

Young People's Craft Club (Y.P.C.C.)
 Fridays May 7th and 14th
 6.15pm to 7.15pm in the Champion Hall.
 50p per session - all are welcomed.

Knee-mail

Subj: Friends
 Date: May 2004
 From: Sarah Bell
 To: JC@Godinheaven.com
 Dear Lord,
 Thank you for our friends. Friends make us happy whenever we are sad and are always there for us. Please help us to be good to our friends and always to think of them before ourselves. Thank you for being my friend, I know you will always be there for me.
 Amen.

Children's Church

Painter's Forstal: 8 - 13's meet in the Champion Hall at 10.40am on 2nd May and 6th June. Family services follow on at 11am.

Ospringe: Sunday School during 11am service on 23rd May. Family service is on 16th.

Eastling: S Club meets 10am in the Village Hall on 16th May. Youngstyle is on 23rd.

BIBLE WORDS

Can you find the answers to this Bible Quiz? All the words begin with the letter P.

1. Andrew's brother, one of the disciples.
2. Another name for a king of Egypt.
3. A tribe who fought Saul and David (2 Samuel).
4. The first place in Europe where Paul established a church (Acts 16).
5. The Roman Governor who set Barrabas free (Matthew 27).
6. She travelled with St Paul and was married to Aquila (Acts 18).
7. The Italian port where Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28).



Why did the man take a pencil to bed with him?

To draw the curtains!

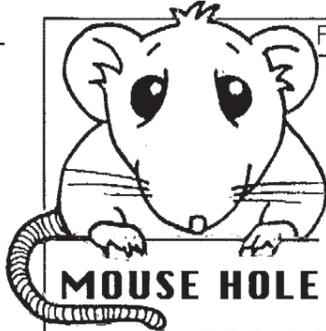


What is a Pelican's favourite dish?

Anything that fits the bill!



- Answers:
 1. Peter 2. Pharaoh 3. Philistines 4. Phillip 5. Pontius Pilate 6. Priscilla 7. Putrefied!



MOUSE HOLE



Start a stamp collection!

...but don't just stick them in an album and forget about them... find out about the countries they come from and the Christians living there.

A good website to visit for more information is www.operationworld.org



Collect old stamps from letters, glue them to a box or tin making sure they overlap. Cover with clear plastic, cut a slot in the lid and use as a collection box for charities who work to bring God's word to people all over the world.



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

It was the Festival of Pentecost, 50 days since Passover and Jews from many countries had come to Jerusalem to celebrate...

The Apostles and other believers were together, when they heard a sound like a strong wind and saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person...

...All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages as the Spirit enabled them.

A crowd of people gathered outside, they were all excited because each of them heard the believers speaking in their own language about the great things God had done.

About 3,000 people heard, believed and were baptised that day!

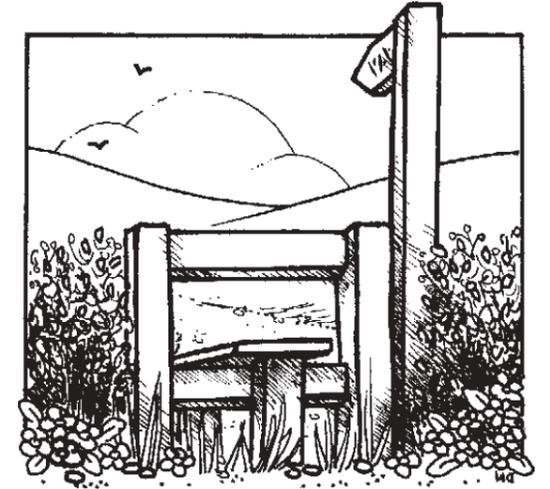
Read Acts 2:1-11 and find out which countries these people came from... Have you heard of any of them?



The whole Bible and parts of the Bible have been translated into 2,355 different languages... but this is only one third of all the languages in the world, so there are still many people yet to be able to hear the Bible read in their own language. For more facts and an interactive Bible game see www.biblesociety.org.uk and click on information bank



Good News Parish Magazine
 May 2004



Bluebell and Nature Walk

Sunday 2nd May
 Start from Eastling Village Hall

Come and walk through areas of outstanding natural beauty, some not usually open to the public, and see some of the best bluebells in Kent.



Register on the day. Entry £1 per adult, 50p per child.

Short walk or long walk, both start from the hall any time from 11am to 2pm.

Dogs must be kept on leads. Walking is at your own risk.

Refreshments available at the hall between 11am and 4pm.

Proceeds to raising funds for toilet and kitchen facilities in Eastling Church.

Phone 01795 890629 or 890338 for more details.

Christian Aid Week, 9-15 May 2004

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Churches Together in Faversham

By supporting Christian Aid Week, you are among millions of people who think poverty is a scandal we do not have to accept.

Your actions, commitment and contributions will bring about a better life for people in poor communities all over the world.

Christian Aid Service,

Sunday 9th May at 6.30 pm in the United Church, Preston Street, Faversham.

Followed by the Churches Together in Faversham AGM - all with an interest are welcome.

Understanding the Church Year

May 20th - Ascension Day - Forty Days with the Risen Christ

Eastertide is the period of 40 days between Easter and Ascension Day, which falls this year on Thursday, 20th May.

It may seem crazy to call it Eastertide when Easter is clearly over! - but if you look on the Services page of this magazine, you will find the Sundays are numbered Easter 4, Easter 5, and so forth. These are the forty days during which the Risen Christ appeared again and again to his disciples, following his death and resurrection.

The Gospels give us little of Christ's teachings and deeds during those forty days. Jesus was seen by numerous disciples: on the road to Emmaus, by the Sea of Galilee, in houses, etc. He strengthened and encouraged his disciples, and at last opened their eyes to all that the Scriptures had promised about the Messiah. Jesus also told them that as the Father had sent him, he was now going to send them - to all corners of the earth, as his witnesses.

If you would like to read about Christ's appearances, the stories can be found in Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; and John 20.

May 30th - Pentecost or Whit Sunday

On Ascension Day the sequence of events that began at Easter was completed. Christ ascended to his Father in heaven, and now it was the turn of the Holy Spirit to come down to earth. Pentecost is the feast on which the Church celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit. With his enabling power, the Church was soon off to a flying start, an incredibly dramatic expansion in its earliest, formative period.

So no wonder Pentecost Sunday is a major feast in the Christian year. In fact, in many Christian traditions, Pentecost comes second in importance only to Easter itself. Pentecost is sometimes called 'Whitsun' (literally, 'white Sunday') on account of the tradition of the clergy wearing white robes on this day.

The Holy Spirit is of major importance to Christian thought and life. When we read through the book of Acts, we find evidence of his presence everywhere -

guiding, encouraging, and empowering the apostles. In more recent times, the rise of the charismatic movement within the worldwide church has led to an increased awareness of the powerful role of the Spirit in each of our Christian lives.

Pentecost falls on the fiftieth day after Easter, when, according to Luke's account, the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples in Jerusalem, who were gathered there on Jesus' instructions. ("Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised.")

Even so, the Holy Spirit's arrival astounded everyone. The disciples certainly did not expect a sound like a mighty rushing wind from heaven, tongues of fire coming to rest on their heads, and the gift of being able to praise God in languages unknown to them.

Luke's description of Pentecost focuses on the impact of the event on people: the disciples were empowered to preach the gospel, and to break down the barriers of language separating them and their audiences. This story is found in Acts chapter 2.

Prayer Pointers May 2004



<u>Sundays</u>	For a greater understanding of God's Word.
<u>Mondays</u>	For friends or family facing change.
<u>Tuesdays</u>	For Angela Cheeseman and the OLM group.
<u>Wednesdays</u>	For Christians in North Korea.
<u>Thursdays</u>	The Ospringe Deanery Synod.
<u>Fridays</u>	For world leaders.
<u>Saturdays</u>	The work of Christian Aid.

Mothers' Union News



Last month we enjoyed a visit from the Macmillan Nurse charity. This was very interesting and enjoyed by all our members.

At the end of last month, during a phone call, our branch leader Carol, told me that she and her husband Stuart had been visiting a church when on holiday recently. Stuart's aunt who had recently died aged 91, had been the longest serving MU member of St. David's church at Haigh, near Wigan. Her name was Laura Bolton. Over 100 members of the MU attended her funeral and lined the path to the church for the coffin to pass through. What a wonderful story! The MU really is a family. Come and join us if you would like to know more.

Revd. Pat Pollard
Branch Secretary.

FROM THE ORGAN LOFT

I have heard organists talk of the biggest organ in the world at Wanamaker's store in Philadelphia. My American cousin on my father's side told me that Mr. Wanamaker insisted that her grandfather, Richard Sudall cater for all his daughters' weddings! That came about because I sent her an article from the CHOIR and ORGAN journal about the work the organist was doing there with youngsters.

As I write this, 3 of the primroses Don planted for me are still in flower, the other 3 have been dug up! Please will who ever did it put them back!

Vicky Shepherd.

(You can see how vast this organ is by going to <www.thepianoworld.com/wanamakers_trip1.htm> Ed.)

OSPRINGE CHOIR REPORT

From Prayer News C.M.S. comes the prayer of an Indian Christian.
O Christ, we come into your presence and how beautiful it is.
There is no place as beautiful as the place where you are. Amen.

We will start our summer term choir practices on Wednesday, 5th May, 6 p.m. in the Parish Room at the back of the church. Thank you, choir, for singing during the winter and spring months, you are a wonderful group.

Cassie Page has joined us and we hope to give her the official welcome soon.

During March when Pat was leading the service she chose "Rock of Ages" which is one of Kit Lusted's favourite hymns. The words and music were inspired by a very special happening in 1762. Revd. Augustus Montague Toplady, curate of Blagdon, was

travelling along the road through Burrington Combe, a rocky gorge in the Mendips in Somerset when a storm struck. He dashed into a deep crevice in this 250 feet high cliff. While he was waiting for the storm to pass he mused on the idea of "rock of faith" and the hymn was born.

Kit grew up in that area and sent me a card of this crevice, which I treasure.

On Tuesday 11th May, I am looking forward to sharing with Teynham M.U. "Stories behind some of our Hymns". I shall include "Rock of Ages". The hymn was also a favourite of Carol Dolman's mother, Gwen. In May I am looking forward to joining the Dolman family to play for the wedding of Katie and Craig at the tiny church in their village of Appleford, near Wantage, Buckinghamshire. Gwen's stone is next to my Mum's stone in our Churchyard.

Rogation Sunday - 16th May

Rogation means an asking of God - for blessing on the seed and land for the year ahead. It is appropriate in any emergency, war, plague, drought or foul weather.

The practice began with the Romans, who invoked the help of the gods Terminus and Ambarvalia. In those days a crowd moved in procession around the cornfields, singing and dancing, sacrificing animals, and driving away Winter with sticks. The wanted to rid the cornfields of evil.

About 465 the Western world was suffering from earthquake, storm and epidemic. So Mamertius, Bishop of Vienne, aware of the popular pagan custom, ordered that prayers should be said in the ruined or neglected fields on the days leading up to Ascension. With his decision, 'beating the bounds' became a Christian ceremonial.

Rogation-tide arrived in England early in the eighth century, and became a fixed and perennial asking for help of the Christian God. On Rogation-tide, a little party would set out to trace the boundaries of the parish. At the head marched the bishop or the priest, with a minor official bearing a Cross, and after them the people of the parish, with schoolboys and their master trailing along. Most of them held slender wands of willow.

At certain points along the route - at well-known landmarks like a bridge or stile or ancient tree, the Cross halted, the party gathered about the priest, and a litany or rogation was said, imploring God to send seasonable wealth, keep the corn and roots and boughs in good health, and bring them to an ample harvest. At one point beer and cheese would be waiting!

When you plan your garden this Spring

Plant three rows of peas:
Peace of mind
Peace of heart
Peace of soul.



Plant four rows of squash:
Squash gossip
Squash indifference
Squash grumbling
Squash selfishness.

Plant four rows of lettuce:
Lettuce be faithful
Lettuce be kind
Lettuce be happy
Lettuce really love one another.

No garden should be without turnips:
Turnip for service when needed
Turnip to help one another
Turnip the music and dance.



Water freely with patience and Cultivate with love.

There is much fruit in your garden. Because you reap what you sow.

To conclude your garden You must have thyme:
Thyme for fun
Thyme for rest
Thyme for ourselves.

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2nd May Easter 4

Acts 9. 36 - 43, John 10. 22 - 30

Ospringle	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
Ospringle	11 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Otterden	3 p.m.	Evening Prayer (BCP)

Tuesday 4th May

Whitehill Chapel 2.15 p.m. Holy Communion

9th May Easter 5

Acts 11. 1 - 18, John 13. 31 - 35

Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Eastling	10.30 a.m.	Newstyle
Ospringle	11 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
United Church, Fav	6.30 p.m.	Christian Aid Service

16th May Easter 6

Acts 16. 9 - 15, John 14. 23 - 29 or John 5. 1 - 9

Ospringle	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringle	11 a.m.	Family Service

20th May Ascension Day

Ospringle 3 p.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

23rd May Sunday after Ascension

Acts 16. 16 - 34, John 17. 20 - 26

Stalisfield	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Young Style
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	People's Choice
Guest Speaker: Revd. Chris Esgate		
Ospringle	11 a.m.	Family Communion
Ospringle	11 a.m.	Sunday School

30th May Pentecost

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

Ospringle	9 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10.30 a.m.	Family Communion

6th June Trinity

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

Ospringle	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
Ospringle	11 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Otterden	3 p.m.	Evening Prayer (BCP)

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

Priest in Charge	Reverend Penny Fenton (01795 536366)	9 Brogdale Road, Faversham. ME13 8SX
Curate	Reverend Patricia Pollard (01795 535407)	7 Arthur Salmon Close, Faversham.
Reader	Mr. Hugh Perks (01795 890603)	Weald Cottage, Kettle Hill Road, Eastling.
Reader	Mr. Norman Fowler (01795 890412)	4 Meesons Close, Eastling.
Methodist Minister	Reverend Chris Esgate (01795 532461)	Chris@Esgate.plus.com

A list of church officers elected at this year's annual meetings will be published in the June Good News.

Whitehill		
Steward	Miss. B. Richards	(01795 532756)

June 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 May to Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, Faversham ME13 0BA. Tel: 01795 890338. Where possible, please submit your entries by e-mail: h.f.harlow@talk21.com

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 Registers

Baptism

DREW ELLIS Burney
28th March 2004 at Ospringle

Wedding

Mark Lee ADAMS and Tracy Anne EPPS
10th April 2004 at Ospringle

Funerals

Lavinia GATES
31st March 2004
Funeral at Ospringle followed by cremation at Charing

Patricia Lavinia Christine SMITH
7th April 2004 Cremation at Charing

William George WEAVER
8th April 2004 Funeral followed by burial at Ospringle

Wayne Ian GRANT
20th April 2004 Cremation at Charing



✧ Awaiting confirmation? ✧

The following item appeared on the Faith Page of The Times on 20 March 2004. 'Last week we reported that St Francis Episcopal Church in Stamford, Connecticut, has launched a monthly Communion service for pets and their owners. We would like to clarify that the animals receive a blessing, and not Holy Communion, at these services.'

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

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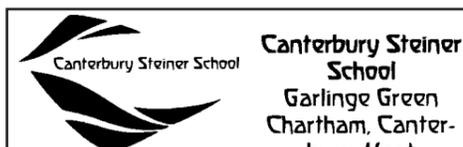
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VACANCY

OSPRINGE PARISH COUNCIL is seeking a part-time Parish Clerk to work approx. 15 hours a month as from July 2004. The clerk is responsible for taking minutes at council meetings, dealing with correspondence and communication, and for the Council's financial matters. Salary as per the Recommended National Scale. Closing date for applications - 8th May 2004. For further details please contact the present Clerk - Jill Seaman on 01795 890519.

EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

May Meeting
Eastling Parish Council meets in Eastling Village Hall on Monday, 10th May at 8pm. This is the last scheduled meeting by the present Council members, prior to the elections on Thursday, 10th June. As usual, there will be an opportunity at the start of the meeting for residents to raise matters of local interest.

Parish Council Election
If you are considering standing for election to the Parish Council on Thursday, 10th June, you need to act right away. Nomination forms are available from the Parish Clerk, Mrs Carol Butterfield on 01795 539148. They MUST be properly completed and reach the Electoral Unit, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne by the strict deadline of 4.00pm on Thursday, 13th May. There's information on the role of a councillor and the election process in a downloadable file on the Eastling Village website at www.eastling.info <<http://www.eastling.info>> Go to the "local news" page and use the link under the news item on the parish elections.

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**Painter's Forstal Amenities Committee
Easter Surprise April 2004**

(Sponsored by Pawley Farm, suppliers of Cider, Apple Juice and Logs)

Over 50 people, including grandparents and toddlers, divided into 13 family groups to take part in an afternoon following clues, playing games and making a nature collection. Easter Sunday afternoon was warm and sunny, making the walk round the park and village a pleasant experience. Groups set off from the Champion Hall at timed intervals, finding their way round the trail, answering questions until they met 'Thumper' and played games for chocolate eggs and then continued back to the hall for refreshments and prizes. The overall winners were Louise Huchinson, Matteo Deketh, Paula Deketh and Julie Payne. The best nature collection was brought in by 4 year old Liam Baseden and family. Every child taking part won an egg!

We thank Karen and Tony Potts for their hard work in planning the routes and questionnaire etc..

We also thank Derek and Angela Macey, of Pawley Farm, for their generous sponsorship.

A most enjoyable afternoon.

Diary

May 2004

- 2nd Bluebell Walk start between 11am-2pm Eastling Village Hall
- 5th School Uniform Sale at Pop-In 9.15am Eastling Village Hall
- 7th Young People's Craft Club 6.15pm Champion Hall
- 8th Concert 7.30pm Faversham Parish Church
- 9th - 15th Christian Aid Week
- 10th Eastling Parish Council 8pm Eastling Village Hall
- 12th Ospringe Parish Council 7.30pm Whitehill Chapel
- 13th Afternoon Club Blossom Tour
- 14th Young People's Craft Club 6.15pm Champion Hall
- 15th Deadline for June Good News Pinks Farm, Eastling
- 16th Teas and Cakes 2.30pm Pinks Farm, Eastling
- 18th W.I. 2.15pm Champion Hall
- 19th Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm Whitehill Chapel
- 22nd Coffee Morning 10am 74 London Road
- 25th Magazine Folding 2pm Usual Venues
- 27th Afternoon Club (Bingo) 2pm Champion Hall
- 31st Open Garden and Teas 2pm Copton Ash

Future Dates

- 11th June Quiz Party Stalisfield Village Hall
- 12th June Barn Dance Painter's Farm Barn
- 19th June Summer Fair Ospringe School
- 11th July Summer Fete Eastling School
- 8th August Painter's Forstal Fete Lorenden Meadow
- 13th November Craft Fayre Painter's Forstal

**Painter's Forstal
GRAND DRAW**

Tickets are now available from any of the Amenities Committee.

First Prize £100,
2nd prize £25, 3rd prize £10.
If anybody feels able to sell tickets to friends and family please contact 532756.

"There is a Season"

Come and enjoy an evening of contemporary and classical music and words that celebrates creation throughout the year. Includes music by the popular group 'River'. To be held at the Parish Church of St. Mary of Charity, Faversham on Saturday 8th May from 7.30 to 9.30pm. Tickets (adults £4 / children and concessions £2) available at the door or phone John Regan on 01795 532135. Proceeds to the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.



Eastling Short Mat Bowls Club

Our last games of the Swale League was played at home, and we had a resounding win, with 83 shots to 20 and 14 points. If we had started the season like this it would have been very nice, perhaps better luck next season. I have been in touch with quite a few other clubs to play some friendly games throughout the summer months and 7 dates have been confirmed, details of these are on the club notice board. If any other clubs are looking for games, we would like to try and fit you in the calendar. Please contact Roy. The Wednesday afternoon meetings will finish on 28th April and start again on 15th September. The regular Friday sessions: 2.30-4.30pm and 7.30 - 9.30pm, continue through the summer. **Youth Section.** After an introduction with the school, we are hoping to have a youth section running on Fridays 5 - 7pm. Cost is £1. Please contact Roy Piles on 537162 if you are interested in joining.



Afternoon Club

Tickets for our first trip, May 13th, are now available, please contact Rodney on 536424.
Activities for May
May 13th Blossom tour with tea (£10).
May 27th Bingo

**Painter's Forstal
with Ospringe W. I.**

May 18th
Resolutions Meeting
2.15pm in the Champion Hall

Sunday Newstyle

9th May, Eastling Church
How to know the real God
Guest Speaker: Angela Cheeseman
Breakfast from 10am
Service starts at 10.30am
Children's Corner * All ages welcome

**Ospringe School
Association News**

Despite a gloomy weather forecast, once again the sun shone on the Easter Egg Hunt. Thanks are due to Sue and Andy Shepherd who once again organised an excellent event. As well as clues for infants and juniors, there was a picture competition to keep the adults quiet and a Grand National Sweepstake. I'm not sure of the actually numbers who attended, but the place was buzzing and a great time was had by all.

The next OSA event is the Summer Fair on 19th June - watch this space.

Open Garden & Teas

Monday 31st May, 2 - 5pm
Rethink, the local group for carers of those suffering from mental illness, are running the Teas and Cake stall at Copton Ash, Ashford Road, Faversham (National Gardens Scheme open day) Come and see a lovely garden and help swell our funds.
Pat Thompson

Tea and Cakes

Come and enjoy a cuppa and cake in Eastling on Rogation Sunday, 16th May
2.30 - 5pm
Pinks Farm, Eastling
Proceeds to WCS orchestra fund and Eastling Church.
Hilary Harlow 01795 890338



FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

The Barn Dance was great fun and enjoyed by all. Over £500 was raised, and we would like to thank all the people who helped to set up, prepared the food and the 'bar staff'. I'm sorry to report that the Auction of Promises has been postponed indefinitely. Plans are well underway for the Summer Fete to be held on Sunday 11th July. Watch this space for more details.
Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity

PUDDLEDUCKS

The children will be experimenting with different colours and textures during this month, and they will also be planting some seeds ready for the summer! We will be closed on May Day and Half Term will be from 31st May to 4th June.
Jill Seaman 01795 890519



**Painter's Forstal
Gardeners' Club
Saturday 22nd May
Annual Coffee Morning
10.00am - 12noon**

at 74 London Road, Faversham
Plant Stall, Raffle, Tombola,
Cake Stall and More!
Hope to see you there
As usual, we are donating 50% of the proceeds to Demelza House Children's Hospice, Sittingbourne.

**Saturday 17th July
Summer Show**
Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal
Further details from 533608



After the Easter break the Pop-In reopens on 28th April with a Birthday special. On Wednesday 5th May there will be a cake stall, Traidcraft goods for sale or order and Eastling school uniform sale. Everyone will be welcome to come in for a cuppa and a chat, free of charge.



Child Minder

has two vacancies for part-time, mornings only, hours between 8am - 1.30pm, age 2 years up. Fees will include local playgroup. Painter's Forstal Area.
Call 01795 535122