

Ospringe School Association invite you to their
Summer Fair
 Sat 9th June 2001
 Come and celebrate
 150 years of
 Ospringe School
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The Y Course
 Where life's big issues
 are open to question

Is there more to than 'this'?

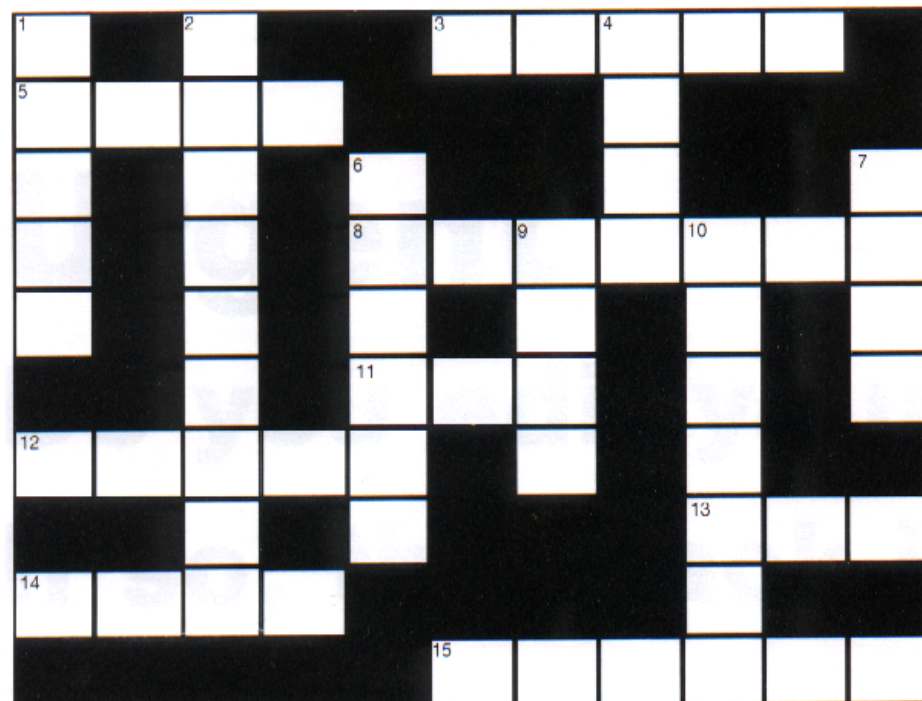
Join us for The Y Course on
 Sunday Evenings
 7.45 - 9.15pm
 for 7 weeks commencing: 3rd June
 Groups held at:
 127 Athelstan Road, Faversham
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 Contact: Mark & Alison, 535246;
 Mark & Hilary, 890338; Michael &
 Nicola, 537377 or Revd. Penny
 Fenton, 536366.

'Growing in Pastoral'
 If you are interested in this short
 course, please contact Penny on
 536366. It is hoped to run the
 course during May over four to
 five weekly sessions.
 Another short course,
 'Joy in the Mourning'
 will follow on in September.
 Again, contact Penny if you are
 interested in taking part.

**8 - 12
 Youth Club**
 Crafts May 3rd
 Games May 18th
 Crafts June 8th
 (not 1st)
 6.15pm at
 Champion Hall
 Painter's Forstal

Sunday Schools
 Ospringe meets in the
 Parish Room during the
 11am Communion services on
 May 13th and 27th.
 Crèche available on 13th
 May.
 Painter's Forstal meets
 at 10.40am in the Champion
 Hall on May 1st and June
 3rd.
 Eastling meets in the
 Village Hall at 9.50am on
 20th May.

**For younger readers . . .
 Herbert's crossword** **Christian Aid**



Hi, I'm Herbert and I'm ten. I live in
 Uganda, with my Mum, Gran, Aunt
 and loads of cousins. I had a bit of
 help to make up this crossword.

Fill in the answers to Herbert's
 crossword to find out some of the
 things that you can do and Herbert
 does to make a difference to our world.

Across

- 3 Save the forests by using it again. (5)
- 5 The top of a house; Herbert's school has a
 new one of these. (4)
- 8 Another way of saying 'use it again'. (7)
- 11 Walk instead of going by --- (3)
- 12 Aluminium cans of this can be recycled. (5)
- 14 ---- a letter to Mr Blair telling him how
 pleased you are that Herbert can go to
 school and has water close to his home.
 Ask him to keep working to cancel the
 poor countries' debt. (4)
- 15 and 13 Remember to do this to lights that are
 not being used. (6, 3)

Down

- 1 The colour used to describe people who take
 care of the environment. (5)
- 2 A big word for a big problem: another word
 for 'dirty'. (9)
- 4 We can all do this - it is a way to talk to
 God. (4)
- 6 These are used to build houses. (6)
- 7 Digging this has meant that Herbert and his
 family don't have to walk miles to get water.
 (4)
- 9 Take ---- we all need to do this. (4)
- 10 Fruit and vegetable peelings can make this;
 it helps things to grow. (7)

Good News Parish Magazine May 2001

**Christian Aid Week
 13-19 May 2001
 You're making
 a difference!**

Christian Aid Week this year is a celebration of making a difference and focuses on people in Uganda, Brazil and Bangladesh. Debt campaigning by people in the UK and Ireland has made a real difference to people's lives. One example is Uganda where debt relief means that children can now go to primary school without having to pay fees.

In Brazil, Christian Aid's partner the Rural Landless Workers' Movement, has set up tea-growing cooperatives; whenever people in other countries buy fairly traded products, such communities benefit.

In Bangladesh the Christian Commission for Development in Bangladesh, also partly funded by Christian Aid, is helping people improve their lives by making loans to small businesses.

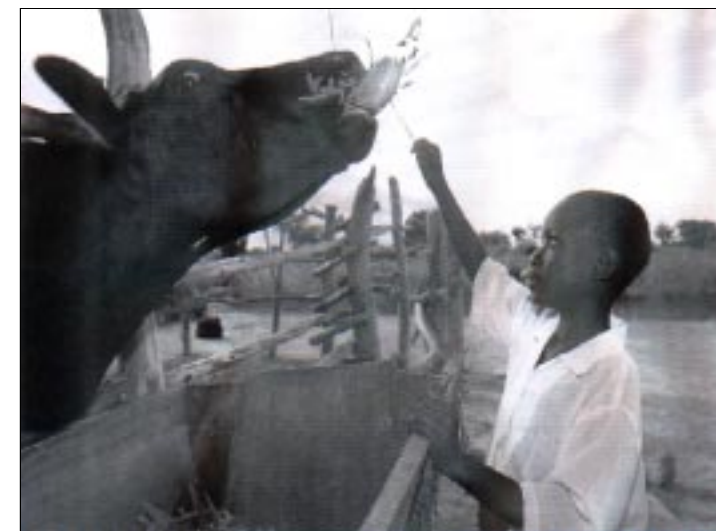
Even though the amount you give, the campaigning action you take, the prayer you say may seem to be a drop in the ocean together all these things really are making a difference.

Could you be a collector in our benefice of Ospringe, Eastling, Stalisfield and Otterden?

If you could collect in a street near you, please
 call: Revd. Penny Fenton on 01795 536366

Last year Christian Aid Week raised a record
 £12 million of which £600,000 came from the
 tax reclaimed on people's donations. If you are
 a UK tax payer, Christian Aid can reclaim an
 extra 28 per cent over and above the amount
 you give, whether that is £1, £10, or £100. All
 you need to do is to make sure that you fill in
 your name, address, and the amount you are
 giving on the red Christian Aid Week envelope.

**UK taxpayers, help make an extra
 difference to the lives of some of
 the world's poorest people.**



**After school, Herbert Asio from Uganda
 loves to feed Ida, the family cow.**

Grace's prayer

*O Lord, Creator of all the earth,
 Thank you for the mercy you have
 always had for us Ugandans,
 and for giving us your Son to sacrifice
 his life for us.
 In the same way, Father, you touched
 the hearts of our brothers and sisters
 overseas to work for our families, our
 schools and our health.
 Father, as time goes by, may we also be
 able to help our needy brothers and
 sisters.
 Lord, give us the Spirit of love through
 all our lives. In the name of our Lord
 Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Read about Herbert and his
 mother, Grace, inside.

Christian Aid
 We believe in life before death

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

Message for the Month

The Nail

As the story goes, they built a new church building and people came from far and wide to see it. They admired its beauty! Up on the roof, a little nail heard the people praising everything about the lovely structure - except the nail! No one even knew he was there, and he became angry and jealous. "If I am that insignificant, nobody will miss me if I quit!" So the nail then released its hold, slid down the roof, and fell in the mud. That night it rained and rained. Soon, the shingle that had no nail blew away, and the roof began to leak. The water streaked the walls and the beautiful murals. The plaster began to fall, the carpet was stained, and the pulpit Bible was ruined by water.

All this because a little nail decided to quit!
But what of the nail? While holding the shingle, it was obscure but it was also useful. Buried in the mud it was just as obscure, but now it was useless and would soon be eaten up by rust!
So be encouraged and know that however large or small your service for God is, it does still make a difference in someone else's life. Just because you don't see a difference does not mean that it was not made. God's Word does not return void but will accomplish that which He pleases. (Isaiah 55:11)

We are ALL a part of the Lord's ministry, so never feel discouraged.

Read and meditate on these scriptures:
1 Corinthians 12:12 "For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ."
2 Isaiah 55:11 "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."
3 Corinthians 4:16-17 "For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

All change

What happens when world debt is cancelled?

The efforts of the worldwide Jubilee 2000 campaign to cancel the debts of the poorest countries are beginning to bear fruit in the lives of ordinary people. Ten-year-old Herbert Asio from Uganda is just one of them.

Uganda is currently benefiting from debt relief amounting to around £25 million. This is placed in a special fund, the Poverty Action Fund (PAF), which is being used to increase the incomes of the poorest people and to improve their quality of life. For Herbert and his family this is beginning to make a tremendous change.

Herbert attends Asuret Primary School and for the first time in his life he can go to school without his mother having to pay fees. Although Herbert still works in an old classroom, younger children have brand new classrooms. At the moment there are 16 classrooms for 1,300 children, and thanks to PAF the school plans to build a further seven rooms within five years. Herbert's headmaster, Eliuru John Brown is proud of the school and what is happening there. He says: 'Pray for peace in our country. Where there is peace, there is development and poverty will gradually disappear.'
At home, Herbert lives with his mother Grace who is a farmer. She is benefiting from PAF in her everyday life and in her work. Money has been allocated to repair water sources, and Grace now has water close to her home. And thanks to advice she has received from a PAF-funded local agricultural extension officer, Grace is able to make her five acres of family land much more productive.

Every home should have one

Grace and Herbert's lives have also been changed by the arrival of a cow, sent through the 'Send a Cow' scheme which is operated locally by Christian Aid's partner, the Soroti Diocese Development Office (SDDO). Herbert loves the cow whom he has called Ida and feeds her on elephant grass. He would like to milk her as well but his fingers aren't yet strong enough. Grace says: 'I've had Ida since July 1999. She had a bull calf, Samuel, and produces 10 to 12 litres of milk per day. I feed her on elephant grass and a new food supplement called nutrimix, which I get free because I'm taking part in a trial project. Milk sells for about 25p per litre and the money has enabled me to have some ploughing done. I've also used the cow dung and urine for the garden and have seen a great improvement.'
Grace is now the local chairperson for 'Send a Cow' and is also one of the local co-ordinators for the development work of the Church of Uganda.

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CHOIR REPORT

We will continue to have short Choir Practices before the Services, 10.25 a.m. for 10.30 a.m., on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in May.

Thank you to Faversham Choral for inviting us to sing in 'The Crucifixion' at St. Mary of Charity on Saturday, 7th APRIL. We took 3 youngsters and 6 adults from Ospringe. It was another moving Easter experience. God bless, Vicky Shepherd.

Congratulations to Zoe and Adam Stembridge on the birth of their gorgeous daughter, Lara Beth, on Thursday, 12th April. They have booked Penny to lead and me to play for the Baptism, if possible, as Penny married them and I played for their Wedding last May. Zoe and Adam brought Lara Beth to show to Gracie Jenkins on their return home and Adam took a photo of Gracie holding her. That was greatly appreciated by Gracie.

FROM THE ORGAN SEAT

I think our gardens, parks, beds around town and the wayside verges are looking wonderful in their Spring glory particularly when the sun has shone.

The Churchyard has been full of flowers and the flowering pear tree with its white blossom has looked splendid. When I emerge from practising the organ the bird song has been particularly sweet.

During the weekend of 23rd to 25th March I took part in the Ely Music Experience. It was a residential weekend at the Retreat House of Ely Cathedral and Diocese. It was to celebrate the completion of the renovation of the Cathedral Organ by the firm Harrison and Harrison of Durham. There were three concerts, many services including the dedication of the Organ, a Cathedral tour, a visit along the organ pipes, a talk on the renovation and the opportunity to have a short play on this organ. I played the Lefebure-Wely, Andante in F, known as 'The Nun's Hymn'. (That sounds good on our organ too and in its present condition too.) I spent the day before in Ely visiting the Cathedral and Precincts, Cromwell's House, The Stained Glass Museum and Ely Museum. There were two examples of Thomas Willement's work in the Stained Glass Museum. A lady from this museum is researching T.W. so I asked her to keep me informed. The Cathedral is known as 'The Ship of The Fens' because it stands out from all directions and is surrounded by the flat

Fenlands. As you journey along the roads in The Fens you are higher than the surrounding fields which have the rich peat black soil. Ely Cathedral was founded by St. Etheldreda the sister of St. Sexburga who founded Minster Abbey on the Isle of Sheppey.

My husband was Head of a tiny school, Turves, in the Diocese of Ely and in 1971/72. I stitched a Kneeler for the Cathedral so I was thrilled to find it and use it! It has green horseshoes running round a crest; the local pub was The Three Horseshoes! April 1972 we moved here!

I visited St. Wendreda's Church at March to see their National Heritage double hammer-beam roof of the 15th Century with 118 flying angels. It is a splendid living Church with this wonderful 'Angel Roof', well worth a visit. Wendreda was another sister of Etheldreda and Sexburga (around 670AD) so it must have been some family.

For your diary, on Saturday, 9th June, 7.30 p.m. there will be an organ concert in Canterbury Cathedral of music 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. This piece is a favourite of our Director of The Faversham Society and I have ordered a CD of this piece.

God bless, Vicky Shepherd.

Prayer Pointers

May 2001

<u>Sundays</u>	For assurance in our faith.
<u>Mondays</u>	Those who are discouraged or depressed.
<u>Tuesdays</u>	P.C.C. members in the Benefice.
<u>Wednesdays</u>	Local prayer groups.
<u>Thursdays</u>	Those whose lives have been disrupted by the Foot and Mouth outbreak.
<u>Fridays</u>	The work of Christian Aid.
<u>Saturdays</u>	Christians in China.

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Sunday Newstyle

Theme: Sharing the Good News

Speaker: Pat Pollard

13th May
Eastling Church
10.30am
Come for coffee and
croissants from 10am

CAROLYTES

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Dog Sitter needed in
Painter's Forstal area.
Half an hour for 4 days a week.
Rates of pay tba.
Phone 01795 531918 after 7pm.

Services in our Benefice

Tuesday 1st May		
Whitehill Chapel	2.15pm	Communion Service
6th May 4th Sunday in Easter		
Acts 9. 36 - end, John 10. 22 - 30		
Ospringe	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10am	Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringe	11am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Whitehill Chapel	10.40am	Sunday School + 9's-13's
Whitehill Chapel	11am	Family Service
Otterden	3pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
13th May 5th Sunday in Easter		
Acts 11. 1 - 18, John 13. 31 - 35		
Eastling	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Stalisfield	10am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling	10.30am	Sunday Newstyle + Baptism
Ospringe	11am	Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringe	11am	Sunday School & Crèche
United Ch. Fav.	6.30pm	Christian Aid Service
20th May Rogation Sunday		
Acts 16. 9 - 15, John 14. 23 - 29		
Ospringe	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	9.50am	Sunday School
Stalisfield	10am	Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling	10am	Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringe	11am	Family Service
24th May Ascension Day		
Ospringe	10am	Holy Communion (BCP)
27th May Sunday after Ascension		
Acts 16. 16 - 34, John 17. 20 - 26		
Stalisfield	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10am	Family Service
Ospringe	11am	Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringe	11am	Sunday School
Whitehill Chapel	11am	People's Choice
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
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From The Registers		
Funeral		
12th April 2001	Cremation at Charing	
	Edith Grace WILES	

Sharing Ministry in our Parishes

Priest in Charge	Reverend Penny Fenton	(01795 536366)
Curate	Reverend Patricia Pollard	(01795 535407)
(N.S.M.)	7 Arthur Salmon Close, Faversham.	
Reader	Mr Hugh Perks	(01795 890603)
	Weald Cottage, Kettle Hill Road, Eastling	
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, Mrs J. Fagg, Brownings Oast, Hansletts Lane, Faversham. ME13 0RS (e-mail: jill.fagg@quista.net) To advertise in this magazine contact Hilary Harlow on 01795 890338 (e-mail: mharlow@talk21.com)		

Diary for May 2001		
4th	Coffee Afternoon	2.30pm Ospringe School
8th	Study / discussion Group	8pm Newhouse Farm, Eastling
9th	Ospringe Annual Parish Meeting	7.30pm Champion Hall
10th	Afternoon Club (Board Games)	2pm Champion Hall
10th	Eastling Horticultural Society	8pm Village Hall
11th	Stalisfield Parish Annual Meeting	7.30pm Memorial Hall
12th	oSPRINGe CLEAN	10.30am Ospringe School Gate
12th	Race Night	Ospringe School
13th	Christian Aid Service	6.30pm United Church, Preston St.
14th	Benefice Forum	7.30pm Ospringe Parish Room
14th	Gardeners' Club	7.45pm Champion Hall
14th	Eastling Parish Council	8pm Village Hall
15th	DEADLINE for June Good News	
15th	W.I. Annual Resolutions	2.15pm Champion Hall
23rd	Afternoon Club half day outing	
23rd	Ospringe Parish Council A.G.M.	7.30pm Champion Hall
24th	Afternoon Club (Bingo)	2pm Champion Hall
26th	Plant Sale	11am Maison Dieu
28th	Magazine Folding	2pm Usual Venues
31st	Bishop Cray at Boughton	St. Barnabas, Boughton
Future Dates		
June 9th	Ospringe School Summer Fair	11am - 2pm
17th	Open Garden & Jazz	2.30pm The Old Vicarage, Stalisfield
17th	Taizé Service (Churches Together)	6.30pm Ospringe
24th	Deanery Evensong	6pm Canterbury Cathedral
30th	Barn Dance	The Barn, Painter's Farm
July 15th	Eastling School Fête	

Eastling Parish Council

NEXT MEETING	
The next Meeting of Eastling Parish Council is in Eastling Village Hall on Monday, 14 May at 8pm. The first part of the "business" at this Meeting is the Council's Annual General Meeting. The subsequent "ordinary" Meeting will deal with on-going Council projects and activities. Among the items expected to be on the Agenda will be any information received following requests that the Council should look into main drainage.	
Members of the public may attend all meetings of the Council to hear the proceedings. Full Minutes of all meetings are published on the Eastling Village web site at http://go.to/eastling . More information is also available from the Parish Clerk, Mrs Sue Parry, on 01795 890254.	
MONEY FOR RURAL PROJECTS	
Eastling Parish Council has received details of two new grants schemes designed to help village communities.	
Operated by the Government's Countryside Agency, one scheme - for Community Service Grants - provides sums of between £500 and £25,000 towards reviving or introducing services that will improve the quality of life for residents, and the young or old in particular. £15million will be available to help qualifying projects during the next three years. Once they've decided what is needed and would be appreciated, any local group or organisation may apply.	
The second type of grant is specifically designed for parish and town councils. They will be able to claim up to £5,000 from a £5-million fund to produce action plans for locally identified needs. In some cases the proposals may then qualify for further help through the new Community Service Grants.	
Villagers who would like more details can find information on the Eastling Village website at http://go.to/eastling or on the Countryside Agency's site at www.countryside.gov.uk . Parish councilors will be discussing the grants at their meeting in May.	

Elections	
The government's decision to postpone county council elections until Thursday 7th June, means that local voters will not be going to the polls in May. The polling cards delivered at the end of March should be ignored. New ones will be delivered towards the end of May.	

THE MAISON DIEU	
The Maison Dieu is now open again for the 2001 season until the end of October. You may visit on any Saturday, Sunday or Bank Holiday between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Admission is £1 (80p for students and senior citizens, 50p for children) while members of English Heritage and the Faversham Society are admitted free, on presentation of their membership card.	
This year there will be a number of fund-raising events. The first is a Plant Sale on Saturday, 26th May. The sale will continue over the two following days, should there be some plants left. If the weather is fine, there will be tea/coffee and cake in the garden at Bridge Cottage, Water Lane, on Saturday, 26th . Any plants for the sale can be left at the Maison Dieu on the morning of 26th from 11 a.m., or at the Fleur de Lis during the preceding week.	
As part of the Secret Gardens scheme, teas will again be served in the garden of Bridge Cottage (weather permitting), on 28th and 29th July from 2.30 until 5 p.m. We have further events planned for August and September - more of this later. But, do pay a visit to view the Roman and Mediaeval "finds" excavated nearby, or sit in the courtyard and browse through some of the second-hand books that are on sale in the Maison Dieu.	

Message from the Editor	
Articles in this magazine are taken in good faith from representatives of various local groups and members of the community. Views expressed are not necessarily those of the editorial team. We are happy to accept articles and correspondence from anyone, but we request that any letters and articles are signed. Names will be withheld if requested.	

Stalisfield Parish Council	
The Annual Parish Meeting for Stalisfield Parish will be held on Friday 11th May at 7.30pm in Stalisfield Memorial Hall. This meeting will be followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council.	
Clare Curling Clerk to Stalisfield Parish Council	

OSPRINGE PARISH COUNCIL	
The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 9th May in the Champion Hall, Painters Forstal starting at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to the meeting to hear a summary of the work of the Parish Council over the past year, and local organisations will give an update of their activities. This will be followed by a short speech from Alan Gidlow on progress at the Allotments and light refreshments will be available. We look forward to seeing you. The Annual Meeting of Ospringe Parish Council will be on May 23rd in Whitehill Chapel, Painters Forstal commencing at 7.30pm. It is hoped that Cliff Holroyd of the Swale Crime Reduction Unit will attend.	
The public meeting held on 3rd April, to discuss the proposed Parish Design Statement, was well attended with lots of ideas put forward. A Committee has now been formed and a follow up meeting on 24th April was held.	
Julie Beaman Clerk to the Council	

Researcher seeks British
Resistance Fighters

Are you, or do you know someone who was, a former member of the Home Guard Auxiliary Units, Special Duties Section or XII Corps Observation Unit? I am researching a book on Kent's Secret Army, the resistance movement set up in July 1940 to counter the expected German invasion following the Fall of France and the Dunkirk Evacuation. Winston Churchill ordered a Secret Army (known officially in Kent as XII Corps Observation Unit) to be formed comprising men who knew the Kent hills, forests and marshes, such as farmers, farm workers, market gardeners, landowners, foresters, gamekeepers, poachers, policemen and shepherds. Secret underground bunkers, observation posts and wireless stations were built along the North Downs, on Romney Marsh and in the Weald ready for men to disappear into. Their suicidal role was to ambush German patrols, sabotage railways lines, roads and bridges, assassinate German officers and destroy supply depots and airfields - anything to slow up the German advance. I would like to hear from anyone with information on the men and women involved and the underground bases. Please call me on 01233 750563, or write to Adrian Westwood, Hawksdene, The Street, Hastingleigh, Kent TH25 5HU.

Eastling Horticultural Society

At the Annual General Meeting of Eastling Horticultural Society, held on 12 April, members were reminded of the variety of activities over the past year, especially the Eastling Open Gardens Weekend last June and a coach outing to Beth Chatto Gardens near Colchester in September. The Gardens Weekend had raised around £2,300 for good causes and just one of the benefits had been the planting of a number of commemorative Millennium trees around the village earlier this year. Mr Wyld paid tribute to the Organising Committee which had contributed greatly towards the effective running of the Society. However, there was considerable concern over a decline in


Deputy Supervisor and Qualified Assistant urgently required for Rainbow Pre-school, Faversham. *NNEB /DPP or equivalent. Experience essential.* For Job Description and Application Forms, please call 01795 538415.

Open Garden and Jazz in Concert
Jazz Police
the incomparable Jarrod and Jim with Ivan



as guest star, the supreme saxophonist at The Old Vicarage, Stalisfield
Sunday, 17th June
2.30 - 5.30pm
Garden gate open 2.00pm
Tickets:£5 Tel: 890285 or 536960 Teas available.
In aid of NSF East Kent Group
For support of carers and sufferers of severe mental illness

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CLEAN

Help from residents of Water Lane, Mutton Lane and Vicarage Lane would be much appreciated in the "Spring Clean" of paths and hedgerows. This will takeplace on the morning of Saturday, 12th May from 10.30 a.m. Black sacks and gloves will be provided. Everyone to meet at Ospringe School entrance.

Barn Dance
(arranged by the Village Amenities Committee)
Do come and join in the fun
Saturday 30th June 2001
The Barn, Painter's Farm
(by kind permission of D. Knowler)
Tickets £5. Now available.
Please bring your own refreshments.
Ring 532756 or 537530 for information.

Afternoon Club
Best wishes to Fred Reynolds, who has moved to Westgate-on-sea to be nearer his relatives. Fred has been a long time member of the Club and will be surely missed.
Activities for May
Thursday 10th Board Games
Wednesday 23rd Half day outing
Thursday 24th Bingo
Rodney French.

Painter's Forstal Gardeners' Club
Monday 14th May
7.45pm in the Champion Hall
A demonstration of hanging baskets.
Coffee Morning at 74 London Road on 2nd June, 10am - 12 noon. 50% of all money taken will go to Demelza House. All welcome.
Book now for the **Summer Outing** on 9th June to Pashley Manor Gardens, Ticehurst. Details from Fav. 533608.



Friends of Eastling School

The Trivia & Tucker evening was a huge success enjoyed by everyone. Our very own Hanneke, Robin, Gill & Steve Willoughby were the winning team - Well done! The turn-out was exceptional and we raised a fantastic £420 with which we purchased two Overhead Projectors for the School. With money raised from previous events we have also bought for the School recently over £300's worth of much needed musical instruments, some hockey sticks for PE, a weather station for the children and a new large tent to be used for any school events and is available for hire for similar organisations at a very reasonable rent. Any enquiries for the tent please contact the School Office on 890252.

We have said very sad farewell's to both Mrs Stewart and Mrs Bennett. Thank you so much for their hard work and dedication to the School and we wish them lots of luck in their future positions. On July 15th we will be holding our fete. This year the fete will be taking on a new and exciting appearance. We will be announcing all the details in next months issue so please keep the date free. Lastly, some of our members of the FOES committee will be retiring and we will be looking for new members. If anyone is interested in this extremely worthwhile cause for Eastling School, please contact the School Office. See you next month

Celia Hamilton-Jones and Hanneke Kosterink

Ospringe School Association
The year six pupils who went to Swattenden came back exhausted but very happy. The Easter Egg Hunt was a great success. The weather was kind and allowed us an hour of sun-shine for over 70 children to race around the grounds looking for clues. The decorated egg competition produced some magnificent entries, including a decorated goose egg, and Ted Bowers and Rev. Penny Fenton had a difficult task choosing 2 winners.
School returns on the 23rd April, School uniforms will be on sale again at a**Coffee Afternoon on May 3rd, and don't forget the Race Night on May 12th.**
The **Summer Fair** this year is on **Sat June 9th, 11am - 2pm.**
Jill Fagg

EASTLING & PAINTER'S FORSTAL PLAYGROUP
Our thanks are extended to everyone who supported our *Coffee Mornings and Easter Raffle, and congratulations to the winners. A total of £75.95 was raised.*

Summer Term commenced on **Monday 23rd April at 9.30am.**We will be closed on Bank Holiday **Monday 7th May, and also for Half Term from 28th May to 1st June inclusive.**
Enquiries regarding vacancies, or any other matter, to Jill Seaman, 01795 890519.

Eastling Village Hall
The Wine and Wisdom organised to raise funds for the village hall proved yet another success with over £200 paid inot the hall funds. Thanks must go to all the helpers, to everyone who came along and supported the event, and to those who donated raffle prizes. A very nice gesture came at the end when the hall committee presented Marina with a lovely bouquet of flowers which was much appreciated. Lets hope we can do it all again in November.
Norman Neaves.

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS
The Mothers' Union will be 125 years old this year. It was founded in 1876 by Mary Summer, a Rector's wife. It is just as much a Christian body as when it was founded, but today it's membership includes men, single mothers, and childless women, in fact its first male Chief Executive was appointed in 1999. There are a million members world-wide, mostly in developing and Commonwealth countries. British membership is 125,000 to date, with few under 35 years. Although dedicating its efforts to traditional Christian family values, the Mothers' Union is increasingly involved in practical projects to improve conditions for children and women. In 1999 it gave £780,000 in grants to tackle problems such as illiteracy, poverty and maternal mortality in the developing world, and drug taking in Britain and Ireland.

Should anyone wish to join the Ospringe Branch, please contact the Revd. Pat Pollard. We meet on the last Wednesday of every month. Our next meetings will be 25th April and 30th May at 2.00 p.m.
Carol
[Dr George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury, recently commissioned Trish Heywood as the new World Wide President of the Mothers' Union in this, its 125th year anniversary of supporting families worldwide. Trish Heywood says, "The Mothers' Union has faith in the family as the most vital building block of a stable and healthy society."]

Painter's Forstal and Ospringe W.I.
The May meeting is on Tuesday 15th at 2.15pm in the Champion Hall.
Topic: Annual Resolutions
Competition: A Quotation.

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