

Young People's Church Ospringe

Family Service, 18th June and
Family Communion, 25th June,
11am in Ospringe Church

Eastling

S Club, 18th June,
10am in the village hall:
Xstream for 6 - 11 yrs and
the GRID for over 11's.

Youngstyle 25th June,
10am in Eastling Church
Contact Leigh on 890149



Eastling Puppet Club

(all ages welcome
from 9-13yrs)

Rehearsals on 3rd and 10th
June at 3pm in Eastling Village
Hall. Performance at Youngstyle
on 25th June.

Angela Cheeseman 892 124



Craft Club

June 9th and 30th
6.15pm in Champion Hall
50p per session

SMILE LINES

This tale comes from a
Catholic elementary school. . .

Apples

Up at the head table in the cafeteria, one
of the nuns had placed a big bowl of bright
red, fresh, juicy apples. Beside the bowl,
she placed a note which read, "Take only
one. Remember, God is watching."
At the other end of the table was a bowl
full of freshly baked chocolate chip cook-
ies, still warm from the oven. Beside the
bowl lay a little note scrawled in a child's
handwriting which read, "Take all you
want. God is watching the apples."



Ospringe School Summer Fayre Saturday 17th June 12 noon - 3pm



Fancy Dress Competition



Children's Rugby Tournament



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MOUSE HOLE

Blowing Bubbles

Make your own bubble mix:
Add 1 tablespoon
of washing-up liquid
and 1 tablespoon of
glycerin to
1 litre of water.
Make a 'blower' by bending
wire round into a loop.
Dip
into the
bubble
mix
and blow!

What happens when you
make different shaped loops?

What needs the
WIND
to make it work?

W _ _ _ M _ _ _
T _ _ _ L _ _ _
S _ _ _ L _ _ _ O _ _ _

Can you think of
any more?

"The **wind** blows
wherever it wishes; you
hear the sound it makes,
but you do not know
where it comes from
or where it is going.
It is like that with
anyone who is born
of the **Spirit**."
John 3:8

The Holy Spirit,
like the wind,
moves wherever He
wishes giving people
God's new life.

We can't tell Him
what to do or where
to go, but we can
see where He has
been by the changes
He has made in
someone's life.

At
PENTECOST
the
HOLY SPIRIT
came like the
sound of a
violent wind.
Read
Acts 2: 1-41

The strength of wind is measured using the Beaufort Scale	Force 0 calm	Force 1-3 light breeze	Force 4-5 moderate wind
Force 6-7 strong wind	Force 8-9 gale	Force 10-11 storm	Force 12 hurricane



GRAND

CHARITY AUCTION

to be held in a marquee in the
garden of The Bowl Inn on
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Whitehill Chapel Anniversary Concert

Thursday 1st June
7.15pm

Champion Hall

Ospringe Handbell Ringers

Collection in aid of
building maintenance.
Light refreshments.



Dr. David Flood
Organist and Master of Choristers of
Canterbury Cathedral, will give an

ORGAN RECITAL

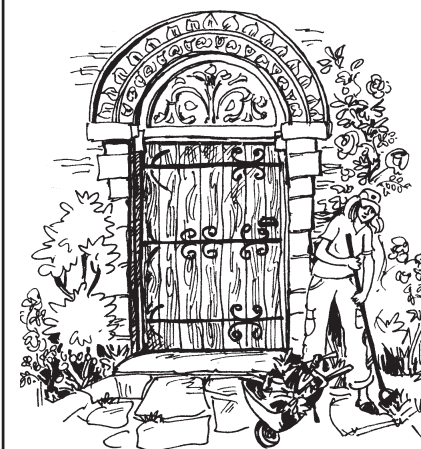
at Ospringe Church,
on St.Peter's Day,
Thursday, 29th June,
at 8 p.m.

Followed by refreshments.
Donations in aid of
Ospringe Church Funds.

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2006

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one another in or near the town centre. Admission by programme,
available from the Fleur de Lis Heritage Centre, 13 Preston Street.*

Flavours of Faversham

*3rd and 4th June from 10am to 4pm. This year's Flavours of Faversham is
the town's 4th annual Food & Drink Festival, and makes ever clearer the
essential links between what we eat and the countryside around us - after all,
our landscapes have developed into what we enjoy today through centuries
of hard work and productivity from farmers, gamekeepers and woodlanders.*

BARN DANCE

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Saturday 3rd June
7.15pm

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Painter's Forstal

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Bring your own refreshments.

Stalisfield Highlife Jumble Sale

Saturday 17th June

Come to Stalisfield's Historic Hut on
The Green for our Quality Jumble Sale.
Doors will open promptly at 2pm.
A wide variety of outstanding items
have been donated but we can always
welcome more. If you can donate
saleable goods, please ring Ian on
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Hut porch on the day before the sale.
Helpers will clear them throughout
the day.

This event is for you. No notices will
be displayed outside the area served
by GOOD NEWS.

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

Pentecost: linked up to the power!

Fifty days on from Easter Sunday the Church celebrates Pentecost. It marks the coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples and believers who were gathered in an upper room in Jerusalem.



In the Bible the event is recorded in Acts, chapter 2, and it tells of the Spirit coming with dramatic signs; a sound like a rushing wind, the appearance of flames of fire and the ability given to the apostles to preach the Good News in languages they had not learned.

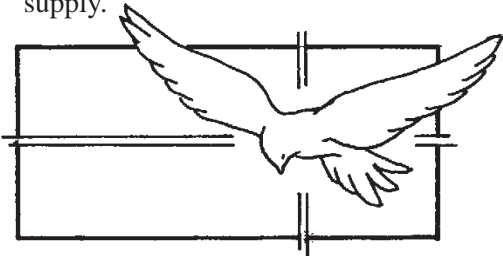
When Jesus had earlier spoken to his disciples about the coming of the Spirit, he emphasised spiritual power. “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you” (Acts 1:8). And that promise was marvellously fulfilled. When the Spirit came on that Pentecost morning, the apostles began to witness boldly. They preached salvation in the name of the risen and ascended Lord Jesus (Acts 2:37-42). On that day some

three thousand men and women believed in Jesus as Lord and Messiah and were baptised (v.41).

Later it is recorded that the apostles gave testimony to Christ’s resurrection ‘with great power’ (Acts 4:33). All through the book of Acts we see the Christian church preaching and witnessing, suffering and serving with great spiritual power. Even their enemies spoke of them as ‘turning the world upside down’ (Acts 17:6).

At this Pentecost season we need to recapture the power of the Spirit. Perhaps our lack of power is because something has gone wrong with our spiritual connections. Maybe we are not ‘linked up’ to the Spirit as those early Christians were. I recall an event of many years ago that illustrates the importance of being ‘linked up.’ I had returned home from college during the summer holidays to the farm in Northern Ireland where I had grown up. Some months earlier electrical power had come to that part of the country for the first time.

One evening in late August, I visited one of our neighbours. His farm lay next to ours and I was talking with him in one of his fields. Across his farm and ours there had been installed a line of wooden poles. These poles supported the electric cables. We were standing near one of these poles and it carried a notice stamped into an aluminium plate. It warned that some 33,000 volts of electric power were running through the wires. As we stood there that summer evening, we could hear the current humming in the wires. An hour later I was in my neighbour’s home – and it was lit with oil lamps! He had 33,000 volts of electric power passing over his farm but he had none in his house. He was not ‘linked up’ to the supply.



Often in the church we are like that. We have the services, the programmes, the plans, the personnel – but not the power of the Spirit that convicts sinners and brings them to faith in Jesus. There is little danger that we will turn even the parish upside down, much less the world! This Pentecost celebration is a time to get ‘linked up’ to the Holy Spirit.

Dr Herbert McGonigle is Senior Lecturer in Historical Theology & Church History, Nazarene Theological College, Manchester.

Prayer at Pentecost

O faithful God,
who didst fulfil the promise of
Easter
by sending to us thy Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and
nation the way of eternal life:
open our lips by the same Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of thy
glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Common Worship Post Communion
sentence for Whit Sunday

Mothers’ Union News

Our May meeting will be in the Parish Room at church on Wednesday 31st May. We are starting at 1 p.m. with a Lunch given by Brenda and Carol, so that we can discuss our many matters!

On Tuesday, 6th June, Audrey Lewis (for the M.U. Canterbury Diocese) has organised a Day In London; coach from Faversham and other points and then visiting the Houses of Parliament, with a Boat Cruise on the River Thames - with Lunch, too - plus a trip on The Eye. Eight of us from Ospringe are joining. For our June meeting on Wednesday 28th June, we meet for our Summer Lunch (1o'clock for 1. 30 p.m.) at The Dover Castle, Teynham. Please, M.U. and friends, support Vicky for The Organ Recital at Ospringe on St. Peter's Day, 29th June, 8 p.m. followed by our delicious Ospringe refreshments, all for Church Funds.

For our July meeting on Wednesday 26th July, at 2 p.m. in the parish room, we have a speaker. She is our lovely M.U. "Godmother", Audrey Lewis.

For our August meeting, watch this space as we would like Jo to tell us about her time living and working in Japan AND we plan a garden party too.

We have sent £90 for our Link Diocese of Cyangugu in Rwanda to spend on their new computer system. Mary, the Bishop's wife, who leads the M.U. there, is thrilled and says a BIG THANK YOU. We are delighted to learn of the increase of M.U. Christians in Cyangugu, of their opportunities for work and fellowship, and for their happiness. It was the 12th Anniversary of the genocide out there on 6th April. Congratulations to Mary and the M.U. Worker for the work they are doing to bring about this happiness. Revd. Pat, Carol and I met Mary and Geoffrey in 1999. Mary and her husband, Geoffrey, are from Uganda and their son is helping them too. They speak English in a French and Rwandan country so have done exceptionally well with their joyful outlook.

God bless, Brenda (Branch Leader) via Vicky.

FROM THE ORGAN SEAT.

Many of you know of my love for numerous hymns, both long established and very new. Last Sunday, on the Radio 4 8.10 a.m. Service, they had, "We love the place O God". I first heard this wonderful hymn with my Mum when I was 11 at Penman Priory Church on the Isle of Anglesey. This small church has an external dovecote, it was a sunny Sunday in August and we went to the English speaking Service. I loved the hymn and Mum bought me the pre 1950 Ancient and Modern hymn book and I thoroughly enjoyed playing - and singing!! - that hymn and many others including from some from CSSM Choruses. It is still one of my favourite hymns and I love finding out about the tunes and the composers and authors. The Episcopal Church has brought out a new Hymnal so I look forward to seeing that. We look forward to seeing, during their Summer Vacation, our youngsters who went to their Universities last autumn and hearing of their progress. Jo, at Derby, reading Occupational Therapy; Tom, at Clare College, Cambridge, reading Medicine and Anna, at Aberystwyth, reading Countryside Management. Their mums tell me they are having the time of their lives and working hard.

Congratulations to Vicky, née Heward, who gave birth to a baby girl, Evie, in May. Vicky lives in Milan. Vicky's parents tell me they are both thrilled and cannot wait to see all 3 of them.

From Church Missionary Society Prayerlines for May, 2006 :-

"Lord use our prayers:
To bring the light of the Gospel to those living in darkness,
To bring the hope of the Gospel to those living in despair,
To bring the healing of the Gospel to the lonely, the disadvantaged and the marginalized,
And to bring the peace of the Gospel to a divided world."
Amen.

God bless, Vicky.



CHOIR NOTES

"You shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands." Isaiah 55. 12.

This always reminds me of “Sir” teaching us this in Assembly and the joy on the children's faces and several of them coming in, in their own time, with the claps!! On Thursday, 27th April, 3.45 p.m. we welcomed the Retired Clergy of Canterbury Diocese for Sung Evensong. A grand sound came from 50 in the Congregation and a Choir of 15. Thank you to the Choir for giving Ali and me the opportunity to do this. It was my first experience of playing for a Sung Evensong! We were augmented by friends from Faversham and Appledore. We hope to sing in Appledore sometime later in the year.

After the Easter break, we are meeting every Wednesday, 6 to 7p.m. in the Parish Room and we sing heartily. If any youngsters or adults would like to join us, do ask me.

We look forward to David Flood's Organ Recital on Thursday, 29th June, at 8 p.m. David will make the Organ sparkle with wonderful organ pieces and will accompany our Ospringe singers with fine Arias from Gill and lovely songs from Lauren and Vicky. Do come.

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Prayer Pointers

<u>Sundays</u>	For the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
<u>Mondays</u>	Marriages in crisis.
<u>Tuesdays</u>	Those who produce and distribute the Good News magazine.
<u>Wednesdays</u>	Those soon to be ordained priest locally.
<u>Thursdays</u>	All those facing redundancy.
<u>Fridays</u>	For a lessening of international tensions.
<u>Saturdays</u>	The Leprosy Mission.

Freestyle

Sunday 11th June
10.30am in
Eastling Village Hall
*Who is the
Holy Spirit?*

Free breakfast from 10am
All welcome

Contact number 01795 890338

Services in our Churches			Ministry in our Parishes		
<div><div>4th JunePentecost</div><div>Acts 2. 1 - 21, John 15. 26 - 27; 16. 4b - 15</div><div>Ospringe8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)</div><div>Ospringe9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (BCP)</div><div>Ospringe11 a.m. Oasis</div><div>Davington10.30 a.m. Parish Communion. (CW)</div><div>Whitehill Chapel10 a.m. Brunch followed by</div><div>10.40 a.m. Family People’s Choice</div><div>Eastling10 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)</div><div>Otterden3 p.m. Evening Prayer (BCP) followed by Baptism</div></div> <div><div>Tuesday 6th June</div><div>Whitehill Chapel2.15 p.m. Holy Communion</div></div> <div><div>11th JuneTrinity Sunday</div><div>Romans 8. 12 - 17, John 3. 1 - 17</div><div>Ospringe11 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)</div><div>Davington10.30 a.m. Parish Communion. (CW)</div><div>Eastling8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)</div><div>Stalisfield10 a.m. Morning Prayer (BCP)</div><div>Eastling10.30 a.m. Freestyle in Village Hall</div></div> <div><div>18th JuneTrinity 1</div><div>2 Corinthians 5. 6 - 10 [11 - 13] 14 - 17, Mark 4. 26 - 34</div><div>Ospringe8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)</div><div>Ospringe11 a.m. Family Service</div><div>Davington10.30 a.m. Parish Communion. (CW)</div><div>Stalisfield10 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)</div><div>Eastling10 a.m. Morning Prayer (BCP)</div></div> <div><div>25th JuneTrinity 2</div><div>2 Corinthians 6. 1 - 13, Mark 4. 35 - end</div><div>Ospringe11 a.m. Family Communion (CW)</div><div>Davington10.30 a.m. Parish Communion. (CW)</div><div>Whitehill Chapel11 a.m. People’s Choice</div><div>Stalisfield8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)</div><div>Eastling10 a.m. Youngstyle</div></div> <div><div>2nd JulyTrinity 3</div><div>2 Corinthians 8. 7 - end, Mark 5. 21 - end</div><div>Ospringe9 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)</div><div>Ospringe11 a.m. Oasis</div><div>Davington10.30 a.m. Parish Communion. (CW)</div><div>Whitehill Chapel10 a.m. Brunch followed by</div><div>10.40 a.m. Family People’s Choice</div><div>St. Mary of Charity10.30 a.m. Ordination Service</div><div>Otterden3 p.m. Evening Prayer (BCP)</div><div>~~~~~</div><div>(BCP) Service taken from the Book of Common Prayer, 1662.</div><div>(CW) Service follows Common Worship Liturgy, 2000</div></div>			<div><div>Priest in Charge</div><div>of OspringeReverend Ali Duguid(01795 533272)</div><div>and DavingtonThe Vicarage, Brent Hill, Davington, ME13 7EF (not available Fridays)</div></div> <div><div>Priest in Charge of Eastling and Stalisfield</div><div>- Vacant</div></div> <div><div>Curate</div><div>Reverend Angela Cheeseman(01795 892124)</div><div>(Eastling & Stalisfield)New House Farm, Eastling. ME13 0BN</div></div> <div><div>Reader</div><div>Mr. Norman Fowler(01795 890412)</div><div>(Eastling, Stalisfield & Ospringe)4 Meesons Close, Eastling.</div></div> <div><div>Reader</div><div>Mr. Hugh Perks(01795 890603)</div><div>(Eastling, Stalisfield & Ospringe)Weald Cottage, Eastling.</div></div> <div><div>Methodist Minister</div><div>Reverend Philip Barker(01227 463180)</div></div> <div><div>Churchwardens</div><div>OspringeMiss C. Brightman(01795 531960)</div><div>Mr. P. Larter(01795 531044)</div><div>WhitehillMiss. B. Richards(01795 532756)</div><div>Steward</div><div>EastlingMr S. Youle(01795 890368)</div><div>Mrs. A. Smith(01795 890469)</div><div>Stalisfield with Otterden</div><div>Joint Warden {Mrs. J. Baker(01622 858332)</div><div>Mrs S. Gaind(01622 858551)</div><div>Mrs P. Thompson(01795 890376)</div></div> <div><div>Contacting the Church’s staff</div><div>For general enquiries and for specific enquiries about Baptisms and Weddings, please telephone Faversham 531044 for Ospringe and Painter’s Forstal; for Eastling and Stalisfield please telephone 01795 892124. 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.</div></div>		
From the Registers					
<div><div>Baptism</div><div>SASHA VICTORIA Godden</div><div>23rd April 2006 at Ospringe</div></div> <div><div>Funerals</div><div>George SPRING</div><div>21st April 2006Cremation at Barham</div><div>Constance Ethel (Connie) PEARCE</div><div>4th May 2006Cremation at Barham</div></div>					
<div><div>Mid Week Worship at Davington</div><div>8 a.m. Morning Prayer will be said Monday - Thursday</div><div>9.30 a.m. Holy Communion every Thursday</div><div>Mid Week Worship at Eastling</div><div>2.30 p.m. Celtic Prayer - 20 minutes for prayer and reflection.</div></div>					

Neighbourhood Watch

Manure scam

A resident of the Spring Lane area of Canterbury has reported 2 men in a red flat bed vehicle who knocked on his door after depositing manure into his front garden. They appeared to wait until the lady of the house was out shopping. They then informed the husband that his wife had placed the order for manure and demanded £200. Unfortunately no vehicle registration number was taken. Trading Standards are alerting Kent residents of this type of scam and advising them to contact consumer direct on 08454 040506 with any information they have.

Gravel scam

(same with 'spare' tarmac)

Trading Standards have advised that two men operating in the Sevenoaks area driving a silver and black Mercedes tipper called on a home-owner asking if he wanted some gravel they had left over from another job. The homeowner agreed but after the work was done the price increased dramatically. Trading Standards advice is to be cautious, if you want work carried out ask friends or neighbours to recommend traders, and get at least 2 written quotes before agreeing to have work done.

E-mail scams

There has been an increase in e-mail messages from people pretending to be from banks and building societies. Advice is that when replying to any such e-mail do not to give any personal details. Banks and Building Societies never request personal information by e-mail.

Bird flu - poultry database

Small poultry keepers are being asked to contact the County Council which is formulating a database to ensure they receive information to help quickly in the event of an outbreak of Avian Flu in the county. Owner of 50 or more birds are required to register however there are numerous owners of small flocks that may also require urgent information and assistance. Owners of poultry including chickens, ducks, turkeys and geese are asked to contact the Trading Standards Contact Centre on 08458 247902 or Email

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Ospringe Parish Council News

The meeting on the 10th of May was the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council. As such a number of formal items were required to be completed. The annual accounts were signed off and Officers were elected for 2006-2007. Andrew Keel was re-elected Chairman of the Council. All Officers from 2005-2006 were re-elected for 2006-2007.

The Council received a number of reports on maintenance work that had been carried out, or was planned for the near future. These works included: litter picking on the north side of the M2 by the Highways Agency, the assessment of suitability of placing a dog waste bin adjacent to the pubic footpath at the allotments, levelling & re-seeding of the village triangle, restoration of the street name plate at Greenlees, clearance of the footpath next to the Champion Hall by KCC, replacement of the sewerage cover at Whitehill, repairs to road signs in the parish by Kent Highways.

The Council were pleased to receive a letter of thanks for the financial support given to the recent window replacements at Champion Hall. The council also received

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 Current and back copies of Good News are available on the website: <http://go.to/goodnewsmag>

EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

On Monday 8th May 2006, Eastling Parish Council held its AGM followed by the regular bi-monthly meeting. At the AGM Cllr Peter Cheeseman was elected Chairman. Cllr Jimmy West was elected Treasurer and appointed to serve as the Minor Authority Representative on the Eastling Primary School Governing body. Cllr Nigel Bickerdike continues to act as the Neighbourhood Watch Representative and as Tree Warden. Cllr Helen Higgs will serve as the Council’s representative on the Village Hall Trustees. The Council’s Banking and Insurance arrangements remain unchanged. At the regular meeting the Chairman reported that the Council had been advised to continue in its quest for a 30mph speed limit. He congratulated Cllr Bickerdike on the letter he wrote to Cllr Andrew Bowles of KCC in which he reinforced the council’s point of view. Much of the Council’s time was used in preparing the flyer for circulation, to Eastling homes, with this copy of the ‘Good News’, which the Council hopes readers will peruse and offer their comments.

OSPRINGE-IN-BLOOM 2006

This year is our 16th year. As usual we had a high standard of entries last year, with the most interesting garden and the best tubs & containers having a very close finish in the judging. The tallest sunflower trophy was retained by the 2004 winners. It could be that the special position of the garden opposite Brogdale brings a benefit?

The weather has again this year posed us some challenges. From exceptional cold, and another visit of Mr Snowman, to drought and heavy downpours. Still, despite these challenges, the gardens in the Parish look as good as ever. As usual, contributing to the visual delights of this part of the Kent.

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

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



People within the Parish can enter as many categories as the wish; there is no entry fee. Entry forms will be delivered to every house.

The Gardens will be judged on the 19th July. Closing date for entries is 15th July. The Awards Evening will be held on the 20th September, at Champion Hall, to which all are invited; not just the winners.

Start Your Summer Shape Up.

Fitness classes @Eastling Village Hall
WEDNESDAYS

6.00pm GENTLE EXERCISE
for the more mature participant & those starting or returning to exercise.

7.00pm BUMS, LEGS & TUMS
helps tone & shape these specific areas.

8.00pm FAT BURNER
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9.15am FITNESS FUSION

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Photo by Neil Denbow

BLUEBELL WALK 2006

Our annual Eastling bluebell walk, in aid of facilities for Eastling church, dawned on a wet and windy day. Our hearts sank, as the rain was tipping down at about 9am when people were just deciding how to spend their bank holiday, and we feared that no-one would turn up. Our fears (and perhaps lack of faith) were unfounded. Family after family appeared, mainly suitably clad in wellies and waterproofs, and set off on mostly the shorter walks of 3miles, although some went bravely on to the 5 mile route. Happily the weather started to clear up as the day went on, but the paths were pretty wet. Apparently mud was not a deterrent but an extra enjoyable feature to some under 10's! Mud did, however, mean that the going was very heavy, and the walks took longer than usual. The bluebells were very late this year, so they were just beginning to come out in some places, but very good in others. As usual, the early purple orchids were blooming first, and the primroses still made a glorious display. Treasures, such as a bone and a lamb's tail, were found by Olive, aged 4. Congratulations to the four parties who achieved the 10 mile walk, including teenagers Lianne and Sam, who were sponsored for SIDS and the NSPCC, as well as supporting the church fund.

Everyone was rewarded by the most splendid bistro food at the village hall on return. Thanks to all who helped; making posters, preparing food, staking out the route markers, selling the tickets etc. The walk would not have been possible without all your help. Finally, thank you to the Belmont and Otterden Estates for giving permission for us to walk over their private land.

We are delighted to say that £460 was raised for our fund to make our church more user-friendly. Thanks to all who supported us and made this possible.

Angela and Peter Cheeseman

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Eastling Village Hall.
For more information contact
Mr Tony Stephens on 890010.

OSPRINGE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The School Association at Ospringe would like to thank all those who supported our Wine & Wisdom last month.

Forthcoming Events

Our School Summer Fayre will be on Saturday 17th June from 12 noon - 3pm, with a Children's Rugby Tournament, and a FancyDress Competition. There will be Activities and Competitions, more Tombolas than you can shake a stick at, the famous Crockery Smash, Bouncy Castle and Face painting, and our unrivalled Cake stall. Doors open at noon - Lucky Programme number. Come & enjoy yourselves and support your local school.

The School's Mini Fete will be on the afternoon of Wednesday 19th July - all proceeds to the Charities chosen by the Children.

Our Summer Dance will be held at the Abbey School on Saturday 22nd July from 7.30 pm til Midnight.

Ticket price is £15 including Buffet food and Live Music and Dancing throughout the night. Tickets are available now from the School Office.

Join us for the night's entertainment and help us to support the Children's education.'

SITUATION VACANT

Ospringe Parish Council

The council is looking for a parish clerk. The post is part time (approx 17 to 20 hours per month) and involves an interesting range of duties, including taking notes at the monthly council meetings and producing minutes, correspondence and keeping financial accounts. Previous experience of working as a parish clerk or in an administrative role would be helpful. For more information please contact the present clerk Mrs Jolene Jones (01795 410086) or the chairman Mr Andrew Keel (07860 206321)

Thanks

The Wit and Wisdom held in April in aid of the Senior Citizens Christmas lunch raised £161.00. Thank you to everyone who helped or gave raffle prizes. We have already booked the date for the next quiz - 11th November. Please keep this date in your diary. More details later in the year.

Norman.

FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Eastling School Swimming Pool Party with BBQ to be held on Friday 23rd June at Faversham Swimming Pool - 6.45pm to 8.30pm. Adults - £3.30, children under 16 - £2.50, and includes one item from the BBQ.

Join in with the fun of the CIRCUS at the Eastling School Summer Fete on Sunday 9th July from 2pm to 5pm. Lots of new and exciting attractions as well as a fancy dress competition and five-a-side football tournament. Watch out for more details!

The family Disco and Social Evening is on the last day of Summer term - 25th July - 6.30pm to 9pm.

Make a note of some of the future events in your diaries:

AUCTION of items and promises - Saturday 23rd September in Eastling Village Hall.

FOES AGM - Thursday 28th September. 'APPLE PIE day' - Friday 13th October. Fungi Foray - Sunday 15th October.

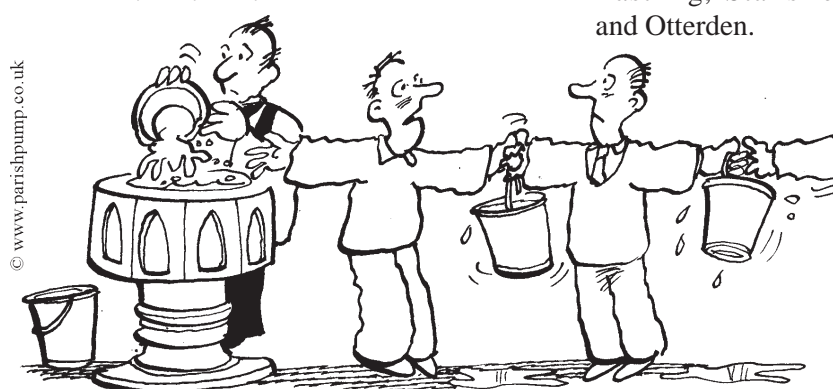
Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity
01795 890519.

PUDDLEDUCKS PLAYGROUP

The children have been making mini-bugs (butterflies and ladybirds) and will continue to make more bugs after half term. There will be no playgroup on May 30th and 2nd June.

We have vacancies for children aged 2yrs to 5yrs on Tuesdays and Fridays. This is a lovely rural group with a friendly atmosphere and plenty of activities aimed to develop the children's creative and social skills. Please feel welcome to visit a playgroup session.

Please contact me for details.
Jill Seaman, Playgroup Manager
01795 890519



I have to say - I think he's taking this hosepipe ban a bit too seriously!

Painter's Forstal Amenities Committee Barn Dance

See front cover.

£100 Draw

If you are able to sell some of these tickets, or would like to buy, please ring 01795 532756 and leave your name and address.

Craft Fayre

Saturday 11th November
in the Champion Hall

If you would like a table (cost £5) to sell your craft, please phone 532756 and leave your name, address and craft.



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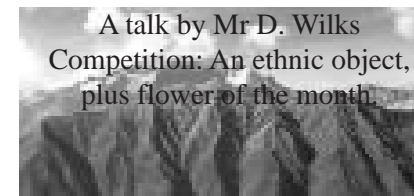
Thank you

Jill and Caroline want to thank all who supported and helped at the Family Quiz night in May. £279 was raised for the Youth Worker fund for Eastling, Stalisfield and Otterden.

Painter's Forstal with Ospringe Women's Institute

20th June, 2.15pm Champion Hall

Equador, Amazonia and the Andes



A talk by Mr D. Wilks
Competition: An ethnic object, plus flower of the month.

Afternoon Club

Activities

June 8th Bingo

June 22nd Board Games

Both meetings at 2pm in the Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal
New members welcome.

Eastling Gardeners' Club

Thursday, 22nd June

Evening Visit to

Torry Hill Gardens, Frinsted
from 6.30-9.30 pm

Please let Clive Jolliffe know if you are coming on 890160

Coffee Pop-In

Wednesdays 9 - 11am
in Eastling Village Hall

Toddlers welcome.

Cakes for sale on
7th June and 5th July.

June



1st Anniversary Concert	7.30pm	Whitehill Chapel
3rd Coffee Morning	10am	74 London Road
3rd Charity Auction	2.30pm	The Bowl, Charing
3rd Barn Dance	7.15pm	Painter's Farm
8th Afternoon Club (Bingo)	2pm	Champion Hall
9th Craft Club	6.15pm	Champion Hall
10th Gardeners' outing to Kew Gardens		
14th Ospringe Parish Council	7.30pm	Champion Hall
15th Deadline for July Good News		
17th Ospringe Summer Fayre	12 noon	Ospringe School
17th Jumble Sale	2pm	Stalisfield Hut
20th W.I.	2.15pm	Champion Hall
22nd Afternoon Club (Board Games)	2pm	Champion Hall
22nd Gardeners' outing	6.30pm	Torry Hill
27th Magazine folding	2pm	Usual venues
29th Organ recital	8pm	Ospringe Church
30th Craft Club	6.15pm	Champion Hall
July 9th Circus Fête	2pm	Eastling School
22nd Ospringe Dance	7.30pm	Abbey School
September 23rd Auction		Eastling Village Hall