



Hi  
My name is Kane  
Willoughby. I am 15  
years old and will be do-  
ing a sponsored swim on  
Saturday 12th November,  
to raise funds a youth worker to come to  
Eastling. If you would like to sponsor  
me, please ring on 890337, or use the  
sponsorship form in Eastling Church.  
Thank you for your support.

★ **Fireworks** ★  
**November 4th**  
**7.30pm at the**  
**Carpenters Arms**  
**Eastling.**  
Adults £5, under 15's free.  
Tickets available now  
includes refreshments.  
Proceeds to F.O.E.S.

OSPRINGE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION  
INVITE YOU TO THEIR  
**FIREWORK DISPLAY**  
**SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER**  
GATES OPEN 6.30  
DISPLAY STARTS AT 7.00PM

Come and join Ospringe  
School for  
another fantastic  
professional display by  
Selstar Fireworks.  
Numbers limited so buy early  
**TICKETS IN ADVANCE**  
**£4 EACH,**  
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**TICKETS ON THE NIGHT**  
**£5 EACH (if available)**  
Preschool children free

- Sparkler Area (please do not  
bring your own)
- Hot Dogs and drinks
- Light tubes and necklaces
- All children must be  
accompanied by an adult
- Parking limited - Please  
Walk
- Please do not bring your own  
fireworks or sparklers

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM**  
**THE SCHOOL (tel 532004)**  
**PARKING LIMITED PLEASE WALK**



OSPRINGE SCHOOL, WATER LANE, FAVERSHAM,

## Ospringe School Association CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AFTERNOON

Monday 14th November  
2pm – 5pm  
In Ospringe School Hall  
Stalls include: Virgin Vie  
Chocaholics Usbourne Books  
Pampered Chef Formative Fun  
Partylite Candles Webb Ivory  
Oakey Dokey  
Tea and Coffee available  
Ospringe Primary School will receive a  
commission from all sales at this event.

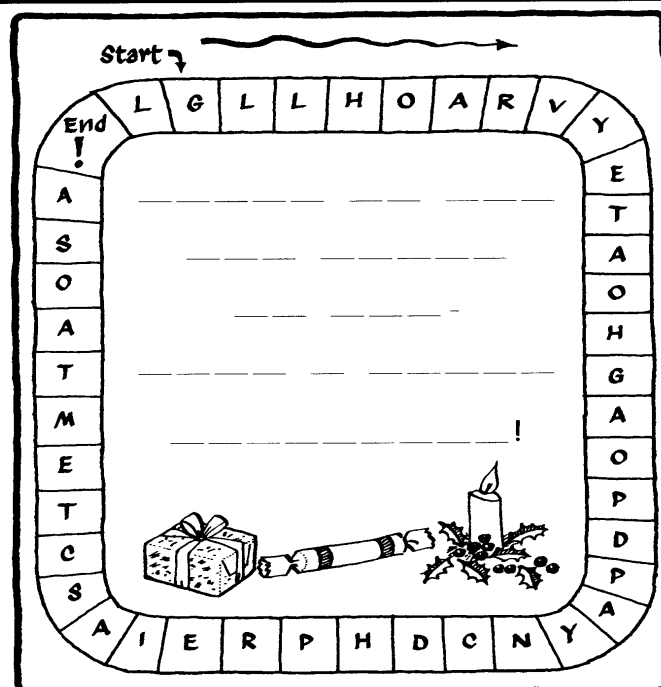
**Young People's  
Church**  
Ospringe - 11am November 27th  
Eastling - 10am November 20th  
S Club in the village hall  
- 10am November 27th  
Toy Service in church

**Young People's  
Craft Club**  
Fridays 4th & 18th  
November  
6.15pm to 7.15pm  
in the Champion Hall.  
50p per session.



**Advent**  
**Children's Club**  
November 26th.  
December 3rd, 10th and 17th.  
10am - 12 noon  
in Ospringe Church  
Carols, Cookery, Crafts  
open to all school age children  
Contact no. 531960

Moving clockwise around the circle,  
write down every other letter.  
Do this twice to find a Christmas message!



## Eastling Puppet Club

Rehearsals will be at 3pm in Eastling  
Village Hall on Oct 29 and Nov 12, and  
in Eastling Church on 26 Nov-for a  
performance at the Toy Service in  
Eastling Church on 27 November.  
All 9 -15 yr olds welcome.  
Enquiries Angela Cheeseman on 892124



Bill Lusted, from Ospringe,  
describes a visit he, and his  
wife Kit, made to Normandy  
in June this year.

## Visit to Normandy 2005

On 10th June, 40 members of the  
Normandy Veteran Association  
caught the mid morning ferry to  
Calais then settled down for a 270  
mile coach journey to the small  
town of Aunay Sur Odon, near  
Caen, in the heart of the Bocage  
country of Calvados, arriving late  
afternoon.

Next day, after an early breakfast,  
our coach took us to St. Mere-  
Eglise, in the Cherbourg penin-  
sula. On our arrival we were sur-  
rounded by people armed with  
autograph books etc., this was the  
main landing site of the US  
Airbourne Divisions and, to this  
day, has a life sized figure of a GI  
(John Steele) hanging from the  
church steeple, caught by his para-  
chute straps.

We had a look round the Museum  
and in the afternoon visited the  
American Cemetery. For personal  
reasons, one of the ladies wished  
to lay a wreath at the memorial.  
We have our own Padre and took  
our Standard plus a tape of the  
Last Post and the Reveille, so,  
having gained permission from the  
American authority, we held a short  
service. There seemed to be thou-  
sands of American visitors who  
gathered round us, wide eyed.  
After the service we walked down  
to the cliffs over looking Omaha  
Beach and were overwhelmed by  
people (Mostly young girls, Kit  
said) who wanted to have their  
photographs taken with us. Many  
of them wanted the story of our trip;  
who we were etc..

Before returning to Aunay we  
called at a factory producing  
Calvados and were given a taster,  
which led to some of us buying a  
bottle.

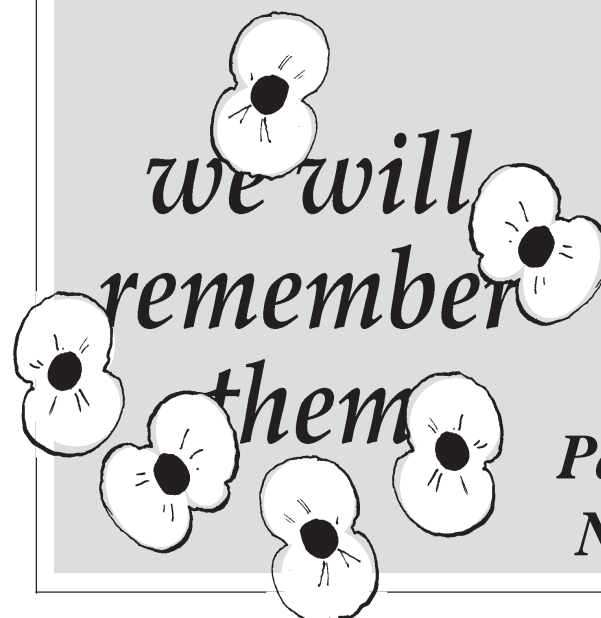
Sunday 12th June, an emotional  
day for the town: 12th June 1944  
was the start of four days of car-  
pet bombing which left the town  
completely obliterated and 153  
dead. It has now been rebuilt and  
bears little resemblance to the pre-  
1944 town.

Bill's visit continues on Page 4

# Remembrance Sunday 13th November

Services with a time of Remembrance.

8am Holy Communion at Eastling  
10am Morning Prayer at Stalisfield  
10.30am Freestyle at Eastling  
11am Holy Communion at Ospringe



we will  
remember  
them

Good  
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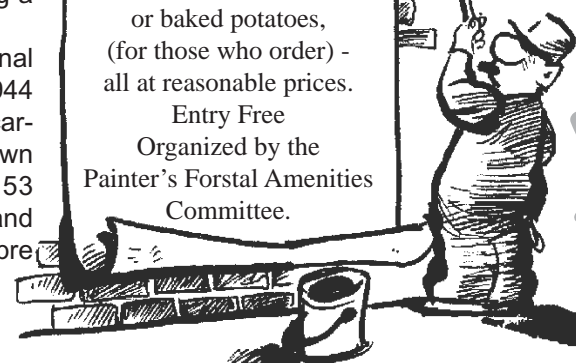
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## CRAFT FAYRE

**12th November**  
**10am - 2.30pm**  
**Champion Hall**

Numerous stalls offering  
cards, wooden trinkets,  
wood and pottery items,  
baby knits and soft toys.  
Come along and stay for  
tea/coffee and cakes,  
or baked potatoes,  
(for those who order) -  
all at reasonable prices.

Entry Free  
Organized by the  
Painter's Forstal Amenities  
Committee.



## We need your prayers and support

The younger children in Eastling parish, and  
beyond, enjoy a successful Sunday School in  
the form of S Club Xstream and Youngstyle, a  
monthly service geared with them in mind. The  
very popular Puppet Club and now S Club the  
GRID cater for slightly older children, but we  
need a more dedicated person with time,  
experience and enthusiasm to expand our work.  
We are applying to different Christian  
organisations for a placement of a graduate,  
specifically to help run and initiate new  
opportunities for continuing  
Christian teaching and contact with  
our young people.

This will cost money. We have  
already raised some funds, but need  
your help to raise more.  
Please support two forthcoming  
events:

Kane Willoughby, very bravely, has  
offered to do a sponsored swim -  
see the back page, and on 3rd  
December in Eastling Church, we are  
presenting a Family Christmas  
Entertainment- page 6.



## Who is God, anyway?

*God is your shepherd, physician, provider, rock, counsellor, teacher and saviour.*

*He is the Bread of Life, and the Light of the World.*

*He is El Shaddai – the All Powerful and Nourisher of his people.*

*He is Yahweh Shalom – wholeness, security, well-being, prosperity, peace and friendship.*

*God is always with you; he sanctifies you, goes before you, carries you, blesses your work, leads you, delivers you, and has compassion on you.*

*He comforts you and gives you rest. The Lord is your refuge, is gracious and merciful and is forever faithful.*

*He is your strength and your redeemer; your light and your salvation.*

*That's who God is!*

## Prayer Pointers

<u>Sundays</u>	For a spirit of praise.
<u>Mondays</u>	Prayers and discussion groups.
<u>Tuesdays</u>	Our parishes in this time of change.
<u>Wednesdays</u>	Families broken by divorce.
<u>Thursdays</u>	For those working with asylum seekers.
<u>Fridays</u>	All who mourn for those who have died in war.
<u>Saturdays</u>	Persecuted Christians.



There are times when I wish that the expression 'Thank You' could be written in letters several metres high, but the magazine is not that large! My very grateful thanks are due to so many who have been part of my ministry amongst you in recent years; to Churchwardens, past and present; to lay and ordained colleagues who have prepared and led worship, organised church activities for children and young people and taken school assemblies; to those who have prepared and provided music for various services; to those who have conducted and supported services in our local residential homes and sheltered housing; to our baptism visitors, who have prepared families for baptisms (christenings); to all who produced and distributed the 'Magazine'; to those who have assisted with arrangements for weddings and funerals. Then, of course, there have been all the various fund-raising activities and the 1001 'unsung' tasks quietly undertaken in and beyond the church buildings, in the service of God and other people. Any attempt at a complete list in bound to



## THANK YOU

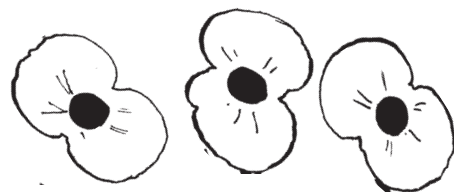
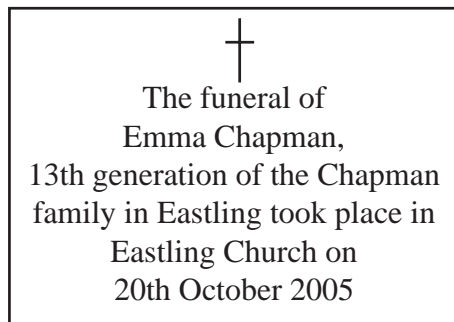
miss someone out, so my heartfelt thanks to you all.

I appreciated very much indeed the preparations that Churchwardens and numerous others put into the 'Farewell Service' and lunch as my 'Priest-in-Charge' ministry concluded on the last Sunday in September. It was lovely to see so many of you there from all of our parishes as well as from Whitehill Chapel and Davington. I felt almost overwhelmed by all the flowers, cake, cards and gifts and especially by the generosity expressed through the cheque I was given. Thank you, too, to all those who couldn't be there on the day, but sent cards, letters and telephone messages to express their good wishes for my retirement.

It has been a great privilege to serve as Priest-in-Charge of 'Eastling with Ospringe and Stalisfield with Otterden'. A privilege, too, to be with people at times of great happiness



Penny with her Churchwardens  
25th September 2005



## Sunday Freestyle in Eastling Church 13th November

On Remembrance Sunday we will be taking a fresh look at the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

Join us as we tune in to Big Ben at 11am and join those at the Cenotaph for a time of silence. Come for Breakfast from 10am, Freestyle starts at 10.30am. Contact number 890338

## VICKY'S COLUMN

Did you know that Bethersden marble is limestone formed under fresh water? It comes from the shells of are fresh water snails. A good example is on the steps from the south transept to the pulpitum steps at Canterbury Cathedral. AND did you know that the pelican plucks with her beak to release water trapped in its breast feathers to feed her young to give them moisture? Originally it was thought that she was plucking at her feathers and feeding her brood with her blood. This represented the sacrifice of Christ giving his blood to save mankind. A lovely example of the pelican is carved in stone in the Black Prince's Chantry, the Huguenot Chapel in Canterbury Cathedral. Joanne Marshall is very happy in her first job as a teaching assistant in Japan. Tom Nixon is settling into Cambridge University. Jo Fagg is full of enthusiasm for her University course in the lovely city of Derby near the beautiful Derbyshire Dales. We wish all our Ospringe youngsters well in their Colleges and their chosen pathways. May God watch over them.

## December 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 November to Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, Faversham ME13 0BA. Tel: 01795 890338. Where possible, please submit your entries by e-mail: h.f.harlow @btconnect.com Current and back copies of Good News are available on the website: <http://go.to/goodnewsmag>



Gosh, we are into November 2005, and it only seems like we were looking forward to celebrating the Millennium yesterday! It is 7 weeks since I wrote my last piece! We have been travelling. Brittany in September with its many fine churches with beautiful stained glass and interesting and well-kept interiors. At Loctudy, we visited an 11th century church with splendid Norman pillars, probably just like Canterbury Cathedral when it was first built. We also visited the Normandy beaches where young Bill Lusted landed. I had a spell in the colder and wetter North and thoroughly enjoyed my School Reunion. It took me just over four hours by train from Faversham to Manchester and I watched the scenery all the way! It was the route I used to take to and from College 50 years ago! and we still have much green and pleasant country. Then it was two days in Coventry for the Almshouses Association Meeting. Did you know that our Almshouses are in the 3% of



the Almshouses in England serving more than 50 residents? Now I must prepare the Choir for Christmas!

We have taken part with Selling Choir for a Harvest Service at Canterbury Cathedral and I was very proud of the Choir and Lauren and Vicky sharing the solo spot with another young lady from Selling. You were superb, thank you!

Thank you to the Choir who supported the family of Peggy and Bill Banks at the moving Service for Bill. Peggy and Bill were among those lovely people who helped Philip and Dorothy Allen welcome Gilbert and me when Gilbert became Head of Ospringe School in 1972. We thank God for the support Bill and Peggy gave over many years to our Choir.

On November 5th as part of the RSCM Festival at Canterbury Cathedral along with 400 others we plan to sing out our hearts. Then it is CAROLS.

Vicky Shepherd

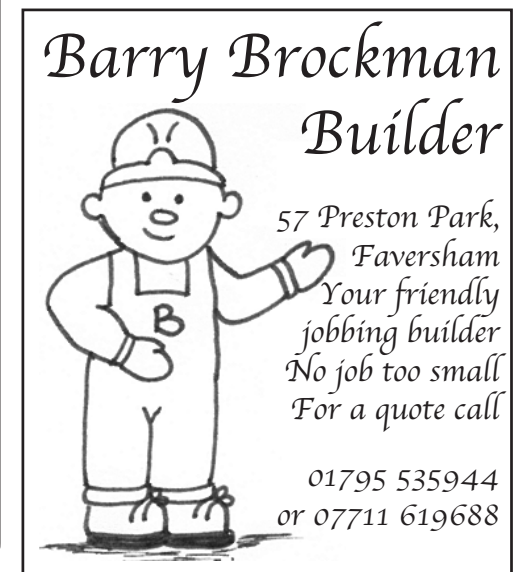
## Good News Parish Magazine

### Donations

We hope you enjoy reading this magazine each month and find the information useful. We try to include something for everyone, with club news as well as church news.

All the word processing, folding and delivering is voluntary, our only major cost is the actual printing. Whilst most of that cost is met by our advertising revenue, during this year we have had a large price increase from our printers and we would welcome donations from our readers.

If you appreciate this magazine and are able to help, please send your donation to Mr R. Tumber, 8 Briton Road, Faversham. ME13 8QH. Please make cheques payable to "Good News Church Magazine". Thank you.





## British Humanitarian Aid.

We have two requests from BHA, which concern everyone who collects aid, and those who normally do shoe boxes at Christmas.

**FOOD:** The Ukrainian authorities place a high tax on any food in the aid sent out, so they are not taking food for the foreseeable future.

**SHOE BOXES:** Although these have been so very much appreciated, and we have been doing that for so many years now, there have been problems with the suitability/equality of the contents. They would prefer, in future, to receive the items loose so that bags or boxes can be made up appropriate to the actual children. If you have already collected shoe boxes however, please don't worry as these will be taken. This will probably be disappointing for many of you, especially those of you who have small children, and have encouraged them to do this at Christmas, in order for them to learn about caring and sharing with those less fortunate than ourselves. We do hope that you will feel able to carry on supporting this charity as there is still a tremendous need.

**ITEMS NEEDED:** Items that are particularly needed, are socks and underwear for every age group. Helping the impoverished families, the elderly and the orphanages is still very important and, like every other charity, we still need financial support. With so many terrible disasters that have occurred in the world this year, we have seen our own financial support much reduced, as have so many charities. Any help that you are able to give us is so very much appreciated. Once again, our heartfelt thanks for all your support, and may God Bless you. Pam Bell, on behalf of BHA  
[www.britishhumanitarianaid.co.uk](http://www.britishhumanitarianaid.co.uk)



## Toy Service

Sunday 27th November  
10am in Eastling Church  
All ages welcome for this half hour service.

Please bring along clean, unbroken toys for Christmas Gifts to less fortunate children for distribution by British Humanitarian Aid.

## Ospringe in Bloom 2005

This year has seen some unusual spring and summer weather. But despite a spring drought with an occasional tropical rainstorm, the Gardens in Ospringe Parish and the Allotments look as good as ever. The Allotments were judged on a Saturday in June. A number of vegetables in the allotments were 'late' due to the unusual pattern of weather this year. The allotments are a pleasure to visit. Pleasure on the eye, pleasure on the nose with some excellent fragrances. Alan Gidlow the custodian of the allotments does a terrific job, he knows the allotments like the back of his hand, knows the people who work so hard on their piece of land, and he works hard to keep back the weeds from the pathways. The allotments have a huge variety of vegetables and flowers, too many to list. Many of the vegetables are in neat rows, which show off nature's colours admirably. Some of the allotments are organic, which is a growing trend! All the allotments make use of a range of re-cycled material to provide storage, fences and growing frames.

### GARDENS

Best Large front garden The Henry Macey Cup – Paul & Frances Moskovits;  
Best small front garden The Richard Tovey Cup– Don & Kath Watts;  
Best hanging baskets The Gwendolin Thorn Cup – Brian & Doreen Parker;  
Most colourful garden The Carol Harman Cup –Mrs Pat Macey;  
Best vegetable garden The Stanley Wright Shield – Frances & Paul Moskovits;  
Outstanding colour The Robin Wood Shield – Mr & Mrs Eric Watts;  
Most interesting garden The Joan Tovey Salver –M/s Neames & Mr Langley;  
Highly commended – The Alma, No 8 Green Lees, No 5 Green Lees, Alison Tracy, Sharon & Glen Brogdale Road;  
Tallest Sunflower – Frances & Paul Moskovits

### ALLOTMENTS

Best overall, The Chairman's Shield – Albert Smith;  
Runner-up Best overall, The Tassell Trophy – Frank Rush;  
2nd runner-up Best overall, The Henry S Tett Shield – Brian & Maureen Stupples;  
Best flowers, The Mansell Clay Shield – Mrs Bennett;  
Best All round The Joyce Field Cup – Paul Bennett;  
Best Organic The Joyce Field Shield – Mr & Mrs Hawkins;  
Best Newcomer The Winnie Wright salver – Mr Bill Dennis;  
Special Mention, Best Fruit Bushes – Mr Ray Farenden;  
GoodMixture – Dick Ansell; Commended - Jim Rubie, Mr Mike Trower, Ryan Cork, Graham Reynold, Mike Waters, Mr Claude Heath.



### Eastling Harvest Festival

Many thanks to all those who kindly donated gifts of produce at the Harvest Festival on Oct 2. They were gratefully received by Faversham Age Concern, who produce 175 meals to elderly people per day!

Congratulations and thanks to the 26 children who made some very exciting and imaginative harvest creations which decorated the church for the Harvest Festival.

The gardens were judged on a Sunday morning in July. The judges had to cope with intermittent rain, but noticed that this did not dampen the enthusiasm of the Gardeners. The judges enjoyed the opportunity to meet our hard working gardeners, whilst visiting the many excellent gardens in the Parish. All the gardeners impressed the judges with their knowledge of plants & flowers, and their keen eye for shape, form & colour. Many imaginative designs in a blaze of colour. A feature of our parish is the excellent use of containers and hanging baskets for flowers, and the planting & feeding schemes used to attract wildlife. Clearly the people who live in the parish love their gardens and the tranquillity they enjoy when sitting in them. Some of this tranquillity transcends the garden fences and embraces us as we pass by. We thank you gardeners for that. The judges were: Christine Manser, Terrance Gilbert and John Griffin  
*The presentation evening was held at Champion Hall on the 21st September.*  
*Andrew Keel, the Chairman of Ospringe Parish Council made the presentations.*

## EASTLING VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES NEWS

### Paper Shredding

The experiment whereby paper shredders were made available in the Hall on 7th September for villagers to shred confidential waste proved to be a great success. As a result, the Trustees are purchasing a commercial paper shredder which will be available and manned by a Trustee in the Hall at the following times:

Mondays, 6.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. (during Snooker session)

Wednesdays, 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. (during Pop-In)

Please bring along your confidential rubbish for shredding and safe disposal, avoiding 'identity fraud'. The shredded paper will also help to fill the paper recycling bins located at the Hall and increase the income obtained from Recycling Credits which will be ploughed back into Hall improvements.

### User Groups

The Hall is experiencing a good level of bookings and is working hard at improving the facilities available to hirers. For example, we have recently purchased a lovely marquee and are now in the process of obtaining new china and cutlery, making the Hall a particularly attractive proposition for weddings and parties.

The Trustees are very aware of the support from, and income generated by, the regular user groups - Bowls Club, Snooker Club, S-Club, Gardening Club, Keep Fit, etc. etc. We would like to show our appreciation to these groups by offering to fund the purchase of items of additional equipment/facilities they may require. User groups are invited to submit proposals in writing please to the Trustees Secretary, Sue Parry at Magnolia Cottage in Newnham Lane, tel: 01795 890254.

### Green Tourism in the Faversham Area

The Faversham Area Tourism Association is organizing a Green Tourism seminar to promote the adoption of the Green Tourism Business Scheme (GTBS) in the Faversham area. Five businesses in the Faversham area have already successfully completed a pilot 'green accreditation' initiative and taking advantage of consumer demand for sustainable living, they were each rewarded with gold, silver or bronze awards by the GTBS, recognising their environmental and social achievements.

The Faversham Area Tourism Association (FATA) is keen to for all tourism related businesses to embrace green tourism and is working with the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural

[www.faversham.org](http://www.faversham.org)

For information about  
Eastling, Ospringe,  
Otterden and Stalisfield  
and much more...

### Neighbourhood Watch.

Contact numbers:

Swale NHW office 0808 100 3308 (free)

E-mail -

[neighbourhoodwatch.swale@kent.pnn.police.uk](mailto:neighbourhoodwatch.swale@kent.pnn.police.uk)  
Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 (24 hours, free and anonymous)

NHW liaison officer 01795 584143

Sittingbourne police station 01795 477055

Emergencies or crime in progress always use 999  
Kent Trading Standards 08457 585 497

There has been some suspicious activity (currently around Teynham area) involving a blue Ford Mondeo - reg No. L505 FUR or FVR. The vehicle had ladders on the roof and the occupants (two white males, one 25-30 yrs and one 45-50 yrs) were knocking on doors in the area probably offering to do work or checking for insecure properties. If you have any information please contact the Neighbourhood Watch office.

Missing horse. A horse has gone missing, it is a black, 16hd Gelding with a white patch on the end of his mane. The identification "m27" is freeze marked under the saddle position on his back.

Any information to the police on 01795 477 055 please. The Home Office and the Police are making people aware of the risk of leaving valuable items on view in unattended vehicles. These are a temptation to a thief and we are reminded to remove such items from the vehicle and to ensure the vehicle is locked when it is left.

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

### Eastling Website - [www.eastling.info](http://www.eastling.info)

The community website for Eastling parish is back "on-line" at [www.eastling.info](http://www.eastling.info), following a gap of a year after the site's creator moved away from the area. Over the past two months, the website has been given a fresh look and its extensive coverage of local history, information on local services and amenities and photographs of the parish updated.

All the popular original features have been retained - such as convenient links to local weather forecasts and the BBC and Kent Online local news services. Also several new facilities have been introduced including a noticeboard where organisers of local events can publicise their activities.

Parish council chairman John Payne says he is pleased to see the Eastling website back in action. He added: "It's a valuable local resource and I would urge villagers who use the Internet to take a look. They can also play a vital part in making sure the content is accurate and up-to-date by e-mailing any additions or corrections to the website."



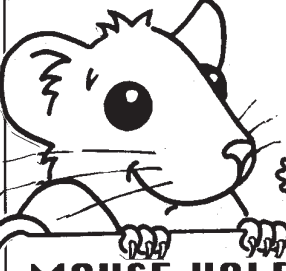
# SUCHANA EARLY LEARNING GROUP WEST BENGAL, INDIA CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS! £2.99 for ten

The children attending this group have designed four colourful, cheerful cards, which have photos on the back. Sale of cards (and donations) is the group's only income. Please consider buying some. All your money goes directly to the group in India. The only cost has been printing which is done in India.

The group meets at the house and garden of Kirsty Milward and Rahul Bose who have three young children of their own. Kirsty grew up in Kent and still has family in this area. Suchana is a no-fees group of 51 children aged 3-10 and is a registered charity in India. Kirsty started it because of concerns about the large number of tribal children, their neighbours, who drop out of school quite early on, or never attend. Only 5% of the women in this area are literate so most of the

mothers cannot help their children with homework, even if they can afford fees for the local school. If they do get to school the first challenge for the tribal Santali children is that it does not use their own language. The teachers at Suchana target these difficulties and give lots of encouragement to increase the children's confidence in their own background. One achievement was a celebratory performance by these lovely children for their families which included a puppet show of the Santali creation story. Kirsty is building up a library of children's books in Bengali for them to borrow (the language used in schools, hospitals and offices).

The group is beginning to employ health workers to visit the children's homes. It is very difficult for the tribal families to access primary health care. If you would like to have a look at the cards, or for more information, please contact Kirsty's mother, Angela Stoddart, 01795 890210 <angela@cforstal.surfaid.org>



## MOUSE HOLE

**Make your own scrapbook of memories**

Collect together photos from a special event like a birthday or day out. Stick onto a sheet of card in an interesting design.

Add decoration and lettering and write on:

**WHO** is in the photo,  
**WHAT** is happening,  
**WHERE** and **WHEN** it was.

You can buy 12"x12" 'Scrapbook' albums and card from craft shops. Try making an album for your family for Christmas.

In Bible times, God's people never forgot the many things that God had done for them. In remembrance of these times they held special festivals and celebrations of thanks and praise.

*Read Exodus 12:1-14*

Sometimes large piles of stones were built as monuments to remember what God had done...

*Read Joshua 4:1-9*

...and for over 2,000 years God's people recorded what had happened to them and what they had learnt about God.

All these books have now been put into one book, **The Bible**, so that we can read them too.

Today we hold festivals like **HARVEST** and celebrations like **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**.

We also build monuments to help us remember and buildings where we can meet to worship God.

We keep records too using books, computers, DVD'S, CD's, photographs and videos.

Rearrange the letters to make a word, then see how many other words you can make.

**G E  
M R  
B E  
R N E**

## Crib Service

3pm  
Sunday 11th December  
Stalisfield Church

## Carols by Candlelight

6.30pm  
Sunday 18th December  
Champion Hall

**A Village Carol Service**

We hope as many of you as possible will come. Young people who would like to read at this service, please get in touch before December 1st. Phone 532756

## Nine Lessons and Carols

4pm  
Sunday 18th December  
Eastling Church

Come and join our choir - **Choir practices** start 6th November 5-6pm every Sunday in church. All voice parts welcome.

## Come to the Manger

Christmas Eve  
4pm  
Ospringe Church

## The continuation from front cover, of Bill Lusted's trip to Normandy.

The Mayor had arranged a short parade and service at the memorial. We didn't parade but joined them at the memorial where the Tricolour and the Union Flag were both flying. After the service we joined the townsfolk at the local hall for wine and nibbles, and got to know some of them.

Following that was a huge Barbecue in the town square. We had special seating and were waited on like VIPs - and all at no cost to us, courtesy of the Mayor. After lunch we went to visit the memorial to the 49th (Polar Bear Division), but we couldn't get close to it as it was having a major overhaul. Then on to the cemetery at Fontenay-le-Pesnel for a short service and wreath and laying ceremony. Next to the village of Cheux, the start line for operation Epsom, a failed attempt to take Caen. We looked at the church, partly rebuilt but still bearing the scars of 1944, then across the road to the village hall, in the forecourt of which is a memorial to the 43rd (Wessex) division, heavily involved in Epsom. We laid a wreath at the memorial then went inside the hall to a reception; wine, soft drinks, homemade cakes and a chance to meet the local people.



**13th June** - Visit to Caen. We had hoped to see the Musée De La Paix, but there was a queue about a hundred yards long waiting to go in, so gave that a miss. We spent some time in the shop then visited the English Garden of Peace, opened last year by Prince Charles but not yet complete. It consists of a large rectangular lawn, entered through an archway of roses. On two sides are borders with shrubs and cottage garden style flowers. The last side contains Plinths with names, numbers and badges of all the divisions involved in Normandy, plus one for the Navy and one for the RAF. I had my photo taken beside the 3rd Division, and we both had one taken beside the RAF plinth.

We then went to Pegasus Bridge for lunch, followed by a coffee in the Café Gondre, the first place to be liberated (6th Airborne Division), bought some souvenirs, visited the Airborne Museum and finally made our way down to the coast at Lion-sur-Mer where, for the first time in 61 years, I stood on Sword beach and saw where I came ashore on D Day - they had rubbed out my footprints!

**14th June** - Visited Juno Beach, site of the Canadian landing. We were given a Canadian Freedom and Peace lapel badge, then on to the seaside resort of



British troops on Sword beach on D Day.  
Photograph courtesy of the Imperial War Museum, London. Negative number B 5096  
Also on [www.ddaymuseum.co.uk](http://www.ddaymuseum.co.uk)

Arromanches. We had lunch and spent the afternoon looking at the remains of Mulberry Harbour. Once more, we were surrounded by people wanting photographs and conversation which, I must say, we all enjoyed.

**Day 6 - 15th June** was a shopping morning at Villers-bocage, where there is a large street market on Wednesdays. Unfortunately it was raining, so we spent most of the time in the Coffee Shops and in the supermarket. The rain cleared by midday and we were off to our lunch date which was a camp out in the country, north of Vire, the main town of Calvados. The camp is run by a family named Ashworth, the lady originated from Wigan. We were given a marvellous lunch, followed by entertainment and finished with a walk around the wonderfully kept grounds. 9am on our last day saw us off on the long journey back to Calais and the ferry.

## Wartime Memories

Dorothy Bilcliffe at 6 years, and her sister 3 years were evacuated from Margate to Rugby, Staffordshire, for four and a half years. They were billeted with a very loving couple who became 'Auntie' and 'Uncle' to the little ones. Dorothy repaid some of the love by funding a tin of 'Zebo' black lead polish, which had practically disappeared from shops. The stove was soon restored to its original brilliance with Auntie's enthusiastic polishing.

Dorothy also remembers her first blood orange, banana and tinned salmon, and being able to buy a whole loaf and six cream splits at one time.



Don and Ned Watts lived at Huntingfield as boys and walked daily to Eastling school. Walking through a cornfield they were suddenly aware of an enemy plane, flying low with its machine guns firing, coming straight for them. Today they still both realise just how blessed they were to survive such a frightening experience.



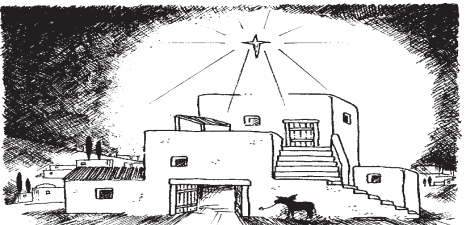
The following poem was on the back of the service sheet used in Aunay Sur Odon. Bill found it very poignant and emotional and thought others might like to read it.

**Sleep on dear friend**  
Though nigh on 60 years have flown since last we passed this way.  
We, who have aged and mourned, again  
Remember you this day.

**Sleep on, midst the phalanx'd lines of marble white**  
stretching to eternity and nigh.  
We stand and contemplate  
When we shall be united, you and I.

**Sleep on, the peace you so dearly bought in blood and tears**  
Still remains a shadow  
That silhouettes our fears.

**Sleep on; sleep on dear friend**  
The life that you gave should not have been for little gain.  
War is filthy; war is wrong.  
We who are left must still persuade the young.  
Wars must never ever start again.





## Services in our Churches

### 30th October All Saints

Whitehill Chapel 10.30 a.m. Combined Service

### Tuesday 1st November

Whitehill Chapel 2.15 p.m. Holy Communion

### 6th November 3rd before Advent

1 Thessalonians 4. 13 - end, Matthew 25. 1 - 13  
 Ospringe 8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Ospringe 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (BCP)  
 Ospringe 11 a.m. Oasis  
 Whitehill Chapel 10 a.m. Brunch followed by  
 10.40 a.m. Family People's Choice  
 Stalisfield 10 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)  
 Eastling joins Stalisfield

### 13th November Remembrance Sunday

1 Thessalonians 5. 1 - 11, Matthew 25. 14 - 30  
 Ospringe 11 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)  
 Stalisfield 10 a.m. Morning Prayer (BCP)  
 Eastling 8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Eastling 10.30 a.m. Remembrance Freestyle

### 20th November Christ the King

Ephesians 1. 15 - end, Matthew 25. 31 - end  
 Ospringe 8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Ospringe 11 a.m. Family Service  
 Stalisfield 10 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)  
 Eastling 10 a.m. Morning Prayer (BCP)  
 Eastling Village Hall 10 a.m. S Club

### 27th November Advent Sunday

1 Corinthians 1. 3 - 9, Mark 13. 24 - 37  
 Ospringe 11 a.m. Family Communion  
 Ospringe 11 a.m. Sunday School  
 Whitehill Chapel 11 a.m. People's Choice  
 Stalisfield 8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Eastling 10 a.m. Toy Service

### 4th December Advent 2

2 Peter 3. 8 - 15a, Mark 1. 1 - 8  
 Ospringe 8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Ospringe 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (BCP)  
 Ospringe 11 a.m. Oasis  
 Whitehill Chapel 10 a.m. Brunch followed by  
 10.40 a.m. Family People's Choice  
 with Children's Nativity Play  
 Stalisfield 10 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)  
 Eastling 10 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)

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

## Ministry in our Parishes

Priest in Charge Vacancy from 1st October 2005

Curate Reverend Angela Cheeseman (01795 892124)  
 (Eastling & Stalisfield) New House Farm, Eastling. ME13 0BN

Reader Mr. Norman Fowler (01795 890412)  
 (Eastling, Stalisfield & Ospringe) 4 Meesons Close, Eastling.

Reader Mr. Hugh Perks (01795 890603)  
 (Eastling, Stalisfield & Ospringe) Weald Cottage, Eastling.

Methodist Minister Reverend Philip Barker (01227 463180)

**Churchwardens**  
**Ospringe** Miss C. Brightman (01795 531960)  
 Mr. P. Larter (01795 531044)

**Eastling** Mr S. Youle (01795 890368)  
 Mrs. A. Smith (01795 890469)

**Stalisfield with Otterden**

Joint Warden { Mrs. J. Baker (01622 858332)  
 Mrs S. Gaind (01622 858551)  
 Mrs P. Thompson (01795 890376)

**Whitehill** Miss. B. Richards (01795 532756)

Steward

### Contacting the Church's staff

For general enquiries and for specific enquiries about Baptisms and Weddings, please telephone Faversham 531044 for Ospringe and Painter's Forstal; for Eastling and Stalisfield please telephone 01795 892124. If you would like the parish staff to conduct a funeral, either in our churches or elsewhere, please ask the funeral director to make the necessary arrangements.

## From the Registers

### Baptisms

GRACE LOUISE Wilson  
 8th October 2005 at Eastling

RORY JAMES Whitelock  
 23rd October 2005 at Eastling

### Wedding

Keith DRURY and Jeanette FLIPPENCE  
 22nd October 2005 at Ospringe

### Funerals

William Edgar (Bill) BANKS  
 Funeral at Ospringe followed by  
 Cremation at Charing on 20th October 2005

Emma CHAPMAN  
 Funeral at Eastling followed by  
 Cremation at Charing on 20th October 2005

### Interment of Ashes

Ronald Frederick SHOWELL  
 21st September 2005 at Ospringe

## Christmas Trees 2005

We are very pleased to report that last year thanks to your support a total of £4552 was raised for charities as a result of donations received for Christmas trees. As well as over 25 local parishes

benefiting we are able to make donations of £1114 to both the National Kidney Research Fund and to Cancer Research UK.

This year there will again be a reasonable supply available of not only Norwegian but also Serbian Spruce (blue tinged with an upright habit). These coupled with the Frazer fir and some Blue Spruce (Pungens glauca) offer you a very good selection of trees ranging from 3ft to 10ft in height with a few in the 15-20ft range. All you need to do is visit us, select and reserve a tree for collection nearer Christmas. The trees are growing and will not be cut or dug until collected so they will remain fresher for longer.

Trees will be available for selection from mid November. You are recommended to come early but please contact us in advance of your visit on 01795 532596

This is a good opportunity for you to help raise funds for your Parish church.

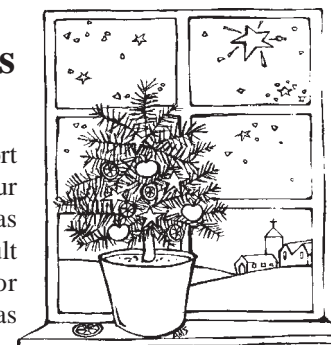
As a result of last years donations your parishes received the following amounts:

Eastling £70

Stalisfield/Otterden £6

Ospringe £78

Alison & Peter Howard



## Support for the homeless in Canterbury at Christmas.

It was agreed at the last Ospringe PCC meeting that we as St. Peter & St. Paul, Ospringe, would like to make a donation to the Canterbury

homeless centre this Christmas. This would be in the form of gifts of food items, including some Christmas goodies of all kinds. From the beginning of November, a box or a basket for this purpose will be placed in the back of the church to receive your gifts. A number of our congregation already support this charity on an individual basis, it would be good to do this as the whole church and to share with the less fortunate at this time of the year. We hope you will be willing to contribute to this worthy cause.

Thanks and God Bless,  
 Pam Bell.

## Year 4 Youth

*Thank you to everyone who supported the Eastling Tea and Cakes afternoon in October, we have another £180 in the Youth Worker fund.*

*Further fundraising events which need your support are a sponsored swim - see back page, and Christmas Entertainment, see next column.*  
 Hilary Harlow.



## Craft Fair,

to be held on Saturday 3rd December 2005,

9am till 1pm, in the Guildhall, Market Square, Faversham.

We already have a host of people lined up with Christmas Goodies, Home Decorations, Cards, Cookware, Jewellery, Childrens Items and more, and are inviting all crafty ladies and gents to join us in selling their work, what-



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# Stalisfield Highlife

## Quiz Party

Look through your diary and reserve **Friday 16th December 2005** for the very last Stalisfield Quiz Party in 2005. Gather yourselves a table of six if you can or, if you can't, ring Ian on 01795 890475 for a guaranteed place amongst convivial company. Anticipate a lively evening with humour, atmosphere and unbelievable prizes. The festive season begins here.

We are following our ever-popular formula of £2 per person, bring your own nibbles and tipples. The rest of the ingredients for a hilarious party will be provided by our tried and tested quizmasters Ian and Nick.

Reservations for this outstanding event in the Stalisfield calendar should be made with Ian. We will begin the festivities promptly at 7.30pm in our Historic Hut on the green.

## Over 60's Party

If you are over sixty, come and join us for our annual get-together on Saturday 17th December. Last year's arrangement of buffet style with scattered tables allowed plenty of circulation amongst the guests with lots of scope for 'comparing notes' among friends and neighbours. We will try similar arrangements again and hope for another happy result.

Although all the people we know will receive an invitation, please ring Ian (01795 890475), Kim (01795 890691), or Roy (01233 712893), if you haven't received yours in good time.

## Stalisfield Theatre Season

The "Times of our Lives Music Theatre" will not be performing at all this year, as their sponsorship support is taking a one year break. We regret that the Stalisfield theatre will unavoidably take a similar break, but hope to restore performance in 2006.



## PUDDLEDUCKS PLAYGROUP

The children will be making 'Firework' pictures during the first week after half term and will enjoy other creative works, as well as role play and many other activities.

Our Christmas Raffle will include a Hamper as well as wine, chocolates. Tickets will be on sale at the beginning of December.

Jill Seaman, Playgroup Manager.  
01795 890519

## Eastling Short Mat Bowls Club

Our first league game was on 7th October, at home against a new team to the 3rd division, Leysdown. They had two youngsters playing for them and, looking at them, they are going to be useful if they keep at it. The format is the same as last year, three games of pairs over nine ends, one game of singles then tea and biscuits, followed by triples and fours. All league games put more pressure on players than friendly matches, but we played well and came out on top, with ten league points, winning 67 shots to 32.

Our next league game is on 30th November away to Borden. In November we have three teams playing at Pfizer in an all day Triples competition on 23rd and again at Canterbury on 5th.

Three of our members have registered to play in County games, with their first game on 5th November at Strood - we wish them best of luck.

New members are always welcome - come along and try it out in Eastling Village Hall on Wednesdays, 2.30 - 4.30pm and on Fridays, 2.30 - 4.30pm and 7.30 - 9.30pm.

More details from Roy Piles on 537162.

## Having a Party?

## Planning a Wedding?

## Venue for your Club ...

Hall and smaller rooms available with kitchen facilities at

## Eastling Village Hall.

For more information contact  
Mr Tony Stephens on 890010.



## in Eastling Village Hall.

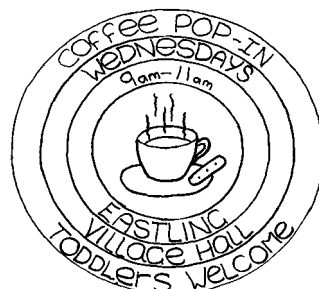
West Street Tickham are holding a Quiz Night on

Saturday 26th November, 7.30pm.

(Please bring your own food and drink).

Tables of 6 to 8, at £4.00 per head.

For details or book a table,  
please ring 890242.



## Coffee Pop-In...

we also serve tea and squash every Wednesday morning, 9-11 in Eastling Village Hall, no charge. Cakes for sale on first Wednesday each month. Everyone welcome. Traidcraft goods and Christmas Cards on 2nd November. Contact number 890338.

## Friends of Eastling School

Our Wine & Wisdom was really good fun and a total of £151 was raised.

We hope the children all enjoyed cooking their apple pies and crumbles. The sale of these raised £58.50 to be sent to the DebRA charity.

Anyone wishing to place an order for Christmas from the Chocolate for Chocoholics brochure can see the range at the Coffee Pop-in on Wednesdays during November and a range will also be on sale at the Shopping Evening. (10% of all sales goes to FOES.)

Order forms for bulbs and winter bedding plants should be returned to the school office by Friday 4th November. Delivery date to be confirmed.

Children, don't forget to bring your Carved Pumpkin to school on Tuesday 1st November. All school children are invited to enter the competition for the nominal fee of 25p each or 50p for a family entry.

The children's cinema club will run every Friday in November after school - £2 per child including refreshments.

The Christmas Shopping Evening will be on Thursday 10th November 7pm - 9pm in Eastling Village Hall. We have a varied range of stalls to enable you to purchase gifts or perhaps something for yourself. There will also be refreshments available and a grand raffle - 1st prize a Food Hamper. Do make a note to come along.

Other dates: The children's Christmas Shopping afternoon will be on Friday 2nd December and the School Christmas Disco will be on the last day of term Friday 16th December. Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity 01795 890519.

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

Our November meeting is on Tuesday 15th, at 2.15pm in the Champion Hall.

## Annual General Meeting

Competition will be 'Highest number of items in a small matchbox', plus flower of the month.

New members welcome,  
phone 532756 for more information.

## Afternoon Club

November meetings

10th Board Games

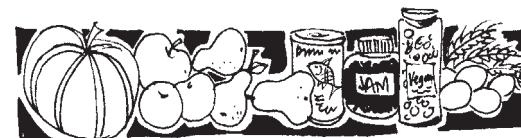
24th Bingo

at 2pm in the  
Champion Hall.

## Ospringe Parish Council

Next meeting - 9th November,  
7.30pm Champion Hall.

There will be a new kerbside collection in Bayfield, Cades Orchid, Mummery Court, part of Eastling Road and Painters Forstal Road. This will take place fortnightly and they will accept paper and cardboard. Alternate Fridays. Swale Borough Council should be notifying the relevant properties.



## Whitehill Chapel

*The Harvest Thanksgiving Service held at the beginning of October was made extra enjoyable by the reading of poems about nature by the young people. The sale of produce and collection amounted to £60.09p which will be forwarded to British Humanitarian Aid, together with a box of tinned food.*

*Thank You*

## On behalf of the NCH,

*may I thank everybody who contributed to the*

*House-to-house collection in September; £294.66p has been sent.*  
*Bobbie Richards*

## Harvest Supper

63 people sat down to supper and enjoyed ham & sausages with quiches and various salads, followed by apple pie.

The evening ended with a quiz arranged by David Wheatley - a very enjoyable evening.

## Wit and Wisdom

## Eastling Village Hall on Saturday 12th November.

Tables of six at £3.00 per head can be booked by phoning Norman on 890242. Quiz starts at 7.30pm. Proceeds in aid of the Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch. Please bring your own refreshments.

Date for your Diary

**The Eastling Senior Citizens Christmas** lunch will be on Tuesday 6th December, 12.30pm for a One o'clock lunch in Eastling Village Hall. Invitations should be with Eastling Senior Citizens by early November. If you fail to receive one, or require transport to the hall, please ring us on 890242 so we can make arrangements.

## Painter's Forstal Gardeners' Club



The November meeting is on Monday 7th, when Mrs Rosemary Powis will give a talk on 'Alpines'.

7.45pm in the Champion Hall

New members welcome.

Further details from  
Faversham 533608.



# November



2005

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|--------------|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| 4th          | Fireworks Display                  | 7.30pm      | Carpenters Arms          |
| 6th          | Christmas Choir Practice           | 5pm         | Eastling Church          |
| 9th          | Ospringe Parish Council            | 7.30pm      | Whitehill Chapel         |
| 10th         | Afternoon Club                     | 2pm         | Champion Hall            |
| 10th         | Christmas Shopping Evening         | 7-9pm       | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 10th         | Local History Society              | 7.45pm      | Charing Parish Hall      |
| 11th         | Green Tourism Seminar              | 9.30am      | 11 Court Street          |
| 12th         | Sponsored Swim                     |             | Faversham Pool           |
| 12th         | Craft Fayre                        | 10am-2.30pm | Champion Hall            |
| 12th         | Wit & Wisdom                       | 7.30pm      | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 13th         | Remembrance Freestyle              | 10.30pm     | Eastling Church          |
| 14th         | Christmas Shopping afternoon       | 2-5pm       | Ospringe School          |
| 15th         | Deadline for December Good News    |             | Pinks Farm               |
| 15th         | WI A.G.M.                          | 2.15pm      | Champion Hall            |
| 24th         | Afternoon Club                     | 2pm         | Champion Hall            |
| 26th         | Quiz Night                         | 7.30pm      | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 29th         | Magazine Folding                   | 2pm         | Usual Venues             |
| DECEMBER 3rd | Christmas Fair                     | 11am - 1pm  | Ospringe School          |
| 3rd          | Eastling a ding dong a sing a long |             | Eastling Church          |
| 6th          | Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch   | 1pm         | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 11th         | Crib Service                       | 3pm         | Stalisfield Church       |
| 16th         | Stalisfield Quiz Party             | 7.30pm      | Stalisfield Village Hall |
| 17th         | Stalisfield Over 60's Party        |             | Stalisfield Village Hal  |
| 18th         | Nine Lessons & Carols              | 4pm         | Eastling Church          |
| 18th         | Carols by Candlelight              | 6.30pm      | Champion Hall            |



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