



**Young People's
Craft Club**
8th & 15th October
6.15pm to 7.15pm
in the Champion Hall.
50p per session -
all are welcomed.

Friends of Eastling School

The planning of events for the Autumn Term is now well underway. Our JUMBLE SALE will be held on Saturday 2nd October at 1.30pm in the School Hall. Any donations of clothes, linen, bric-a-brac, books and toys will be most welcome at school during the week of 27th Sept.

HARVEST in Eastling.

The children will be making apple pies and crumble as part of our harvest celebrations and you are invited to join us on Friday 8th October from 2.50pm in the hall to purchase a slice of pie/crumble along with a soft drink or tea and coffee. The children will be able to meet you in the hall at the end of the school day. The HARVEST AUCTION will be held on Friday 15th October at 2.30pm in the school hall. All parents, friends and villagers are welcome to come along to bid for 'lots' of a variety of produce - all proceeds will be sent to support a needy Indian village.



Other dates to note for October: A carved pumpkin competition to be judged on 1st November - pumpkins will be available for sale on 21st October at reduced prices. The FOES AGM will be held on Thursday 21st October at 7.30pm.

All are welcome to join us and refreshments will be available following the official business.

Future dates: Christmas Shopping Evening - Thursday 11th November; Sale of Christmas Trees, wreaths and poinsettias - last order date 3/12, collection orders on 10th December; Children's Christmas Shopping Afternoon - Friday 10th December; School Christmas Disco - 17th December. Details of these events will be published next month.

Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity, tel 01795 890519

Children welcome in church... in October

Oct. 3rd in **Whitehill Chapel**
10.45am Harvest Festival

Activities for children in the **Ospringe** Church Parish room during part of the 11am services on the 3rd, 17th and 24th

17th in **Eastling** Village Hall
10.00am S Club
24th in Eastling Church
10.00am Young Style

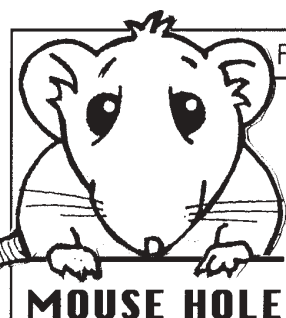
Smile Lines - Moses revisited

Nine year old Joey, was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday school.

"Well, Mum, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his engineers build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved."

"Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked, somewhat alarmed.

"Well, no, Mum. But if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"



MOUSE HOLE

**Pips
and
Seeds**

Save the pips from the next apple you eat then:

- Fill a pot with potting compost, water, then press the apple pips into the soil around the pot.
- Cover the pot with a plastic bag secured with an elastic band, then put in a warm, dark place until the first shoots appear.
- Bring out into the light, water, and take the bag off the pot when the shoots are bigger.



Try growing other pips and seeds like: orange, grapes, melons, pears, lemons, cherries...

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

A great crowd of people had gathered to hear Jesus, so Jesus told them this parable:

Once there was a man who went out to sow corn.

As he scattered the seed in the field

some of it fell along the path where it was stepped on and the birds ate it up.

Some of it fell on rocky ground and when the plants sprouted, they dried up because the soil had no moisture.

Some of the seed fell among thorn bushes, which grew up with the plants and choked them.

And some seed fell in good soil; the plants grew and produced corn, a hundred grains each.

To find out what this parable means read: Luke 8: 4 - 15

Lord Jesus,
Help me to carry on believing in you,
help me to live my life for you,
help me to never give up on you even when things get tough.

AMEN.



Whitehill Chapel

Harvest Thanksgiving
on Sunday 3rd October at
10.45am.

Some choices of favourite Harvest Hymns interspersed with poems and songs on Nature by the young people. Sale of gifts will follow the service. Proceeds and the collection will be donated to British Humanitarian Aid.

COME AND CELEBRATE
AUTUMN AND THE HARVEST



Decorating for Harvest

Whitehill Chapel

Fruit, vegetables, tins and flowers will be most welcome on

Saturday 2nd October at 2pm.

Contact Bobbie on 532756

Eastling Church

1st and 2nd October; Friday afternoon and Saturday morning the church will be open to receive fresh produce, flowers and other gifts to decorate the church. Helpers very welcome as well, just come along or contact Pippa on 890273.

Eastling Harvest Festival

10am on 3rd October

Ospringe Harvest Festival

11am on 12th October



Sunday 10th October in Eastling Church

Sunday Newstyle has changed its name to

Freestyle.

Nothing else has changed - there's still the same relaxed atmosphere where you and your family are sure to find good fellowship, uplifting music, inspired teaching and prayer, all within an hour of worship and praise in the presence of the Lord.

In this new series we will be looking at themes around the area of Christian healing and wholeness - exploring issues such as: *What is health? What is healing? How can we know when we're in good health or not? What does*

God say about this and what part does He wish to play in our wellbeing and wholeness?

From time to time we shall be joined by a guest speaker who will help us to share in this most interesting subject that affects each of us in our daily lives.

Come and join us each 2nd Sunday at 10.30am in Eastling Church. Refreshments are available before and after the service, and a children's corner for our younger members.

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*Autumn Song
October is a piper,
Piping down the dell -
Sad sweet songs of sunshine -
Summer's last farewell,
He pipes till grey November
Comes in the mist and rain,
And then he puts his pipe
away
Till Autumn comes again.*

By Margaret Rose

Painter's Forstal Amenities Committee

Autumn Feast

Saturday 9th October

in the Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal
Tickets cost £6 per adult, £3.50 per child, or £17 for family ticket. Available from 532756 or any of the committee.

Stalisfield Highlife

Bate your breath no longer!

As promised, Ian and Nick will host one more Stalisfield

Quiz Party

in the Hut on

Friday 8th October

The fun will begin at 7.30 p.m. more or less precisely. We are retaining our popular formula of £2 per person, bring your own nibbles and tipples.

Gather together a table of six and come to the best party in town with prizes galore and guaranteed excitement. We'll fit you in if you can't find a table-full yourself.

There are only a few days left by the time you read this announcement, so pick up the pone and ring Ian on 01795 890475 or Roy on 01233 712893 to make your booking.

Stalisfield Footlights

The Stalisfield theatre season starts again with a cracking performance by *The Time of Our Lives Theatre Company*. The acclaimed professional company will tread the boards in the Hut on Friday 17th December. More details will be announced but, in the meantime, hold the date free. Advance bookings may be made with Ian on 01795 890475.

Retirement

The Reverend Pat Pollard, our curate, retires at the end of September.

There will be a special service in Ospringe Church at 10.30am on Sunday 31st



October during which we will thank her for all she has done in our parishes.

Everyone welcome

If you would like to contribute to a thank you gift, please give your contribution to your churchwarden or to Penny.

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



Loving your neighbour – or winning at all costs?

Graham Daniels, a footballer, writes on being a Christian and a sportsman.

When I became a Christian I was playing professional football for Cambridge United. Beforehand I had been enjoying life but now it had taken on an added dimension in finding meaning, purpose and a more abundant life.

Then one Sunday, a mature Christian whom I had got to know, took me aside. He said, "Listen, isn't it fantastic, being a Christian?" I was happy to agree. Then he added, "I'm sure now you'll be thinking of giving up your job, to do something more appropriate for the Lord's work."

In that moment my world ended. I was 21 years old. For as long as I could remember all I'd wanted to do was to play football. I'd made it into professional football. I'd become a first-team player. I'd become a Christian. Life was fantastic and alive and exciting. And now I was being told to give it all up because it was not 'spiritual'.

With what I know now, I am convinced that sport, our sporting ability and our love of competing is part of God's creation. There is no reason why as a Christian I cannot continue to be a sportsman. God gave me the ability

As Paul writes in Romans 12:1 "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship". What better place to offer our bodies to God than on the sports field?

Jesus also gave us the great commandment, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself." (Matthew 22:37-39). It is one thing for me to please the great coach in heaven by how I play my sport but if I play against you my aim is to beat you. Surely if I love you, I would want you to win not me?

We know how to play to win but how do we play to love? If you are playing your sport to please God, then you also have to love your neighbour.

We are made in the image of God and our purpose is to demonstrate and proclaim God's image and presence in all we do. We are to treat our opponents, as we would like to be treated ourselves.

Applying that in competitive sport is a radical concept. If we see our opponent, not as our enemy but as our neighbour, and moreover a neighbour whom Jesus tells us to love as ourselves, it certainly affects our attitude to the opponent. We treat our opponent with respect. We play hard but do not seek an unfair advantage.

Our aim is to honour God in the competition. That is our motivation - not greed, aggression, selfishness, etc.

For Christian sportspeople, living our life by the Golden Rule is our purpose in sport – as in all other aspects of life. Winning and losing are by-products, not the main thing. This is not to say that winning or losing is unimportant. Christians do not have to be lovable losers.

The fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) includes 'gentleness'. And in dealing with a problem in the church at Corinth, Paul writes, "By the meekness and gentleness of Christ, I appeal to you..." (2 Corinthians 10:1.)

There is no doubt that humility, meekness, gentleness are essential parts of the Christian character, but we still have to work out how it affects our attitude to competitive sport. It seems that these verses tell us more about how we should conduct ourselves in the heat of the battle and in any other sphere of our Christian life, than about whether or not we can compete to win.

I see no reason why Christians cannot compete to win and give it 100% without any conflict with their faith. It is not easy but it can be done. Moreover I would go as far as to say that if you cannot compete in a spirit of loving your neighbour, then I would suggest that as a Christian, you cannot compete at all.



Thank You

We would like to thank friends from Ospringe Community who have sent us cards and messages of sympathy in the sad loss of Fred Attwood.

*Special thanks to Penny for her help in connection with the funeral service.
Sally and Tony Wheatley and family.*



One World Week Your move! 17th - 24th October Moves to bring peace...

'I saw a beast upon a mountainside;
It came closer and I saw it was a man.
We drew together, and I saw it was my brother'. *Persian Proverb*

CHOIR NOTES

Choir practices have started after the long Summer Break. The youngsters were full of their holidays and were well established back at school and for some of them settling in their new schools. We are practising, "Look at the world", by John Rutter, for which he wrote the words and composed the music to celebrate in 1996 the 70th Anniversary of the Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE). I heard it on Songs of Praise in August so bought it post-haste! It will be splendid alongside his "For the beauty of the earth" and "All things bright and beautiful". It is good to welcome Jackie Nicholson to Choir Practices. Jackie is helping with Magazine Folding and Reg Tumber told me Jackie was interested. Thank you, Reg.

We have had the pleasure of singing at the weddings in July, August and September.

The Wedding Day.

*This is such a glorious time
A bright new Wedding Day
Made full of happy memories
For all our hearts to-day.
For Suzanne and her Adam
Stand together in their love
to ask the Lord to send them
His blessings from above.
They will face the future together
Knowing that the love they share
Will stay with them forever.*

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Mrs Austin read her poem at the wedding ceremony of Suzanne and Adam on 28th August. It was a beautiful tranquil and sunny day that completed a wonderful fortnight of services at Ospringe.

On Sunday, 15th August, I was practising the organ in the afternoon and was joined by the Clinch family preparing the flowers, hops and basket of lavender for the splendid funeral service for Ray Howland on the Monday. Penny led a full Church and we were all able to remember Ray and his thoughtful and happy ways. The hops stayed for Joanne Macey's wedding to Matt and Derek remarked that Ospringe couldn't have looked better on the sunny day and another full house. Jo and Matt were given a Quarter Peal which Richard, Jo's brother, had bid for in an auction at the Champion Hall. The Sunday 11 a.m. service is one of the best I have taken part in, excellent singing of old and new, the Church in full flower and the congregation singing heartily. Well done Ospringe and all to the Glory of God. Thank you Penny too.

Carols in Eastling Church

The annual
Nine Lessons and Carols
will be 4pm on
Sunday 19th December.

We gather together a local choir for this service. If you can sing and would like to join us please come to practices 5-6pm in Eastling Church on Sundays starting 14th November. All ages and voice parts welcome.



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Ray Huntley

FROM THE ORGAN LOFT

I was inspired by thoughts on Psalm 23 in Daylight and would like to share this one with you please.

"Even though I walk" teaches us that we do not have to run in blind panic when we meet adversity, but can trustingly walk by faith in every circumstance that confronts us. Walking is a common metaphor for the Christian life, and it suggests the measured pace of confidence in God rather than the frantic tizzy of unbelief. This is from a book, "Song of the Shepherd", which I have just bought and hope to read soon.

Thank you to Don for writing the column for September. I have lots more to share with you but am running out of time so until the November edition, God bless, Vicky.

Mothers' Union News

We enjoyed the garden party in Pam Bell's garden with members of the St Mary of Charity branch. We also had the company of Sue Edwards' daughter and she was delightful. However the good weather didn't last and scones don't survive in the rain. Two young mums also joined us Josie and Laurissa with their little ones. We made a profit of over £100, half of which will go to the Macmillan nurses.

At the end of September we have someone coming to talk to us about Road Safety. It is never too early or too late to learn. Many years ago I remember teaching Emma not to cross the road until the little green man had lit up. Sometime later she went adrift from the Alexander Centre thinking she could go to ballet classes at the Baptist Church. She had got quite a long way before Norman stopped her, perhaps the little green man kept her safe that day.

I wonder what rules of life we need to stick to more carefully to protect us in life?

God Bless
Pat Pollard.



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Prayer Pointers October 2004

<u>Sundays</u>	For a closer walk with God.
<u>Mondays</u>	Mothers with new babies.
<u>Tuesdays</u>	Those with long term illnesses.
<u>Wednesdays</u>	Marriage and bereavement counselling services.
<u>Thursdays</u>	Magistrates courts in the area.
<u>Fridays</u>	World peace and One World Week.
<u>Saturdays</u>	U.S.P.G. and similar organisations.

Services in our Benefice

3rd October Trinity 17

2 Timothy 1. 1 - 14, Luke 17. 5 - 10

Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Ospringe	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Harvest Festival
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Whitehill Chapel	10 a.m.	Breakfast followed by
	10.45 a.m.	Harvest Thanksgiving
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Oasis (New Service)

Tuesday 5th October

Whitehill Chapel	2.15 p.m.	Holy Communion
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10th October Trinity 18

2 Timothy 2. 8 - 15, Luke 17. 11 -19

Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling	10.30 a.m.	Freestyle
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Harvest Festival

17th October Trinity 19

2 Timothy 3. 14 - 4.5, Luke 18. 1 - 8

Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling Village Hall	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 Tide Service

24th October Trinity 20

2 Timothy 4. 6 - 8, 16 - 18, Luke 18. 9 - 14

Stalisfield	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Youngstyle
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Family Communion
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Sunday School
Whitehill Chapel	11 a.m.	People's Choice

31st October 4th Sunday before Advent

Ospringe	10.30 a.m	Thanksgiving Songs of Praise Special Benefice Service
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7th November 3rd Sunday before Advent

2 Thessalonians 2. 1 - 5, 13 - 17, Luke 20. 27 - 38

Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Ospringe	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Whitehill Chapel	10 a.m.	Breakfast followed by
	10.45 a.m.	Family People's Choice
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Oasis
St. Catherine's, Preston	6.30 p.m.	Bible Sunday Service

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

## Sharing Ministry in our Benefice

Priest in Charge Reverend Penny Fenton (01795 536366)  
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Reader Mr. Hugh Perks (01795 890603)  
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Reader Mr. Norman Fowler (01795 890412)  
4 Meesons Close, Eastling.

Methodist Minister Reverend Chris Esgate (01795 532461)  
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#### Churchwardens

Ospringe Miss C. Brightman (01795 531960)  
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Eastling Mr S. Youle (01795 890368)  
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Stalisfield with Otterden  
Joint Warden Mrs. J. Baker (01622 858332)  
Mrs S. Gaind (01622 858551)

Whitehill  
Steward Miss. B. Richards (01795 532756)

#### 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.

#### November 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 October 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

## From the Registers

#### Baptisms

LUKE CECIL Burgess  
MIA ROSE Burgess  
29th August 2004 at Ospringe

#### Weddings

Brian COLEMAN and Clare CORK  
4th September 2004 at Ospringe

Darren SMITH and Sarah KELF  
12th September 2004 at Ospringe

Trevor WEEKS and Lorraine BEAL  
18th September 2004 at Ospringe

## Ospringe in Bloom 2004

This year has seen some unusual spring and summer weather but, despite the tropical rain storms, the gardens in Ospringe Parish and the allotments look as good as ever. The allotments were judged on a Saturday in June. Despite the threat of rain, and some 'spits of rain, the judges visited all 90 allotments, ably led by the allotments manager Alan Gidlow. The allotments are a pleasure to visit. Pleasure on the eye, pleasure on the nose with some excellent fragrances. Alan 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. He also grows potatoes for the Henry Doubleday institute!

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 make use of a range of re-cycled material to provide storage, fences and growing frames.

The gardens were judged on a beautiful sunny morning in July. A good time to be out of the house and to take one's time to view the many excellent gardens in the Parish. Also, the opportunity to meet our hard working gardeners, all of whom im-

pressed 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. 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, John Griffin

*At the presentation evening in the Champion Hall on the 15th September the following were awarded:*

#### GARDENS

Best large front garden The Henry Macey Cup – Mr & Mrs B Neaves;  
Best small front garden The Richard Tovey Cup– Don & Kath Watts;  
Best hanging baskets The Gwendolin Thom Cup – The Alma;  
Most colourful garden The Carol Harman Cup –Paul & Frances Moskovits;  
Best vegetable garden The Stanley Wright Shield – Frances & Paul Moskovits;  
Outstanding colour The Robin Wood Shield – Mr & Mrs Eric Watts;  
Most interesting small garden The Joan Tovey Salver – Mrs Pat Macey;  
Highly commended – Mrs Joan Hart;  
Tallest Sunflower – Frances & Paul Moskovits

#### ALLOTMENTS

Best overall, The Chairman's Shield – David Hector;  
Runner-up Best overall, The Tassell Trophy – Brian Hulbert;  
2nd runner-up Best overall, The Henry S Tett shield – Ray Farenden;  
Best flowers, The Mansell Clay Shield – Mrs Gail Baylif;  
Best All round The Joyce Field Cup – Alan Gidlow;  
Best organic The Joyce Field Shield – Geoff & Ann Brown;  
Best Newcomer The Winnie Wright salver – Sandra Simpson;  
Commended - Brian Hubbard, Philip Rootes, R Ansell, Mr D Collins, Mr H Chapman.

## EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

At their September meeting councillors discussed the possibility of lowering the speed limit through the village. Cllr. Prescott was present and told the meeting that Tunstall now has a 20mph limit with, similar to Eastling, houses on one side of the street only. The parish council has requested a meeting with the highways department.

•Despite having the funds available, the proposed bus shelter at Glebe cottages has been put on hold. Moat Housing seemed unwilling to give consent to using their land and local residents were worried about possible vandalism. •Cllr. Nigel Bikerdike agreed to take over the role of Tree Warden for Eastling. • There was some concern about the reinstatement of footpaths following ploughing. • Some people have experienced difficulty accessing the new village website and this will be discussed at the next meeting. • The National Association of Parish Councils advises all Parish Councils to adopt a complaints procedure in their standing orders. Cllr. Prescott suggested Eastling look into this matter. The next meeting is on Monday, 8th November at 8pm.

## Eastling Village Barbecue

The sudden gust of wind which damaged the Trustees' brand new marquee was not a good start to the Eastling Village Hall Barbecue on Bank Holiday Monday. But the determination of 80 plus Eastling residents to enjoy themselves shone through - as did the sun for the duration of the afternoon.

A lot of hard work was put into the event by the Trustees and their army of helpers. Once again, the meat for the barbecue was provided by Rooks the Butchers (what have we done to deserve such generosity?) and the ladies provided salads and a wonderful array of desserts. Left-overs of the delicious desserts were quickly snapped up in exchange for a small contribution and could quite easily have been sold off many times over, such was their popularity.

Although the event was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, it was tinged with the sadness of saying farewell to the guests of honour, Tony and Mary O'Regan from the Carpenters Arms, who are shortly retiring to sunnier climes. To thank them for their valuable support for the Hall over the years, the Trustees presented Tony and Mary with a crystal hurricane lamp and hoped that when they were dining by candlelight on their warm terrace they would spare a thought for their friends in Eastling.

What has now become an annual event is a wonderful way of getting the village together for some fun, but it does also raise funds to help towards the maintenance and continual improvement of the Hall. This year's estimate of profits stands at around £370 - as if the enjoyment of the afternoon was not enough. The Trustees sincerely thank all helpers and everyone who attended. Roll on next August!

Sue Parry

Hon. Sec to Trustees



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## Eastling Short Mat Bowls

The Club played twelve friendly matches arranged by Eastling Cherries Captain during the summer months, including Bysingwood, Tunstall, Wormshill, Chilham and A.R.C.A. of Canterbury once. Between twelve and seventeen members have enjoyed these extra games, played under very friendly conditions, as they help to sharpen play. With the alterations to the hall carried out by members, Eastling Cherries now has the facility for three mats which the members thoroughly enjoy and means the club can accommodate more players. Members are looking forward to the rest of the summer fixtures against other clubs and then the league season, which begins in October.

The Wednesday afternoon sessions have started again at 2pm, with regular club meetings continuing on Friday afternoons from 2.30 to 4.30 pm and evenings 7.30 - 9.30pm.

After the introduction with the school, the club is going to see Mr Walsh and ask if they would like to try another session. It is possible to run a youth session on Fridays from 5 - 7pm, with a small playing fee. If you are interested in joining the either the adults or younger members please contact Roy Piles on 537162.

### The Eastling 'Rural Ride',

held on 28th August, proved very success. Twenty three riders, many of them locals, took part in the event organised by the West Street Tickham Hunt. The ride was blessed with glorious weather allowing riders to enjoy the splendid countryside of Eastling, Belmont and Newnham.

West Street Tickham Hunt are having a **Quiz Night** on Saturday 13th November in Eastling Village Hall. Tables of six at £5.00 per head (Wine and nibbles included) can be booked on 01795 890242. Everyone welcome.



## Craft Fayre

Saturday 13th November  
in the Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal

Open at 10am,

Exhibitors from 8am.

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Wood turning, glass painting  
crochet/knitting, jewellery  
and more

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support the crafts.

## PUDDLEDUCKS Playgroup

The children will sample different fruit and vegetables and make a colourful picture to celebrate Harvest. We will continue to look at a different number and letter each week and there will be time for lots of free play as well. Half term is from 25th to 29th October inclusive.

Any enquiries to Jill Seaman,  
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# October



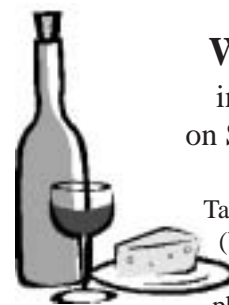
## 2004

### Diary

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|------|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| 2nd  | Jumble Sale                      | 1.30pm       | Eastling School Hall           |
| 2nd  | Harvest Decorations              | 2pm          | Champion Hall                  |
| 5th  | Faversham Art Society            | 7.15pm       | United Church Hall, Faversham  |
| 6th  | Wildlife Talk at Gardeners' Club | 7.30pm       | Eastling Village Hall          |
| 6th  | Ospringe Parish Council          | 7.30pm       | Champion Hall                  |
| 8th  | Pie & Crumble Sale               | 2.50pm       | Eastling School Hall           |
| 8th  | Craft Club                       | 6.15pm       | Champion Hall                  |
| 8th  | Quiz Party                       | 7.30pm       | Stalisfield Village Hall       |
| 9th  | Autumn Feast                     | 7 for 7.30pm | Champion Hall                  |
| 13th | Ospringe Parish Council          | 7.30pm       | Whitehill Chapel               |
| 14th | Afternoon Club (Bingo)           | 2pm          | Champion Hall                  |
| 15th | Deadline for October Good News   |              |                                |
| 15th | Harvest Auction                  | 2.30pm       | Eastling School Hall           |
| 15th | Craft Club                       | 6.15pm       | Champion Hall                  |
| 19th | W.I.                             | 2.15pm       | Champion Hall                  |
| 21st | FOES A.G.M.                      | 7.30pm       | Eastling School Hall           |
| 26th | Magazine Folding                 | 2pm          | Ospringe Church and Pinks Farm |
| 28th | Afternoon Club (Board Games)     | 2pm          | Champion Hall                  |

### FUTURE DATES

|               |                                          |        |                       |
|---------------|------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| 6th November  | Fireworks Party                          |        | Ospringe School       |
| 11th November | Christmas Shopping evening               |        | Eastling              |
| 13th November | Craft Fayre                              | 10am   | Champion Hall         |
| 13th November | Quiz Night                               |        | Eastling Village Hall |
| 20th November | Wine & Wisdom                            | 7.30pm | Eastling Village Hall |
| 7th December  | Eastling Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch |        |                       |



All proceeds to Eastling Senior Citizens lunch which will be on Tuesday 7th December.



## WANTED

A mature, responsible, caring person to baby-sit 2 Donkeys in the Painters Forstal/Eastling area, whilst their parents take holiday and occasional weekends away throughout the year. Although experience with equines would be an advantage, a real animal lover is what we need.

Please telephone  
01795 890043

### Eastling Gardeners' Club

Wednesday 6th October at 7.30 pm  
in the Village Hall  
'Wildlife on the Downs'

an illustrated talk by Robert Canis  
Followed by drinks and nibbles  
Free to members,  
£2.50 for non members



## OSPRINGE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting is the Wednesday 6th October, 7.30pm at Champion Hall, which the Public are welcome to attend.

### Wine and Wisdom

in Eastling Village Hall  
on Saturday 20th November  
at 7.30pm.

Tables of six at £4.00 per head  
(Wine and nibbles included)  
can be booked by  
phoning Norman on 890242.

### Afternoon Club

Activities for October:  
14th Bingo  
28th Board Games  
2pm in Champion Hall,  
Painter's Forstal.  
New members welcome.

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

October meeting on Tuesday 19th  
is in Champion Hall at 2.15pm.

Lt Col Fairclough will talk on  
*A Person-Shaped Space*.  
The competition is for a small  
flower arrangement.

### Faversham Art Society

Tuesday 5th October  
Bret Hudson - Humorous  
Watercolours.

Raffle for watercolour set.  
7.15 for 7.30pm in United Church  
Hall, Preston Street.  
New members welcome, contact the  
Secretary on 01233 621167.

### Lovely apartment

to let in secluded village of Eastling. Fully  
furnished and equipped. £500 pcm including  
utility bills and council tax. Stables and  
storage also available. Ring Julia Bailey at  
The Eastling Centre 01795 890746  
.www.holidayhorse.com.



**JUMBLE SALE**  
Saturday 2nd October  
1.30pm in  
Eastling School Hall.

Our "Aratta" ladies group, all women without husbands, have become our very valuable 'case workers' who work like our social workers, visiting the families and also befriending the family. In this way, wonderful friendships are being formed and this is really wonderful.

As well as Philip and me, we have Janet and my Valerie, working tirelessly and diligently 'behind the scenes' as it were. Valerie sends out all the receipts and 'Thank you' letters, whilst Janet is now busily going to put all the newsletters into the envelopes and get them posted off to you. David, Maureen and Ilene, three of our 4 packing' volunteers, work in the

## British Humanitarian Aid

*a news update from Tony Budell*

Our very dear friends, once again we send you our love and heartfelt thanks for your truly wonderful support of our endeavours in the Chernigov/Chernobyl region of the Ukraine. We have thus far this year sent five 40 ton truck loads of humanitarian aid and each truck is loaded to the gunnels with the much needed humanitarian aid. Clothing, shoes, bedding, food, toiletries, toys, items for handicapped children and adults, etc.

I have recently returned home having spent an entire month in Chernigov. We are now beginning to make significant differences to the lives of so many impoverished families and this is very good news indeed. I usually only spend two weeks at a time in the Ukraine, trying to fit in as much as possible, but this visit was a nice relaxed one and therefore far more enjoyable for me.

As well as visiting some of our orphanages and our four community centres, I also met some truly extraordinary people. One of these was, Tanya, a really delightful and positive

lady. Four years ago, sadly, her husband was killed, leaving Tanya with an eight year old daughter to bring up. The following year, the bus that Tanya was travelling in, was involved in a crash with a lorry and, sadly, Tanya lost both legs at the knees. Now 34 years old with a 12 year old daughter, Dana, to raise, she contacted our Aratta community centre. I went along with Natasha, one of our 'case workers' to see how we could be of help to Tanya ..... It turned out that Tanya did not want help from us, quite the reverse, she wanted to know how she could help Aratta? Her idea was to run a small magazine, aimed at other handicapped people living in the Chernigov region. Her wonderfully positive attitude to life, raising her daughter in a way that shows "She does not have a mother who is handicapped in any way" is a remarkable testament to her indomitable courage. On meeting such people, one's own life is changed irrevocably and, when it was time to leave Tanya's home, I left totally elated and smiling from having spent such

precious time with her. In her kitchen is a 40 year old gas boiler and this we are going to have replaced with a new one that she can have at a more convenient level. Philip is going to help get her magazine off the ground, so all in all, a marvellous story to relate to you all. Our ongoing endeavours on behalf of these very kindly Ukrainian people can only continue with your wonderful support and generosity, because without you we can do nothing. The biggest problem we have is raising the necessary funds to expand our work. We fully appreciate that you are continually being asked to support this charity or that charity and that each one of you can only do so much. If you are able to help us with our funding, then our very grateful thanks goes out to you, but having said that, we would never ever ask you to donate more than you can reasonably afford, as knowing this fact would sadden us greatly.

This year has seen Philip working tremendously hard on our behalf, contacting

suppliers of various items useful for our supported schools and orphanages, plumbing equipment, toilets, washbasins etc. that they may be able to donate to us. This has been very successful indeed.

We are shortly putting in a washroom at our Timkii orphanage that will benefit the 60 handicapped children there enormously, especially once the winter weather arrives. We are also refurbishing toilet and washing facilities at the orphanages at Novokievka and Komorovka, neglected for many years and currently unusable.

We are effectively helping 22 orphanages, as well as our 4 "Aratta" community centres with over 300 new families now seeking our help every month. We try never to turn anyone away, giving as much help and emotional support as we possibly can.