



Young People's Craft Club

Owing to half term and other commitments, there can only be one craft club this month.

Friday 10th June

6.15 to 7.15pm

in the Champion Hall,
Painter's Forstal.

50p per session -
all young people invited.

Eastling Bluebell Walk 24th April 2005.

The bluebell walk was a week earlier this year, as last year we nearly missed the bluebells. This year the spring came later due to the snow, and the bluebells only just made it in time. Once more large numbers of people took part - about 250 including children, and about 20 dogs! We were blessed with a dry, if not particularly sunny day. The walks were of 10 miles (sorry it was longer than we had thought), 5 miles and 3 miles and went through some country not usually open to the public. Our grateful thanks to the Otterden and Belmont trusts for allowing us access.

The bluebells were lovely. As usual those in Sparks Wood, Otterden, were outstanding, as were the early purple orchids behind Glebe Cottages. Primroses, celandines and violets were particularly abundant this year. One astute observer spotted some butterfly orchids before they came into flower.

Congratulations to Jimmy West for the fastest time in finishing the hilly 10 mile course in 2 1/4hrs. Also congratulations to James and Hannah Gilbert and other 3 year olds who walked the whole 3 mile walk.

The walk would not have been so successful without the wonderful route maps produced by David Breaker and the delicious cakes and cups of tea provided by the kitchen team. The refreshments alone raised £154. Thank you! We are also grateful to Robin Natley for providing stylish bluebell decorated T-shirts to help the fund-raising effort. We are delighted to say that a total of £546 was raised towards the (badly needed!) toilets and kitchen facilities for Eastling Church.

Angela Cheeseman

S Club

Eastling Village Hall
Sunday 19th June
10 - 11am

All young people welcome

Youngstyle

Eastling Church
Sunday 26th June
10 - 10.30am

All ages welcome

Puddleducks Playgroup

Summer Term is now well underway, and the children will be making Father's Day cards as well as lots of other art and craft activities. They will be planting beans to see how high they grow and the children will also be planting up a flower trough for the outdoor area.

We welcome new children to the Playgroup, although children under 2 1/2 years must be accompanied. Please phone for details.

Jill Seaman, Playgroup Manager
01795 890519.

Friends of Eastling School

Our Murder/Mystery evening was enjoyed by the suspects and investigators alike. Those who didn't come along missed out on a terrific evening's entertainment and wonderful supper. We raised a total of £125.

The bedding plants were delivered during May - thank you to all families and friends who placed orders. We will have a range of plants for sale on Wednesday 15th June at the Coffee pop-in in Eastling Village Hall and also at the fete on Sunday 3rd July.

Eastling school is arranging a Music on the Field evening on Friday 10th June starting at 7pm. Tickets cost £2 per adult and children free admission - bring your own picnic and drinks. The evening will commence with a rendition from the school choir and recorders, followed by 'Blurred Vision' live on stage. The evening will be concluded in fine form by the Snowdown Colliery Welfare Band. Do make sure you buy your tickets well in advance to avoid disappointment.

Ospringe Church Sunday School

meets during the
11am Family Communion
on 26th June.

Family Service

Sunday 19th June, 11am.

SUMMER FETE at Eastling School

on Sunday 3rd JULY commencing at 2pm and will be opened by the school choir. The theme for this year's fete is VE Day 60th Anniversary celebrations. The programme covers will be designed by the school children and there is still some business advertising space available. Please contact Natasha Freeman on 535122 for details.

Many new and interesting stalls as well as the Bottle tombola, BBQ, Kiddies Corner, Obstacle Course, Five a side football tournament, Bouncy castle and of course refreshments and cake stall. Lots of other attractions including vintage motorcycles and a fire engine. We would welcome any items for our stalls including soft toys, lucky dip items, good quality toys and books, bathroom goods, candles, bottles and plants. Please contact Caroline, Andrea and Natasha via the school office - 890252.

The Thursday cookery club is expanding into catering by cooking and serving a two course meal for families and friends on Thursday 16th June in the school hall 6pm for 7pm. The cost of the meal will be £10 per head, soft drinks will be available but bring your own wine (there will be a small corkage charge). Don't forget to book your tickets for our annual Swimming Pool party on Friday 24th June at Faversham Swimming Pool - 6.45pm to 8.30pm - adults £3.20, children under 16 £2.20, available from the school office. Your ticket includes one item from the BBQ and soft drinks and crisps will be on sale.

A reminder that the family Disco and BBQ will be held on the last day of Summer Term - Friday 22nd July - details to follow.
Jill Seaman, Foes Publicity 01795 890519.

A new series of OASIS

All about GOD
begins on Sunday 5th June,
11am in Ospringe Church.
The first theme is The Trinity.
All ages are welcome to come.



ORGAN RECITAL Friday 24th June 7.30pm in Ospringe Church

An Organ Concert by Robert Patterson, Assistant Organist at Canterbury Cathedral, followed by light refreshments, good Ospringe-style!
Donations welcome for the Church Funds.

Just for June - Freestyle

moves into
Eastling Village Hall
on Sunday 12th June.
Come for breakfast from
10am - Fresh coffee
and hot croissants.
Freestyle starts at 10.30am.
Worship, drama, poetry and
prayer for all.
This month everyone will be
welcome to stay for a bring
and share lunch. Phone
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Contact Mark or Alison
Cheesman (535246) or
Michael Batey (537377) for
further details or to register
an interest.

Good News Parish Magazine June 2005

Jazz Police

with Ivan
from Hullabaloo
at Godwins Garden,
Stalisfield Green
(next to The Plough)
Sunday June 5th
2.30-5.30pm
Homemade refreshments available
Tickets £4 each.
Tel. 01795 890376 or 890230
Jazz, jump, jive and admire the
flowers at a fundraiser for The
National Society for Epilepsy and
Rethink Carers Support Group
(Canterbury)

Come To The Fair

Ospringe School

Summer Fair

18th June

11am - 2pm

Apple bobbing

Barbecue, Beer tent,

Bouncy castle

Children's tombola,

Crockery smash

Dance mat

Elephant (white)

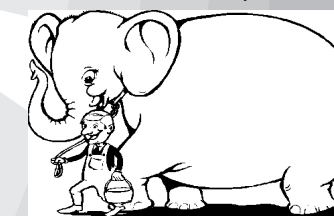
Face painting

Games

Home made cakes

Jced biscuits

come and join us and discover
the rest of the alphabet !!!



Painter's Forstal Village
Committee

BARN DANCE

Saturday 11th June
7.30pm at

Painter's Farm, Painter's Forstal
by kind permission of
Miss Doris Knowler.

LIVE MUSIC by Watershed Dance Band.

Tickets £5.50 each or £18 for family
of 2 adults & 2 children under 16yrs.
(Bring your own drink & supper)
Tickets now available from 532756,
or other committee members.

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

On Saturday 30th April the Bunce Trust set off for a pilgrimage to Gillingham and Rochester.

First we went to a Hindu Temple in Gillingham, where we learnt about the Hindu Gods and the beliefs of Hindus. We then took our shoes off and went upstairs to take part in a short worship. Men had to sit on the left and women had to sit on the right side of the room. There was a basket of fruit which was blessed by the goddess Durga, then it was shared between us. We also listened to our guide, AJ, singing a prayer with a bell ringing and incense burning.

After we came out of the Temple, there was a short walk down the street to the Mosque. Women had to cover their heads and we all had to take off our shoes. There we met Mr. Khan, who gave us a presentation about Islam and its beliefs. He told us about the important pilgrimage Muslims were expected to make at least once in their lives to Mecca. There were also interesting facts about the fasting during Ramadan.

We then got on the coach, which was waiting outside the Mosque, and went to Rochester. Rochester Cathedral was very impressive and there we met Liz, who was our guide. Liz had us all dressing up as pilgrims and took us

for a pilgrimage around the Cathedral! We talked about what a pilgrim would need on the journey, and how long it would have taken for them to reach their destination in those days.

At the time we were in Rochester, there was a sweep festival taking place, so it was very entertaining in our free time to watch the dancing and singing in the streets. The Cathedral shop was very good, with lots of souvenirs that we could buy. After our free time, we went back to the Cathedral for the sung Evensong. The choir were very good, and it was relaxing after a long hot day to sit down and listen to them.

On our coach, the age group was mixed, nobody got tired or grumpy, and I think everyone enjoyed themselves and learnt something new. My favourite parts of the trip was the praying in the Temple, because AJ really got us involved. We did a lot of different things. Looking around Rochester was fun, because of the sweep festival, and last but not least, eating the chocolates AJ gave us on the coach journey home! Thank you, organisers, for a great pilgrimage!

By Alice Whitehead aged 13

Prayer Pointers June 2005



- Sundays For a greater willingness to serve others.
- Mondays For those we know who are suffering or in hospital.
- Tuesdays Those recently married or preparing for marriage.
- Wednesdays The CAB and other advisory services.
- Thursdays Those newly elected, both locally and nationally
- Fridays For the new government in Iraq.
- Saturdays Converts from other faiths facing family opposition.

*In Appreciation
Bill and Kit Lusted
thank all friends for
the lovely cards
received on the occasion
of their Diamond
Wedding. Our thanks
also to members of the
Mothers' Union for the
beautiful flowers. We
were overcome with so
much kindness.*

Mothers' Union News

Brenda Lawson, our Diocesan president, came in April to talk to us about her six year Presidency, a warm and inspired account. She, too, was as anxious when she first took up the position, as I have been, on the position we both hold in the M.U. I was encouraged by her candour, knowledge, advice and the love and joy she showed to us all. As she so rightly told us, 'When you step out in faith, God equips you with all you need to do His will'.

Our thanks to Brenda and to June Akhurst for her hospitality and invitation into her home. Brenda Lawson also gave us her support on Saturday 7th May at our M.U. Coffee Morning at St. Mary of Charity. All proceeds went to "Away from it all" holiday. Along with St Mary's we raised £161. My grateful thanks to you for all your hard work and loving support.

On Tuesday 10th May, Carol Marshall, Pam Bell and myself, driven by Vicky Shepherd went to a Diocesan Eucharist at All Saints, Maidstone This was by kind invitation of Canon Chris Morgan-Jones, with The Right Reverend Stephen Venner, Bishop of Dover, giving the sermon on the theme 'Peace and Reconciliation', based on Luke 15. 11 - 32 (The Parable of the Lost Son).

The beautiful voices of Sandling Primary School pupils, directed by Anne Saul, singing their hearts out, dressed in their wonderful red jumpers. I wish now that we could have applauded them there and then, but we had the chance later, as they were leaving to go back to school, to say 'thank you'.

An excellent lunch was given by All Saints, Maidstone with hot tea and coffee to warm us.

The organ was played by Lionel Marchant, who provides a free concert every Thursday lunchtime (1-2pm) in the summer, inviting people to eat their lunch during the performance.

There was a time to buy at the M.U. stall before leaving. Thanks to Vicky for our safe journey.

Next month we meet at Stella Glenn's home. Looking forward to seeing you all there, to hear my talk.

God Bless
Brenda Cardwell.

We have been practising "Listen" by Aniceto Nazareth arranged by Malcolm Archer, "Shalom" words and music composed by a Kent young composer, Andre Clay, "Pie Jesu" music composed by John Rutter and "Lord I want to be a Christian" a Spiritual with the music composed by John Barnard. Malcolm Archer is the Organist at Wells Cathedral and was one of the adjudicators of Songs of Praise Junior and Senior Young Choir of the Year. I sang "Shalom" at a RSCM Workshop and met Andre Clay. Andre was thrilled to hear that our choir loved to sing "Shalom" and came to a choir practice in 1999 to listen to us! What can I say about John Rutter's compositions! I like so many of his and find them challenging to sing and to play. I am grateful when Mark plays them as he does it with such excellence. This Pie Jesu is part of his Requiem. Last week, we sang the hymn "Christ triumphant, ever reigning" for the service. Michael Saward (born 1932) wrote the words and John Barnard (born 1948) composed the hymn tune, "Guiting Power" for the words. Gilbert and I visited the place "Guiting Power" about 15 years ago.

I am delighted Anthony Tunstall has been sitting on the organ seat with me and has played voluntaries and hymns for us. He only started playing at Easter and has made great strides and found himself an excellent teacher too. Anthony practises on the organ in the Almshouses with the permission of the Trustees who are keen to help young organists. He plays the piano and other instruments.

I was privileged to meet the "Macey Clan" one afternoon when I was practising the organ. Ken and Audrey Godden were with their cousin Richard and Sara Macey and their children, Andrew, Stuart and Alex. They had come to look at the new headstone in our Churchyard for Charles "Dick" Macey who died in 1946 and his wife Winifred Tamar who died in 2004. Richard is Dick's son and "Dick" was Harry Macey's brother. "Dick" was Churchwarden of Ospringe the year he died. Derek and Audrey are Harry's son and daughter. "Dick" and Harry farmed with their father, Henry Frank, who founded Cades now Pawley Farm. He planted the first apples in the 1920s and Derek is continuing this excellent tradition. Have



Lauren and Vicky sang Andrew-Lloyd Webber's "Pie Jesu" for us at the last Communion Service. In April Lauren sang at St. Catherine's, Preston for the Wedding of Stuart May and Tania Cumbermack. Lauren sang Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Pie Jesu", Caccini's "Ave Maria" and John Rutter's "Gaelic Blessing". Stuart's Mum, taught Lauren at Ospringe School and was delighted Lauren sang so beautifully. It was a pleasure to thank Mrs. May for all she does for the children she teaches. The choir have been asked to sing at the wedding of Tara Rowan and James Frost and they want Caccini's "Ave Maria" on Saturday, 4th June at Ospringe. I keep bumping into friends of Tara's all wanting to know what I am playing! On Saturday, 11th June, the choir and Lauren and Vicky have been invited to sing at a wedding at Sittingbourne Methodist Church. This came about because the

bride came to a wedding here at Ospringe and rang and asked me if Lauren could sing at their wedding and later asked me to bring the choir. Keith Moxon is the Organist and he has been very helpful to me. Thank you, Keith. This is a new venture for us! On Saturday, June 11th, the Canterbury RSCM are holding a workshop in our church, Nic Frost is masterminding that with the help of Carolynne as Churchwarden. It is all go! Songs of Praise is being televised from Goodnestone Park one Sunday in June and Lauren, Vicky, Anthony and I have signed up for the choir, we had our first rehearsal on Friday, 13th May. I am sure they will enjoy the experience, though they are long rehearsal sessions. Last time the choir joined the congregation at St. Mary of Charity, sometime in the 1990s and earlier at Canterbury Cathedral in the 1980s. Remember those, anyone? A prayer from Singapore in the CMS Prayer News for Sunday, 8th May, 2005.

"Somewhere in this hopeless whirlpool of life, a hand extends to help. Praise God!" Amen.

FROM THE ORGAN SEAT

you seen Derek's new labels for his Pawley Apple Juice? The "Clan" were delighted to see inside the church. They had also been to see the lime tree planted by Derek in Lorenden Park in memory of "Dick" and Winifred (nee Croucher) and in a spot from where they could see Ospringe

Church which meant so much to "Dick" and Winifred. Do come to the Organ Concert on Friday, 24th June, at 7.30 p.m. Robert Patterson became the Assistant Organist of Canterbury Cathedral in January. When the prospective candidates for the post came for their interview Gilbert was the Guide who took them on a Tour of the Cathedral and as Gilbert was early(!) he listened whilst some of them were playing the organ. It will be good to have another outstanding performance on our organ. See you there.

Brenda has written about the wonderful MU Eucharist we were part of at All Saints Maidstone on Tuesday, 10th May, and the wonderful Sandling Primary School's Choir who led the singing. On the front of our new MU Prayer Diary is a photo of the very moving statue by the shores of the Sea of Galilee near a delightful tiny Church on the spot where Jesus appeared to his disciples after the Resurrection. When we visited it with the Ospringe Pilgrimage in 1984, led by Ian and Dot Hawkins, Ian said to us, as we walked down the path lined with flowers, "The first time I came here I felt wonderful peace and that I had been here before" I felt the same. By the statue is a very small amphitheatre where Ian led us in prayer. We could hear the waves lapping gently on the shore. The statue is of Peter kneeling before Christ. Peter is depicted kneeling before Christ saying, "You know that I love you" and Christ responds "Feed my sheep".

God bless, Vicky Shepherd.

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Services in our Benefice

5th June 2nd Sunday after Trinity

Romans 4. 13 - end, Matthew 9. 9 - 13, 18 - 26	
Ospringe 8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Ospringe 9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling 10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Whitehill Chapel 10 a.m.	Brunch followed by
10.40 a.m.	Family People's Choice
Ospringe 11 a.m.	Oasis - New Series
Otterden 3 p.m.	Evening Prayer (BCP)

Tuesday 7th June

Whitehill Chapel 2.15 p.m. Holy Communion

12th June 3rd Sunday after Trinity

Romans 5. 1- 8, Matthew 9. 35 - 10. 8	
Eastling 8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Stalisfield 10 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling 10.30 a.m.	Freestyle in Village Hall followed by bring and share lunch.
Ospringe 11 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)

19th June 4th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 6. 1b - 11, Matthew 10. 24 - 39	
Ospringe 8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling 10 a.m.	S Club in Village Hall
Stalisfield 10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling 10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringe 11 a.m.	Family Service

26th June 5th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 6. 12 - end, Matthew 10. 40 - end	
Stalisfield 8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling 10 a.m.	Youngstyle
Ospringe 11 a.m.	Family Communion
Ospringe 11 a.m.	Sunday School
Whitehill Chapel 11 a.m.	People's Choice with Revd. J. Berryman

3rd July 6th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 7. 15 - 25a, Matthew 11. 16 - 19, 25 - end	
Ospringe 8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Ospringe 9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling 10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Whitehill Chapel 10 a.m.	Brunch followed by
10.40 a.m.	Family People's Choice
with Revd. Chris Esgate - his last Sunday service at Whitehill.	
Ospringe 11 a.m.	Oasis
Otterden 3 p.m.	Choral Evensong (BCP) sung by Kent Chorale

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

Sharing Ministry in our Benefice

Priest in Charge	Reverend Penny Fenton (01795 536366) 9 Brogdale Road, Faversham. ME13 8SX
Reader	Mr. Hugh Perks (01795 890603) Weald Cottage, Kettle Hill Road, Eastling.
Reader	Mr. Norman Fowler (01795 890412) 4 Meesons Close, Eastling.
Methodist Minister	Reverend Chris Esgate (01795 532461) Chris@Esgate.plus.com

Churchwardens

Ospringe	Miss C. Brightman (01795 531960) Mr. P. Larter (01795 531044)
Eastling	Mr S. Youle (01795 890368) Mrs. A. Smith (01795 890469)
Stalisfield with Otterden	
Joint Warden	Mrs. J. Baker (01622 858332) Mrs S. Gaind (01622 858551)
Whitehill	
Steward	Miss. B. Richards (01795 532756)

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 staff to conduct a funeral, either in our churches or elsewhere, please ask the funeral director to make the necessary arrangements.

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: h.f.harlow @btconnect.com

From the Registers

Baptisms

FINLAY ROY Griffiths
24th April 2005 at Ospringe

AMELIA DAISY Fall
15th May 2005 at Ospringe

DANIEL WILLIAM Cook
PARIS LOUISE COOK Benson
22nd May 2005 at Ospringe

Funerals

Mary June BOORMAN
Cremation at Charing on 28th April 2005

Ruby Gladys SMITH
Funeral at Ospringe, with burial at Love Lane
on 29th April 2005

Philip BING
Funeral at Ospringe, with cremation at Charing
on 18th May 2005

Anthony de Vesci GIBSON
Funeral and burial at Stalisfield on 19th May 2005

On 11th May 2005 the Parish Council held its A.G.M. in conjunction with the regular bi-monthly meeting. The A.G.M. was largely involved with appointments and the Council decided that Cllr John Payne should continue to act as Chairman with Cllr Peter Cheeseman as Treasurer. John Payne will continue to be the Parish Council's representative on the board of Governors of Eastling Primary School. Cllr Nigel Bickerdike will still be the Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer - until a replacement can be found, and will continue to act as Tree Warden. Cllr Helen Higgs will represent the Parish Council on the Village Hall Trustees. The upgrading of the Village Website was still proving to be a problem. Although the Council conceded that there was a need to be seen to be "au

Eastling Parish Council

fait" with modern technology, it expressed concern about likely costs and cost effectiveness. The Chairman agreed to consider and pursue a number of possible options.

The Treasurer gave a detailed financial appraisal and gave notice that the July meeting would need to consider the dispersal of funds for 2004 - 2005 and consider potential projects for 2005 - 2006.

Cllr Bickerdike advised the meeting that a special measuring device will be installed this week to monitor speed levels in the village prior to the possible imposition of a 30mph limit.

The next meeting is 13th July, 8pm in the village hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend.



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You don't need to buy a drink at the bar, although of course you can! Tea and Coffee also available.

OSPRINGE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Annual Parish Meeting was held at the Champion Hall on Wednesday 11th May.

Andrew Keel, Parish Council Chairman, opened the meeting with a review of last year's events. This included thanks to retiring councillors Jean Newman, Joan Tovey, Dick Thornhill, and welcome to new councillors Ann Gillat, Jennifer Newitt, Mick Seaman and John Griffin. Also thanks to Jill Seaman who has moved on from being Parish clerk, and welcome to the new Clerk Jolene Jones.

A roundabout has been installed in the playground this year, and the long awaited kerbing for the green has arrived. On the down side, a large number of poplar trees had been cut down on Abbots Hill, Water Lane. However, the Parish Council were endeavouring to get the Highways Agency to plant trees on the land adjoining the M2 and the Ospringe conservation area has been extended. New equipment had been purchased for the allotments. Planning applications continue to be received by the council, and the council continue to ensure that these do not detract from the character of the parish.

Ospringe in Bloom had again been an opportunity to recognise our local gardeners and allotment holders for bringing some colour into the parish. The Neighbourhood Watch scheme is still in operation, and it had been shown nationally that these schemes do act as a deterrent to crime.

The parish council had laid a wreath at the memorial to the motorway crash victims and had attended the war memorial on Armistice Day. The finances of the council were in good shape and it had not been necessary to raise the precept (part of the council tax) this year. Andrew concluded with thanks to all the councillors for their hard work, which is voluntary. Especial thanks were made to the vice chair Derek Macey and the parish clerk.

Members of the parish then reported on other events of the past year. Revd. Penny Fenton - reported on Church activities. The church continues to offer a range of services. Oasis, a new style of service, was introduced in September in addition to the usual Morning Prayer.

Penny was thanked by the meeting for instigating the repairs to the Church clock.

Jill Seaman reported on the Puddleducks playgroup. Membership was high, and fund raising had gone very well with two successful raffles.

Patricia Griffin described a successful year for the Village Amenities Committee organising an Easter Egg hunt, a

Barn dance, the Summer Fete, Autumn Feast, Craft Fair, and Carol Singing, which raised money for Demelza Hospice, as well as a Christmas tree erected on Champion Hall and a trip to the Panto in Canterbury. This year has started well with a repeat of the Easter Egg hunt. The Barn Dance is on June 11th - tickets are now on sale, and the summer fete is on 21st August. See you there!

Colin Hudson, for the Parish Design Statement Group, spoke about a recent meeting with Swale Borough Council planning officers. The meeting, held in early May, was encouraging with SBC making a few suggestions to enhance the format of the Design Statement. Once the working group has made these amendments, the final document will be submitted to SBC for circulation and final approval. There is still some work to do, but Colin is confident the working group can complete this in the near future.

Rosemary Simmons outlined recent news from Lorenden Park. The park goes from strength to strength, with a small band of enthusiastic helpers.

Ospringe in Bloom 2005. John Griffin related that plans are well advanced for this year with dates set for judging the allotments on 25th June and gardens on 24th July. The presentation evening will be on September 21st. This Spring's somewhat mixed weather may be a challenge to gardeners, but hopefully we can pick out the best bits out of a mix of sun, rain, and last week's May hailstones!

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on the 15th June at 7:30pm at Champion Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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Eastling Short Mat Bowls

Our members had a very enjoyable day at Ditton, nr Maidstone, when they played a Triples competition against several different clubs. We did not come away with any medals, but beat some of the very good local sides who were taking part. We have three teams entered in the Swale triples competition on 14th May at Milton indoor bowls centre and at the same venue on 28th May we have several teams playing in the pairs competition. We have already got home and away friendly games booked to play against A.C.R.A. of Canterbury and are also looking forward to playing quite a few different teams through the summer to keep us on our toes. The final positions in the Swale League have arrived and, much to our disappointment, they have deleted all of the Rodmersham games played for they failed to complete by the given date. This was one side that we took 28 points from, so we have finished in third place. Well done team for all your efforts.

Our Wednesday afternoons start again on September 28th 2005, but in the meantime we have club meetings on Fridays: Afternoons 2.30 - 4.30pm and evenings 7.30 - 9.30pm in Eastling Village Hall. New members are welcome, so if you want to see what it is all about, come along and try your hand at short mat bowls.

We would like to run youth from 5.00 until 7.00pm on a Friday with a small playing fee. Some of the other clubs we play against have younger member playing and are very good. If you are interested in sport, please come along and have a go. If you need any more details, please contact Roy Piles, 537162.

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch.

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NHW liaison officer 01795 584143
Sittingbourne police station 01795 477055
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Kent Trading Standards 08457 585 497

Bogus charity sales We have been told that a male driving a Blue Proton registration number: J892 LKE has been selling charity key rings door to door in the area. If anyone has any information such as a description please contact the Neighbourhood Office.

This following message is from Kent Trading Standards Kent Trading Standards have a duty to enforce the age restrictions on a number of products which include cigarettes and alcohol. The target of these operations are pubs, clubs, shops and off licences all across Kent in an effort to reduce the amount of age restricted products sold to children, and to reduce incidences of violence and antisocial behaviour that are often the result of excess consumption of alcohol by young people. In order to do this effectively we need information on where these products are being sold to children. If you are aware of traders near you who sell these goods to underage children, please contact Trading Standards on 01233 652387 or e-mail tsadvice@kent.gov.uk and let Neighbourhood Watch office know.

Phishing This is the term used for Internet scams which aim to solicit personal details, including banking information. Some people have received e-mails purporting to originate from EBay requesting personal information to verify the EBay information. EBay and other reputable organisations will NEVER solicit information in this way and hence you should regard any such e-mails as a scam and ignore them.

Thefts from gardens. We are reminded to be aware that there have been a number of thefts of large and heavy garden ornaments in the recent past so we should regard nothing as being safe unless protective measures have been put in place.

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch messages are also posted on the village noticeboards (at the Village Hall and the Parish notice board in The Street).

Painter's Forstal with Ospringe

Women's Institute

June 21st - History of seaside entertainment - Mr P Harris Competition - A seaside souvenir, plus flower of the month.
2.15pm in Champion Hall.

Coffee Pop-In

Open each Wednesday during term time, 9 - 11am, in Eastling Village Hall. Totally free - all welcome.

Pop-In Special:
15th June - FOES Plant Sale

KEEP FIT FOR SUMMER

BUMS, LEGS & TUMS continues on Wednesdays at 7.00pm in Eastling Village Hall. This low impact class helps to tone & shape these specific areas.

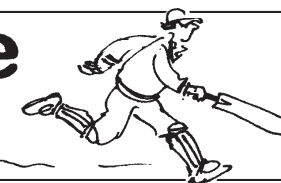
This will be followed at 8.00pm by a **NEW class - FAT BURNER** - starting on Wednesday 25th May. This class works on aerobic fitness, using fun, low impact moves to suit everyone. Benefits are - it helps to control and burn body fat. Also included - all over body sculpting section - relaxation stretch.

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

For more info contact Leigh on 890 149 or leigh.fitness@btinternet.com

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who attend the first 4 weeks fund raising classes £180.00 has been raised for the new church facilities fund.

June



2005

2nd Anniversary Concert	7.30pm	Whitehill Chapel
5th Jazz Police in Concert	2.30pm	Godwins, Stalisfield
9th Afternoon Club	2pm	Champion Hall
9th Firm Foundations	8pm	127 Athelstan Road
10th Craft Club	6.15pm	Champion Hall
10th Music on the Field	7pm	Eastling School Field
11th Barn Dance	7.30pm	Painter's Farm
15th Plant Sale	9 - 11am	Eastling Village Hall
15th Visit to Nursery	7pm	105 Ashford Road
15th Ospringe Parish Council	7.30pm	Whitehill Chapel
16th Cooks Club Meal	7pm	Eastling School Hall
18th Summer Fair	11am - 2pm	Ospringe School
21st W.I.	2.15pm	Champion Hall
23rd Afternoon Club	2pm	Champion Hall
24th Organ Recital	7.30pm	Ospringe Church
24th Eastling Pool Party	6.45pm	Faversham Pools
25th Ospringe in Bloom Allotments judging		
JULY 2nd Ordination Service	11am	Canterbury Cathedral
2nd Otterden Summer Picnic	1pm	Otterden Place
3rd Eastling School Fete	2pm	
12th Evelyn Glennie Concert	7.30pm	St Mary of Charity
24th Ospringe in Bloom Gardens judging		
AUGUST 21st Painter's Forstal Fete		
SEPTEMBER 21st Ospringe in Bloom Awards		
OCTOBER 8th Autumn Feast		Painter's Forstal
NOVEMBER 12th Craft Fayre		Painter's Forstal

Painter's Forstal Village Committee £100 DRAW

Tickets are now available for the £100 draw. Please buy your tickets now! If you are able to sell tickets to friends, family and acquaintances outside the village, let us know on 01795 532756.

Whitehill Chapel Anniversary Concert

featuring **The Choir from Sittingbourne Salvation Army**



Thursday 2nd June, 7.30pm
Champion Hall

All welcome Free entrance, retiring collection.

Afternoon Club

Activities for June 2005
9th Bingo
23rd Board Games
2pm Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal.

Painter's Forstal Gardeners' Club

25th June - Outing to Lullingstone Castle
23rd July - Summer Show
Schedules now available.

Eastling Gardeners' Club

Visit to Tim Ingrams' Nursery 105 Ashford Road, Faversham on 15th June at 7 pm. Please let Clive Jolliffe know on 890160 if you intend coming.

BABY SITTING service.

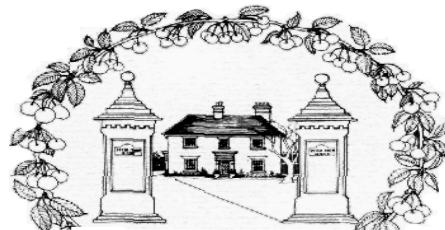
£5.00 per hour
Any evening considered.
Please phone Jill and Rosie on 01795 890519

YOGA CLASSES (for all abilities)

Enjoy... Stretching... Strengthening... Breathing... Relaxing...

Now offering an **ADDITIONAL CLASS** at **Sheldwich Village Hall**
Monday mornings 11.30am - 1.00pm from 13 June 2005

Limited places available
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Age Concern Faversham's new Money Maze is a free service, here to help.

- We can discuss what options are available to all older people for the future payment of state pensions and benefits.
- We can provide free, accurate, independent and confidential information and advice to help older people, and their carers, make an informed decision.
- If you want us to, we can support you with opening an account and provide assistance in managing accounts.
- We can help you organise your bills and sort out your paperwork.
- We can help you claim welfare benefits to make sure you're receiving everything you're entitled to.

Call our Money Maze team today on the telephone number below. We can discuss what your individual options are and what help and support we can offer.

You can also call us if are a carer, relative or friend of an older person.

Age Concern Faversham's Money Maze team

01795 532766

Having a Party? Planning a Wedding? Venue for your Club ...

Hall and smaller rooms available with kitchen facilities at

Eastling Village Hall.

For more information contact Mr Tony Stephens on 890010.

Lifecare Fitness

Professional Fitness Care - Consultations and Advice



Have you tried PILATES yet?

All classes held at Sheldwich Village Hall. Beginners are very welcome.

CLASSES NOW RUNNING

TUESDAY EVENINGS AND WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

Please telephone or email for times and availability. Mats and equipment provided.

Can't make a class? Try one of our One-to-One sessions instead.

Louise Seymour, IIHHT Dip., PT Dip., MIPTI
Tel: 070-500-84739

Email: LCS@LifecareFitness.co.uk

OTTERDEN SUMMER PICNIC

Saturday 2nd July at 1.00pm

In the beautiful grounds of **OTTERDEN PLACE**

All **OTTERDEN** residents welcome

Phone Gill 01622 859808 or Julia 01795 890227