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The Wick Through the Candle

*I AM like a candle.
The Holy Spirit is the wick
running through me. The love of
Jesus is the match that lights the
wick and so makes me
useful by allowing me to
shine, however dimly.
The candle has to diminish in
order to allow the light to
shine. The warmth from
the burning wick fills the
candle and so allows the
presence of God to be felt.
One candle alone gives off
a small light but many
candles, together, give off
a great light and cannot
be forgotten or ignored.
A slowly burning candle can add
an atmosphere to any room, to
any place however drear.
Make me like a candle to burn
with gentle glow on everything
and for everyone I know.*

Anon.

☺ For those of you who have
children, and don't know it, there
is a nursery downstairs. ☺

Ospringle
School Association
invites you to a
**VICTORIAN THEMED
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Ospringle School
**Saturday 9th June
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11am - 2pm

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Good News

Parish
Magazine
June 2001

Painter's Forstal
Gardeners' Club

invite you to their

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 2nd June
10am - 12 noon

at 74 London Road, Faversham
Plant Stall, Tombola, Cake Stall
and much more. Hope to see you there!

This year we are donating 50%
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Painter's Farm

BARN DANCE



Dancing to
"The A2 Barn Dance Band"
Caller: Barbara Kelly.

Saturday 30th June
7.30pm - 11pm

Tickets £5 each, now available
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the fun.

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in Concert Jazz Police
the incomparable Jarrod and Jim
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**The Old Vicarage,
Stalisfield**
Sunday, 17th June

2.30 - 5.30pm

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Tickets: £5 Tel: 890285 or 536960
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sufferers of severe
mental illness



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

Thought for the month

Norman and I have recently returned from a holiday that has convinced us, if ever we needed convincing, that there is only one God. We set off for Heathrow airport at 5.45am to fly on a Boeing 747 non stop to Malaysia. We flew for thirteen and half hours and were very impressed that people had taken very seriously the warnings and advice about DVT (deep vein thrombosis) on long haul flights. It was quite amusing to see people bobbing up and down exercising their legs, wiggling their toes to promote their circulation. One of the first things we were given was a warning about the consequences of carrying drugs in Malaysia, it is the death penalty! There could be no excuse, it was printed in red and there were posters up in the airport. We had been warned. On arrival in Kuala Lumpur we had a very slow coach ride to Malacca. Coach drivers risk losing their licence if they go over 50mph, if they lose their licence they also lose their livelihood. Probably because I'm a priest and am used to thinking along these lines, I found myself thinking, ‘what do we risk losing if we ignore the warnings?’ We had only been there a couple of hours! Our holiday was a combination of Religious and Cultural visits, although how you separate them I don't know. Malaysia is an Islamic country and written into their constitution is the freedom of every individual to worship as they choose. Therefore Moslems, Hindus, Christians and Buddhists live happily along side one another. We stopped at a picnic area and discovered that, in addition to the ‘Ladies’ it also had a prayer room for the Moslem ladies, I tried to imagine the equivalent being set up in England, McDonald's perhaps?

Better Late Than Never

I would like to thank everyone who helped and supported me on 7 th April and worked so hard to make the CLIC Easter Eggstravaganza such a success - specially Janet and Vicky, whose Egg Hunt got the morning off to such a good start (and made us forget about the rain) ; my stalwart stallholders, Gabrielle, Angela, Josseline, Wendy and Pippa; Biddy, in charge of the gourmet refreshments; Bobby, who transformed everyone into cats, chickens, mice, fairies and goodness knows what else; Camilla, the doyenne of egg-decorating, and Guy, who ran the raffle so efficiently. Talking of the raffle, I must also thank Terry for his very generous gift of the beautiful quilt, and all my other kind raffle-prize donors, not forgetting the wonderful cooks of the village, who produced some absolutely delicious goodies. Mike was a splendid M.C. in his Bunny- suit (scaring most of the children in a

On the religious tour we visited Mosques and a Chinese Buddhist Temple then an Anglican church (phew! Hymn books and Bibles) and a Roman Catholic church. The guide tried to explain each faith and we found the explanation of Christianity so inadequate. I had great difficulty keeping quiet. We rode around in a Trishaw, the driver asked Norman to hold his mobile 'phone when it rained. When it rains the water flows through a hole in the roof of the Chinese houses into a pond underneath in the drawing room - some water feature! I half expected to see Charlie Dimmock. On the Sunday we went to the 8am service and it was the post communion text that amused us, according to our service sheet, ‘the deaf shall hear and the *dump* shall speak’. We returned from each wonderful day absolutely convinced that there is one God who has created this beautiful world and were amazed at how many similarities there were in people's attempts to reach Him. But we have such help in knowing Jesus Christ, he makes all the difference in the world. I wonder where we will go next time?

With every blessing Revd. Pat Pollard

Prayer Pointers

June 2001

<u>Sundays</u>	For the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
<u>Mondays</u>	For family or friends with problems with their sons or daughters
<u>Tuesdays</u>	For those married in our churches during the past year
<u>Wednesdays</u>	For those making decisions locally within the N.H.S.
<u>Thursdays</u>	For all elected to Parliament and local councils
<u>Fridays</u>	For those suffering from Terrorism and civil war in Asia
<u>Saturdays</u>	For U.S.P.G. (United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel) and similar societies.

10-mile radius) and altogether we had a very enjoyable morning, raising just over £500. Several people have suggested that we should do it all over again next year, so watch this space I'd be up for it, if anyone else is! Sarah Palmer.

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

On Saturday, 28th April, members of the Mothers' Union of the Diocese of Canterbury attended a Sung Eucharist and Commissioning of the Diocesan President and New Officers, at the Cathedral. Bishop Stephen conducted the service and the Rt. Rev. Graham Cray, Bishop of Maidstone gave the sermon. Our new Diocesan President is Brenda Lawson, who we wish well in her new post. Each branch was represented by a member carrying a banner - I had the honour of carrying the Ospringe Mothers` Union banner, which did not seem to be too onerous a task. However, after re-hooking the top of the banner in the small confines of the Chapter House, negotiating the narrow corridor, several steps and on exiting the Cloisters to be propelled by a Force 6 gale to the Cathedral door, I was relieved to enter the tranquility of the Cathedral to the hymn 'O Jesus, I have promised To serve you to the end'. During the service the Reading 'Something to think about..!' (Archbishop Oscar Romero) was read by Sara Bimson (Branch Leader) and the Gospel Luke 24:28-35 was read by Rosemary Walters (Diocesan Lay Chaplain). During Communion Reg Tumber administered the Chalice and the Canterbury Deanery Choir sang. At the end of the service the procession and banners left the Cathdral to the hymn 'Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided..'

Future dates are:
30th May -Talk by the Hon. Curator, Maison Dieu
27th June - Summer Lunch at The Alma
25th July - Visit to Belmont Clocks.

Anyone wishing to come to meetings, please contact the Revd. Pat Pollard for further details.

Carol



Easter Lilies at Eastling
Thank you very much to all who generously gave Lilies for Easter this year. They looked beautiful and meant much to many.
Also a big thank you to all helpers.
Pippa West.

CHOIR REPORT

We will continue to have short Choir Practices before the Services, 10.15 a.m. on the 1st Sunday in June and 10.25a.m. for 10 30 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. As I write we are looking forward to singing for the Wedding of Louise Holland and Andrew Lees on 19th May. Their day promises to be great as we have come to know them. I played “Fanfare for a Bride” by Noel Rawsthorne as the Extroit on Easter Day and it sounded great. Now the organ is back to its glory I hope it will ring out as Louise comes down the aisle. After the Wedding 10 of us are going onto a RSCM Event at The Old Greyfriars Monastery site in Canterbury. More of that next month. On Sunday, 24th June, we have been invited to be part of the Ospringe Deanery Choir for our Deanery Evensong at the Cathedral. Peter Hook is playing and Liz Jenkins is conducting. Rev. Will Mowll is organising, his *Swan-Song* as Rural Dean! If anyone would like to take part in the Choir please let me know. I keep being asked in town when are we having another of those Evensongs. We welcome Abbey Page to the Choir. Lauren is keeping up her singing and has been chosen to be Alice in Ospringe School’s production of ‘Alice in Wonderland’. Abbey, Lisa and Joe are in the supporting Choir, it should be another great Ospringe production. Lauren went to Kent County Juniors Easter School at Sutton Valence and it was a wonderful opportunity. Three days of singing in a splendid Boarding School. God bless, Vicky Shepherd.

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FROM THE ORGAN SEAT

For your diary, on Saturday, 9th June, 7.30 p.m. there is an organ concert at Canterbury Cathedral when the music to be performed was written by William Flackton, 1709 to 1798, the organist of St. Mary of Charity, Faversham’s Parish Church from 1735 to 1752. Timothy Uglow, the Organ Scholar, and Myfanwy Walters, Viola, are to perform his Sonata for Organ and Viola. I had a wonderful run out to Sutton Valence to take part in a RSCM Morning about Music and Common Worship. The RSCM have published 3 Volumes of Music to accompany and enhance the Common Worship Services. We went through different styles for the Eucharist and several are ones we already know. Once a Parish has this book -and we have- we can photocopy for use at our services. I found this session very helpful as there was so much on offer; and when I first looked at the book I was overwhelmed! I feel positive now. Anyone who is interested do talk to me.

I felt very thankful that I was not only able to sing away but to enjoy that beautiful journey; the sheep were in the fields and up the hillside, the North Downs were very green in the sun, the bluebells and the Mayflowers were abundant in the woods and wayside verges , the trees were in their Spring time glory and there were orchards full of blossom. The organ builder and tuner spent three days repairing the organ and has done a fine job. The organ ‘mechanics’ still need to dry out further but our lovely organ is once more in God’s Service. The roof has been cleared of the pine needles and leaves. Hopefully all this can be claimed on Insurance but I would rather it had not happened. I am enjoying practising my pieces particularly the Bach with its intricate inner parts. Tricky! Joanne is playing it for her Grade V Organ Exam. Good luck, Joanne. God bless, Vicky Shepherd.

Everyone will be welcome at
Canterbury Cathedral on Sunday 24th June at 6.30pm
for the Ospringe Deanery Evensong.
Please come along and support our local church choirs who will be singing.
If you would like to join the choir, please contact Vicky Shepherd.

Whitstable Choral Society
performs

<i>Magnificat</i>	<i>J.S. Bach</i>
<i>Beatus Vir</i>	<i>C. Monteverdi</i>
<i>Te Deum</i>	<i>H. Purcell</i>
<i>Dido & Aeneas</i>	<i>H. Purcell</i>

on
Saturday 7th July, 7.30pm in
the King’s Hall, Herne Bay
Tickets £9.50 on the door or £8.50 in
advance from 01795 890338 (Hilary),
890618 (Josseline).

Faversham Choral Society
invite you to ‘**Come and Sing**’ with
us **Fauré’s Requiem**
A performance from scratch conducted
by Peter E. Litman at
Christ Church, Herne Bay
on Saturday 9th June
Rehearsal 2.30pm
Performance 7.00pm
Admission - £5 (includes music score,
light refreshment and buffet tea)
£3 performance only.
Tickets and music scores (please bring
a copy if you can), will be obtainable at
the door. More details from 01795
890566, 01795 537380.



Tickets : £7 - £25 available from Forwoods Music, Palace Street, Canterbury
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Canterbury Cathedral
Gala Concert

in aid of the Choristers’ Bursary Fund
Saturday 14th July at 7pm

Programme to include works by:TALLIS • GIBBONS •
MONTEVERDI • FRANK MARTIN • GERSHWIN & OTHERS

Services in our Benefice

3rd June Pentecost

Acts 2. 1 - 21, John 14. 8 - 17 [25 - 27]

Ospringe	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	9.50am	Sunday School
Eastling	10am	Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringe	11am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Whitehill Chapel	10.40am	Sunday School + 9's-13's
Whitehill Chapel	11am	Chapel Anniversary and Family Service
Otterden	3pm	Holy Communion (BCP)

Tuesday 5th June

Whitehill Chapel	2.15pm	Communion Service
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10th June Trinity Sunday

Romans 5. 1 - 5, John 16. 12 - 15

Eastling	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Stalisfield	10am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling	10.30am	Sunday Newstyle
Ospringe	11am	Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringe	11am	Sunday School & Crêche

17th June 1st Sunday after Trinity

Galatians 2. 15 - 21, Luke 7. 36 - 8. 3

Ospringe	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	9.50am	Sunday School
Stalisfield	10am	Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling	10am	Holy Communion + Baptism
Ospringe	11am	Family Service
Ospringe	6.30pm	Taizé Style (Churches Together in Faversham)

24th June Birth of John the Baptist

Acts 13. 14b - 26, Luke 1. 57 - 66+80

Stalisfield	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10am	Family Service
Ospringe	11am	Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringe	11am	Sunday School
Whitehill Chapel	11am	People's Choice
Canterbury Cathedral	6.30pm	Deanery Evensong

1st July 3rd Sunday after Trinity

Galatians 5. 1, 13 - 25, Luke 9. 51-62

Ospringe	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	9.50am	Sunday School
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Sharing Ministry in our Parishes

Priest in Charge	Reverend Penny Fenton	(01795 536366)
Curate (N.S.M.)	Reverend Patricia Pollard	(01795 535407)
Reader	Mr Hugh Perks	(01795 890603)
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Reader in Training	Mr Norman Fowler	(01795 890412)
	4 Meesons Close, Eastling	

Churchwardens		
Ospringe	Mr N. Pollard.	(01795 535407)
	Mr G. Shepherd	
Eastling	Mr N. Fowler	(01795 890412)
	Mrs A. Cheeseman	(01795 890629)
Stalisfield	Mrs J. West	(01795 890285)
	Mrs H. Galer	(01795 890780)

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 EDITOR

If you would like to submit articles, features or stories for publication, or would like any forthcoming events publicised, please send your magazine contribution by the 15th of the month preceding publication to the Editor.

For July issue, or to place an advertisement, please send to Mrs H. Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, Faversham. ME13 0BA. (01795) 890338 (e-mail: mharlow@talk21.com)

From the Registers

Baptisms

22nd April 2001 at Eastling
JAKE ROBERT GARY Snoad

22nd April 2001 at Ospringe

AMELIA ROSE Halls

HANNAH ROSE Hart

NATHAN ROBERT MAYNARD Hickmott

13th May 2001 at Eastling

ELIZA ALICE Wigdahl

Weddings

28th April 2001 at Ospringe

Simon RAYNER and Joanne McCARTHY

5th May 2001 at Eastling

James WILKINSON and Helen DAVIS

19th May 2001 at Ospringe

Andrew LEES and Louise HOLLAND

Funerals

26th April 2001 Cremation at Charing

Gladys Grace HOMEWOOD

New Travel Scheme

Kent County Council and Swale Borough Council have announced a new transport service - the SUN Travel Club - serving a number of Swale's rural areas including Eastling, Painter's Forstal and Stalisfield.

The service starts at the beginning of June and offers a choice of a dial-a-ride mini bus service AND a wheelchair-accessible hire car service.

The dial-a-ride buses for our area will operate on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will take people from their door to Faversham or Sittingbourne. Pick up times are between 9am and 10am. The service has to be pre-booked (a day or more before) and the return fare is £1.10.

The alternative hire car service is much like a taxi, taking users wherever they need to go - one-way or return - and will be available Mondays to Saturdays 9am to 7pm. The charges are discounted by 15% on a regular taxi fare.

To qualify for the scheme, you EITHER have to live half-a-mile from a regular bus route OR have a disability that makes travel on ordinary buses or trains difficult. You also have to "sign up" for the services - by completing and returning an application form. Some people will have to pay a £5 membership fee.

Full details and application forms are available from local libraries and council offices. Ask for the SUN Travel Club leaflet.

OSPRINGE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of Ospringe Parish Council will be held on Wednesday, 27th June 2001 at 7.30pm in Whitehill Chapel, Painter's Forstal.

The agenda for the meeting will be posted on the Parish notice board and, as usual, all members of the public are welcome to attend.

Jill Seaman

Clerk to the Council

Sunday Newstyle 10.30am
10th June
Eastling Church

Speaker: Roy Kilford
Theme: The Wonder of You



All ages welcome.
Coffee and hot Croissant served from 10am.

Eastling Parish Council

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Appointments made by Eastling Parish Councillors at their Annual General Meeting held on Monday, 14 May were: Chairman - Councillor Harold Wyld, Honorary Treasurer - Councillor John Payne and Representative on the Eastling Village Hall Trust - Councillor Peter Parry. Mrs Sue Parry agreed to continue to serve as Parish Clerk, but indicated that she would wish to stand down by the end of the year due to other commitments. Councillors agreed to publicise the need for Mrs Parry's successor. The annual meeting also renewed the appointment of Mr Mike Palmer as Eastling Tree Warden.

DRAINAGE SCHEME

Following a request that the Parish Council should look into the possibility of introducing main drainage for Eastling, the Council has now received information from the relevant bodies. According to Southern Water, an Eastling sewerage scheme would cost over £1million. The water company says that it has no plans to introduce a scheme and any such work would have to be requisitioned and paid for by another organisation or local authority. Swale Council was also approached and says it has no funds available for new sewerage schemes.

Further bad news for those villagers in favour of main drainage was Southern Water's estimate that the current average cost for individual householders to connect their properties would be around £3,000 to £4,000. This is roughly 10 times the suggested cost of connection when a local main drainage scheme was prepared - but then abandoned - about 10 years ago! Eastling parish councillors considered the information at their meeting on Monday, 14 May and agreed that there was little point in pursuing the matter further at this time.

VILLAGE GREEN

Parish Councillors have agreed that a small working group should refine ideas for a new village green at Eastling. Following initial research, two possible sites have been identified - the field bounded by The Street, Kettle Hill Road and the Church Path and the field between Otterden Road and the Churchfields/Eastling Centre complex. When more detailed proposals have been prepared, villagers will be consulted and asked to vote for their preferred option.

PLANNING

Swale Borough Council has advised that it has approved an application by Eastling Farms Ltd on the Faversham-Eastling Road for a Certificate of Lawful Use. Eastling Parish Council has told Borough Council planners that it has no objection to applications for enlarged replacement garages at Forge Cottage, The Street and The White House, Faversham Road, Eastling.

MISSING SIGNS

Eastling Parish Council has notified Kent Highways Unit of the unauthorised removal of echelon warning signs at two double bends on the Eastling-Faversham road and speed limit discs on Newnham Lane, Eastling.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Parish Councillors have set the dates for their meetings up to the end of next year. At their Annual General Meeting, they decided to continue the current pattern of meeting on the second Monday in alternate months. All the dates are featured on the Eastling Village website at: <http://go.to/eastling>. The next scheduled Council Meeting is on Monday, 8 July.

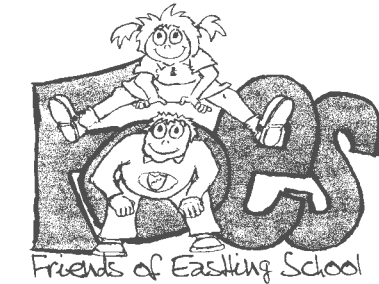
Diary

June 2001

2nd Coffee Morning	10am - 4pm 74 London Rd.
6th Afternoon Club	2pm Champion Hall
8th Club 8-12	6.15pm Champion Hall
9th Gardeners' Club Outing	
9th Summer Fayre	11am-2pm Ospringe School
14th Nursery Visit leaving	6.45pm Eastling Village Hall
15th Magazine Deadline	Pinks Farm, Eastling.
16th Jumble Sale	2pm Stalisfield Village Hall
17th Open Garden and Jazz	2.30pm Old Vicarage, Stalisfield
19th Women's Institute	2.15pm Champion Hall
21st Afternoon Club	2pm Champion Hall
22nd Club 8-12	6.15pm Champion Hall
27th Ospringe Parish Council	7.30pm Whitehill Chapel
30th Barn Dance	7.30 pm Painter's Farm

Future Dates

July 8th Eastling Parish Council	8pm Village Hall
15th Summer Fete	Eastling School
26th Open House	10am - 4pm 3 St. Peter's Court
August 12th Village Fete	2pm Lorenden Meadow



Now that we are more than half way through the Summer Term the pool has been opened. We were given a generous covenant to cover the costs of refurbishing the pool. The last remaining job was to re-new all the sides of the pool and we have spent £600 doing this. Unfortunately the covenant has now come to an end so, from now on, the maintenance and running costs will have to come from the FOES fundraising events. The pool is a lovely asset for the school to have especially for children learning to swim. During term time the school uses the pool as much as possible, weather permitting. During the summer holiday the pool will be open on Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday afternoons from 2-4pm, for all children from the village, at a cost of 50p per child. As I write this the builders are preparing to commence work on Class 3. It will be exciting to watch it grow every day. We mentioned in last month's issue, July 15th is the date for our Summer Fete, however we won't be giving you the details until next month. Suffice to say we have been organising it for months already and it will be bigger and better than ever before and will include activities for teenagers, as well as younger children and adults. Please write the date into your diaries. See you next month.

Celia Hamilton-Jones

EASTLING & PAINTER'S FORSTAL PLAYGROUP

Summer Term continues with lots of exciting activities planned. We will, of course be closed for half term from 28th May to 1st June inclusive.

As the election is now set for Thursday, 7th June 2001, there will be no hall available for the Playgroup session that morning. Instead, we will be going to "SNAPPYS" in Whitstable and we are sure the children will enjoy the change of environment. The cost for the trip will be £3.00 and will include drinks and biscuits.

Enquiries regarding vacancies, or any other matter, to Jill Seaman, 01795 890519.



Afternoon Club

Activities for June

Wednesday 6th Board Games

Thursday 21st Board Games,
2pm in Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal.

Rodney French.

The Graduation Present

A young man was getting ready to graduate from university. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealer's showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him that that was what he wanted at a graduation present. As Graduation approached, the young man awaited signs that his father had purchased the car.

Finally, on the morning of his graduation, his father called him into his study. His father told him how proud he was to have such a fine son, and told him how much he loved him. He handed his son a beautifully wrapped gift box. Curious, but somewhat disappointed, the young man opened the box and found a lovely, leather-bound Bible.

Furious, he raised his voice to his father and said, "With all your money you give me just a Bible?" and stormed out of the house.

Many years passed and the young man was very successful in business. He had a beautiful home and wonderful family. But still he thought about his father, and that Bible. He had not seen his father since that graduation day. He had never opened the Bible, which was locked away in some back cupboard.

Finally, worried that his father was very old by this time, the son thought perhaps he should go to him. But before he could make arrangements, he received a message telling him his father had passed away, and willed all of his possessions to his son. He was asked to return home immediately and take care of things. But before he went, the son looked for the last possession that his father had given him in this life: the leather Bible. It took a bit of finding - covered with grit and dust behind some boxes.

With tears in his eyes, the son opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. His father had carefully underlined a verse, Matthew 7:11, 'And if you, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father which is in Heaven, give to those who ask him?'

As he read those words, a car key dropped from the back of the Bible. It had a tag with the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words PAID IN FULL.

How many times do we miss God's blessings because they are not packaged as we expected?

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Painter's Forstal

Village Amenity Committee.

Grand Draw

1st Prize	£100
2nd Prize	£25
3rd Prize	£10

Tickets cost £1 each & are available from C. Hudson tel. 537530, or B. Richards tel. 532756.

Eastling

Horticultural Society

NURSERY VISIT

Members of Eastling Horticultural Society will be visiting Meadow Grange Nurseries at Blean - on the A290 between Canterbury and Whitstable - on Thursday, 14 June. Owner Mr Paul Kennett will be demonstrating how he propagates trees for what many consider to be one of the best stocked sources of trees in Kent. Meadow Grange provided all the trees used for the Millennium Tree plantings in Eastling. Members with spare car places are requested to assemble at Eastling Village Hall at 6.45pm (to arrive at the nurseries for 7.30pm). Contact Mrs Janet Bryant on (01795) 890396 or Mrs Helen Abell on (01795) 890482 for more details.

Thursday 26th July

Open House

at 3 St. Peter's Court

10am - 4pm

by invitation of

June Akhurst.

More details in July magazine

Everyone Welcome

Proceeds to Ospringe Church

Stalisfield Village Hall

Jumble Sale

in the Village Hall on
Saturday 16th June at 2pm.
Jumble, bric-a-brac, books
and cake stall plus raffle.

Jumble etc. wanted.

The porch at the village hall will be open to receive jumble on Friday 15th June. Phone Mick Ball on 890287 if you need jumble collected. Admission 20p.

Painter's Forstal with Ospringe W.I.

The June meeting is on Tuesday 19th at 2.15pm in the Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal. The talk will be given by Mrs M Douglas on "Joyce Grenfell Favourites" and the competition will be 'A Child's Wise Saying'.

Painter's Forstal

Gardeners' Club

Coffee Morning

June 2nd, 10am - 4pm at 74 London

Road. See front cover for details.

The Club still has a few places left for the outing on Saturday 9th June to 'Pashley Manor', Ticehurst and 'Cabbages & Kings'. Further details from Fav. 533608.

The Summer Show schedules will be available towards the end of June, from John, tel. 533756, or as above.

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 CHURCH
200 Club

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 14th draw in May were:
1st - 69, 2nd - 57, 3rd - 34.