

OSPRINGE CHURCH AND CHILDREN

We know that church isn't always the easiest place to take children, but over the last few years some changes at Ospringe have made things a little easier. So here's a reminder of what is available. Children are welcome at all services, with a children's corner available (including toys!) and some services are particularly child-friendly.

11 a.m. Communion Service: 2nd-Sunday-in-the-month

Children (of primary school age) go out to Sunday school for a large part of this service, for some teaching and an activity - usually crafts. This is often appropriate for younger children but it is possible you may have to help supervise your pre-school child.



11 a.m. Family Service: 3rd-Sunday-in-the-month

This is designed with the children in mind. It is an informal service, usually with a picture story. The children go out during the short talk to adults for their own activity.

11 a.m. Family Communion Service: 4th-Sunday-in-the-month

This is less formal than the 2nd Sunday and the service includes a children's talk. Children (all ages) go out during the sermon for a short activity, usually musical.

Jesus said, Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. (Mark 10:14)

Mark and Alison Cheeman



Club 8 to 13 years

Champion Hall
11th and 25th October
6.15 p.m. to 7.15 p.m.
(50p per session)
All are welcome

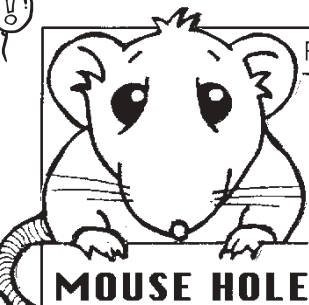


S Club meets in Eastling Village Hall, 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. on Sunday 20th October.

All children from Gish to 12ish welcome.
Make friends, have a chat, sing some songs, play some games.
Well worth getting up for!!

Come to Young Style
10 a.m.

27th October in
Eastling Church
All ages welcome



MOUSE HOLE

TOFFEE APPLES

You will need someone older to help you make these, but they are simple to make and yummy to eat.

1. Push a stick [wooden chopsticks work well] into the top of 8 apples.
2. Put 450g / 1 lb granulated sugar and 150 ml / 5 fl. oz. water into a heavy based pan, heat and stir until the sugar has dissolved.
3. Let the liquid continue to boil until it is a golden 'toffee' colour.
4. CAREFULLY remove the pan from the heat and dip and cover each apple with the toffee.
5. Put the apples onto an oiled baking tray to cool. Then EAT!

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

A PSALM FOR HARVEST

"O God, it is right for us to praise you in Zion and keep our promises to you, because you answer our prayers...

...you show your care for the land by sending rain; you make it rich and fertile.

You fill the streams with water; you provide the earth with crops.

This is how you do it: you send the abundant rain on the ploughed fields and soak them with water;

you soften the soil with showers and cause the young plants to grow.

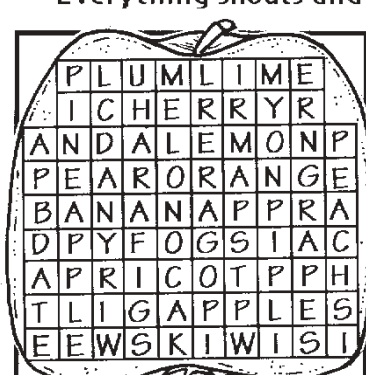
What a rich harvest your goodness provides!

Wherever you go there is plenty. The pastures are filled with flocks; the hillsides are full of joy.

The fields are covered with sheep; the valleys are full of wheat."

Everything shouts and sings for joy!

from Psalm 65



Can you find these fruit?

PINEAPPLE • GRAPES
LEMON • FIGS • MELON
KIWI • PEACH
CHERRY • PIP • PEAR
PLUM • LIME • DATE
ORANGE • BANANA
APRICOT • APPLES



Lord,
Help those people in the world who are hungry, and help us to share the things you have given us.



Harvest Festivals in our Benefice

Sunday 29th September

Stalisfield

11 a.m.

with Diamond Wedding Celebration

Sunday 6th October

Eastling

10 a.m.

with Communion

Whitehill Chapel

11 a.m.

followed by Sale of Produce for
British Humanitarian Aid

Sunday 13th October

Ospringe

11 a.m.

with Communion and
Dedication of Choir Pew Runners

Almighty God,

who in the beginning
set man on the earth

to cultivate the soil

and to have dominion

over created things:

we give thanks today

for all who work on the land

and for those

who market their produce

and manufacture our food.

So direct and prosper their work

that the fruits of the earth

may be wisely cultivated,

safely harvested,

and generously shared;

for the sake of

Jesus Christ

our Lord.

Llewellyn Cumings

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

Message for the Month

God is in Control

Last night I attended the Licensing Service of Revd. Barbara Way as Priest-in-Charge of the Parish of St. Peter's, Whitfield, near Dover. Barbara was the Diocesan Association of Readers Director of Selection and Training and was responsible for my training to become a Reader. It was a privilege to robe up and process into the little church of St. Peter with all the visiting Readers, Clergy, the Archdeacon of Maidstone and the Bishop of Dover. It was a memorable occasion and reminded me of Pennv's Licensing as Priest in



Charge of this Benefice. The difference being at that time I was Churchwarden and last night I was a Reader. So why the change from churchwarden to Reader?

Sylvi and I came to the Lord in the early sixties. We lived in Sidcup for over thirty-four years and during most of that time belonged to the fellowship of St. Andrew's Church. However, by the mid nineties our three children were happily married, well settled and giving us lots of grandchildren.

For reasons I can't explain, other than a desire to retire and live in a rural location, we decided to move. We were not sure. After all, we were very happy at St. Andrew's, but after much prayer, it seemed the right thing to do. From the many locations and offers available to us we chose to settle in the village of Eastling. We had never heard of the place before. We did not know anybody here and after living in Sidcup for such a long time, it was like stepping off the end of the pier. We trusted God. The words "be patient" were often repeated in my head during prayer times and quiet times. However, we had no idea of what was to come!

We soon made new friends including a gentle man named Ted who sold fish door to door around

the village. We were delighted to learn that he too was a practising Christian. Things seemed to be working out very satisfactorily and we became quite complacent thinking that all had turned out very nicely, ("Lovely Jubbly" to coin a phrase from a well-known TV character). However it was not to be!

About a year after settling in to our new home, I was diagnosed as having cancer. I was also told at the hospital that by its nature it was malignant, and if not removed quickly it would kill me. They could not be sure that surgery would be successful. I was terrified. On the evening before the operation Sylvi came to see me, we talked about anything. When Sylvi went home my morale slumped to a new low. Left on my own all those terrible thoughts came into my head:

What if the surgery failed?

How would I die?

What would happen to Sylvi and my family?

I had almost forgotten God.

I then spotted a Gideon Bible on the bedside locker. I grabbed it and read and prayed and read and prayed. I knew others were praying for me at Sidcup and at

Eastling. I cannot explain it but a peace came over me and I fell asleep. The Lord answered our prayers and five years later I am still here to prove it. I did not know at the time who the Gideons were, but I was very thankful for that Bible.

About a year after the latter experience and without any prompting from me, Ted, the fish man, invited me to apply to become a Gideon. I still did not know who or what Gideons were. I told Ted of my experience and how grateful I was to them. I said that I would seriously consider his offer. Inwardly I jumped at it and a few months later I became a Gideon.

It was soon after becoming a Gideon that Douglas, the Rector, invited me to become a Church Warden. I was humbled yet again and after thoughtful prayer accepted. I was very conscious of the Warden's responsibilities and felt very privileged.

The Benefice had been blessed with two Readers, Carole Jenkins and Hugh Perks. Sadly Carole moved to Folkestone. Sometime after this Douglas and I were discussing future worship and preaching arrangements. He was concerned about the short-fall left by Carole's move, and invited me to consider training to become a

Reader. We have all been here before. Going back to school after years away from academic study was not going to be easy. I agreed to go to the selection interview and to my surprise was selected for training. Before I knew where I was, I was at Canterbury University studying at the SE Institute of Theological Education (affectionately known as SEITE). It wasn't easy but the tutors and my fellow Associates and Ordinands were very supportive.

After three years of study, I was licensed and admitted to the Ministry of Reader last July. Sadly I came to the conclusion that the office of Churchwarden and Reader are not compatible, and would adversely affect one's ability to carry out the respective duties. I have therefore stood down as churchwarden in favour of the Reader Ministry.

The succession of events over the past six years has completely changed my life. I didn't specifically ask for them. Why would I want cancer? Nor could I have influenced the people responsible for the initial instigation of each event. I don't really believe in luck or chance. I am therefore of the opinion that

something or somebody is behind all this. Whether we believe in God or not, he would appear to be in control, as it was with Jesus. God was in control right onto the cross and through the resurrection for our salvation. God has control regardless of our good and/or bad experiences, and He is always there waiting for us. All we need to do is believe and trust in Him through Jesus Christ.

My grateful thanks to those who have supported me in practical ways and in prayer; also to those who sent their thanks and best wishes at my standing down as churchwarden and at my Licensing and Admission to the Ministry of Reader. I look forward to sharing His love with you all.

Yours in Jesus Christ,
Norman.

How Great the Yield from a Fertile Field

*The farmer ploughs through
the fields of green
And the blade of the plough
is sharp and keen,
But the seed must be sown
to bring forth grain,
For nothing is born
without suffering and pain -
And God never ploughs
in the soul of man
Without intention
and purpose and plan,
So whenever you feel
the plough's sharp blade
Let not your heart
be sorely afraid
For, like the farmer,
God chooses a field
From which He expects
an excellent yield -
So rejoice though your heart
is broken in two,
God seeks to bring forth
a rich harvest in you.*

Helen Steiner Rice

Prayer Pointers, October 2002

- Sundays For a willingness to serve others, in love.
- Mondays For those bringing up young children.
- Tuesdays For Harvest worship and activities in the Benefice.
- Wednesdays For local hospices and their work.
- Thursdays For those suffering the effects of crime.
- Fridays For a wise resolution of the crises in the Middle East.
- Saturdays For George Carey and all those recently retired.

St. Luke's Service in the Cathedral.

**Sunday, October 20th
at 6.30 p.m.**

The preacher will be
Dr. Michael Harper,

Medical Director at Burrowswood and Bishop Stephen will be with us. Please make every effort to come and to encourage others as well.

St Luke the Evangelist

To St Luke, a gentile, we owe the beautifully written Gospel of Luke, and the Book of Acts. He was a Greek physician, a disciple of St Paul, a companion on some of his missionary journeys, and an inspired writer.

Luke is the patron saint of doctors, surgeons and artists (due to his picturesque style of writing). His symbol is an ox, sometimes explained by reference to the sacrifice in the Temple at the beginning of his Gospel. In England 28 ancient churches were dedicated to him.

Bishop's Day for the Laity
on Saturday, October 12th, 9.30am -
4.00pm at Christ Church School, Ashford.
'Images of the Healing Ministry'

Open to everyone.

This year's day will focus on the ministry of healing and wholeness. It will consist of an opening address, the opportunity to attend at least two workshops on a range of topics. The day will end with a celebration of the Eucharist with the opportunity to receive the laying-on of hands and anointing. The aim is to raise awareness of this ministry and a range of issues surrounding it; but it would be good to know that those who already have experience are around to contribute and to enhance the discussion.

To book your place or ask for more information, contact Mrs. Gill Weedon, Bishops House, Pett Lane, Charing, Ashford, Kent TN27 0DL. Tel: 01233 712950 between 9.30am and 2.30pm Monday - Thursday.

Confirmation

There will be a Confirmation Service in the benefice on 16th February 2003. If you would like to consider being confirmed, please let the clergy know. There will be separate sessions for teenagers and adults.

To register an interest at this stage,

Teenagers - please contact The Revd. Pat Pollard (535407), sessions will begin on Friday 10th January 2003.

Adults - please contact The Revd. Penny Fenton (536366), sessions will start in the new year.

A trust fund, relating to the School House at Ospringe Church of England Primary School, makes an annual award of £500 called the John de Chercham Award.

A recent recipient, Joanne Marshall has written this piece.

On my 18th birthday not only did I receive a whole variety of special presents, but I also received the annual Ospringe John de Chercham trust award of £500 to put towards my studies at university. Admittedly the fact that I received it on my birthday was pure coincidence but, nevertheless, it made an excellent present!

So, one year later I have spent some of the money, but have also some saved. I am currently studying German at the University of Nottingham, so this money went firstly towards buying the stacks of books that the university put on the reading list. I then spent some more of the money on a visit to Germany.

Going to Germany is the best way to study the language because you are put in an environment where you are made to speak the language and the whole culture of the country is around you. Just before I went to university I spent two weeks in Cologne where my school exchange partner lives. In Cologne I obviously had to speak the language and because I was living in a family environment I had to speak German for two weeks. I ate German food and went to German cinemas, attended a German school and so on! In Cologne the money I was given went towards visiting various

sights and museums, such as the Gothic cathedral, an art museum, chocolate factory and a whole lot more.

Whilst I was in Germany I also visited Munich for a weekend. Having visited Cologne twice before I was fairly familiar with the tourist sights of the city. Munich, however, was a totally different experience. I was amazed how different the scenery was from the industrial Rhineland of Cologne to the Bavarian hills surrounding Munich. The reason for going to Munich was for a birthday party of one of my exchange partner's relatives. This was particularly interesting for me, because everyone dressed in traditional Bavarian clothes known as Dirndls and the location was a schloss by a lake in the Bavarian hills. Needless to say it was beautiful and obviously very different from the modern city of Cologne. This trip to Germany, which was funded using my £500, greatly helped my German and also my understanding of German culture.



Cologne Cathedral

The money I have left over out of the £500 is safely put away in the bank and is not going to be touched for at least another year! The reason for this being that in my third year at university I have to go to Germany for the whole year. All universities have this programme for language students, because it is the only way that a student can become absolutely fluent in their chosen language. Undoubtedly it is quite a costly year, which is why I'm saving as much as I can! The options for this year abroad are as follows: studying at a German university, working or being a language assistant in a school, where I would have to teach English as a set language. The options both appeal to me. I'm therefore hoping to split my year in two and do both!

I am grateful for the £500 that I received. It has really helped so far with the expenditure of being a language student, and the rest of it will be put towards a very valuable and necessary part of my course. Thank you very much to the Trustees of the School House Trust Funds for awarding me this money. I really am very grateful!

Joanne Marshall.

MOTHER'S UNION NEWS

During the past eight weeks, members have listened to a talk given by Mrs. Peggy Partis, had a Garden Party and finally held a Celebration Service for the Queen's Jubilee.

In July, Mrs. Peggy Partis told members how she first became involved with the Mothers' Union through her mother. We were shown interesting memorabilia including her mother's membership card dated 4th June, 1935 when she enrolled at St. George's Church, Camden Hill, and also the card which was presented to her mother after 55 years of membership. Peggy showed us her own scrapbook, showing photos of overseas members from South Africa, Australia, South Korea and also photos of our Ospringe members a few years ago. We were told of the Mothers' Union

Annual Meetings she has attended at various venues around the country. Peggy discussed the 'Media Awareness Project', the Broadcasting Council, Press Complaints and Advertising leaflets with us. She also told us of her involvement with the Family Contact Centre (run by the W.R.V.S.) Canterbury, which gives estranged parents time to spend with their children. Mothers' Union members help by serving tea and coffee.

During August, Pam Clark kindly allowed us to use her garden for a Bring and Buy Garden Party. The weather was warm and sunny and we had a enjoyable social afternoon with members, families and friends.

On 6th September we held our Ospringe Deanery Mother's Union Celebration of H.M. the Queen's Golden Jubilee. See this month's Choir Report for further details.

Carol Marshall

OSPRINGE CHOIR REPORT

The Choir will continue to meet on Wednesdays, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. except during half-term week.

The Ospringe Deanery Mothers' Union Service, on Friday 6th September, to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee, attracted a Choir of twenty and the sound was wonderful. We had two basses, six Tenors, five Altos and seven Sopranos.

Brian Adams helped me with the organ and Gill Wilson and John Blackford sang "Linden Lea". Gill also sang, "Jubilate Deo" and "We are marching in the light of God". We all sang, "Praise my soul", "Search me O God", "Crimond" plus the descant, "Lord for the years" plus the descant and the National Anthem. Clare played the Carillon, which greeted our visitors as they came up the path to Church. Thank you to Pat for arranging this Service for our Deanery M.U. There must have been eighty to ninety with us including the Mayor Tom Gates, Mayoress Marian Gates, Deputy Mayor Cindy Davis, Councillor Anita Spillett, as well as The Town Sergeant

and Mace Bearer, Bill Reeves who carried the two wonderful Faversham Maces. We gave them a good Ospringe fellowship tea, too! If the Queen had heard about, it I think she would have been pleased.



**CALLING ALL
OSPRINGE
CHORISTERS,**

present, past and future!

On Sunday, 13th October, we are celebrating Harvest Festival and are dedicating the Choir Pew Runners.

We invite you to join us for this celebration. The youngsters will be singing John Rutter's "All things bright and beautiful". We may sing his "For the beauty of the earth" and if I can attract enough choristers, Maurice Greene's "Thou visiteth the earth".

It will be a traditional Ospringe Harvest Festival Service with Communion and the Harvest Hymns.

Please let me know if you would like to sing with the Choir.

All welcome.

Vicky.

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Sponsored Swim



**for Christian Aid
Friday 26th October
Faversham Swimming Pool
Swimmers needed!
Contact Ospringe Wardens**



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HORSEDRAWN
CARRIAGES**



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Weddings**

Telephone (01795) 890462

Walnut Tree House, Otterden, Faversham, Kent. ME13 0DB

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MUSIC RESOURCES DAY at THE CATHEDRAL

Saturday, 5th October, 11 a.m.

There will be a series of Workshops including one with Graham Kendrick.

Further details from Vicky Shepherd.

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Eastling Carol Service Sunday 22nd December 2002

Are you interested in joining our village choir for this service?

We will start rehearsals on Sunday 10th November from 5 - 6 p.m. in Eastling Church.

All singers over 10 years old welcomed. Further details to appear in the November issue.

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Sorry, Lord, I just couldn't make it

The bells ring out on Sunday morn,
O did you hear their call?
They call the faithful ones to prayer
To Church they summon all.

But Lord, I cannot come today,
I live a busy life,
Still, when there's something special on
I'll try and send the wife.

It poured with rain last Sunday
An inch or two, I bet.
You surely can't expect me then -
I'd get my new suit wet.

Today the sky is blue and clear,
but the car's as black as ink.
And if I do not clean it soon,
What will the neighbours think?

You know I do my bit, dear Lord
I have a golden rule,
I sometimes send my kids along
To be at Sunday school.

But I really couldn't come as well,
There's grass to mow, and beds to weed
Shelves to fix, a dog to walk, and
Sunday newspapers to read.

And now this day has ended, Lord
How fast the weekends go!
I ask for faith and strength this week
For I feel (spiritually) quite low.

Inflame O Lord my feeble faith
My lamp burns rather dim,
For God depends on me, of course,
And I depend on him.

Eastling Horticultural Society

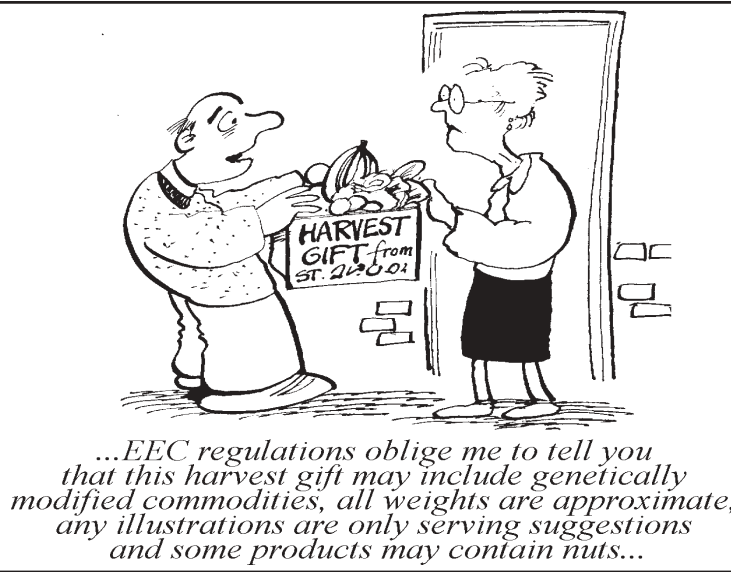
Back again - with a new name!

After a lapse of twelve months, Eastling's horticultural society is "back in business". At a special meeting in Eastling Village Hall on Thursday, 12th September, the eleven members present agreed that the society should be restarted as the

Eastling Gardeners' Club. Initially, it was envisaged there would be a limited programme of events - probably one every three months. Mr Clive Jolliffe, Mrs. Helen Abell and Mrs. Joan Thomas volunteered to act as a steering committee to ensure that essential tasks, such as notifying members, administering funds and arranging meetings or activities are undertaken. Mrs. Biddy Freed agreed to organise one of the quarterly events. She suggested that future activities might include a Christmas social, a plant swap in the Spring and one or two summer outings.

With funds of just over £500 currently available, members agreed that annual membership should be just £5 per person with the first subscriptions due in December. Entry to meetings would normally be free to members and £2 for non-members. The first big event for the reformed Eastling Gardeners' Club will be a Christmas Social in the village hall on Wednesday, 11th December, starting at 8pm. Further details will be publicised nearer the time, when all villagers will be encouraged to attend and consider joining the new club.

See the Eastling and Otterden web sites at: <http://go.to/eastling> and <http://go.to/otterden>



FAMILY BARBECUE AT EASTLING VILLAGE HALL
26TH AUGUST 2002

What can you do on a miserable, chilly Bank Holiday Monday? Faced with this dilemma, eighty plus stalwart villagers and friends decided to turn out for the Family Barbecue at Eastling Village Hall on 26th August between 4 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. - and what an excellent decision it turned out to be!

Although the sun scarcely put in an appearance, most people sat in the garden for the duration, only decamping into the Hall towards the end of proceedings when the drizzle started. A great time was had by all, especially the little ones who enjoyed being together, playing table tennis and other activities. The food went like "hot cakes". Biddy's apple pies were particularly popular. It's a shame that supplies ran a little low towards the end, but then more people turned up than had booked tickets. We can't cater for you, folks, unless you give us warning that you are coming!

Having a Party?

Planning a Wedding?

Venue for your Club

Hall and smaller rooms available with kitchen facilities at

Eastling Village Hall.

For more information please contact Mary Eagleton on 890436

The Trustees and friends worked hard to keep up with demand. Peter barbecued like a demon, with Paul giving him a breather and making sure his glass was topped up. Biddy, Sue and Mary chopped salad and made tea and coffee until it was coming out of their ears. Roy and Eileen excelled at extracting money from everyone for raffle tickets, and the washing up would never have been finished without them.

We thank all of you who supported the event and everyone who helped to make it a huge success. Our particular thanks to the Butchers, J. C. Rook, who donated most of the meat; Steve Edmed who supplied the charcoal and along with many others; Tony at The Carpenters and Brogdale who gave raffle prizes. The grand total of around £400 was made for Hall funds - more than expected, and we have plans to put it to good use to further improve the facilities at the Hall.

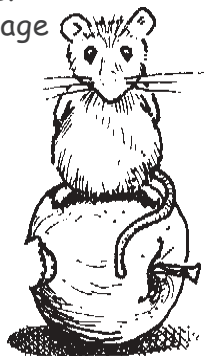
Shall we do it again next year?
Sue Parry
Hon Secretary to Trustees



The Champion Hall at Painter's Forstal

The hall is available for parties and meeting of all kinds.

£5 per hour, with an extra charge for Disco's. Children's and Teenage Parties must be well supervised. For further details, phone 01795 532756



Decoration for Harvest Festival

Gifts of flowers, fruit, vegetables and tins of food will be welcome from 2 p.m. in the hall on Saturday, 5th October. Helpers would also be welcome at that time.

Harvest Festival is 11 a.m. on Sunday 6th October, followed by sale of produce for British Humanitarian Aid.



Harvest Supper

Saturday, 12th October in Champion Hall, 7.15 for 7.30 p.m. Tickets: £6 for adults, £3.50 for children under 15 and £17 for a family of two adults and two children. To book tickets, ring 01795 532756 or 01795 537530.

Diary

October 2002

3rd Afternoon Club	2 p.m.	Champion Hall
5th Diocesan Music Day	11 a.m.	Canterbury Cathedral
5th Decorating for Harvest	2 p.m.	Champion Hall
10th The Year 1940	8 p.m.	Charing Parish Hall
11th Club 8 -13	6.15 p.m.	Champion Hall
12th Images of the Healing Minstry	9.30 a.m.	Ashford
12th Coffee Morning	11 a.m.	Stalisfield Village Hall
12th Harvest Supper	7.15 p.m.	Champion Hall
13th Coffee and Croissants	10 a.m.	Eastling Church
14th Gardeners' Club	7.45 p.m.	Champion Hall
15th Women's Institute	2.15 p.m.	Champion Hall
15th DEADLINE for the November issue of Good News		
16th Ospringe Parish Council	7.30 p.m.	Champion Hall
17th Afternoon Club	2 p.m.	Champion Hall
18th Charity Harvest Auction	8.00 p.m.	Carpenters' Arms
20th St. Luke's Service	6.30 p.m.	Canterbury Cathedral
22nd FOES AGM	7.30 p.m.	Eastling School
25th Club 8 -13	6.15 p.m.	Champion Hall
26th Sponsored Swim		Faversham Pool
26th/27th Exhibition of Photographs	10am-4pm	Charing Parish Hall
27th Tea and Cakes	2.30 -6 p.m.	Pinks Farm, Eastling
28th - 1st November	School Half Term	
29th Magazine Folding	2 p.m.	Usual Venues
31st Afternoon Club	2 p.m.	Champion Hall
NOVEMBER		
9th Autumn Bazaar	9.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Alexander Centre
11th Eastling Parish Council	8 p.m.	Eastling Village Hall
14th Christmas Shopping Evening		Eastling Village Hall
16th Wine and Wisdom	7.30 p.m.	Eastling Village Hall
20th & 21st Craft Days		19 Ospringe Road
22nd Wine Tasting	7.30 p.m.	Eastling School Hall
23rd Paint Up	9 a.m.	Champion Hall
DECEMBER	1st Grand Opening of Brenda's Cupboard	



Painting Session

We are trying to organise a painting session to improve the woodwork in the hall. If you can use a paintbrush and give an hour or two on 23rd November you will be very welcome from 9 a.m. onwards. Tea will be provided!



Advance Notice
Brenda's Cupboard
- Official Opening
on Sunday, 1st
December.

Sara Bilston, granddaughter of Brenda and George Champion will officially open the new store - "Brenda's Cupboard" during, or after, the morning service. We would like as many as possible of the people who helped to raise money for this project, to be present.

Services in our Benefice

29th September St Michael and All Angels

Ospringe	10.30 a.m.	Eastling joins with Ospringe Songs of Praise
Stalisfield	11 a.m.	Harvest Festival with Diamond Wedding Celebration
Canterbury Cathedral	6.30 p.m.	Farewell to Archbishop Carey

Tuesday 1st October

Whitehill Chapel	2.15 p.m.	Holy Communion
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6th October 19th Sunday after Trinity

Philippians 3. 4b - 14, Matthew 21. 33 - end		
Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Harvest Festival
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW) with Baptism
Whitehill Chapel	10.40 a.m.	Sunday School (8-13s) Younger Children during the service
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	Harvest Family Service
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Morning Prayer

13th October 20th Sunday after Trinity

Philippians 4. 1 - 9, Matthew 22. 1 - 14		
Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling	10.30 a.m.	Newstyle
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Harvest Festival with Communion
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Sunday School

20th October 21st Sunday after Trinity

1 Thessalonians 1, Matthew 22. 15 - 22		
Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling	10 a.m.	S Club
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Family Service
Canterbury Cathedral	6.30 p.m.	St. Luke's Service

27th October Bible Sunday

1 Thessalonians 2. 1 - 8, Matthew 22. 34 - end.		
Stalisfield	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Sunday Young Style followed by Baptism
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	People's Choice
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Family Communion (CW)
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Sunday School

3rd November 4th Sunday before Advent

1 Thessalonians 2. 9 - 13, Matthew 24. 1 - 14.		
Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Whitehill Chapel	10.40 a.m.	Sunday School (8-13s)
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	Family Service
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Morning Prayer

Sharing Ministry in our Benefice

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) esgate@bluecarrots.com

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Stalisfield with Otterden	Mrs. J. West (01795 890285) Mrs. H. Galer (01795 890780)
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Whitehill Steward	Miss. B. Richards (01795 532756)
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Contacting the Church's staff

For general enquiries and for specific enquiries about Baptisms and Weddings, please telephone Faversham 536366. If you would like the parish clergy to conduct a funeral, either in our churches or elsewhere, please ask the funeral director to make the necessary arrangements.

From the Editor

If you would like to submit articles, features or stories for publication, or would like any forthcoming events publicised, please send your magazine contribution, by the 15th of the month preceding publication, to Gordon and Elizabeth Brown, Firs Cottage, 23 Ospringe Place, Faversham. ME13 8TB. Where possible, please submit your entries by e-mail: gandejbrown@btinternet.com

If you would like to advertise in this magazine, please contact Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, Faversham, ME13 0BA (Tel: 01795 890338 or Email: h.f.harlow@talk21.com)

Thank You

We would like to say a very big thank you to the six ladies from the Ospringe Hand Bell Ringers, for providing such a lovely atmosphere at our wedding at St Mary's Church at Lower Hardres, on Saturday, 3rd August. So many of our guests commented on how nice the bells were, and we felt very lucky to have the bells rung at our wedding, adding to our special day. Once again many thanks Kevin & Rebecca Williams.

EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Eastling Parish Council's accounts for the year April 2001 to March 2002 have been published and are available for public inspection, together with supporting documents, until Friday, 4th October. Anyone who wishes to see the accounts should contact the council's treasurer Mr Peter Cheeseman at New House Farm, Otterden Road (telephone (01795) 890629) to agree a mutually convenient time. The accounts may also be seen on the Eastling Village website by logging onto <http://go.to/eastling> and using the link on the homepage.

VILLAGE GREEN

Eastling residents are being asked to make the crucial decision on whether the Parish Council should go ahead with a project to provide a village green on the field bounded by The Street, Kettle Hill Road and the Church Path. A leaflet giving details of the proposal together with voting forms for all eligible electors are being distributed to every household. Completed forms must be returned by 12 noon on Monday, 14th October. A pre-paid envelope is being provided.

Parish councillors are looking for a clear indication from residents on whether they should spend more time on finalising a scheme and agreeing a lease on the 3.2 acre field. Creation of a village green has been talked about for many years and an opportunity has now arisen to have one. So, it is important for villagers to weigh up the benefits, costs and potential problems - set out in the leaflet which everyone is urged to

read. Receipt and counting of the votes will be carried out by Swale Council electoral staff who will notify the Parish Council of the outcome. This will, then, be considered at the next Parish Council meeting scheduled for Monday, 11th November.

CLIFFE AIRPORT?

Proposals for Cliffe Marshes near Rochester to become the site for a new airport serving London have not been welcomed by Eastling parish councillors. At their meeting on Monday, 9th September, they agreed to submit their concerns over the potential impact of aircraft noise on north Kent villages and the disruption of internationally important wildlife habitats. Information on the proposals for Cliffe and other potential sites can be seen on the Department for Transport's special website at www.airconsult.gov.uk, which also explains how members of the public can make their views known before the 30th November deadline.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Eastling Parish Council's next Meeting is in Eastling Village Hall on Monday, 11 November at 8pm. Villagers may attend to hear the proceedings and there will be the usual period at the beginning of the Meeting for residents to raise matters of interest or concern.

Electoral Registration

The annual forms, to enable householders to make sure they are properly listed on the electoral register, are currently being delivered to householders. The forms can be completed and returned right away. Being included on the electoral roll is important and ensures a vote in any elections in the coming year. Also, what is not always appreciated, the roll is often used by banks and financial institutions when deciding whether to let people open accounts or receive a loan or credit. Not being on the list can cause serious problems.

Flash...Bang...Dead!

Several computer users at Eastling fell victim to lightning strikes during recent storms. Freak surges of power on electricity supplies and telephone lines damaged sensitive microchips in their equipment. It won't be of much comfort to those who suffered from this, but one way to help avoid this type of damage is to fit surge protectors on the power and telephone sockets serving the computer. Available from most computer stores, they come as individual or combined units and should cost about £20 to £30 overall. A wise precaution for those who want to be able to log on to the Eastling, Otterden and Faversham websites at <http://go.to/eastling>, <http://go.to/otterden> and <http://www.faversham.org>.



The wait is over! The next series of

Sunday Newstyle

starts on Sunday 13th October, 10.30 a.m. in Eastling Church.

Coffee and Croissants from 10 a.m.

All ages welcome

There will be a slightly different format this year so, come with an open mind and an open heart.

OSPRINGE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of Ospringe Parish Council will be held on Wednesday, 16th October 2002 at 7.30 p.m. in Whitehill Chapel, Painter's Forstal.

At the last meeting, Councillors were very concerned at the slow progress to remedy the poor condition of a number of highways within the parish, and are actively seeking urgent action from Highways' Maintenance. They are pursuing the possibility of a grant to fund the provision of a roundabout in the Playground area at Painter's Forstal, and also a streetlight outside Bay Bank.

Residents are welcome to attend meetings, and will have the opportunity of raising any matters appertaining to the parish.

Jill Seaman, Clerk to the Council

PUDDLEDUCKS PLAYGROUP

at Painter's Forstal



Autumn Term is now well underway with the children creating harvest pictures, as well as enjoying role-play and developing their social skills.

We will be holding a Jumble Sale during the term, and we will be very grateful to receive any jumble, books, toys and bric-a-brac from 1st October. Please phone me to arrange collection of any items, or bring them along to Playgroup.

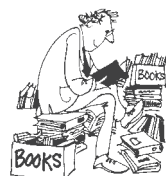
We are collecting drink cans for recycling - all proceeds to the playgroup. These can be brought to Eastling School or to the playgroup.

Your support of any fundraising scheme is critical to the continuation of the playgroup.

Half Term is from 28th October to 1st November.

The playgroup still has vacancies for children between the ages of 2 and 5 years on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. We will be very pleased to welcome any new children to our group.

Any enquires to Jill Seaman, 01795 890519



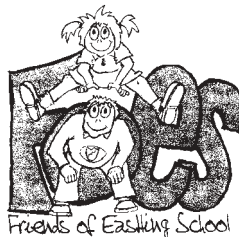
FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

The Autumn Term Events programme has now been set and we have some new events to interest you.

We start with a **BOOK SALE** on Friday, 27th September from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the School playground (weather permitting).

FOES AGM will be held on Tuesday, 22nd October at 7.30 p.m. in the School Hall. Do join us for a glass of wine and to find out more about the function of the Committee.

The **CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING** will be on Thursday, 14th November in Eastling Village Hall. An evening not to miss when there will be a good range of stalls and you can get your Christmas shopping well underway!



Friends of Eastling School

Orders for **CHRISTMAS TREES** will be taken at the Shopping Evening and from School from 1st December. All trees will be ready for collection on 13th or 20th December.

We have planned a **WINE TASTING** Evening on Friday, 22nd November at 7.30 p.m. in the School Hall. This will be an interesting evening with a number of wines to tempt your palate, and available to order in time for Christmas.

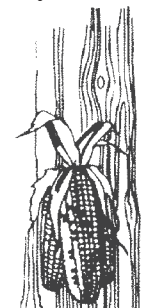
Details of all these events to follow.

Jill Seaman, tel: 01795 890519

Charity Harvest Auction

to be held at
"THE CARPENTERS' ARMS" at
8.00PM on 18th OCTOBER 2002

Once again it is proposed to hold a charity harvest auction at "The Carpenters' Arms" with the proceeds going to local charities. In thanking those who have provided sterling assistance in the past, may we ask for your help once again? All donations will, I can assure you, be most gratefully received.



This is an invitation to all to come to the local hostelry, have a great evening and spend generously, in aid of those local people who can always use a little help.

Hope you will all be able to attend.



Painter's Forstal and Ospringe Women's Institute

The October meeting will be in the Champion Hall at 2.15 p.m. on 15th October

Talk - Work of the Children's Hospice (Ms. N Tunbridge)
Competitions - Toy for the Hospice & Flower of the month.

OSPRINGE 200 CLUB DRAW

You contribute £1 a month for at least one year and you could win a prize in our monthly draw. Contact Carol or Stuart Marshall on 537873 for more details.

The winning numbers for the 30th draw in September were:
1st: - 3 2nd: - 8 3rd: - 41

Good News from the Ospringe Church Social Secretary *** Ospringe Flower Festival raises £1430 ***

Many thanks to those who were involved, in any way, with the Ospringe Flower Festival. It was a very successful weekend. Of the £1430 raised, £46.75 came from the path of pennies, which created a good deal of interest.



Well Done Sally and Pam

Special thanks to Norma Curling and her team of flower arrangers.

Dates for your diary

Autumn Bazaar

Saturday 9th November

in the Alexander Centre from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Any items for sale, bric-a-brac, bottle stall, books, cakes, handicraft and raffle will be very much appreciated, as will any help on the stalls.



Afternoon Club

Thank you ladies of the club for doing so well on the cake stall, at the annual fete.

Activities for October:
3rd and 17th Board Games,
31st Bingo

Painter's Forstal Gardeners' Club

The meeting for October is on Monday, 14th in the Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal at 7.45 p.m. when Mr. Lush will talk on "Organic Gardening"

Further information from 01795 533608.



Stalisfield/Otterden Millennium

The response to the Year 2000 Scrapbook publication has been outstanding. A print run of ninety copies has almost disappeared on preorders, leaving just a handful as yet undistributed.

The book is a tribute to the dedication of the compilers. It is a wonderful record of life in the villages, in text and pictures. There can be few works like it; as it records all the ordinary day to day happenings throughout the year, in the lives of ordinary people, together with a wealth of background information.

We have to be very appreciative of the persistence of Kevin Hart and his team in their efforts.

Roy Okell.

Stalisfield Village Hall Coffee Morning

Come along to the hut at Stalisfield on Saturday, 12th October from 11 a.m., for a good neighbourly natter, coupled with a traditional coffee morning. Everyone is welcome. There will be a charge of £1 to cover costs. We hope also to have a "Bring and Buy" stall and we would be very grateful for donations of cakes and pastries.

Any profits will help the Hall to continue to pay its way.

We hope to be able to welcome you there.

WINE AND WISDOM

Saturday 16th. November
7.30 p.m.

EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

A Wine & Wisdom is being arranged to help with the hall funds and the Senior Citizens' Christmas lunch. Wine and nibbles will be provided, but should you fancy something a bit more substantial, please feel free to bring your own. The cost will be £4.00 per head for a table of six, which can be booked by phoning me 'Norman' on 01795 890242.

A Date for your diary: Wednesday, 4th December - Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch.

More details next month.

Tea Afternoon

at the end of
One World Week
Sunday 27th October
2.30 - 6 p.m.

Pinks Farm, Eastling

All welcome for Tea and Cakes

Help and raffle prizes welcome.

Traidcraft Christmas goods for sale or order.

Proceeds to Send a Cow.

Further information from 890338

Charing & District Local History Society

Thursday, 10th October at 8 p.m.
at the Parish Hall, Charing.
(Doors open at 7.45 p.m.)

Dr. John Ray will give a talk on
The Year 1940

What life was like for both civilians and service men and women.

Everyone who is interested will be welcomed. Non-members of the society will be charged £1.

Exhibition of Photographs

Charing and District Local History Society is mounting an exhibition of photographs, paintings and drawings in Charing Village Hall on Saturday and Sunday, 26th and 27th October.

The exhibition will open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day

Admission 50p, with accompanied children free.

Craft Days

Wednesday, 20th. and Thursday, 21st. November
By kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Thompson,
19 Ospringe Road.

Light refreshments will be available on both days;
more details in the November magazine.

