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The goods will be collected regularly and passed to Tony Budell and Convoys of Hope.

Read about David Fagg's trip, with Tony Budell, to the Ukraine on page 4.

### Club 8 - 13 years

10th May and 24th May

(50p per session)

Champion Hall 6.15 p.m.

Games and Handicrafts

### Smile Lines

What's white & fluffy and lives up trees?

A meringue utan!

Where does a general keep his army?

Up his sleevy!

Where does Tarzan buy his clothes?

A jungle sale.

How do you stop a dog from barking in the back of a car?

Put him in the front.

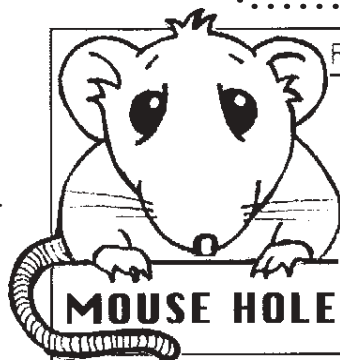
## Young Church

**Ospringe** young people meet during the 11 a.m. services on May 12th and 26th.

**Painter's Forstal** 8yrs and upwards meet in Champion Hall on 5th May at 10.40 a.m. Younger children meet during the 11 a.m. Family Service on 5th May.

**Eastling** young people meet in the village hall at 9.50 a.m. on 19th May.

*New members will be welcome on any of the above Sundays.*



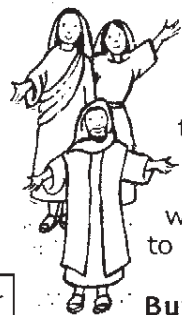
### MOUSE HOLE

When the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, there was a sound like the blowing of a violent wind.

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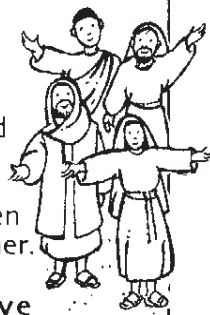
Hang it outside and when it blows in the breeze it will remind you of the Holy Spirit, the "Breath of God."

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

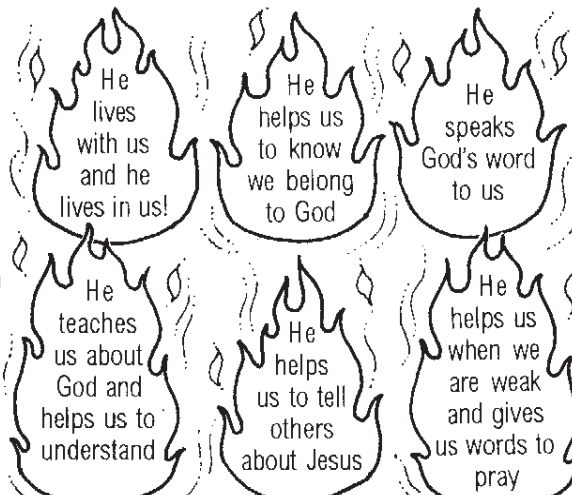


### Jesus is alive!

In the 40 days after Jesus had risen from the dead he appeared to more than 500 people before he was taken up to heaven to be with God, his Father.



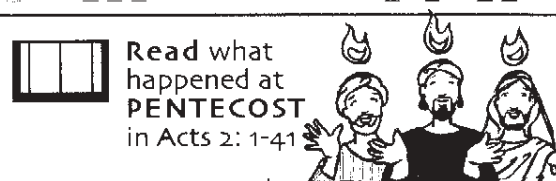
But Jesus did not leave us on our own... he sent the Holy Spirit to be with us and to help us.



The Holy Spirit also helps us to grow more like Jesus.

Look up Galatians 5: 22-23 to find out what kind of 'fruit' he can help us grow...

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Read what happened at PENTECOST in Acts 2: 1-41

### Rogation Days

6th - 8th May

Try praying for

everyone who

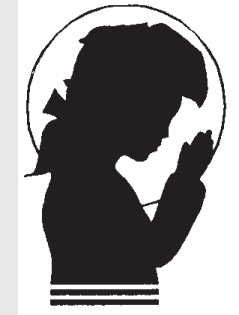
lives in the road

where you live.

Read Philippians 4. 4-7



## Good News



### Memorial Service

Ospringe Church

Sunday 5th May

6.30 p.m.

Please come if you have lost someone you love and would appreciate an opportunity to remember them and give thanks for their life.

## Parish Magazine May 2002

### Christian Aid Week

12th - 18th May 2002

Churches Together in Faversham

Service for Christian Aid Week

St. Mary of Charity

6.30 p.m. on Sunday 12th May

### A Prayer for Christian Aid Week

We dare to pray:

Lord, let the world be changed, for we long to see the end of poverty;

We dare to pray:

Lord, let the rules be changed, for we long to see trade bring justice to the poor;

We dare to pray:

Lord, let our lives be changed, for we long to bring hope where good news is needed.

In the strength of your Spirit and inspired by your compassion,

We make this promise to work for change, and wait confidently for the day when you make all things new.



### My Most Memorable Day

Bill and Kit Lusted, with Vicky Shepherd's help,

met The Queen on

Maundy Thursday

at Canterbury Cathedral.

Read the full story

on page 3.

### In loving memory of DONALD SMITH

The candle stand, given by

Donald's wife, Audrey, was

dedicated at Eastling

by Revd. Tony Old on Easter Sunday.



Marathon News on page 5

### Ascension Day

Thursday 9th May

A service of Holy Communion, 7.30 p.m. in Ospringe Church.

Open to all.

Follow the story Follow the story

Acts 1. 1 - 11

### Pentecost

19th May

Follow the story

Acts 2. 1 - 21

### Trinity Sunday

26th May

Follow the story

Matthew 28. 16-20

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



# HAVE YOU SEEN JESUS?

If we saw Jesus would we recognise him?  
How would we know him?

Historical representations of Jesus are depicted in paintings and statues in thousands of churches. All Christians know his face, in one representation or another. If we saw him teaching in the market place or in a large space on the slopes of the Downs; we would know it was Jesus from what he was saying and from the crowds gathered to listen to him. What if we just happened upon Jesus without other people around him? Is there some way we could recognise him?

I pose these questions in all seriousness, as during the period between his rising on Easter Sunday and his Ascension; the Bible records several incidents where Jesus spoke to people who failed to recognise him. These were not strangers but people who knew our Lord, had been with him, followed him and listened to him for the three years of his ministry.



## Prayer Pointers May 2002

<u>Sundays</u>	For a closer walk with God.
<u>Mondays</u>	For all who have any responsibility for our worship.
<u>Tuesdays</u>	For Sunday School and youth work in the Benefice.
<u>Wednesdays</u>	For local councillors, especially those newly elected.
<u>Thursdays</u>	For all who work with the deaf, particularly children.
<u>Fridays</u>	For all Jews and Arabs suffering through violence.
<u>Saturdays</u>	For the work of Christian Aid.



The first to see Jesus but not recognise him was Mary Magdalene who, in John 20 verses 11-17, saw him standing by the empty tomb but supposed he was the gardener. Then there were the two believers on their way back to their village of Emmaus. As they walked they discussed the amazing things that had happened in Jerusalem; how their Lord had been crucified; how some of their group had reported finding his tomb empty and had been told that Jesus was alive. They failed to recognise that the person walking along with them was the Risen Christ. Finally there were the seven disciples. What could they do in the aftermath of the resurrection, other than go back to their old occupation of fishing? They did and they caught nothing. A stranger on the shore told them to cast their net on the other side of the boat, which they did. They could not pull it back in, because they had caught so many fish. Only then did John recognise that the stranger was Jesus.

Perhaps the reason that none of them at first recognised Jesus, was that he was in spiritual rather than earthly form. "Do not hold on to me", Jesus told Mary Magdalene, "because I have not yet ascended to the Father."

Christians believe in the Jesus, who in spiritual form is brought to us through the power of the Holy Spirit. Many of us have, in one way or another, heard him speak to us, or felt the effects of his healing power. Yet, does Jesus appear to us in other forms, perhaps unrecognisable as a refugee, a hungry child, a beggar woman, or a person dying of AIDS or cancer?

Jesus asks us to believe in him as Christ the King. Jesus also asks us to recognise him when seen on the face of people in need.

Richard Hugh Perks

### Confirmation

There will be a Confirmation Service in the benefice on 22nd September 2002. If you would like to consider being confirmed, please let the clergy know. There will be separate sessions later in the summer for teenagers and adults.

To register an interest at this stage:

**Adults** - please contact The Revd. Penny Fenton (536366)  
**Teenagers** - please contact The Revd. Pat Pollard (535407)

### Midweek Prayer Time in Eastling

If you would like a time to pray with others during the week, the new prayer group held on Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m. at Pinks Farm, Eastling, may suit you. For more information phone Mark or Hilary on 890338, or just come along - no previous experience necessary!

### A Cycle of Prayer

The CMS / Springboard Cycle of Prayer Cathedral Tour 2002. Come and join us for an evening of prayer, praise and proclamation. Welcome the CMS and Springboard cyclists at the end of their nation-wide pilgrimage.

Canterbury Cathedral  
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**CHOIR REPORT**  
Cometh sweet May! We will have practices before the services at 10.30 a.m. on first Sunday, 5th May, and the fourth Sunday, 26th May. Wednesday practices are from 6 p.m. to 6.45 p.m.  
We sang at the wedding of Katy Stewart and Wayne Burney. During the Signing of the Register, Lauren led with "Danny Boy", then the Choir backed her with "I close my eyes" and Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Pie Jesu". Lauren's dad was a colleague of Wayne's, so Lauren's lovely singing voice was very special to them. Lauren has been invited by the Gospel Mission Band to sing at the Swale Festival concert in the Alexander Centre on Tuesday, 9th July.  
I have a splendid photo of Katy and Wayne behind the lovely new Wedding Kneeler, which Pam and her Mum, Connie, had stitched and which, Miriam Blenkarn had sewn together. Katy and Wayne "christened" it! It is a wonderful addition to the treasures of Ospringle Church.

Thank you, too, to Carol Dolman who stitched the Demelza House Kneeler. This matches those in the Chapel at Demelza House, which are the same Cardinal Red as ours.

Recently I was asked if this quotation is in a song, hymn or poem and I could not find any reference to it anywhere! "I have silver in the stars and gold in the morning sun". Please has anyone any ideas from where it comes? On Friday, 6th September, at 2.30 p.m. our M.U. is organising a Service of Celebration for The Queen's Golden Jubilee for the Ospringle Deanery of the M.U. I would be glad of support for a Choir from my singing friends, please.

Here is a reflection from "New Day-light" Bible Reading for 7th April, "When everything else trembles and totters - even the very stars and planets themselves - we can put our trust in The Creator, who has not lost control."  
Vicky Shepherd

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## From the Organ Seat

I have seen the Queen! My first real sight of her in the flesh! I had a glimpse of her in November 1953 when she was on her post-Coronation tour visiting my village in The Pennines. It was 5 p.m. and getting dark on a dull, damp November day and we were lining the village street. Then it was just a fleeting glimpse through her car windows.



That wonderful smile was still there forty-nine years later! I was fortunate to get a ticket for the Royal Maundy Service at Canterbury Cathedral. Bill and Kit's son took the four of us. We arrived at 9 o'clock and the sun was shining! Bill and Kit were greeted by their St. John Fellowship friends and Bill went off to be briefed with the other one hundred and fifty-one recipients. Kit, Richard and I found our seats in the Nave. Kit was behind Bill and I was with the Accountants and Library Staff of the Cathedral. The music and pageantry were fabulous. The organ was played from 10.15 a.m. and the processions started soon after. I had had time to read through the Service book and found the happy

"buzz" of people coming in exciting. The sun gleamed in through the windows and this enhanced the "happy buzz". The five costumed Yeoman Warders came in, carrying above their heads the gold plate with the red and white leather purses. At eleven o'clock the trumpeters announced the arrival of The Queen and Prince Philip whilst we all sang "Praise to the Holiest". The Recipients were seated on both sides of the Nave Aisle and along the North and South Aisles of the Nave. This Royal Maundy Service is where The Queen comes to the people and it had been arranged that she walked each time from the High Altar to the West End and down the Aisles. Many of us had fine views of her and felt the warmth of her wonderful smile. She was wearing a beautifully tailored linen and wool (I think), daffodil yellow coat with a diamond brooch on the left side and a pale yellow hat with a navy blue feather. Later I couldn't help but wonder if the Queen Mum had given her that brooch. Bill and Kit enjoyed the occasion too and I am looking forward to having a good look at the Royal Maundy 2002 money. Well rewarded Kit and Bill! Thank you to them and the Dean for inviting me to witness such a wonderful ceremony and to see Our Queen. God bless her!

Vicky Shepherd.

## A brief background to Bill Lusted's award of the Maundy Purses.

Bill has been a member of St. John's Ambulance Brigade since his teens. He and his wife, Kit, are active members of the St. John Fellowship. He serves as Secretary and Treasurer of the Faversham branch. During the Second World War he joined the Ambulance Service and among other achievements won the Military Medal. After this, Bill worked for the K.C.C. Ambulance Service as an ambulance driver and rose through the ranks to Training Officer. In retirement, apart from their work for St. John Fellowship, Bill and Kit have worked hard as active members of St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, Ospringe. Bill has also served the Faversham branch of the Citizen's Advice Bureau where, for two years, he was Chairman.

The story began back in November of last year when Mrs. Shepherd approached my wife asking for details of my voluntary career over the years, saying she wished to nominate me for the Royal Maundy. With the knowledge of our Priest in Charge, the Revd. Penny Fenton, a nomination package was put together which was sent to the Dean of Canterbury and subsequently to the Royal Almonry Office at Buckingham Palace. I knew nothing of this, until in February letters started arriving from the Dean and the Palace confirming the nomination.

At the beginning of March Kit and I were invited to a lecture, given by the Lord High Almoner, at the King's School. Here the origins of the Royal Maundy were explained, as was the procedure to be followed on Maundy Thursday. We knew then that my nomination had been accepted.

On the day, 28th March, our son Richard, as chauffeur, my nominator Vicky, Kit and I were up bright and early. We had allocated parking and on arrival Kit, Richard and Vicky went straight to their reserved seats. I reported to one of the Wandsmen at the International Study Centre for a final briefing. The Lord High Almoner said, "If I've got it right, when you go to your seat, you will find your partner sitting immediately behind you. If I've got it wrong, I'll be in the Tower in the morning."



## My Most Memorable Day

Everyone we met was most friendly and caring, we had no worries and were made to feel like VIPs. Before the service started there was plenty to see, with various processions of brightly gowned and uniformed dignitaries.

The Maundy Money was distributed by The Queen in two halves; firstly, after the lesson, which was read by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, to those on the South side of the Nave. Then, after the second lesson, read by the Dean, it was given to those of us on the North side. Her Majesty was most charming. When she gave me the two purses she made me feel that I was the only person who mattered. I was fortunate in that she exchanged a few words with me. For me, that set the seal on the magnificent service.

After the service, Kit and I were invited to lunch in the International Study Centre. The smiling people who waited on us also made us feel very special. Altogether it was a most memorable day and one never to be forgotten. The distribution of Alms is of great antiquity and can be traced back to the reign of Edward 1st. The word Maundy comes from the Latin Mandatum, meaning a commandment. The opening words of the service are, 'Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment"'. Bill Lusted, Ospringe.

The coins are contained in two purses, a red one, which this year held a new 50p and a £5 jubilee coin. These represent a symbolic allowance for clothing and provisions and a payment for the redemption of the Royal gown. The White purse contains specially minted silver Maundy coins to the value of one penny for each year of the Sovereign's life.



In earlier times the Maundy Ceremony was held wherever the Sovereign was in residence. For many years it took place in the Old Chapel Royal, now the Banqueting Hall at Whitehall. From 1890 until 1952 it was held at Westminster Abbey. During the present reign, it has been celebrated at Westminster on fifteen occasions and also at various Cathedrals around the country. Canterbury is the only one to have hosted it twice, in 1965 and this year. Apparently Her Majesty requested Canterbury as it is her Jubilee year and also as it is Dr. Carey's last year as Archbishop.

Bill Lusted, Ospringe.

## God is within you

A retreat with Br. Martin Sahajananda  
June 11th – 12th, 2002

at

Beech Tree Cottage, Gushmere, Selling.

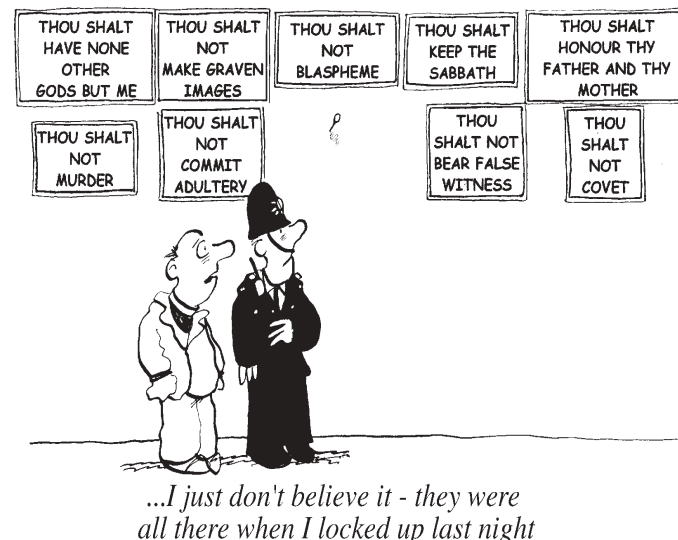
The Bede Griffiths Sangha is holding a two-day retreat with Brother Martin, a monk of Shantivanam Ashram in Southern India. He was a close friend of Father Bede Griffiths, one of the great Christian mystics of the 20th century. Br. Martin teaches widely in India, Europe and the UK.

Brother Martin will give a series of reflections sharing his insights in the Good News of the Gospels. There will be times of meditation and worship, which include reading from the scriptures of different religious traditions. There will also be group discussions.

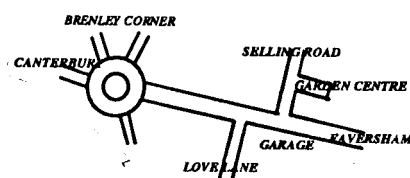
You are welcome to attend all or part of this retreat. Numbers for the day time will be restricted to about twenty people. The talk on the evening of Tuesday, 11th June will be open to a wider audience, at a venue to be decided.

If you are interested please contact Jill Hemmings or Adrian Rance for further details and a registration form.

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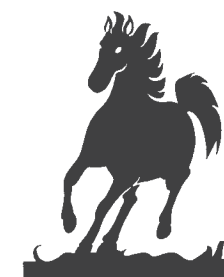
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The following are extracts from a diary written during the British Humanitarian Aid Convoy Of Hope that left England on 9th March 2001. The journey took us to Chernigov, its surrounding villages and orphanages, in the Ukraine. I can honestly say that I was not prepared for the events and emotions that I would experience, throughout the ten days of our journey. What I can say, however, is that without the support of my family, friends and all my sponsors; this was a journey that I would not have been able to experience. So I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved for making this journey possible for me. I feel that it is one that I will never forget. Given the opportunity, I would dearly love to repeat the experience.

The convoy consisted of four vehicles:  
**Echo 1** Tony Budell & Patsy  
**Harlequin** Graham Peerless & Mo Roberts  
**Jester** Paul & Melanie George  
**Vector 2** David Fagg & Paul Woodman

### Friday 9th March until our arrival in the Ukraine on Monday 12th March:

The journey was a bureaucratic nightmare, even before we left Dover! Progress through Belgium, Holland and Germany was all right but the problems started in earnest at the Polish border, where we were delayed for one and a half hours. We had to drive on until 21:00 before stopping in a lay-by for the night. The next morning, whilst the ablution facilities were non-existent, there were shops and we were able to buy local bread, butter and cheese to sustain us on our journey. We knew it was going to be a hard day's drive, as we had to cover almost all of Poland and pass through customs into the Ukraine in the day. We drove without a break, only stopping for lunch and fuel.

Apart from having to wash our hands, shoes and wheels we had no problems leaving Poland. However, at the Ukrainian freight clearance terminal, we encountered major problems with the Ukrainian bureaucracy. Our documentation required as many as seven different stamps. Even with that complete we encountered further delays but we finally got away. We had to drive on through the night and finally pulled in to our parking area at 03:30.

# Convoy of Hope

by David Fagg

**Tuesday 13th March:** After a "chilly" night (minus 5 C), we were having "breakfast" when some men walked across the ice on the lake, cut holes in the ice and started to fish. After further delays with paperwork, we were finally on our way again.

The first shock was the state of the roads - in this country they would be unclassified tracks. As the roads are only three vehicles wide with a "hard shoulder" in most places on each side, great care has to be taken when overtaking, and even being overtaken. We arrived in Chernigov on schedule at 19.15 (according to Echo 1) to a warm welcome. The vehicles were locked in a compound and we were introduced to our host families - for Paul and me, Wassa and Luda Zadan were our hosts. Wassa is an Ambulance driver and Luda is a nurse.

We were taken to their flat on the fifth floor of a block with no lift. Although the outside of the buildings is not very inspiring, the inside of all the homes we visited are bright and warm. Despite the fact that all hot water for the city comes from a central supply and is rationed, joy of joys, we were able to have a bath. Two of the children had given up their bedroom so that, secondly, joy of joys, we could sleep in proper beds.

**Wednesday 14th March:** We had an unusual breakfast, consisting of a national, unidentifiable but tasty dish followed by pancakes and lemon tea. Luda is trying very hard to learn English using children's picture books, so we spent some time helping her with pronunciation.

We then all went to Aratta, the Centre where the organisation is based, where we collected toys and sweets required for the rest of the day. It was planned that we should visit some of the families that Aratta supports. This was so that we might get a better understanding of the people and the conditions that they live in and thus get an awareness of what our supplies and efforts achieve.

The families that we visited live in either large blocks of flats or, by western standards, shacks but in every case they are beautifully kept

inside. They invariably have lots of carpet wall hangings, which not only make the places bright but also help to keep them warm. Many places have to share communal taps and lavatories in the streets. By Western standards the people have so little in the way of possessions or money and yet they made us so welcome; in many cases with food that they could ill-afford. It tends to make one feel ashamed of our Western "take-take" attitude.

One can only cope with so much poverty and generosity combined, so we took a break to visit the Russian Orthodox Church, which is on a mound at the entrance to the city. Again, what a contrast! Around the edge of the mound there are eleven old cannons and it is said that if a girl does not fancy her suitor then she makes the next date at the twelfth cannon, which does not exist!

We then continued our visiting which included Luda who is disabled by arthritis and lives with his mother on the sixth floor of a block of flats that has no lift. He goes up and down the stairs several times a day without complaining and is an extremely cheerful man, as is his mother. Once again we were fed like royalty on local dishes.

The next visit was to the flat of a mother with six children, the father having been murdered. They were all extremely cheerful despite the fact that there was no food in the fridge, so it had been turned off. We did not leave until we had supplied the eldest son (a teenager) who was the man of the house with the resources to restock the fridge.

Our final visit of the day was to a family where a traditional Ukrainian dinner had been prepared, during which numerous speeches were made, the third of which is always to the ladies (present and elsewhere). Each speech was accompanied by Vodka. This was followed by dancing to traditional Russian music. We returned to our hosts and in due course retired to bed with many thoughts about the conditions that we had witnessed during the day.

**Thursday 15th March:** Today we unloaded the vehicles into the storage area for Customs inspection. The Customs officers not only opened every box and inspected its contents, but recorded the date of manufacture and serial number of everything electrical (for what purpose, who knows?). Then everything was very quickly put away in small lockup rooms ready to be transferred to Aratta when required. Just for a change, it rained during the whole operation.

Jester went off to do some of his magic shows. We then went on to Aratta, where we were asked to take part in an informal interview by their National Television about our understanding of the differences between our way of life and theirs. We again had a full Ukrainian meal.

We then went to an orphanage, which the people at Aratta had only found out about on the previous Monday, although it had been in existence for the past thirty years. They look after one hundred and twenty-seven young mentally disadvantaged people (this includes being left-handed) aged from three to twenty-four years old. After a short while to get to know the staff and children, who were a delight to meet, we watched a magic show by Jester. It was a great success and it was so rewarding to see so many happy faces, despite the language barrier.

We were then invited to wash our hands prior to eating (yes you guessed) another full Ukrainian meal less than two hours after the previous one.

It was very quiet on the bus on the journey back to Chernigov; the day's experiences seemed to have overawed everyone.

**Friday 16th March:** Today we went back to Aratta where we were warmly welcomed as usual. Some of the local girls put on a display of traditional dancing and we were asked to join in to everyone's amusement.

Paul and I took time out for a stroll around some local shops and the price difference for a variety of items was quite an eye-opener. Despite the poverty around, things like computers and the associated bits are common items and so cheap.

We returned to Aratta for more food, followed by some emotional speeches and a beautiful gift for each of us.



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**Saturday 17th March:** It was time to say farewell to these lovely people before setting off for the first of two visits.

We travelled in convoy first to Timki, which is an orphanage for young people up to the age of twenty-three years, who are mentally disadvantaged. Due to the old Soviet policy of hiding such people away, both orphanages were in the middle of forests. Consequently we had to travel along extremely bad roads and unmade dirt tracks. As a result of this, two vehicles got stuck and we had to temporarily abandon Harlequin.

As usual we were made most welcome and were able to spend some time with the young people outside while Jester set up his show. It was rewarding to see these young people laughing and happy, despite all that life had thrown at them. After Jester had put on another excellent show, which was enjoyed by everybody, including us, (guess what?) it was time to eat. Unfortunately immediately after eating we had to move on as we had another visit to make.

The next visit was to Stara Bassan, which is an orphanage in its true sense, for five to sixteen year old children. Most of the children had been abandoned by their parents who were unable to cope with them due to poverty, drink or drugs. Again the same routine - meet the children, a show by Jester, followed by a meal.

It was time to set off for the Polish border and due to the hospitality, farewells, bad roads and later snow and ice it was a long haul.

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**Saturday, 15th June:**

Just to help things along we came across a road accident involving four people and a motorcycle. Paul, as a paramedic, offered to give first aid and to contact the local emergency services. This was politely but firmly declined, as those involved did not consider it serious enough! If a similar accident had happened in England it would have involved Police and Ambulances.

Seven hours after leaving the second orphanage we arrived at the lakeside at 03.30 a.m.

**Sunday 18th March:** Today's travelling involved getting back through the borders and being bogged down and delayed by bureaucracy.

An unusual sight as we neared the border was a Russian Mig fighter mounted on a plinth at the side of the road where a Russian Air Force base used to be.

**Monday 19th March:** During the day the weather deteriorated quite rapidly with heavy snow and icy roads. We had crossed into Germany and drove (carefully) until 23.00 and spent a somewhat chilly night (- 10C).

**Tuesday 20th March:** We were on the road by 07.00 looking forward to getting home. For once the journey was uneventful and we arrived in Calais in time to catch the 15.15 Sea France service to Dover and to go our separate ways.

**David is accompanying Tony on another trip to the Ukraine on 3rd May 2002. Hopefully this diary gives some insight into the plight of the people in this area and how much any help we can give means.**



Ospringle  
Churchwarden,  
**Philip Larter**,  
completed the London Marathon  
in 4hrs 13mins 48secs.  
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## That Marathon Moment.

Hooray, I did it - all those weeks of  
plodding round the hills and lanes of Eastling (and  
Mull) paid off in the end and I completed the  
London Marathon in 5hrs. 39mins. 37secs. Not  
much competition for Paula Radcliffe then, but  
I'm sure my sense of elation and achievement must  
have matched hers. It really was the most  
exciting, inspiring and yes, even enjoyable, day.  
I'm so glad to have been part of such an extraor-  
dinary event. My legs, feet and lungs held out.  
I didn't come up against my walls, physical or  
psychological and I certainly never felt like  
giving up. To anyone who has ever felt even the  
vaguest inclination to enter, I'd say go for it. If I  
can do it, you certainly can. My son, Tim and his  
friend, Simon, both did splendidly, coming in at  
3.57 and 4.29 respectively. Among the three of us  
we've raised over £5000 for Colon Cancer  
Concern. I would like to thank all my local friends  
for your incredible interest and support, which has  
meant so much to me. You will be getting your  
official letter (with photo!) just as soon as Mike  
gets back with the laptop.

Several people have asked what  
my next challenge will be - that's easy -  
Grandmotherhood, which will be a some-  
what longer-term project than a few  
months Marathon preparation. Ben and  
Sacha expect their baby at the beginning  
of June, so we are all getting very excited.  
Come to think of it, doing the Marathon  
was not unlike being in labour - hours of  
huffing and puffing and grunting and  
groaning and finally an unforgettable feel-  
ing of exhaustion, elation, achievement  
and satisfaction all rolled into one.

Now it's all systems go for the  
Hobbit Morning on May 11th. Thank you  
again to all my friends who have already  
volunteered (or been press-ganged) into  
helping. Anyone else who would like to  
be involved, bake cakes, sell things, help  
with teas etc., etc., feel free to ring me on  
01795 890232.

Sarah Palmer.

## MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

This month we welcomed Ann Morris who gave a talk on the  
London Marathon. She told us of her reason for running for the Great  
Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity 'REACH'.

Ann told us .....

"For seven years the words 'Thank You' have  
never seemed adequate. From the moment we  
carried Rhiannon through the doors of Great  
Ormond Street Hospital, they never failed us.

Rhiannon was then a very sick nine-month-  
old baby. We took her to the high dependency  
unit specializing in the treatment of children  
with cancer and those in need of bone  
marrow transplants. My husband, Andrew  
and I felt that we had 'handed over' our  
youngest daughter, Rhiannon, into the care of  
Great Ormond Street for a measure of safe  
keeping, that was way beyond our reach. They  
never failed us.

Rhiannon was diagnosed with a very rare  
and aggressive strain of leukaemia. As a  
result we remained in Great Ormond Street  
for five months with a critically ill child. Her  
survival was dependent on her being given  
'massive' doses of chemotherapy, which wiped  
out her immune system. Almost two years of  
less intensive, but still very invasive and  
difficult treatment followed this.

Throughout this time, Rhiannon's care was  
ultimately the responsibility of an amazing  
lady, Professor Judith Chessells. Her  
medical excellence determination and

instincts have brought us this far. She has spent  
her working life researching paediatric  
haematology and pioneering treatments for  
infants and children diagnosed with  
leukaemia.

As a way of demonstrating our  
appreciation for all the dedication, love and  
truly brilliant care provided by every  
individual involved in Rhiannon's recovery so  
far and as a tribute to Professor Chessells' work,  
we have always wanted to offer some-  
thing back.

When I was granted a place in the 2002  
London Marathon I wanted the sponsorship  
monies I raise to go to a charity or research  
budget, not of our choosing but of the  
Professor's. Her suggestion was 'REACH'; a  
special purpose fund of Great Ormond Street  
Children's Charity, set up in 1992. The  
'REACH' fund supports research into cancer  
and blood disorders in children, with the aim  
of improving methods of diagnosis and  
treatment.

Miracles do happen, Rhiannon has defied  
all the medical odds by remaining in  
remission from her form of leukaemia. She is  
one of only a handful of children in the world  
to have survived to date. Sadly not all

children are so lucky, so running this 26.2 mile  
marathon is also a tribute to those other brave  
little souls who showed enormous courage,  
strength and determination but who have not  
been so lucky as Rhiannon to survive.

New treatments are providing so much hope  
in the fight against leukaemia. So please, by  
supporting my run, help me raise money for  
the research fund, which will provide hope to  
others faced with the profound fear and  
uncertainty similar to ours. These few words  
show our good fortune and explain my  
madness in agreeing to run a distance, which  
I would not normally even contemplate  
walking."

Ann explained the procedure one has to go  
through on registering for the Marathon, in  
which 50,000 people take part. She told us  
you are given tags for your shoes, in order  
that your running times can be checked along  
the way by laser machines. We were told about  
the well-organised facilities; such as the trans-  
portation of runners' possessions from the start  
to the finish of the race; the availability of  
drinks whilst running the course and the many  
toilet facilities en route. Ann discussed the  
route she will run and told us of the  
wonderful atmosphere amongst the runners  
and the crowd. We wish her a successful run!

Anyone wishing to give a donation to Ann  
for the 'REACH' fund, please contact me for  
details.

Carol Marshall, 537873.

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Services in our Benefice

5th May Easter 6		
1Peter 3. 13 - end, John 14. 15 - 21		
Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Whitehill Chapel	10.40 a.m.	Sunday School (8-13s)
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	Family Service
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Otterden	3 p.m.	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Ospringe	6.30 p.m.	Memorial Service

Tuesday 7th May		
Whitehill Chapel	2.15 p.m.	Holy Communion

9th May Ascension Day		
Ospringe	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (CW)

12th May Easter 7		
1Peter 4. 12 - 14; 5. 6 - 11, John 17. 1 - 11		
Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling	10.30a.m.	Sunday Newstyle
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Sunday School
St. Mary of Charity	6.30 p.m.	Service for Christian Aid Week

19th May Pentecost		
Acts 2. 1 - 21. John 20. 19 - 23 or John 7. 37 - 39		
Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	9.50 a.m.	Sunday School
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Family Service

26th May Trinity Sunday		
2 Corinthians 13. 11 - end, Matthew 28. 16 - end		
Stalisfield	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Family Service
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	People’s Choice
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Family Communion (CW)
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Sunday School

2nd June 1st Sunday after Trinity		
Romans 1. 16 - 17; 3. 22b - 28, Matthew 7. 21 - end		
Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Whitehill Chapel	10.40 a.m.	Sunday School (8-13s)
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	Family Service
Faversham	11 a.m.	Civic Service for the Golden Jubilee
Otterden	3 p.m.	Evening Prayer (BCP)

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**From the Editor**

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Eastling Parish Council

**VACANCY**

As a result of his strong objections to Central Government's new legislation affecting parish councils, Cllr Peter Parry has tendered his resignation from Eastling Parish Council. Consequently, there is now a vacant seat, which the Council plans to fill using the normal "casual vacancy" procedure.

People wishing to be considered for the appointment should apply in writing to the Clerk to the Parish Council as soon as possible but no later than 12noon on Tuesday, 7 May. The address for applications is: Mrs. Carol Butterfield, Clerk to Eastling Parish Council, 12 St Nicholas Road, Faversham, Kent ME13 7PG. Further details and information on the role of a Parish Councillor may be obtained from the Clerk or from The Chairman of the Parish Council at 13 Meesons Close, Eastling. Details also appear on the Eastling Village website.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Eastling Parish Council's next meetings are in Eastling Village Hall on Monday, 13 May at 8 p.m. There will be a short Annual General Meeting followed by an Ordinary Meeting of the Council. All meetings of the Council are open to the public and time is allocated for villagers to voice matters of local interest or concern.

**LOCAL WEB SITE**

The Eastling Village website celebrates its second "birthday" on Tuesday, 7 May. Computer users who would like to see the many recent changes and additions to the locally operated web pages should log on to <http://go.to/eastling> .

**Swale Borough Council BOROUGH ELECTION**

Voting for the East Downs Ward seat on Swale Borough Council is on Thursday, 2 May. Polling stations will be open 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. and are at the following locations:

Eastling, the Village Hall;  
Stalisfield, the Memorial Hall and  
Painter's Forstal, the Whitehill Chapel (Champion Hall).

Although it is not essential to take the recently delivered poll cards when going to vote, doing so can be helpful to staff inside the polling station.

*From the Registers*

**Baptisms**

21st April 2002 at Ospringe  
SOFIA IRIS Mayers  
GEORGINA ALICE Turner

**Weddings**

30th March 2002 at Ospringe  
Wayne BURNEY and Katharine Amanda STEWART

20th April 2002 at Ospringe  
Stephen David LE NOURY and Marie Anne BARKAWAY

**Funerals**

11th April 2002 Funeral at Ospringe  
with burial at Love Lane  
Joan Maureen TUMBER

25th April 2002 Cremation at Charing  
Roland Leonard WHITE

Diary		May 2002
2nd Afternoon Club	2 p.m.	Champion Hall
3rd Quiz Night	8 p.m.	Stalisfield Memorial Hall
8th Annual Parish Meeting	7.30 p.m.	Champion Hall
10th Club 8 - 13	6.15 p.m.	Champion Hall
10th Annual Parish Meeting	7.30 p.m.	Stalisfield Memorial Hall
11th Hobbit Morning	10 a.m.	Eastling Village Hall
11th Wine & Wisdom	7.30 p.m.	Eastling Village Hall
13th Eastling Parish Council	8 p.m.	Eastling Village Hall
14th Study/discussion group	8 p.m.	Newhouse Farm, Eastling
15th DEADLINE for the June issue of Good News		
16th Afternoon Club	outing to	Alpay Gardens
16th Archdeacon’s Visitation	7.30 p.m.	Canterbury Cathedral
17th Race Night		Ospringe School
20th Gardeners’ Visit	7.30 p.m.	Bradshaw’s Nursery
21st Women’s Institute	2.15 p.m.	Champion Hall
24th Club 8 - 13	6.15 p.m.	Champion Hall
25th Jumble Sale	2 p.m.	Stalisfield Memorial Hall
28th Magazine folding	2 p.m.	Usual venues
29th Ospringe Parish Council	7.30 p.m.	Whitehill Chapel
30th Afternoon Club	2 p.m.	Champion Hall
JUNE 3rd Jubilee BBQ & Picnic		Carpenters Arms
8th Coffee Morning	10 a.m.	74 London Road
8th Family Barbecue	4 p.m.	Eastling Village Hall
14th Plant Sale	2.45 p.m.	Eastling School
15th Buffet Dance	7.30 p.m.	Ospringe School Hall
21st Pool party +BBQ	6.45 p.m.	Faversham Pool
22nd Newnhan Annual Village Fete		
29th Gardeners’ visit to		Beth Chatto’s Garden
29th Jubilee Barn Dance		Painter’s Farm
JULY 5th Pampered Chef Party		Eastling School
6th Summer Fair		Ospringe School
14th Summer Fête		Eastling School
27/ 28th Chorus Angelorum singing in		Stalisfield
AUGUST 24 - 26th Flower Festival		Ospringe Church

**OSPRINGE PARISH COUNCIL**

Ospringe Parish Council resolved to adopt the Model Code of Conduct at their meeting on 17th April and the Monitoring Officer at Swale Borough Council will be duly notified.

The Council was pleased that PC Nigel Andrews attended the meeting and welcomed his comments and actions with regard to the youth disturbances in Painter's Forstal. A number of children also called in at the meeting and their views were sought on what they would like to see provided in the village to curb further unruly behaviour. The Parish Council will be looking into the various points raised.

**Annual Parish Meeting**

Ospringe Parishioners will wish to note that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 8th May 2002 at 7.30 p.m. in Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal. The Chairman will summarise the Parish Council's business and finances over the last year. Representatives of local organisations and Schools will be invited to attend and give a summary of their past year's events. The meeting will be concluded with light refreshments.

**May Meeting**

The next parish council meeting will be on Wednesday, 29th May at 7.30 p.m. in Whitehill Chapel. Members of the press and public are welcome to attend.

Jill Seaman  
Clerk to the Council



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1st - 27, 2nd - 42, 3rd - 13

### Sunday Newstyle

12th May  
10.30 a.m.

Eastling Church

Theme: The joy of the persecuted  
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All welcome.

### Archdeacon's Visitations 2002

Thursday 16th May  
7.30 p.m.

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Please bring your own refreshments.

### Thanks!

*Thanks to everyone who helped with the Wine and Wisdom evening at Eastling Village Hall on Saturday 6th April. Your efforts raised a grand total of £244.00. The sum of £122 has been paid to the Village Hall funds and a further £122 has been paid to the Senior Citizens' account. Well done to you all.*

*Norman Neaves.*



## FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

[www.Eastling.kent.sch.uk](http://www.Eastling.kent.sch.uk)

Are you feeling wise and do you enjoy a good evening out? Why not book a table at our Wine & Wisdom Evening to be held on Saturday, 11th

May in Eastling Village Hall starting at 7.30 p.m. Tables of 6 to 8 will cost £4.00 per head inclusive of a great Ploughman's supper. (Bring your own wine!) A case of bubbly awaits the winning table. Tickets are available from members of FOES or the School office.

This is your last chance to participate in the School's "25 Club" - only £12 per year with draws taking place every month except August - you may be a lucky winner!! Please make cheques out to Eastling School or hand your cash into the school office by Friday 10th May.

### Other events:

Plant Sale - Friday, 14th June.

Summer Solstice Pool Party - Friday, 21st June.

Pampered Chef Party - Friday, 5th July.

Summer Fete - Sunday, 14th July.

Further details in next month's magazine.

Jill Seaman, 01795 890519

Eastling Village  
Golden Jubilee Celebration  
On Bank Holiday Monday,  
3rd June

In the grounds of  
The Carpenter's Arms  
Barbecue and Music

All the family are welcome

Anyone wishing to help, or offer ideas for making this village party a success, please contact Tany at the Carpenters Arms on 890234 or Jonathan Ridsen on 01795 890065

### Having a Party?

Planning a Wedding?

Venue for your Club .....

Hall and smaller rooms available with kitchen facilities at  
**Eastling Village Hall.**

For more information please contact Mary Eagleton on 890436.

## PUDDLEDUCKS PLAYGROUP

The Playgroup caters for all pre-school children (ages 2 1/2 to 5) from the rural villages, including Eastling, Stalisfield, and Painter's Forstal and from the Faversham area. We welcome escorted children under the age of 2 1/2 years to attend and join in with the activities. We are open during term time on four mornings a week from 9.30 a.m. to 11.25 a.m.. The fees for this term remain at £3 per child per session.

Summer Term is now well underway with lots of activities planned to interest and encourage the children's development. We will also be celebrating the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

There will be no Playgroup on Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May and half term will be from Monday, 3rd June to Friday, 7th June inclusive.

You may be interested to note that the Newnham Mother & Toddler group meet every Wednesday morning 10 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. in Newnham Village Hall.

Any enquires to Jill Seaman, 01795 890519.



## Thank You

*Thank you to everyone who helped decorate our churches for Easter. You have really helped to make our Easter celebrations very special.*

Eastling Village Hall Trustees  
are organising a  
**FAMILY BARBECUE**

on Saturday, 8th June 2002  
between 4.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m.

Tickets will cost £4 for adults, £2 for children (below 12 years of age), and £10 for a family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) - proceeds in aid of village hall funds.

Bring your own drinks, although soft drinks will be on sale.

To reserve tickets, call Sue on 890254.

## Painter's Forstal Gardeners' Club

The May meeting will be held on Monday, 20th.

It will be an evening visit to Bradshaw's Nursery, Herne Common, starting there at 7.30 p.m.

May I please know by the 10th., if you wish to attend?

Further details from 01795 533608

Don't forget the  
**MORNING  
OF  
MAGIC AND  
MYSTERY**

on Saturday 11th  
May

in and around Eastling  
Village Hall.

The **TREASURE HUNT** will start at 10 a.m.

Refreshments, cakes, plants, books, children's clothes (nice, not jumble), raffle, etc..

Sarah Palmer, 890232.



## OSPRINGE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

[www.ospringecep.org.uk](http://www.ospringecep.org.uk)

Although only forty-six people attended the Bingo evening, it went well and will be repeated in the future as a family event.

Once again we were very lucky with the weather for the Easter Egg Hunt. A large number of children raced around the school grounds, while the less energetic parents relaxed with coffee and hot cross buns! The decorated eggs were spectacular with a variety of characters including an Ospringe School Pupil, a Grenadier Guard and Frodo and Gandulf!

Plans are well underway for the Race night on Friday 17th May. Tickets are £5 each and include supper. If you can't make the night, you can always buy a horse or two for £3. Every winning horse wins a prize! Tickets and horses are available from the school office or from the top lobby at school most days between 3.15 p.m. and 3.45 p.m.

Jill Fagg

## The Stalisfield Memorial Hall

### Quiz Night

On Friday, 3rd May,  
starting at 8 p.m.

Six to eight people per table  
Please bring your own  
refreshments

### Stalisfield Parish Council -

The Annual Parish Meeting  
will take place on Friday, 10th May  
2002 at 7.30 p.m.

This meeting will be followed by a  
Parish Council Meeting to elect  
officers for the forthcoming year.  
All Parishioners Welcome

### Jumble Sale

Saturday, May 25th at 2 p.m.  
Jumble etc. may be left in the  
hall porch on Friday, 24th May

### Painter's Forstal and Ospringe Women's Institute

The May meeting will  
be in the Champion Hall  
at 2.15 p.m. on 21st May  
- Resolutions Meeting  
Competitions: - Pretty  
Teapot & Flower of the Month.



### Afternoon Club

Tickets are now available for our  
first outing of the year.

Non- members are most welcome.

Activities for May:

2nd Board Games

16th Outing to Alpay Gardens

30th Bingo

2 p.m. in the Champion Hall.

### The Champion Hall

at Painter's Forstal  
is available for hire at  
reasonable charges.  
Ring 01795 532756