and we have given her one of our robes. Abbie and Cassie have brought along their friend, Rebecca Culver, so welcome to Rebecca too. When Rebecca, Cassie and Hannah have sat in the Choir Stalls for 4 services, we will look forward to giving them a formal welcome. It is good to have new youngsters joining the Choir whilst keeping our stalwarts.

Keep persevering in faith and singing!

Vicky Shepherd.

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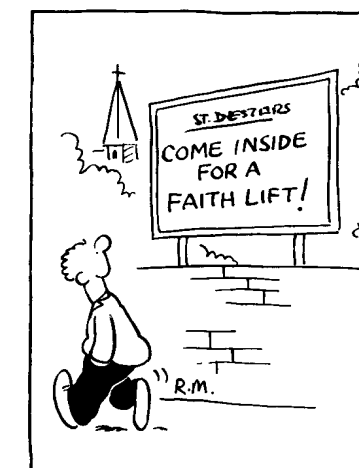


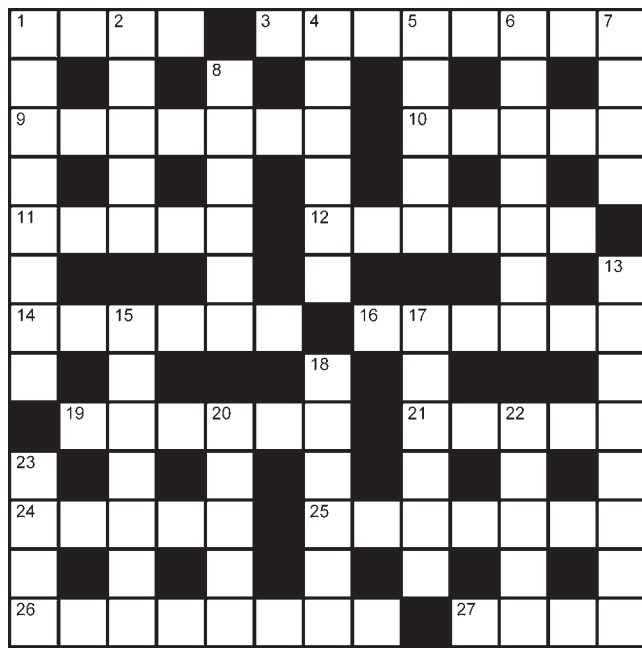
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Clues Across

- 1 Bestow in large quantities (4)
- 3 A skilled worker who can inscribe designs or writing onto a surface by carving (8)
- 9 One whose work is to refine (7)
- 10 A barrier that serves to enclose an area (5)
- 11 Peace, another name for Jerusalem [Heb. 7.1-2] (5)
- 12 A military standard, especially of a single tribe (6)
- 14 Messengers, sent forth by God (6)
- 16 Home of one of the seven churches of Revelation [Rev. 2.8] (6)
- 19 An opening in a wall (6)
- 21 Move upwards (5)
- 24 A species of thorn shrub used for hedges (5)
- 25 Name of the son of Abraham and Hagar (7)
- 26 Abnormally large and powerful beast [Job 40.15] (8)
- 27 Keep, move, or drive animals (4)

Clues Down

- 1 Someone who drives a herd (8)
- 2 Causing fear or dread or terror (5)
- 4 Cared for (an ill person) (6)
- 5 Son of Simon the Cyrenian, he carried the cross for Jesus (5)
- 6 Sour wine given to Christ on the cross (7)
- 7 Tall woody perennial grass (4)
- 8 Beast (6)
- 13 Marked (8)
- 15 Decoration added as a trimming or adornment (7)
- 17 Sister of Mary and Lazarus [Luke 10.38-42] (6)
- 18 What is the title also treated as a name given to Jesus of Nazareth? (6)
- 20 Original name of Abraham (5)
- 22 An iconic representation (5)
- 23 The month of newly-ripened grain (4)

Christ, 20 Abram, 22 Image, 23 Abib

Reed, 8 Animal, 13 Labelled, 15 Garnish, 17 Martha, 18

Answers Down

1 Herdsman, 2 Awful, 4 Nurse, 5 Rufus, 6 Vinegar, 7 Brier, 25 Ishmael, 26 Behemoth, 27 Herd

Answers Across

1 Heap, 3 Engraver, 9 Refiner, 10 Fence, 11 Salem, 12 Ensign, 14 Angels, 16 Smyrna, 19 Breach, 21 Raise, 24

Church officers elected at this year's annual church meetings

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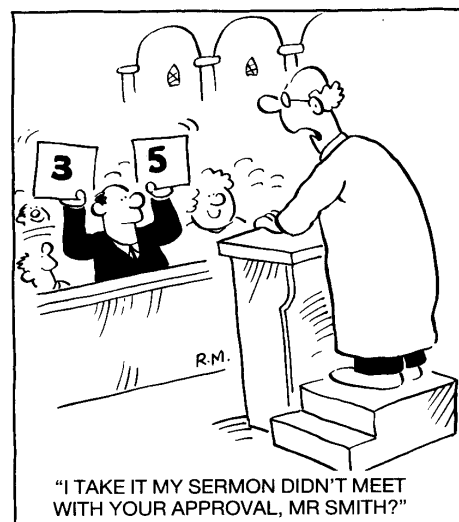
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This cartoon is especially for Angela on 6th June.



When Peter made his famous confession of faith, that Jesus was the Christ, Jesus recognised it as being the result of a revelation from the Father. He in turn told Peter that he would be the rock on which his Church would be built, that the 'gates of hell' would never prevail against it. Peter and the apostles would have the power of 'binding and loosing', but Peter would be personally given 'the keys of the kingdom of heaven'. Jesus also forewarned Peter of his betrayal and subsequent strengthening of the other apostles. After his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to Peter before the other apostles, and later entrusted him with the mission to feed both the lambs and the sheep of Christ's flock.

Peter played a big part in the early Church, and is mentioned many times in the Book of Acts, where in the early chapters he organised the choice of Judas' successor, preached with stirring authority at Pentecost; and was the very first apostle to work a miracle. Peter went on to defend the apostles' right to teach at the Sanhedrim, and to condemn Ananias and Sapphira. It was Peter who first realised that Christianity was also for the gentiles, after his meeting with Cornelius. Later he took a prominent part in the council at Jerusalem, and went on to clash with St Paul at Antioch for hesitating about eating with gentiles.

Early tradition links Peter with an apostolate and martyrdom at Rome. The New Testament does not tell us either way, but Peter being in Rome would make sense, especially as Peter's first epistle refers to 'Babylon', which was usually identified with Rome. Peter's presence in Rome is mentioned by early church fathers such as Clement of Rome and Irenaeus. Tradition also tells us that Peter suffered under Nero and was crucified head-downwards. There is no conclusive proof either way that St Peter's relics are at the Vatican, but it is significant that Rome is the only city that ever claimed to be Peter's place of death.

St Peter (d. c. 64AD) was a major influence on Mark when

More about the lives and work of St. Peter & St. Paul

Continued from front cover.

writing his gospel, and the First Epistle of Peter was very probably his. (Many scholars believe that the Second Epistle was written at a later date.)

From very early times Peter was invoked by Christians as a universal saint. He was the heavenly door-keeper, the patron of the Church and the papacy, a saint both powerful and accessible.

In England there were important dedications to Peter from early times: monasteries such as Canterbury, Glastonbury, Malmesbury, Peterborough, Lindisfarne, Whitby, Wearmouth, and especially Westminster. Cathedrals were named after him, too: York, Lichfield, Worcester and Selsey. In all, it has been calculated that 1,129 pre-Reformation churches were dedicated to St Peter, and another 283 to SS Peter and Paul together.

Images of Peter are innumerable, but his portraiture remains curiously the same: a man with a square face, a bald or tonsured head, and a short square, curly beard. Not surprisingly, his chief emblem is a set of keys, sometimes along with a ship or fish.

St Paul

After his Baptism Paul retired to Arabia for about three years of prayer and solitude, before returning to Damascus. From then on Paul seems to have lived a life full of hazard and hardship. He made many Jewish enemies, who stoned him, and wanted to kill him. Nevertheless, Paul made three great missionary journeys, first to Cyprus, then to Asia Minor and eastern Greece, and lastly to Ephesus, where he wrote 1 Corinthians, then to Macedonia and Achaia, where he wrote Romans, before returning to Jerusalem. After stonings, beatings and imprisonment in Jerusalem he was sent to Rome for trial as a Roman citizen. On the way he was shipwrecked at Malta; when he finally reached Rome he was put under house-arrest for two years, during which time he wrote the four 'captivity' epistles. Later Paul may have revisited Ephesus and even have reached Spain. Tradition tells he was eventually martyred at Rome during the persecution of Nero, being beheaded (as a Roman citizen) at Tre Fontane and buried where the

basilica of St. Paul 'outside the walls' now stands.

The belief that Peter and Paul died on the same day was caused by their sharing the same feast day.

Paul (d. c. 65 AD) was not only a tireless missionary, but a great thinker. His epistles played a major part in the later development of Christian theology. Paul's key ideas include that Redemption is only through faith in Christ, who abrogated the old Law and began the era of the Spirit; that Christ is not just the Messiah, but the eternal, pre-existent Son of God, exalted after the Resurrection to God's right-hand; that the Church is the (mystical) body of Christ; that the believers live in Christ and will eventually be transformed by the final resurrection. It is difficult to overemphasise the influence of Paul on Christian thought and history: he had a major effect on Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, Luther, Calvin and others.

In art, Paul is depicted as small in stature, bald and bandy-legged, with a long face, long nose and eyebrows meeting over deep-set eyes. His usual emblems are a sword and a book. In England he was never as popular as St Peter, and ancient English churches dedicated to him alone number only 43.

The history of the relics of Peter and Paul is not very clear. Tradition says that Peter was buried at the Vatican and Paul on the Ostian Way under his basilica. Certainly both apostles were venerated from very early times both in the Liturgy and in private prayers, as testified by Greek and Latin graffiti in the catacombs of the 3rd century.



Picture: St. Peter. Side panel of the Grifoni Polyptych. c. 1473. Wood panel. Galleria Brera, Milan, Italy

Picture: The Apostle Paul as depicted in a C12/13 mosaic at Monreale Cathedral, Sicily.





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Records of wildlife in Kent

Most of us know that our wildlife is under pressure from modern-day development. Even without reading a newspaper, many people will tell you that hedgehogs, sparrows, newts, slow-worms, etc, were more common a few years back. The UK government and EU have begun to tackle the threats to our wildlife and countryside with new legislation but can the rest of us do anything to help?



During the last two decades, a network of biological record centres has gradually spread across the country. With one record centre per county, their aim is to collect and store information on local wildlife and habitats. The status of the local wildlife and any changes in populations can then be determined and the information used by decision-makers and other people with an interest. The information is readily available to local authorities, planners, conservation organisations, academics, local naturalists and the general public.

In order to provide up-to-date information, each record centre needs a constant stream of wildlife information going in.



Simply put, how can a species be protected if they don't know where it is or if it is in decline?

This is where we can all help by taking note of the wildlife we see, either out in the countryside or in and around our gardens. All records of wildlife will be welcomed by record centres, not just those of rare and threatened species. Showing the health of different habitats and changes in populations is important for focusing conservation efforts.

The new Kent & Medway Biological Records Centre (KMBRC) recently opened at Tyland Barn, near Maidstone, and is rapidly building up a database for Kent's wildlife and habitats. Everyone in the county can now help to safeguard local wildlife simply by passing on any biological records to KMBRC.

But what is a biological record? Basically, it consists of the four 'w's: who, what, where and when.

Who - the person who made the observation, preferably with contact details in case further information is needed.

What - the bird, plant or animal that was seen with as much detail as possible, e.g. 'a thrush' is acceptable but 'a song thrush nesting in a hedge' is better.

When - the exact date if possible but it can be as vague as month, season or year.

Where - the location of the species. The address and postcode if it was in a garden or the nearest location if not, i.e. the name of a road, wood, or park.

KMBRC would like records of all wildlife in Kent, including foxes, butterflies, fungi, grass snakes, etc, but the centre appreciates that it's not always practical to make a note of everything you see (just think about how many birds you see in a week). So to keep it simple, you could limit the records to summer visitors in your garden or just to sightings that particularly interest you, such as seeing a water vole, common darter dragonfly or a kestrel.



If you would like to find out more about biological recording and help to protect Kent's wildlife, visit the KMBRC website at www.kmbrc.org.uk or contact the record centre on 01622 685646 or info@kmbrc.org.uk.



Don't Panic

if you hear ringing between your ears during the afternoon of Saturday 26th June!

Ospringe tower is hosting the District Striking competition. Members of the Ospringe team will be part of the Canterbury Area Team ringing with five other teams from across Kent.



Farm Walk

There will be a farm walk on Wednesday 9th June (Not 6th May as some have seen). It will be free and starts at 6.00pm from Belmont House. The walk is no more than 2 miles long, over a variety of terrain and will take up to 2 hours.

Explore beautiful parts of the Kent Downs AONB which you cannot usually get access to on public rights of way. A great opportunity to see and appreciate some rare and stunning wildlife and understand how the countryside is managed.

Further details on the walk from www.kentdowns.org.uk or call 01622 221522.

Belmont House website is www.belmont-house.org

Line drawings courtesy of English Nature

Eastling Bluebell Walk

After nearly a week of bad weather, 2nd of May dawned a beautiful day for the bluebell walk, held to start raising funds for much-needed toilets and kitchen facilities for Eastling Church.

There was a choice of an 8, 5 or 3-mile walk around Eastling and neighbouring parishes through a variety of woodland and open country. Walkers were assisted by naturalist notes, written in poetic style by Pat Thompson (who had covered all the 16 miles of walks already over the preceding days in the pouring rain!).

The bluebells were particularly good in the more remote areas of Otterden, Stalisfield and Pett Dane, but the early purple orchids were best in the common land behind the Glebe Cottages.



Rebecca, Angela and Astrid on the walk. Photo courtesy of Faversham Times

Walkers were enthusiastic about the natural beauty they saw: one lady said that she didn't know that there were bluebells left like that in England!

Tea, cakes and sandwiches at the Village Hall were gratefully consumed after the walk. The hall was an ideal venue for teas, as people could sit out at tables on the grass or inside in the shade.

The number of walkers was impressive: 167 undertook at least one of the walks. The oldest (known) to complete the 8 mile walk was aged 83, the youngest aged 3! Jimmy West completed the 8 miles in 2 1/4 hours, the best time recorded. Congratulations!

Also of note was a great spotted woodpecker caught on camera on the 3 mile route by Robin Natley, who had kindly provided personalised T-shirts, caps and mugs for the event.

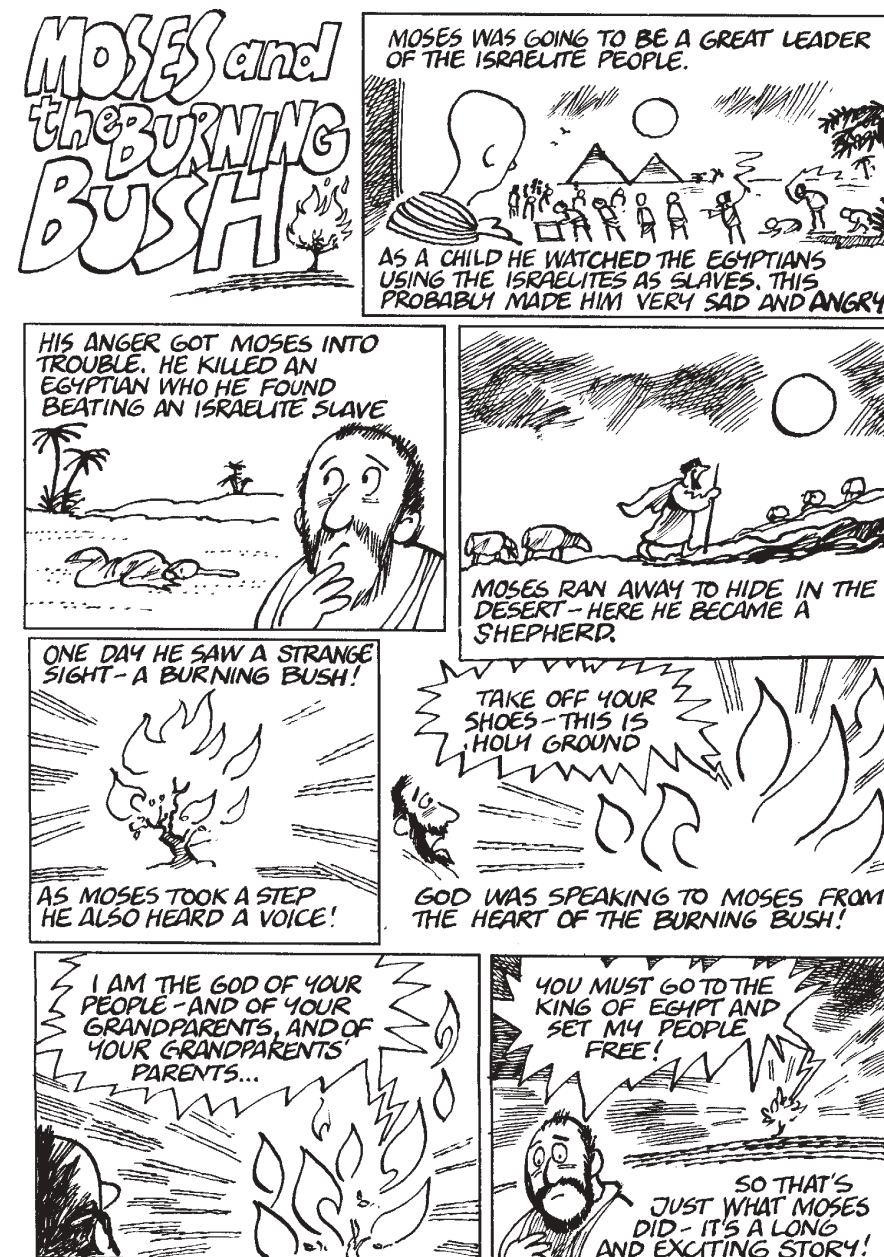
Walkers, teas and T-shirts caps and mugs enabled a magnificent sum of over £500 to be raised.

Our thanks to the farmers and landowners who allowed us to cross parts of their land which were not on footpaths and who gave us help and ideas in planning the route.

Thank you to all the helpers on this successful day. Thanks most of all to God for blessing us with such fine weather!

See you all next year.

Angela and Peter Cheeseman



Services in our Benefice

Sharing Ministry in our Benefice

30th May Pentecost

Ospringe 9 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10.30 a.m. Family Communion
 Benefice Services

Tuesday 1st June

Whitehill Chapel 2.15 p.m. Holy Communion

6th June Trinity Sunday

Romans 5. 1 - 5, John 16. 12 - 15
 Ospringe 8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)
 Whitehill Chapel 10.40 a.m. Sunday School (8+)
 Whitehill Chapel 11 a.m. Family Service
 Ospringe 11 a.m. Morning Prayer (BCP)
 Otterden 3 p.m. Evening Prayer (BCP)

13th June Trinity 1

Galatians 2. 15 - 21, Luke 7.36 - 8.3
 Eastling 8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
 Stalisfield 10 a.m. Morning Prayer
 Eastling 10.30 a.m. Newstyle
 Ospringe 11 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)

20th June Trinity 2

Galatians 3. 23 - 29, Luke 8. 26 - 39
 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

27th June Trinity 3

Galatians 5. 1, 13 - 25, Luke 9. 51 - 62
 Stalisfield 8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10 a.m. Young Style
 Whitehill Chapel 11 a.m. People's Choice
 Guest Speaker: Dr. Doreen Rosman.
 Ospringe 11 a.m. Family Communion
 Ospringe 11 a.m. Sunday School

4th July Trinity 4

Galatians 6. [1 - 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+)
 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

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 Curate Reverend Patricia Pollard (01795 535407)
 7 Arthur Salmon Close, Faversham.
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 Weald Cottage, Kettle Hill Road, Eastling.
 Reader Mr. Norman Fowler (01795 890412)
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A list of church officers elected at this year's annual meetings appears on another page in this magazine.

Whitehill
 Steward Miss. B. Richards (01795 532756)

July 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 June to Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, Faversham ME13 0BA. Tel: 01795 890338. Where possible, please submit your entries by e-mail. **N.B.** Change of address: <h.f.harlow@btconnect.com>

Contacting the Church's staff

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

From the Registers

Baptism

BEN WILLIAM Miles
 25th April 2004 at Ospringe

Funerals

Winifred Nellie SHEPPARD
 30th April 2004 Cremation at Barham

Frederick George (Joe) BUTLER
 30th April 2004 Cremation at Charing

Douglas Fred PAUL
 12th May 2004 Cremation at Bobbing

Interment of Ashes

Violet Florence (Vi) READ
 9th May 2004 at Ospringe

EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

"New Council" After Elections

Following the elections on Thursday, 10th June, Eastling's "new" Parish Council is due to hold its first meeting on Monday, 21st June at 8pm in Eastling Village Hall. As always, members of the public can attend and there will be an opportunity for them to raise matters of interest or concern.

Local Planning at Eastling

Swale Council planners have granted permission for a loft conversion at 1 Meesons Close, Eastling. Plans for incorporation of the existing garage as living accommodation and creation of a new detached garage at Manor Orchard, Kettle Hill Road have also been approved. Revised plans for a conservatory extension at Forge Cottage, The Street, are still under consideration by Swale Council. Eastling parish councillors have agreed the modified design is "a good compromise" and told Swale planners that they have no further comments.

At the Parish Council meeting on Monday, 10 May, councillors confirmed that they had no objections to proposed projects for alterations to a wall and roof at Manor Cottage, Kettle Hill Road and a

new conservatory at Stonefield House, Otterden Road. They suggested that Swale planners hold a site meeting to give detailed consideration to an application for extended living accommodation and a replacement garage at 3 Mill Cottages, Otterden Road. Concern was expressed over recent changes at one village property where the owners had failed to obtain planning permission. This was now being sought through a retrospective application. Councillors emphasised the importance of owners seeking advice from Swale Council planners before changing the use of land or contemplating new structures or major alterations. The advice is free and may well avoid costly and embarrassing mistakes.

Footpath Access.

Following the successful replacement of two stiles with kissing gates on a local footpath, Eastling Parish Council is keen to receive suggestions for similar projects to ease access to footpaths in the parish. Ideas should be submitted to chairman Cllr John Payne on (01795) 890793 or parish clerk Mrs Carol Butterfield on (01795) 539148.

Tribute

Parish councillors have paid tribute to the work of two long serving members who retire from the council in June. Chairman Cllr John Payne said that Cllr Harold Wyld had seen 24 years service and Cllr Mrs Dot Bromley, 20 years. Both would be missed. It was not always appreciated the amount of work that went on "behind the scenes" and the personal time given up to serving the local community.

Faversham Pageant

Eastling is being put on the map in the Faversham Medieval Pageant on Sunday, 27 June. The revamped annual medieval fair will stage a dramatic entertainment "The Witches of Eastling" in the town's market place, starting at 10.30am. With a nod in the direction of the Hollywood epic "The Witches of Eastwick", the Faversham pageant will show the arrest and trial of the witches and the building of a pyre for their demise. The organisers are promising minstrels and street entertainers, pony rides, craft demonstrations and a variety of stalls. For details, call (01795) 538238 or log on to www.faversham.org/medieval.

*Faversham Medieval
 Fayre and Pageant
 Sunday 27th June
 from 10.30am in the
 Market Place*



OSPRINGE PARISH COUNCIL

Following the election of 10th June, the Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th June in Whitehill Chapel, Painters Forstal at 7.30pm when the newly elected councillors will sign their Declarations of Acceptance of Office, and the officers will be duly elected. The meeting is open to members of the public and press.

The new clerk, Jo Jones, will be in post from 1st July. She will be publishing contact details next month.

LOCAL ELECTIONS

Residents in all the parishes in the Benefice go to the polls on Thursday, 10th June. In Eastling, Ospringe and Stalisfield, they will be voting for their choice of candidates in European Parliamentary and Swale Borough Council elections. There are Parish Council elections for these three parishes on the same day, but as the numbers of candidates for each council exactly equals the number of available seats they are "uncontested". All the candidates will be automatically elected and there is no need for voting.

Locations of the Polling Stations are:
 Eastling - Eastling Village Hall.
 Ospringe - Whitehill Chapel, Painters Forstal.
 Stalisfield - Memorial Hall, Stalisfield Green.
 Otterden/Warren Street - The Harrow Inn.

All are open 7am to 10pm. Polling cards were delivered early in May and, although not essential, it helps if these are presented to the officials when arriving to vote.

Counts for the Swale Borough and any other contested Parish elections will be in the Wyvern Hall, Central Avenue, Sittingbourne on the Thursday evening. Along with the rest of Europe, the European votes will be counted on the following Sunday evening (13 June), also in Sittingbourne. Attending a count is "by invitation" only.

The make up of our local parish councils after the elections will be:

Eastling (5 seats): Nigel Bickerdike, Peter Cheeseman, Helen Higgs, John Payne and James West.

Ospringe (9 seats): Ann Gillatt, John Griffin, Julie Hadlow, Colin Hudson, Andrew Keel, Derek Macey, Jennifer Newitt, Michael Seaman and Rosemary Simmons.

Stalisfield (5 seats): Brian Curtis, Cathryn Horn, Ian McKay, John Pritchard and Judith Saunders.

PUDDLEDUCKS PLAYGROUP

The children have enjoyed planting their seeds and watching them grow! We are looking at colours this month, starting with red on week beginning 7th June. We are not holding playgroup on 10th June, but are planning a trip, possibly to the seaside if the weather is good! Please phone for further information.

Jill Seaman, 01795 890519

FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

Lots of exciting events for parents, children and friends as we go into the second half of Summer Term.

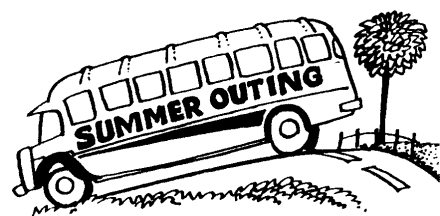
Our annual **POOL PARTY** will be held on **Friday 25th JUNE** at

Faversham Swimming Pool from 6.30pm. For those of you who have not joined us before, and others new to the school, this is an event

not to miss. We have exclusive use of all the outdoor facilities with four lifeguards on duty, as well as a BBQ. Your ticket (adults - £3.00, children U16 - £2.00) will include the first item from the BBQ, and drinks and other snacks are available to purchase. This event is open to all.

The **SUMMER FETE** is on Sunday **11th JULY** starting at 2pm. Lots of new stalls for you to enjoy - more details next month.

To round off the term, the **LEAVERS/SCHOOL DISCO and SOCIAL EVENING** will be held on Friday **16th July**. A great way to meet your friends and for parents to enjoy a good evening out with food, drinks and lively music - DISCO in our wonderful school hall, and BBQ and tables outside for parents and family. All details to be published later. Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity



Afternoon Club

10th June - Coach trip to Rye and Hastings.

24th June - Board Games, 2pm, Champion Hall.

The Cathedral Choristers sing some

MIDSUMMER MAGIC

Canterbury Cathedral Nave
Saturday 19th June at 7.30pm

In aid of the Choristers' Bursary Fund and the Graeme Hamilton Memorial Scholarship Trust.

Programme includes works by Handel, Purcell, Schubert, Britten and some "midsummer diversions".

Admission by programme, £10, to include post-concert refreshments, available from the Cathedral Welcome Centre and Cathedral House, The Precincts. 01227 762862.

Tea and Cakes

Many thanks to all my friends for their support of the Tea & Cakes afternoon.

£100.05p was raised which will go towards the orchestra fund for a concert in the Cathedral on 10th July and Eastling Church.

Thank you

Hilary Harlow



June



Diary

1st Faversham Art Club	7.15pm United Church Hall
9th Walk	6pm Belmont
10th Afternoon Club outing to Rye & Hastings	
11th Quiz party	7.30pm Stalisfield Hut
12th Barn Dance	7.30pm Painters Farm
15th Women's Institute	2.15pm Champion Hall
15th Deadline for July issue of Good News	
16th Ospringe Parish Council	7.30pm Whitehill Chapel
19th Summer Fair	Ospringe School
19th Midsummer Concert	7.30pm Canterbury Cathedral
21st Eastling Parish Council	8pm Eastling Village Hall
24th Afternoon Club (Board Games)	2pm Champion Hall
25th Pool Party	6.30pm Faversham Pools
26th Gardeners' Outing to Wisley	
29th Magazine Folding	2pm Usual venues

Future Dates

11th July	Summer Fete	Eastling School
15th July	Gardeners' visit	Lower Halstow
16th July	Leavers' Disco	Eastling School
8th August	Painter's Forstal Fete	Lorenden Meadow
13th November	Craft Fayre	Painter's Forstal

Painter's Forstal Gardeners' Club

Summer outing to Wisley

Saturday 26th June

Now taking reservations - further details from Faversham 533608.

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.



Come to Newstyle Sunday 13th June

Eastling Church
10.30am

last in the series

This month's speaker will be Revd. Tony Oehring, Area Dean for Ospringe

Theme: **Have no gods but God!**

Complimentary Coffee and croissants ready from 10am. Children's corner available.

Faversham Art Society

June meeting on Tuesday 1st, 7.15pm at United Church Hall, Preston Street.

Demonstration by Tim Harvey 'Rustic Tones in Watercolour. Landscape or animals'.

There will be a raffle for brushes. New members welcome - non-members pay £2.

Contact the Secretary, Mrs Durrant on 01233 621167 for more details.



WANTED

Ladies or gentlemen to work as volunteers at the Pilgrims Hospice in East Kent shop at 117 West Street, Faversham, either morning or afternoon, or hours to suit the volunteer. Very friendly atmosphere - no experience needed. If you are interested contact Mary Walker at the shop.

Wine and Wisdom

The Wine and Wisdom held in Eastling village hall on 17th April was a great success with 11 tables competing. The organisers would like to thank everyone for coming along and to everyone who donated raffle prizes. Also once again for the generous donation to cover the cost of the hall which enabled us to put the magnificent sum of £249.00 into the Senior Citizens' bank account. Well done everyone - hope to see you all again at our next one in the middle of November.

Norman and team.



Having a Party?

Planning a Wedding?

Venue for your Club ...

Hall and smaller rooms available with kitchen facilities at

Eastling Village Hall.

For more information please contact Mary Eagleton on 890436.

Stalisfield Highlife

Our traditional summer quiz party is set for Friday 11th June, as ever in our historical hut on Stalisfield Green. The fun will start at 7.30pm.

Our time honoured formula of £2 per person - bring your own nibbles and tipples - will apply. Fill a table of six if you can, feel welcome to join us anyway, if you can't.

Phone Ian on 01795 890475 to book space. Don't delay, there are only a few days to go.

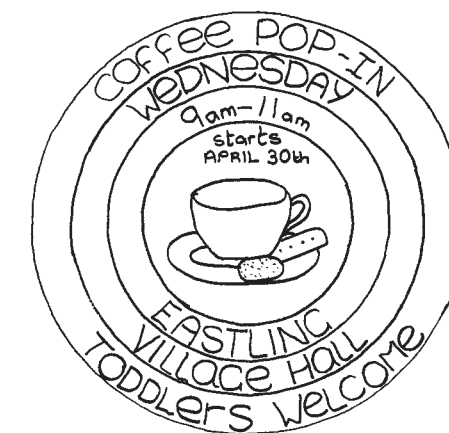
Painter's Forstal with Ospringe W. I.

June 15th, 2.15pm in Champion Hall.

The History of Irons

will be explained by Mr Jepson and there will be a competition for the best 'Old kitchen utensil'.

New members welcome.



WANTED CLEANER

For 3 to 4 hours per week, including some ironing.

Ospringe Road, Faversham

Must be honest and reliable.

Phone 01795 532152