

**NO MORE BORING SUNDAYS
FOR YEAR 8'S PLUS!**

Y-Generation

Youth Club in Eastling Village hall at 4-6 for fun, games and socialising!

LIFE

Youth congregation in Eastling village hall 6:30-8.

Come along for Christian teaching and modern worship.

For more information contact Jo Gilkes on 07835874616

S. CLUB

19th November

There are new and exciting things happening in November.

S.Club runs every 3rd Sunday of the month, 10am, Eastling Village Hall.

If you are in school year 1 up to year 7 come and join your mates for an hour of fun, games, songs, chat, craft, refreshments and learn more about the Bible, God, Jesus and loads of other stuff. For everyone in Year 8 and above there are NEW things happening for you on Sunday afternoons. This will be run by our great new youth worker Jo.

If you are in year 8 and above and have already been attending Sclub and still wish to come on Sunday mornings to help it would be great to see you.

For more info contact Leigh 890149



Craft Club

3rd and 17th November and 1st December
6.15 - 7.15pm
Champion Hall
50p a session.
Contact number 532756.



Toy Service

Sunday 26th 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.

**Advent
Children's Club
in Ospringe Church**
December 2nd, 9th & 16th.
10am - 12 noon

Carols, Crafts and Stories
Open to all school age children.
Culminating in
Come to the Manger
on December 24th
Contact no. 531960

MOUSE HOLE

A Gift of Hope
Share a little of what God has given you and help other children in the world who are in great need, by sending them a shoe box filled gifts. The Christian charity Samaritan's Purse organise 'Operation Christmas Child'. They collect gift filled shoe boxes and send them to children in need all over the world. They collect the boxes in November, so to find out more call their information line on 0870 011 2002 or look on www.samaritanpurse.uk.com to find out what to put in and where to send the boxes. Watch a video about their work look on www.samaritanpurse.org click on Our Work then on Operation Christmas Child.

"God is able to give you more than you need, so that you will always have all you need for yourselves and more than enough for every good cause."
2 Corinthians 9:8

"Do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifice God is pleased"
Hebrews 13:16

A GIFT TO SHARE
Draw around a small plate onto thin card to make a circle. Cut out and cut in half. Using one of the halves, roll around to make a cone shape and stick. Fill with sweets and cover with wrapping paper. Gather the paper at the top of the cone with ribbon and give as gifts to your friends... they make great Christmas presents!

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Fireworks

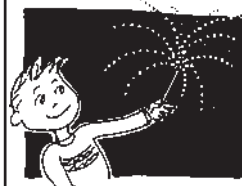
at the
**Carpenters Arms, Eastling
Friday 3rd November**

Ticket are £6 and include a glass of mulled wine or hot dog, and are available from Sandra and her staff at the Carpenters Arms.

As in previous years the price of the ticket is to cover the cost of the fireworks to provide a fun evening for the children of the village. There will be a BBQ for additional food items and last year there was a choice of burgers, chilli and jacket potatoes and hot dogs together with soft drinks for the children, all at minimum charges.

We hope to support the village school with excess funds - so please do purchase your ticket and help the village to continue to provide community events which in turn promotes community spirit.

Sandra Dicker, Licensee.



Fireworks Display

**Saturday 4th November
7pm at Ospringe School**
Tickets available from the school - 01795 - 532004, or from the school office, or from any OSA officer.

If your pets are stressed or frightened by fireworks, this web page might be helpful to you:
<www.soundsscary.com/Fireworkhandout.pdf>



Craft Fayre

**Saturday 11th November
10am - 2pm
Champion Hall**

Tables include
Wood Turning, Dolls House Furniture, Pottery, Cards, Jewellery, Cakes and many more.
Look for Christmas presents, have some refreshments and chat. All welcome.

RURAL FOOD FAIR

**Sunday 5th November
Eastling School
from 11am to 3pm
(Free entry)**

Lots of interesting stalls to tempt you including Temple Foods, Meat from Snoad Farm, Cheeses, Wellwood Jams, Cheesecakes, Pottery, Produce from David Simmons. Goods to buy on the day or place orders for Christmas.

There will be a special area for children with lots of activities. Food and drink will be available. Christmas raffle tickets will be on sale. Do come along to join us for a few hours.

Pam and Sally's
Christmas Open Day
"Aladdin's Cave"
Thursday 23rd November
at
19 Ospringe Road
10am - 7pm
Refreshments to include
Soup & Roll,
Filled Jacket Potato,
Tea, Coffee,
Christmas Crafts,
Cakes, Cards, etc.
Proceeds to Ospringe
Church and
Canterbury Hospice.

"they died that we might live"



Remembrance Sunday 2006 12th November

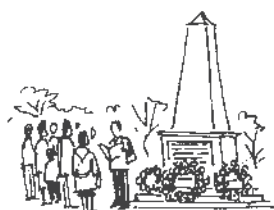
Services including a Time of Remembrance
8 a.m. Holy Communion at Eastling
10 a.m. Morning Prayer at Stalisfield
1 0.30 a.m. Freestyle at Eastling
11 a.m. Holy Communion at Ospringe

Remembrance ...

"They died that we might live" is the inscription on the war memorial in St Mary's Eastling. In the revival of the play, Journey's End by R.C. Sheriff, the climax of the play is a stage plunged into darkness, while the names of those who died in the Great War are projected on to the backdrop. Their names may be cast in stone or bronze on a war memorial or grave: yet, each year their names are brought back to life as they are read out at thousands of services around the world. They may be known by some, but often their names provoke us to remember the sacrifice of many in the desire for peace over the generations.

In the last year, war and conflict between nations has been at the top of the world news agenda. In recent months the re-emergence of the threat of nuclear war has been brought to the fore of our attention. Often, we might feel overwhelmed by these accounts, and fear that peace may never be a possibility. On Remembrance Day, the Bible texts are used to focus our minds Christ's teaching of peace, here are some of them. One such text is "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9). Another is "Greater love has no-one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13) This can be interpreted in various ways, and many have and still are interpreting them for our times. It challenges us to reflect on the cost of friendship. Are we prepared to forego our own needs and desires for the benefit of others?

Prayer Pointers



November 2006

<u>Sundays</u>	For a peaceful trust in God.
<u>Mondays</u>	Friends and neighbours who may need our help.
<u>Tuesdays</u>	Local Parochial Church Councils.
<u>Wednesdays</u>	Those who care for the sick, especially locally.
<u>Thursdays</u>	The Social Services.
<u>Fridays</u>	The North Korean crisis.
<u>Saturdays</u>	Remembrance Day services.

More importantly, it reminds us of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. He laid down his life, in order that we might be given life, eternal life at that. In Christ, we find reconciliation, peace and love because, as John's gospel tell us, Christ is the way, the truth and the life. (John 14:6) The journey of faith upon which Christ leads us means that we have to imitate the love that God has made freely available to all. Also, it means a commitment to work for peace whether in our families, our communities and in the wider world. As Winston Churchill said in one of his speeches at a crucial time in the Second World War, "we will neither fail nor falter, we will not weaken nor tire." Though at times, we may feel weary in this task, we are each called to ensure that Christ's death was not in vain, and we proclaim that Christ is the Prince of Peace. So on Armistice Day (11th November) and on Remembrance Sunday (12th November) bring those names to life again as you remember them, and recall Christ's sacrifice for, "He died, that we might live". Caroline, Priest in Charge of Eastling, Stalisfield and Otterden.

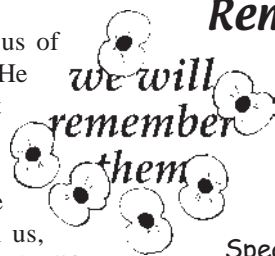
Grace is all sufficient

*No one sees the tears of the heart
For hearts weep silently,
And sometimes when things get too much
Our hearts break inwardly.
At times we feel so weary
And bowed down with our care,
We feel the load we're carrying
Is more than we can bear...*

*Surely it is in these times
That God pours out his grace,
Enabling us to carry on
And every problem face.
To persevere and to endure
We learn when sorely tried
For flowers of strength and patience
Will spring up side by side.*

*Unmerited and undeserved
There's nothing we can do,
To earn God's grace – it is a gift
Which always sees us through.
For character is strengthened
Through our adversity,
Without a doubt, his strength poured out
Is our sufficiency.*

Kathleen Gillum



Remembrance FREESTYLE

Sunday 12th November
10.30am in Eastling Church
"I am the Vine"
Speaker: Revd. Caroline Pinchbeck
Breakfast from 10am.
All ages welcome.

Faversham Choral Society
is hosting a workshop
on Saturday 18th November,
1.30 - 4.30pm in the
United Church, Preston Street.
HAYDN'S CREATION

All welcome to come and sing.
Tickets £5.00 on the door will include a celebratory buffet after the Workshop to mark the foundation date of the Society and the first piece the choir performed in 1966. More information from 01795 538882.

River Praise

19th November, 6.30pm
in Lynsted Church.
Speaker:
Jennifer Rees-Larcombe

Ospringe

Time and Talents

Thank you to everyone for their generous response to the Time and Talents presentation. The information is being collated and everyone will be contacted soon.

Whitehill Chapel Harvest Thanksgiving

We would like to thank everyone who gave gifts of fruit, flowers and vegetables to decorate Whitehill Chapel. This was ably done by the two Alisons! The sale of produce raised £70.06, which has been sent to British Humanitarian Aid.



Sunday, 15th October, was our Harvest Festival and we were glad to be in Church and hear those lovely songs and offerings from Ospringe School and Michael, Mark, Alison and Rev. Ali and their team. Then it was a splendid Harvest Lunch prepared by Sally and her team. Delicious and a good chance to chat with folk. Thank you for those.

3 p.m. saw Lauren, Vicky and Hannah and their families at St. Mary of Charity for the MUSEA Youth Concert in aid of the Music School of Eastern Africa. Several years ago Mrs. Valerie Jefferies went to work for V.S.O. in villages beside Lake Victoria in Kenya and she, with the help of St. Mary of Charity and other friends, raise funds to send to this area to enable youngsters to have teachers and instruments and enjoy their music making. There were twenty performances from Choirs, groups, duets and solos. Vicky and Lauren sang, *Panis Angelicus* by Cesar Franck and were well received. Lauren, Vicky and Hannah sang John Rutter's, *Look at the world*. I was pleased as I accompanied the first one on St. Mary's organ which is a lovely instrument, and the Rutter piece on their piano which again was a good instrument. Both pieces had demanded of me much practice!! Lauren and her friend, Liz. representing Q.E.G.S. sang Delibes, *Flower Duet*. Lorenden School youngsters under their excellent teacher, Mrs. Vanessa Campion, played their 'baby' cellos. There were instrumentalists and vocalists of a high standard all enjoying themselves. They played pieces by Scott Joplin, Gilbert and Sullivan, as well as their own compositions. 3 delightful girls harmonised African and Jewish melodies. We were all bowled over by the piano playing of a brother and sister, 8 years and 6 years. Thomas played by heart and with aplomb a wonderful sparkling movement from a Beethoven Sonata; he had a well deserved double encore. There were also some fine modern lively Recorder pieces on my favourite recorder, the treble, and superbly played. Thank you for a wonderful afternoon and to Mrs. Valerie Jefferies and her team for inviting us. Here's to the next one please, Valerie.

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Mothers' Union News

Have you ever had one of those days where everything is planned, or so you think, then it all goes wrong? My arrangement for our September meeting was like that. I don't know if you are a 'lists' person? Well I am. I'd written down in my book "Order of Service": Welcome to Gill Wilson - Talk - Every Day Story of Country Folk. Pam Bell - Prayers. Reg Tumber - Bible Reading. Brenda (that's me) - Service for our dear friend Kath Snoad, who died in August. Pick up June Akhurst and Norma Luckhurst (these two lovely ladies look after us with tea and biscuits, setting up tables, chairs, cups and saucers!) Then...oh no! We have no music. Our dear Vicky Shepherd plays her keyboard for our hymns. She had told me weeks before she may be late and could I arrange something else. Not a problem, I had it all in hand. Hurrying to get out of my road before the dustmen - I had forgotten the CD player. Back home I go. Get back to the church - by this time Gill had arrived. Hello's were exchanged, CD player plugged in for the music. "Okay" I thought, "a last look in my book ... Oh no!" Reg was reading from the old MU blue book for Kath, which I prefer. We all read from the new book. I knew no one would have the old book. He had nothing to read from. Back home again.

Next, to 5 p.m., when Stella and I enjoyed the challenge of the 'Come and Sing Evensong'. St. Mary's Choir made us most welcome. 25 of us rose to the challenge and sang Stanford's Mag. and Nunc in B flat, Herbert Howells' Chant to my favourite Psalm 121, (he examined me in 1959!), Smith Responses, Howard Goodall's, *The Lord is my Shepherd* (and no, Tony is not the Vicar of Dibley!), John Rutter's *God be in my head* and the hymn, *Abide with me*.

Several of us are practising for the Royal School of Church Music's 'Festival of the Psalms' on Saturday, 4th November, in Canterbury Cathedral. Rehearsal is at 1.30 p.m. and the Service at 5.30 p.m. Come early to get a good seat for the Service in the Quire! It is a wonderful privilege to be invited to sing in the Quire alongside other Choirs; about 300+ are expected to sing. We have been joined by others for our choir practices and also rehearsals at Ashford Parish Church and St. Paul's Canterbury. St. Paul's has an altar piece with the same figures and mosaic patterns as ours.

Since I returned from my holiday and visit 'up North' the rest of October has been busy.

By this time, I'm drained. I apologise to Gill stating I'm not normally like this! She was so sweet and told me not to worry. Well it hadn't put her off, she was so professional. Her talk was not what we all thought, 'The Archers' on radio, of which she is an avid fan. No, her talk was much more interesting: The villages of Ickham and Adisham, just outside Canterbury in 1270. Nothing much changes - there were disputes over land boundaries, debts not being paid, wills being written and read - who is entitled to this and that, one bequest was for a mattress. Most people in 1270 could not read or write. A clerk from the Bishop at Canterbury Cathedral (the Church owned most of the land around the villages) would hold court, travelling from village to village, writing on parchment made from sheep skin. Gill read out some examples. We were all spellbound. Such an interesting subject. Gill did her MA in 2004. My grateful thanks to her and to everyone for their patience with me. The afternoon went off well, thank God. I did pray as I always do before the meeting. I must do things just a little slower. May our dear Lord keep you all safe. With God behind us and His loving arms beneath us, we can all face whatever lies ahead. Our November meeting is our A.G.M., planning for next year's agenda. All welcome. Wednesday 29th, 2pm in the Parish Room at Ospringe Church. Much love, Brenda.

I had the privilege of representing Faversham at our Almshouses Association Meeting in Nottingham and learnt much about recent legislation. The three of us went the day before and treated ourselves to Harry Ramsden's special, a visit to Nottingham Castle and 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' at the Theatre Royal. Ian Watkins from the Rhondda Valley was a superb Joseph; he led half-an-hour of encore singing! A great evening; not on expenses!

Previous to that, I had been in lovely Lancashire! I enjoyed the sun and the Pennines sparkled with the sun gleaming on the dewy greenish hills. I joined the Church at which we were married and where my faith grew as a teenager and young teacher. It was Harvest Festival and the church was full of families with lots of produce on display. I was served Communion by a fellow Sunday School teacher; he and his wife were celebrating in church their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Trevor (from my first class in 1959!), read the lesson; I met his lovely wife. They had just become grandparents. They recognised me and I them!

Keep smiling and keep the faith. Vicky.

Services in our Churches

5th November All Saints Day

Revelation 21. 1 - 6a, John 11. 32 - 44

Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Ospringe	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Oasis
Davington	10.30 a.m.	Parish Communion (CW)
Whitehill Chapel	10 a.m.	Brunch followed by
	10.40 a.m.	Family People's Choice
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)

Tuesday 7th November

Whitehill Chapel 2.15 p.m. Holy Communion

12th November Remembrance Sunday

Hebrews 9. 24 - end, Mark 1. 14 - 20

Ospringe	11 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Davington	10.30 a.m.	Parish Communion (CW)
Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10.30 a.m.	Remembrance Freestyle
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)

19th November 2nd Sunday before Advent

Hebrews 10. 11 - 14 [15 - 18] 19 - 25, Mark 13. 1 - 8

Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Family Service
Davington	10.30 a.m.	Parish Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer

26th November Christ the King

Revelation 1. 4b - 8, John 18. 33 - 375

Ospringe	11 a.m.	Family Communion (CW)
Davington	10.30 a.m.	Parish Communion (CW)
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	People's Choice
Stalisfield	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Toy Service

3rd December Advent Sunday

1 Thessalonians 3: 9 - 13, Luke 21: 25 - 36

Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Ospringe	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Oasis
Davington	10.30 a.m.	Parish Communion (CW)
Whitehill Chapel	10 a.m.	Brunch followed by
	10.40 a.m.	Family People's Choice
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)

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

Mid Week Worship at Davington

8 a.m. Morning Prayer will be said Monday - Thursday
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion every Thursday

Mid Week Worship at Eastling

2.15 p.m. Celtic Prayer every Wednesday - 20 minutes for prayer and reflection.

Ministry in our Parishes

Priest in Charge
of Ospringe Reverend Ali Duguid (01795 533272)
and Davington The Vicarage, Brent Hill, Davington, ME13 7EF
(not available Fridays)

Priest in Charge
of Eastling Reverend Caroline Pinchbeck (01795 890487)
and Stalisfield The Rectory, Newnham Lane, Eastling ME13 0AS
with Otterden

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 Reverend Philip Barker (01227 463180)
Minister

Churchwardens

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

Whitehill Miss. B. Richards (01795 532756)
Steward

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)

Contacting the Church's staff

For general enquiries and for specific enquiries about Weddings, please telephone Faversham 533272, for Baptisms please phone 531044, for Ospringe and Painter's Forstal. For Eastling and Stalisfield please telephone 01795 890487. 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.

December Good News Deadline

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: www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews/

From the Registers

Baptisms

ELLA-ROSE Gumbrill
HARRISON WILLIAM Gumbrill
8th October 2006 at Ospringe

Funerals

Rosemary Joyce NEAVES
5th October 2006 Funeral at Eastling
followed by cremation at Charing.

Ospringe in Bloom 2006

There was a larger turnout than usual at this year's Presentation Evening. It was good to see new faces in the audience. Despite the numbers, the catering organised by Julie Hadlow stood the test.

Perhaps the higher turnout was due to the sometimes adverse weather experienced this year! Rain, drought, baking sunshine and then more deluges of rain. All were sent to test our gardens and gardeners in the parish. and they met the challenge. With the Parish gardens looking as colourful as ever, and the allotments in excellent order with a bumper crop of redcurrants and asparagus. Having overcome the hardships, the audience deserved the congratulations of the judges and the welcoming talk and presentations by Andrew Keel, Chairman of the Parish Council.

Gardens:

Best large front garden, The Henry Macey Cup, Frances & Paul Moskovits
Best small front garden, The Richard Tovey Cup, Don & Kath Watts
Best hanging baskets, The Gwendolin Thom 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, Mr Eldridge
Tallest Sunflower, Frances & Paul Moskovits
Highly commended: No 8 Green Lees, Colour, No 5 Green Lees, Colour, No 6 Green Lees, Colour, No 23 Bayfield, Good layout, Don & Kath Watts, Containers of Petunias

Allotments:

Best Overall, The Chairman's Shield, Paul & Jeanette Bennett
Runner-up Best overall, The Tassell Trophy, Mr B Hubbard
2nd runner-up Best overall, The Henry S Tett Shield, Mr & Mrs Sidders
Best flowers, The Mansell Clay Shield, Mrs Gail Baylif
Best All round, The Joyce Field Cup, Mike Trower
Best Organic, The Joyce Field Shield, Mr & Mrs G Brown
Best Newcomer, The Winnie Wright Salver, Mr Lee Grigsby
Special Mention: Mr & Mrs Huseman, Mr & Mrs T Dallas
Good Mixture: M/s L Medhurst
Commended: M Bodimeade, Mike Waters, Frank Rush, D Hector

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OSPRINGE PARISH COUNCIL

Next Parish Council meeting is November 15th Champion Hall at 7:30pm.

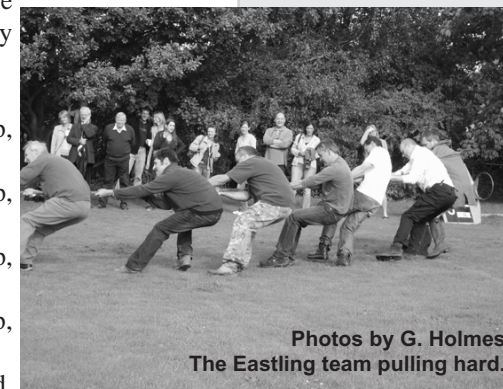
EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

Alan Willson, the new Parish Warden for Eastling can be contacted on 07794 010394. It should be emphasised that this is a dedicated number relating to his work as Parish Warden.

The next Council meeting is Wednesday 8th November at 6.00 pm in the village hall. All Eastling residents are welcome to attend. Don't forget to visit the Eastling Village website at: www.eastling.info

Eastling Harvest Celebrations

Our Harvest Celebrations began with a Thanksgiving Service in St. Mary's Church, Eastling. This was one of the first services that our new Priest-in-charge Caroline took, and our new Youth Worker



Photos by G. Holmes
The Eastling team pulling hard.

Jo read a lesson. We welcome them among us.

At the service the Eastling Puppet Club performed a play about conservation, reminding us what we could do to care for God's creation and prevent pollution, even in Eastling. The green-faced commentator in the pulpit (a puppet) spoke particularly clearly, and the rising earth (its appearance was as seen from Apollo) was effective. All the characters were very lively. Congratulations to them all.

An exciting Tug-of-War on the School field followed. A challenge had been thrown out to Stalisfield but in the event most of the contestants were from Eastling and Otterden. It turned out to be a contest between the men ("Eastling") and the boys ("Stalisfield"), there being 7 in each team.

Perhaps not surprisingly, the boys won, but the men had fought valiantly and initially they were completely equal. A 103 years-old Tug-of-War Cup, recently found in the Carpenters Arms attic, was presented to the winners (until next year!). Thanks to Graham Holmes for his excellent on-the-spot coaching and refereeing of the event.

The day concluded with a "Bring and Share Lunch" in the Village Hall, where a great variety of other people's and one's own food was enjoyed by Eastlingers of all ages. The days events gave us all an opportunity to thank God for the Harvest and to enjoy each others company.

We hope to repeat the event at Harvest in 2007.

Angela Cheeseman

Harvest Auction

Many thanks to all who contributed to making the event of the Harvest Auction at the Carpenters Arms the huge success it was.

In total, through donations, raffle and the auction itself, we raised a grand total of £600 - mainly due to the expert skills of auctioneer Mr Keith Neaves.

The money will be donated in lots of £200 to RNLI, Kent Association for the Blind (KAB) and the Eastling Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch.



TUG OF WAR CUP 1903
Presented to the Rector and Churchwardens of Eastling TO KEEP FOR ALL TIME for the Parish

Eastling Short Mat Bowls Club

Open to all players - new members welcome. The club meets in Eastling Village Hall on Wednesday afternoons, 2.30 - 4.30pm and on Fridays 2.30 - 4.30pm and 7.30 - 9.30pm.

If you would like to see what is it all about and want to try your hand, please come along and have a go. Report from Roy Piles:

I start on a very sad note with the passing away of Graham Burrows, a Tunstall member.


Eastling Cherries short mat bowls club has been playing right through the summer and my wife Eileen, and I have also been playing outdoors for Boughton-Under-Blean at various venues all over Kent. Back to short mat - we have just started our Wednesday afternoon sessions again. On July 23rd Chris Smith, Mick Heath, Barbara Buse and I played four games at Strood where, during the lunch break, all the county awards were presented. We collected the County Fours runner up trophy and replicas.

On our annual visit to Hornhill (Milsted) on 10th September we played from 9.30am to around 2pm. Then we sat and had a very good cooked meal, with wine, and a choice of dessert - they do us proud. Tuesday 12th and fourteen of us went to Chilham for a friendly. Saturday 30th off to Lloyds sports centre for a charity event and, on October 1st, we had two teams playing in a competition at A.R.C.A. Canterbury. Both teams got into the semi finals, with the 'B' team going into the final to be runners up.

What an achievement for a little club! You hear them say "Eastling, where's that?" So you can see we are trying to put the village on the bowling map, so to say.

For further information about the club please call Roy on 537162.

EASTLING VILLAGE HALL
To book ring Julia Bailey on
01795 890746



A beautiful hall in a lovely village location for your wedding, club, sports or meetings.
The large hall has pretty grounds, car parking, meeting rooms and fully equipped facilities for professional or self catering occasion.

FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

All the children enjoyed cooking pies and crumbles for 'APPLE PIE day' and a total of £84.70 was raised for Cancer Research UK. Thank you all the parents who helped with cooking the apples and assisting with the supervision of the pie making!

What a glorious day for the Fungal Foray attended by many school children and their families as well as local people. It was very interesting to look at all the different fungi to be found in the nearby woodland. The £80 raised will go towards items to benefit the children at school.

Chocolate for Chocoholics catalogues are now available for Christmas orders. A range of chocolate will be available to purchase at the Rural Food Fair as well as at the Pop-in (Eastling Village Hall) on Wednesdays during November and December.

The RURAL FOOD FAIR will be on Sunday 5th November at Eastling School from 11am to 3pm (Free entry). More details on front cover.

Why not come along to the **Family Games Evening on Friday 24th November** - 6pm to 8pm in the School Hall. Family games include Beetle Drive, Pass the Parcel and 'Who wants to be a Millionaire'. Lots of little prizes for each game. Entry only £2 per family - bring your own refreshments.

During December there are a number of events for the children starting with the Eastling School children's Christmas Shopping afternoon on Friday 1st December.

Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity
01795 890519 or at school 890252.

Fitness Classes

@ Eastling Village Hall
WEDNESDAYS
6.00pm GENTLE EXERCISE
7.00pm BUMS, LEGS & TUMS

Come & strut your funky stuff
8.00pm DISCO FATBURNER

THURSDAYS
9.15 am FITNESS PILATES
helps develop muscle tone,
balance, flexibility & relaxation.

For more info contact Leigh 890
149 leigh.fitness@btinternet.com

PUDDLEDUCKS PLAYGROUP

in the Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal. Christmas Term - 31st October to 15th December.

We are open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9.30am to 11.25am. We welcome all children aged 2- 5 years and also parents and toddlers to our sessions, which cost £3.50 per child including milk and snack. We have lots of interesting activities planned and of course plenty of playtime. We look forward to seeing you.

For more details call in to a session or phone Jill on 01795 890519.

The Eastling Senior Citizens' Christmas

lunch will be on Tuesday 5th December. Invitations will be delivered in early November. If you are a Senior Citizen resident in Eastling and fail to receive an invitation, or require transport to the hall, please ring us on 890242 so we can make arrangements.

Charing and District Local History Society

On Thursday 9th November at 8pm Roger Ely will give a talk on SIR THOMAS LAWRENCE, PRESIDENT OF THE ROYAL ACADEMY. The focus will be on the Charing connection.

The presentation will be given in the Parish Hall, Charing. Everyone who is interested will be welcomed when the doors open at 7.45pm. Non-members of the Society pay £2.00. Phone 01233 712035 for further details.

Coffee Pop-In

Open every Wednesday, between 9 and 11am, in Eastling Village Hall. **Homemade cakes for sale on 1st November & 6th December**, All ages welcome to join us for a free cuppa and a chat. Plenty of toys and space for toddlers to play. Contact number 890338.

Painter's Forstal with Ospringe W.I.

Tuesday 21st November, 2.15pm in the Champion Hall. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Competition: A handmade cardboard bookmark, plus 'Flower of the Month'. Further details from 01795 532756.



Christmas Trees 2006

We are very pleased to report that last year, thanks to your support, a total of £5765 was raised for charities as a result of donations received for Christmas trees. As well as over 27 local parishes benefiting, we are able to make donations of £1200 to both the National Kidney Research Fund and Cancer Research UK, also £560 to Maggie's Cancer Caring Centre.

This year in spite of the mid summer drought conditions 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. As a result of last year's donations, your parishes are receiving the following amounts:

Eastling	55
Stalisfield with Otterden	25
Ospringe	65
Peter and Alison Howard	
Luddenham	
01795 532596	

Ospringe School Association

Ospringe School Association's Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 9th December, with your best opportunity of meeting Father Christmas, and our many other attractions. Our renowned Cake Stall will once again be open for business. Loads of attractions and activities for everyone. Our teas, and seasonal snacks, will be available for your delight. Help us to help the children's education and have an opportunity to see the recent changes at the school.



N.C.H. House to House Collection

On behalf of N.C.H. a big thank you to all who gave so generously. £353.65 has been forwarded to NCH, the children's charity.

Painter's Forstal Village Committee Pantomime

We have arranged a visit to the pantomime at the Marlowe at the beginning of December, free to children accompanied by a paying adult. If you have not yet booked, please ring Jackie Searley on 536548. There are a few tickets left.

Autumn Feast

Approximately 75 people sat down to a supper of ham, sausages and various salads, followed by apple pie and cream, all prepared by members of the committee and friends.

David Wheatley arranged three quiz papers to occupy everyone while waiting for their turn to queue. A most enjoyable evening.

Hunt Quiz

The traditional Hunt Quiz will take place on Saturday 25th November, 7.30pm in Eastling Village Hall.

Last year was a tremendous success - please support us once again. Tables of 6 to 8 at £4.00 per person. Bring your own food and drink, we'll supply the questions. Let us know if you are coming by ringing 890242.

Table Top Sale

Stalisfield Village Hall
Saturday 18th November
10am - 3pm
Crafts, China, Antiques.
Tombola proceeds to The Children's Trust For more details phone 01795 886128

Afternoon Club

Activities for November:
9th - Board Games
23rd - Board Games
Both meetings at 2pm in the Champion Hall at Painter's Forstal.

Eastling Church Weekly Choir Practices

start 12th November 5 - 6pm for the Carol Service on 24th December. All voice parts welcome.



Whitehill Chapel

Carols by Candlelight
December 17th at 6.30pm
Collection in aid of N.C.H.
All are welcomed

Children's Society



Christmas Fair
Wednesday 15th November,
10am - 4pm
Boughton Village Hall

Wit and Wisdom

Eastling Village Hall
Saturday 11th November, 7.30pm
Bring your own refreshments.
To book a table of six at £3.00 per person, please ring Norman on 01795 890242
Proceeds to Eastling Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch.

Stalisfield Highlife

Stalisfield Quiz Night is on Friday 3rd November in the 'Hut'. The quiz starts at 7.30pm and bookings for tables of 6 at £2 per head, can be made by phoning Ian on 01795 890475. Take your own refreshments. Tickets for the Music Theatre on 15th December are all sold out.

Painter's Forstal Gardeners' Club

Monday 13th November
Bob Ogley will talk on "The Wind of Change".

Books will be available to purchase. Everyone welcome, non-members pay £1. Monday 20th, First round of the Neame Cup Quiz at home to Minster and Monkton.

Both meetings in the Champion Hall, at 7.45pm. Further details phone 533608.



3rd Quiz Night	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
3rd Fireworks Evening		Carpenters Arms
4th Fireworks Display	7pm	Ospringe School
5th Rural Food Fair	11am - 3pm	Eastling School
9th Afternoon Club	2pm	Champion Hall
9th History Society	7.45pm	Charing Parish Hall
11th Craft Fayre	10am - 2pm	Champion Hall
11th Wit & Wisdom	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
12th Christmas Choir practices begin	5-6pm	Eastling Church
13th Gardeners' Club (Talk)	7.45pm	Champion Hall
15th Deadline for December Good News		
15th Children's Society Fair	10am - 4pm	Boughton Village Hall
18th Table Top Sale	10am - 3pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
18th Creation Workshop	1.30 - 4.30pm	United Church
20th Neame Cup Quiz	7.45pm	Champion Hall
21st W.I.	2.15pm	Champion Hall
23rd Aladdin's Cave	10am - 7pm	19 Ospringe Road
23rd Afternoon Club	2pm	Champion Hall
24th Family Games Evening	6pm	Eastling School Hall
25th Hunt Quiz	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
28th Magazine Folding	2pm	Usual Venues
December 9th Christmas Fayre	11am	Ospringe School
15th Music Theatre	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall