

Ospringe School Association

The Ospringe School Association would like to entertain you, and to raise funds to help with the education of our children. The Fireworks display will be held on Saturday 4th November

at seven o'clock. Tickets will be available from the school - 01795 - 532004, or from the school office, or from any OSA officer. Book early to avoid disappointment - this has been a very popular event for the past few years.

Don't miss our Christmas Shopping extravaganza on Monday 13th November, 2 - 5pm at the school where you could possibly get all of your Christmas purchases, or at least make a significant inroads into your needs, without too many crowds, and over a cup of tea, and one of our very famous cakes. Entry free to all - bring large bags! Our famous Christmas Fayre is on 2nd December,

11am - 1pm in the School Hall, with your best opportunity of meeting Father Christmas, and our many other attractions. Our renowned Cake Stall will once again be open for business. More Tombolas than you could possibly shake a stick at. Attractions and Activities for Children of all ages - up to about ninety seven. Our teas, and seasonal snacks, will be available for your delight.

Help us to help the children's education and the other centre of the community.

Andrew Shepherd

S.CLUB

meets on

SUNDAY 15th OCTOBER

10am

EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

6-10 years come along to XSTREAM

11-15 years come along to The GRID

for more info

contact Leigh 890 149

Kids' Club

Craft Club

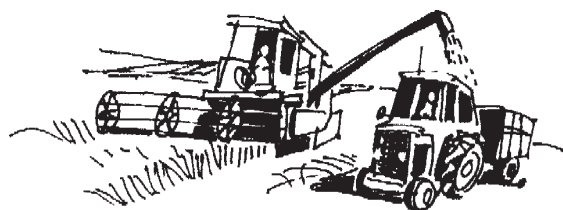
October 6th and 20th

6.15 - 7.15pm

Champion Hall

50p a session.

Contact number 532756.



'Ospringe School would like to wish all of its former pupils all of the very best in their new schools in the new school year.

Remember that there is something special about the children from Ospringe'



'Ospringe School will be holding their **Harvest Festival on Thursday 12th October** - with produce to be distributed to the residents of the Village. All donations gratefully received - but not too far in advance of the festival itself - please'

MOUSE HOLE

The Sower and the Seed

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 eaten by the birds.

Some of it fell on rocky ground, when the plants sprouted, they dried up because the soil was dry.

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

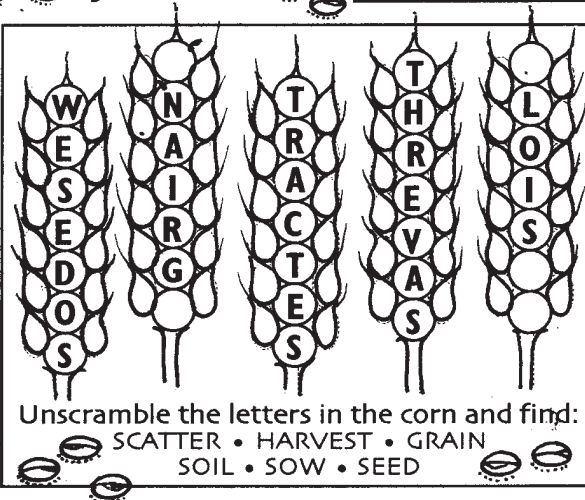
Read the rest of the story and find out what it means in Luke 8: 4 - 15

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

Seed Heads

- Cut a leg from an old pair of ladies tights.
- Stuff to the middle two large handfuls of sawdust.
- Tie the two ends together to make a ball.
- Leave the ends about 10cm long and cut off the rest.
- Pinch out a ball of sawdust and tie with thread to make a nose.
- Sew or glue on eyes, mouth and ears.
- Paint the top of the head with P.V.A glue then sprinkle with grass seed. When the glue is dry, water the head and put on a pot filled with water. Make sure the ends of the tights are in the water and top up every day.

When the grass hair grows, give him a haircut!



Come, ye thankful people, Come, raise the song of harvest-home!

Ospringe Harvest Festival

Ospringe Church
Sunday 15th October
11am

Harvest Lunch
Ospringe School
12.30pm

More details
inside front cover

Eastling Harvest Festival Eastling Church Sunday 1st October 10am

Come and meet
Rev'd, Caroline Pinchbeck,
our new Priest in Charge,
and Jo Gilkes,
our Youth Worker.

Special performance by
Eastling Puppet Club

Join us on the School Field
at 11am

Eastling V Stalisfield
TUG of WAR
for the Eastling Cup
(Cheer leaders welcome)

Bring and Share Lunch

12 Noon

in the Village Hall

Bring a plate of food and share
Soft drinks, tea and coffee available
(Please bring your own wine or beer)

Painter's Forstal HARVEST FESTIVAL Whitehill Chapel Sunday 1st October

Service at 10.40am

Brunch at 10am

The chapel will be decorated on
Saturday 30th September at 2pm.

All gifts of fruit, vegetables and
flowers will be gratefully received
at that time at the chapel.

Proceeds from the sale of the fruit
and vegetables after the service,
and the collection, will be donated
to 'British Humanitarian Aid'.

We welcome everyone who would
like to join us.

If you are able to join us for the
Brunch before the service, please
phone 532756, to ensure food
enough for all.

OASIS

11am

Sunday 1st October

Informal worship in

Ospringe Church

with guest speaker

MARTIN COLLINGS

**The Holy Spirit
and Healing**



Commemoration
of the Faithful Departed

Service at

Ospringe Church

Sunday 29th October at 6pm.

All welcome.

Good News

Parish Magazine

October 2006

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

Dear Friends

Autumn is upon us with all the richness of colour that the end of the summer season brings. Right at the start of this month, we celebrate Harvest. I say ‘celebrate’ but for many that is not wholly truthful, for it is the time when farmers see how much they will be paid for their crops as they no longer dictate the price. During this month it will become apparent as to whether their labours have truly paid off. With huge machinery guzzling as much as 25 gallons of diesel an hour, paid for ‘up front’ it is only now that they can see and predict their budget for the coming year.

It is easy to compare with the 3rd world and comment on how fortunate we are; how comfortable, and, as you know, I have first hand experience of the 3rd world farming problems. But with the higher overheads, greater consumer demands, etc., the worries of our own farming communities must not be denied. Now is a real time for concern for them. But of course we, along with the farmers, do

‘celebrate’ that there IS a harvest; that farming is possible; that food is accessible and that God gives us the wherewithal; seed, soil, water, warmth, machinery, knowledge and expertise.

Bishop Stephen made a comment some time back at a service I attended – he asked the question ‘would anyone recognise you as a Christian by the contents of your shopping trolley at the supermarket?’. I wonder

Responsible shopping does come at a price - we know that, but it is really our want of ‘more for less’ that ultimately puts our farmers in trouble. Not only could our shopping habits prove to help the planet, help abolish slavery and establish fairer trading around the world, but it could, in the long run, help our own farmers too. So, do our shopping trolleys tell the story of self indulgence and greed, or responsibility? We read in the bible how, at creation, God ‘gave people dominion’ over all that is in the world. That means responsibility rather than power to exercise greed and selfishness. I know I must rise to Bishop Stephen’s challenge

and read more of the labels before I put things in my trolley. Is it a challenge perhaps we should all take on together?

What I do know is that I am so glad that I live where I live and I thank the local farmers for joining in with God’s creative activity and providing not only food for our tables, but wonderful changing views in the surrounding countryside!

We have much to celebrate; much to give thanks for, so do come and celebrate at our Harvest Festival.

In our gardens we clean and sweep, pick and prune ready for the seemingly ‘sleepy’ period of winter, but let us not forget that God is never asleep, not anywhere in His creation – the fields, the gardens or in our lives. He is at work bringing us closer together as a new ‘pair’ of parishes and there is, I’m sure, an exciting ‘spring’ waiting for us all. So while the earth appears to be sleeping this winter, let’s keep working with God in His activity in this locality.

With love – Ali.
Priest in Charge of Ospringe and Davington

Services at Ospringe this month

HARVEST

We are celebrating Harvest this year on the 15th October at our Family Service. Do come and join us at this informal service to give thanks for all our bounty! This year our collection will go towards assisting the Church in Madagascar build a much needed Cathedral - they have some 2000 people wanting to join together for worship every week with nowhere to go. The building will cost just £25,000 and the Diocese of Canterbury has an ongoing link with the Diocese of Madagascar and has agreed to help with this project. We have decided to be a part of that aid. So do come to celebrate Harvest and help others at the same time.

Following the service we will have a **HARVEST LUNCH** in the School Hall (12.30) to which you are all warmly invited. Ploughmans and Apple Pie! If you can help with donations of Bread, cheese, salad, apple pie(s), cream etc please contact Mrs Sally Wheatley who is organising the event. 01795 534528. At lunch we will serve tea, coffee and squash but do please bring your own wine/beer/juice. There will be no entry charge as such, but again, a donation plate for the Church in Madagascar.

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

This service will be held on Sunday 29th October at 6pm. We will remember and pray for our departed loved ones specifically at this time. It is a quiet, reflective service (with some hymns) and candles will be lit for each person remembered. If you would like a loved one mentioned by name, please contact Revd Ali Duguid beforehand 01795 533272 if possible. Otherwise please arrive early and give the name to Ali before the service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Help is desperately needed for Sunday School from November onwards. If you feel able to be part of a team that could assist with young children during our non Family Service times we would LOVE to hear from you. We have lots of materials - you don’t need to be a qualified teacher, - just someone with a heart for children, whatever your age. If you would like to know more of what it may involve or would like to offer to help please contact Revd Ali Duguid 01795 533272

Watch this space.....

ALADDIN’S CAVE

might well be open again this year on Thursday November 23rd with proceeds going to Ospringe Church Funds. This is a very popular event and planning is afoot, so look out for next months magazine for details!



You are invited to:

OASIS

11am

Sunday 1st October
Ospringe Church
with guest speaker
MARTIN COLLINGS

The Holy Spirit and Healing



Eastling Carol Service

Sunday 24th December

4pm

Choir Practices

Practices for the annual carol service will be in Eastling Church on Sunday evenings, 5 - 6pm

starting 13th November.

All voice parts welcome.

Further details from Andrew Baxter on 01795 890598



Keep Fit in October

Fitness Classes @ Eastling Village Hall

WEDNESDAYS

6.00pm GENTLE EXERCISE

7.00pm BUMS, LEGS & TUMS

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8.00pm DISCO FATBURNER

THURSDAYS

9.15 am FITNESS PILATES

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Prayer Pointers October 2006



Sundays

That we may care for God’s creation.

Mondays

That those recently confirmed may persevere.

Tuesdays

Organists, Choirs and Music Groups.

Wednesdays

Teenagers leaving home for the first time.

Thursdays

The Security Services.

Fridays

The United Nations peace keeping forces.

Saturdays

Medical Missions.

Welcome to Revd. Caroline Pinchbeck

After what seems like an age, I have now moved into Eastling. The welcome has been warm, generous and very hospitable. It was good to meet some of the parishioners over the last few weeks, and at my licensing. I hope that it is not too long before I meet more of you. As we begin our harvest thanksgiving services, let us give thanks for a good harvest and for those in our communities who work and tend the land.

October continues with the theme of new beginnings as we welcome Jo Gilkes, our new youth worker who will living and working in Eastling. Please remember her in your prayers as she moves into our community.

Caroline
Priest in Charge of Eastling and Stalisfield with Otterden



“With Thunder and Lightning!”

A grand welcome and congratulations were offered to Revd. Caroline Pinchbeck who was licensed, in September, as Priest in Charge of Eastling and Stalisfield with Otterden, and Rural Life Advisor for the Dioceses of Canterbury and Rochester, by the Right Reverend Stephen Venner, Bishop in Canterbury and Bishop of Dover. Also present were the Archdeacons of Canterbury and Rochester, representatives from Church in Society, General and Diocesan Synods plus the Area Dean and Lay Co-Chairman of the Ospringe Deanery Synod and many local clergy.

Over 30 parishioners and their Priest, who had travelled from Caroline's former parish in Cornwall to witness the ceremony and say their farewells, were joined by many Eastling, Stalisfield and Otterden folk as the clergy processed into the church followed by the Church Wardens leading the Bishop.

Church Warden Audrey Smith, on behalf of all the wardens, expressed her thanks to the many people who had helped with the evening; preparing the church, the school hall, food, music and in many other ways.



During the service Trevor Fentiman - Mayor of Faversham, Dave Walsh - Headteacher of Eastling School and Peter Cheeseman - Chairman of the Parish Council, all formally welcomed Revd. Pinchbeck in her new post. Despite the thunder, lightning and torrential downpour as the congregation left the church, many found their way to the school hall where refreshments awaited them. The church was wonderfully decorated thanks to the wedding the previous Saturday of Jessie Turner and David Hood.

Come and join us for the new series of

Sunday Freestyle

The Sayings of Jesus

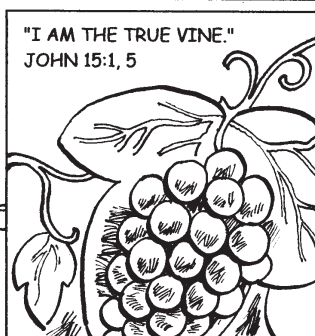
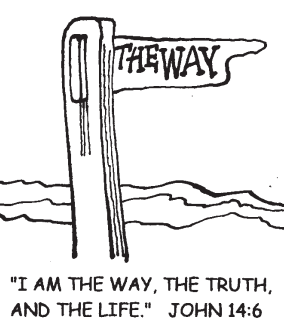
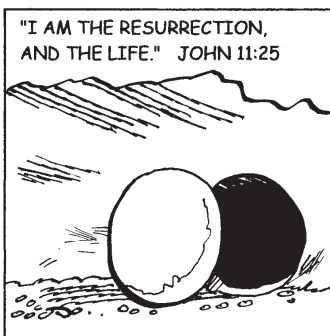
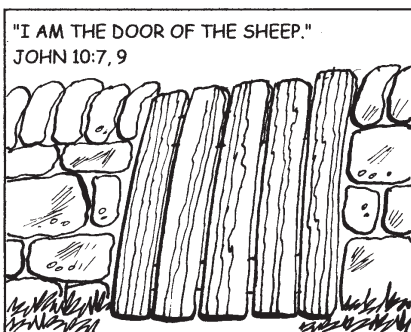
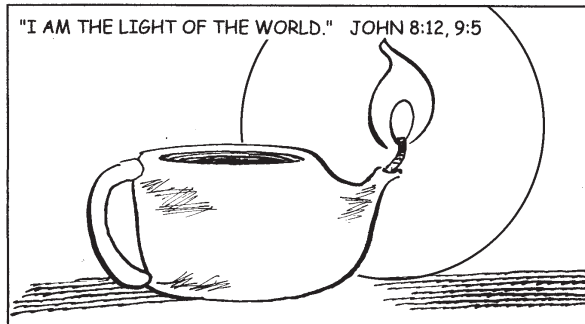
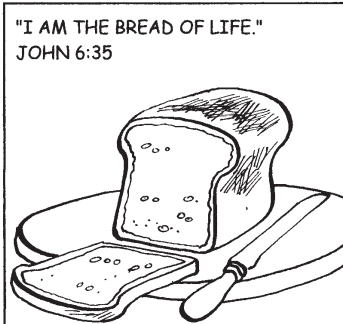
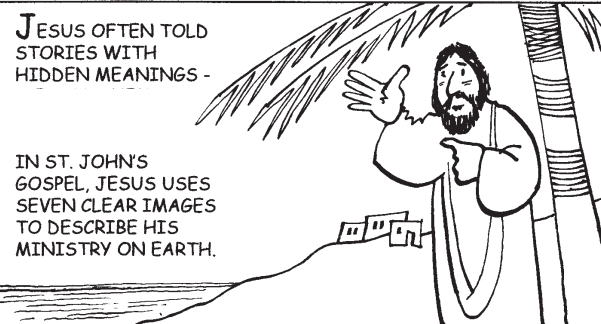
10.30am

Sunday 8th October

Come for breakfast
from 10am

in Eastling Church

The "I am" sayings in St. John's Gospel



Canterbury Diocesan Fellowship of Healing and Wholenes
AUTUMN STUDY DAY
 Saturday 14th October
 9.30am - 4.30pm
 Wye Parish Church
The God who (still) heals today
 See October Outlook for more details or phone Helen Pritchard on 01843 865588.

Lady available for general household duties etc.
 Good references available.
 Own transport.
 Phone 01795 532627

St Luke's Service
Canterbury Cathedral Crypt
Sunday 22nd October, 6.30pm
 This annual service of Healing and Wholenes is an opportunity to come together and worship in this sacred place. Archdeacon Patrick will be in conversation with Christo Thiarth and the service will conclude with the laying on of hands for Wholeness and Blessing. All welcome.

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The new series of
Sunday Freestyle
 begins on 8th October
 10.30am in Eastling Church.
 We will be looking at the *Sayings of Jesus* through the months ahead, such as the "I am" sayings in St John's gospel.
 Freestyle is open to everyone taking a fresh look at the words and teaching of Jesus.
 Complimentary breakfast of Hot Croissants, Fresh Coffee, Tea or Juice served from 10am.
 If you would like something a bit different on a Sunday morning - come and join us, you will be very welcome.
 For further information phone 890338.

For the young at heart try
Youngstyle
 Sunday 22nd October
 10am Eastling Church
 Half an hour of fast fun and songs with children in mind.
 Dramas, readings and prayers led by members of S Club. All ages welcome, refreshments afterwards.

Community Care Services for Adults
 The September 2006 Kent Adult Services document explains the definition of community care, eligibility criteria and range of services which may be able to be accessed. Direct Payments is also covered. People aged 18 and over who may need community care services include those with needs arising from:
 • Old age and physical weakness
 • Physical disabilities
 • Sensory disabilities (problems with hearing or sight)
 • Learning disabilities
 • Mental health difficulties
 Community Care also takes account of the needs of carers. The document defines a Carer as a person, usually a relative or friend, who provides care on a voluntary basis.

For a copy of the publication in full Email <socialservices.leaflets@kent.gov.uk> or tel: 08458 247100.
 More details from Kent Adult Services, East Kent Area Office, St Peters House Dane Valley Road, St Peters, Broadstairs, Kent CT10 3JJ
 Tel: 01843 860000

Ospringe Parish Council
 The Parish Council met on the 6th September
 There has been a build up mud and flints on several of the roads within the Parish. These include Box lane, Vicarage Lane and Scotts Lane. This has been reported to Swale Borough Council requesting that they send out the road sweeping vehicle.
 The foot pegs on the playground rocker, in Painters Forstal, have been replaced. The Council await a quotation for an improvement to the Goal 'posts' on the green.
 The council received a report confirming that the wall at Green Lees has been repaired.
 Following the advertisement in Good News the Council have interviewed for the position of Parish Clerk. It is anticipated that the new Clerk will commence work shortly.
Young People in the Parish
 The Council are looking at a scheme

called Rural Streetrunner that has run successfully in Parishes near Canterbury for the 10 to 18 age group. In essence, a fully equipped van, with trained staff, visits the Parish and helps provide a range of activities. These include Sports, Arts & crafts, Karaoke & music. There is also a programme of topics and themes of interest to young people, for example current issues of your people today, participation, local decision-making. To take forward the scheme in our area we would need to work with other local Parishes to share the cost. Also, we will need Parent advisors and helpers and most importantly we need to consult the local young people. In the short term the council will look to forge links with other parishes and to investigate any funding from KCC that is available. The strength of the Parish for any bid is that we have a village hall.

4th October St. Francis of Assisi

St Francis (1181 - 1226) is surely one of the most attractive and best-loved of all the saints. But he began by being anything but a saint. Born the son of a wealthy cloth-merchant of Assisi, Francis' youth was spent in fast-living, parties and on fast horses as a leader of the young society of the town. Then he went to the war between Assisi and Perugia, and was taken prisoner for a year.

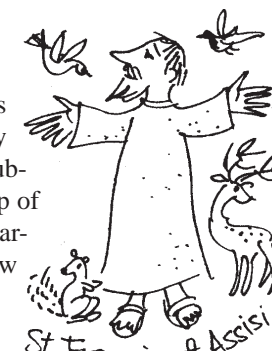
By the time of his release, Francis had changed. Perhaps his own suffering had awakened him to that of others. In any case, he abandoned warfare and carousing, and began to help the poor and the lepers of his area. Then one day a voice which seemed to come from the crucifix in the small, semi-derelict church of Damiano Assisi 'Go and repair my house, which you see is falling down'.

This religious experience was a vital turning point in Francis' life: Jesus Christ became very real and immediate to him. His first action was to begin repairing the church, having sold some of his father's cloth to pay for materials. His father was not amused, in fact he was

furiously - until Francis renounced his inheritance and even his clothes by his dramatic stripping off in the public square of the town. The Bishop of Assisi provided him with simple garments, and Francis began his new life.

His inspiration was always religious, not social, and the object of his quest was always the Crucified Christ, not Lady Poverty for her own sake. Francis rebuilt San Damiano, and then travelled as a pilgrim. His compassion for the poor and lepers became famous. Soon disciples joined him, and they set up a communal life in simple wattle and daub huts. They went on occasional preaching tours. (Not until later did they become an Order whose theologians won fame in the Universities.)

In 1219 Francis visited the Holy Land, and his illusions about the Crusaders were shattered. He went on to seek out the Sultan, and tried to convert him. Back home, he found his Order was now 5,000 strong, and growing.



Francis stepped down as head, but continued to preach and was immensely popular. He died after a prolonged illness at 45, and was canonised in 1228.

Francis' close rapport with the animal creation was well known. The story of his preaching to the birds has always been a favourite scene from his life. He also tamed the wolf of Gubbio. This affinity emphasises his consideration for, and sense of identity with, all elements of the physical universe, as seen in his Canticle of the Sun. This makes him an apt patron of nature conservation.

The 20th century witnessed a widespread revival of interest in Francis. Sadly, some films and books caricatured him as only a sentimental nature-lover or a hippie drop out from society. This ignores the real sternness of his character, and his all-pervasive love of God and identification with Christ's sufferings, which alone make sense of his life.

Two ancient, and many modern English churches are dedicated to him.

Editor's note: If you are visiting Herne Bay or Reculver, St. Mary's Church, Reculver, situated next to Hillborough School, has a lovely stained glass window depicting St. Francis.

The Otterden Letterbox
 A new wall built in front of The Old Rectory, Otterden, has been provided with an attractive niche to house the letterbox which has been located there since Victorian times. While building was going on Royal Mail closed the box, but a campaign by local residents persuaded them to open it again and it is now once more in regular use. It is a valuable local facility - use it or lose it!



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Services in our Churches

Ministry in our Parishes

1st October Trinity 16		
James 5. 13 - end, Mark 9. 38 - end		
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.	Harvest Festival
Stalisfield	9 a.m.	Holy Communion
Eastling	10 a.m.	Harvest Festival

Tuesday 3rd October		
Whitehill Chapel	2.15 p.m.	Holy Communion

8th October Trinity 17		
Hebrews 1. 1 - 4; 2. 5 - 12, Mark 10. 2 - 16		
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.	Freestyle
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)

15th October Trinity 18		
Hebrews 4. 12 - end, Mark 10. 17 - 31		
Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Harvest Festival
Davington	10.30 a.m.	Parish Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer

22nd October Trinity 19		
Hebrews 5. 1 - 10, Mark 10. 35 - 45		
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.	Youngstyle

29th October Last Sunday after Trinity		
Hebrews 7. 23 - end, Mark 10. 46 - end		
Davington	10.30 a.m.	Joint Parish Communion
Ospringe	6 p.m.	Commemoration of the
		Faithful Departed
Stalisfield	10.30 a.m.	Joint Service

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

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		
<b>Churchwardens</b>		
<b>Ospringe</b>	Miss C. Brightman	(01795 531960)
	Mr. P. Larter	(01795 531044)
<b>Whitehill</b>	Miss. B. Richards	(01795 532756)
Steward		
<b>Eastling</b>	Mr S. Youle	(01795 890368)
	Mrs. A. Smith	(01795 890469)
<b>Stalisfield with Otterden</b>		
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.

**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 Current and back copies of Good News are available on the website: www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews/

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

From the Registers

**Baptisms**  
  
GEORGE EDWARD Hartman  
27th August 2006 at Ospringe  
  
CHLOE PAIGE Link  
3rd September 2006 at Ospringe  
  
MARC WILLIAM Stewart  
THEO EDWIN Stewart  
3rd September 2006 at Ospringe  
  
MILLIE AVA Goodwin  
17th September 2006 at Ospringe  
  
ELSIE ANN Leicester  
23rd September 2006 at Ospringe  
  
ADAM MICHAEL Thomas  
RYAN FRANK Thomas  
24th September 2006 at Ospringe  
  
**Confirmations**  
  
ELIZABETH CAROLINE Solway,  
17th September 2006  
JODY LOUISE Deeprise,  
17th September 2006  
MARY ROSE ANNE Deeprise,  
17th September 2006  
all at St. Mary of Charity, Faversham  
  
**Weddings**  
  
Elissa Marie BOURNE and Atila TURAY  
2nd September 2006 at Eastling  
  
Jessie Gabrielle Katherine TURNER  
and David Ronald HOOD  
9th September 2006 at Eastling  
  
Caroline Margaret DAVEY  
and Robin Geoffrey GIPSON  
16th September 2006 at Eastling  
  
Tracey Lyn WHITEHEAD and Glenn BURDEN  
22nd September 2006 at Ospringe

**Funerals**  
  
Kathleen Margaret SNOAD  
Cremation at Charing on 25th August 2006  
  
Allan George HANN  
Cremation at Charing on 4th September 2006  
  
John Alfred HOWLAND  
Cremation at Charing on 5th September 2006



Do your days rush by at a hectic pace?

Have you ever stopped to think that your mobile phone and emails have not given you more time? Just more things to do in the same amount of time. We leave our messages in one place while we take our bodies elsewhere. Instead of doing one thing after another, we shoot out a varieties of tasks, and then swoop down on them later, needing to deal with them all at once.

In a four minute clip from a street scene from an old Orson Welles film and a similar clip from a more recent film, you will see an amazing difference. In the early film, the camera records 'real time' – people get out of their cars, walk across streets, wait for lights, speak to other people, enter a bank. In the more recent film, a similar sequence was reduced to a half a dozen quick cuts. Transition time was eliminated.

Modern life teaches us that 'down time' is wasted. Time is money. So mobile phones, emails, etc, enable us to 'waste' less time. The tempo of cultural life picks up, the heart-beat of daily life races, and our own body rhythms respond with adrenaline, cramped muscles and heart attacks.

To take out for daily prayer, for a quiet walk that is not to the next meeting, for daydreaming or for Bible study becomes a cross-cultural act. Following Christ, waiting on him, is a countercultural act.

One lovely biblical phrase is 'in the fullness of time, it came to pass'. This suggests four things: that time crests like a wave; that there is a right moment for things to happen; that it's not ours to plan that moment, but to recognise it; and that we are not the primary agents of what happens in the world.

So feel free to accept God's offer of rest when you are weary; receive each moment of your life as a gift from God's hand; pray to discern what each new encounter you make requires of you, and freely entrust everything else to God's care.

10 years ago on this day  
**29th September 1996**  
**in Canterbury Cathedral**  
Pat Pollard was ordained Deacon  
and Penny Fenton was ordained Priest.  
Congratulations to you both.



# FROM THE ORGAN SEAT

I was invited by Lauren's Granny to her church on Friday, 8th September. It was another ORGAN RECITAL by David Flood at St. Bartholomew's Church, Herne Bay. The church was built in the early 20th Century of brick and is spacious inside. The organ is a three manual one, which was installed by the voluntary labour of Graham Clifford, Organist from 1968, helped by the choirboys and aided by young Malcolm Hall who is now a Director of F.H.Browne Organ Company. It came from Hollingbourne and their 2 manual Henry Jones Organ went to Challock! Graham is a remarkable man and must have spent all his spare time on this. It was a joy to walk in the chamber and see the different pipes in ranks from the back of the organ. David's concert was fantastic and we heard pieces from Buxtehude (1637 - 1707) to Flor Peeters (1903 - 1986). The young J.S.Bach walked miles to hear Dietrich Buxtehude play his organ which had pedals! Obviously Bach was converted! David gave a fine performance of Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D. The Toccata was *Top of the Pops* in the early 1980s and I remember the Eason brothers asked me to play it and were thrilled! Perhaps that is one I should learn to play properly!

I have been working on Sweelinck's 'Unter der Linden', and was pleased when I could play all 4 sections. Now I am trying Boyce Symphony No. 4 which includes the well known Gavotte. I heard this played on Classic FM, liked it and found I had a copy!

### BLESSING

From today and always may we:  
Look upon each person we meet  
with the eyes of Christ;  
Speak to each person we meet  
with the words of Christ;  
And go wherever we are led  
with the peace of Christ.  
Amen  
*From the Community of Aidan & Hilda*  
God bless, Vicky.

EXTRA  
I bumped into Maggie Peaple and she was telling me that she and Rob were busy getting their daughter, Vicky, ready to fly out to Rwanda. I told her about our M.U. connection with the Rwandan Diocese of Cyangugu and Bishop Geoffrey Rwubusisi and his wife, Mary, and of their work there. Vicky is in the capital, Kigali, and is will be working with projects supported by V.S.O. Volunteers. Vicky is safely there and told Mum and Dad that everyone is very friendly and kind. I look forward to hearing more.  
Vicky Shepherd.



It is good to be back singing and practising. This month it is Harvest Festival with all the lovely Harvest hymns and anthems. You will no doubt enjoy hearing on the radio and TV John Rutter's 'All things B&B' and 'For the beauty of the earth'. Listen out for the one I am hoping to sing, 'Look at the world'. Last year, in the Cathedral, we sang 'Thou visiteth the earth' by Maurice Greene. This was with Selling Choir for the Farming Community. I read this in 'Inspire', sent to me by C.M.S. and shared it with Rev. Ali:  
*Happiness is ..... being a Vicar*  
*One of the the secrets to happiness appears to be the opportunity to socialise while at work. Florists, beauticians and hairdressers all identify meeting new people and feeling appreciated as key to enjoying their working day.*  
*And welcoming the local congregation clearly has the same effect on many members of the clergy, the highest placed professionals, who came second on this year's City and Guilds Happiness index.*  
I look back on my time as a teacher and headteacher as one of hard work and happiness AND I am enjoying what I do now!  
Vicky Shepherd

## Mothers' Union News

It is with much sadness that I write the M.U. news, for our dear friend Kathleen Snoch died at the good age of 82 years, on 15th August 2006. I didn't know her very well, only meeting her once a month at our meetings. I visited her when she was in the Cottage Hospital and had the pleasure of sitting on the same table at the summer lunch, when I was able to have a longer chat. I liked her very much, such a gentle, kind, refined lady. I felt the very short time of being in her company was very special. I wish I had known her better. The service at Charing Crematorium was taken by Penny and Pat, who had both known Kath for many years. It's a shame that that was the time I was able to find out more of Kath's life. During the service Penny read the words of a poem *She is Gone*, written anonymously I think. I was so moved by these

words, so thoughtfully read by Penny. We say farewell to our dear friend, trusting in the Lord for her safe keeping.

Our October meeting is on Wednesday 25th at 2pm in the Parish Room at Ospringe Church. The 'Honey Lady' will giving a talk - I'm sure there will be honey to buy.  
God bless you all  
My love, Brenda

### She is Gone

*You can shed tears that she is gone  
or you can smile because she has lived.*

*You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back  
or you can open your eyes and see all she's left.*

*Your heart can be empty because you can't see her  
or you can be full of the love you shared.*

*You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday  
or you can be happy for tomorrow  
because of yesterday.*

*You can remember her and only that she's gone  
or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.*

*You can cry and close your mind,  
be empty and turn your back  
or you can do what she'd want:  
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.*

## Neighbourhood Watch.



### Contact numbers:

Swale NHW office 0808 100 3308 (free)  
E-mail - neighbourhoodwatch.swale@kent.pnn.police.uk  
Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 (24 hours, free and anonymous)  
NHW liaison officer 01795 419212  
Sittingbourne police station 01795 477055  
Emergencies or crime in progress always use 999  
Kent Trading Standards 08457 585 497

### Thefts of copper and ferrous metals

Due the increased value of scrap copper and other metals there has been an increase in thefts of cable and fencing in the area. Please be aware and report any suspicious activity, particularly in remote areas where telephone masts are located, to the Police or NhW office. Recent thefts have been in Bapchild, Tonge, Ospringe, Otterden and Selling.

### Distraction burglary attempts

Recently a white male described as aged between 27 and 34, 5' 7" tall, medium build, dark brown short cropped hair, clean shaven wearing a dark suit shirt and tie carrying a black briefcase, purporting to be a Bailiff but carrying no form if ID, called on a dwelling in Sittingbourne, to collect council tax arrears which was completely unfounded. He was invited into the dwelling whilst the lady of the house went to find the monthly payment book to prove this was the case. After a short while the man of the dwelling said he was going to phone the council, the man was escorted off the premises. Please do

not invite strangers / into your house. This couple was lucky because he was not left on his own. Please be careful - no ID no entry.

A resident in the Whitstable area was cold called by a man selling goods from a holdall, her porch door was ajar and the Male entered her house without permission whilst another male was stood on the footpath. The lady asked him to leave immediately but as she was taken by surprise she did not have time to check what they were selling. The Male is described, approximately 5' 5" tall, wearing a black tee shirt and blue jeans, short dark hair and carrying a black holdall. The other man also with a holdall waited on the path outside. They appeared to have no badge or visible ID. Please be careful as these people usually travel from area to area. Any information to the police on 01795 477055 or the NhW office.

### Scam lottery letters

There has been some concern from householders who have received a letter from the International Lotto in Spain. The letter informs you that you have won money and asks you to complete an order form with your bank details to release the money. This is likely to be a scam and advice is not to give your personal details in response to approaches such as this.

### Scam e-mails

There have also been e-mail scams with a religious slant where someone is offering to donate large sums of money to anyone who promises to use the money for good works. Once you respond you will be asked to make some payment to arrange transfer and authorisations. It is highly unlikely that you will ever receive anything in return. Advice is to ignore such e-mails.

## EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

On Monday 11th September 2006, Eastling Parish Council held its regular bi-monthly meeting. The Chairman reported that at a recent K.A.P.C. meeting concerns had been raised about Swale Borough Council's perceived lack of will in pursuing the enforcement of planning regulations and subsequent breaches of those regulations. Also it was mentioned that there were no facilities for the recycling of plastic with in the Borough. The Treasurer reported that the Annual Audit had proved to be satisfactory. The Council made the decision to appoint Alan Willson as Village Warden with immediate effect. A synopsis of the job description appears elsewhere in this issue and the document can be viewed in its entirety on the Notice boards or on the Web-site at <www.eastling.info> . Alan will have a mobile telephone which will be used exclusively in his capacity as warden and details of the number will be made available as soon as they become available. The Council decided that it would like more information before it made a decision regarding the Village Sign. The matter will be considered in more detail at the next meeting. Serious efforts have been made to clear up and hopefully enhance the condition of the Church Path.

KCC's 'Environmental Task Force' and the private endeavours of Mr and Mrs R. Turner have seen it restored to its intended width. The Council has undertaken to organise the future maintenance and has enlisted the help of Ben Binder to assist with the initial stages. It is hoped that the path will become a focal point in the Village. Concerns were expressed about the missing chevrons on the S bends at North Eastling and the unsatisfactory condition of the pavement between Tong Lane and The Carpenter's Arms. The Clerk has advised the appropriate department of the KCC about the problems. Finally the Clerk has enjoyed a fairly robust correspondence with Mid-Kent Water about the water leaks, which seem finally to have been repaired. Next meeting is 8th November at 6pm.

### EASTLING VILLAGE WARDEN

Briefly the Village Warden will be expected to:  
Co-ordinate the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme within the Parish Area  
Liaise with the Kent County Constabulary  
Develop and implement a Community Safety and Patrol Policy  
Provide Community Development Support

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## FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

Thanks to you all for your support at recent fundraising events. We hope that you will continue to join us in raising funds for the school so that we can purchase items to benefit all the children.

We have some new events organised for this term as well as some annual events: Chocolate for Chocoholics catalogues are now available for Halloween and Christmas orders. A range of chocolate will be on show at the Pop-in (Eastling Village Hall) on Wednesday 4th October.

All the children are asked to bring in a cooking apple on Monday 9th October so that they can all participate in cooking pies and crumbles ready for 'APPLE PIE day' on Friday 13th October - 3pm to 4.30pm in the School Hall - Come along to sample your children's baking. The FUNGAL FORAY is on Sunday 15th October starting at Eastling school - 1.30pm for 2pm start - £1 per person



## Stalisfield Footlights

The box office is now open for the opening performance in the Stalisfield theatre season. The acclaimed TIMES OF OUR LIVES musical THEATRE will lead with its brand new production entitled **ALMOST SOLD OUT** *All the World's a Stage* a musical comedy revue.

**On Friday 15th December at 7.30pm** the Stalisfield boards will once again resound to the sounds of a theatre performance guaranteed to delight the most critical audience. Box office manager, Ian McKay, will be happy to take your booking on 01795 890475. Tickets are priced at a very reasonable £7 each. Don't risk missing Stalisfield's major event of the year. Early booking is advisable.

## Charing and District Local History Society

On Thursday 12th October at 8pm Hilary Newman will give a talk on FOUR CENTURIES OF PLANT HUNTING. Following in the footsteps of the British Empire.

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.

(includes a soft drink). Do make a note to join us for a walk through the local woodland to look at the fungi with an expert.

The Carved Pumpkin Competition is now on Tuesday 31st October. Bring your pumpkin in to be judged and then take it home for Halloween! Rural Food Fair will be held on Sunday 5th November at Eastling School - 11am - 3pm - children welcome. (Free entry) Lots of interesting stalls to tempt you and to place your orders for Christmas. Food and drinks will be available. Eastling School children's Christmas Shopping afternoon - Friday 1st December

Good quality second hand uniform is always available. Please let me know your requirements. Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity 01795 890519 or at school 01795 890252.

## Stalisfield Highlife

Despite the weather our Summer Fete was a resounding success. Participants refused to let a little rain dampen the fun. Competitions were won, races were run, prizes were claimed, stall offerings were bought, rats were splatted and all went well. The foolhardy who couldn't get wet enough in the rain, patronized the greasy pole. We cleared in excess of £500, all expenses paid, which figure demonstrates the success of the day. Thanks are due to those who gave saleable items, the bakers and makers who stocked the bakery and produce stall, the stalwarts who manned the stalls and, of course, the 'revellers' who came along and dug deep into their pockets. We also are grateful to those who made generous donations to swell the takings. The Bank Holiday was well celebrated in Stalisfield.

# October



2006

## Re-introduction of the HARVEST AUCTION

to be held in the  
**Carpenters Arms, Eastling**  
**Thursday 5th October**  
**at 7.30pm**

The Carpenters Arms is to re-introduce the Harvest Auction in the very capable hands of Mr. Keith Neaves, a well known member of the village community and experienced Harvest Auctioneer.

The event promises to be an enormous amount of fun with Keith at the helm. All monies raised will go to charity and the exact amount raised will be advised on the night. To make this village event a huge success Landlady Sandra Dicker, is happy to receive donations, pledged and promises in person at the pub or by phoning 890234.

## Fireworks

at the  
**Carpenters Arms, Eastling**  
**Friday 4th 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.

## CARPENTERS ARMS

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## AUTUMN FEAST

Saturday 7th October  
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in the Champion Hall



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from committee members  
or phone 532756.  
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soft drinks.



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## 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.

## Wit and Wisdom

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

## PUDDLEDUCKS PLAYGROUP

We are open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9.30am to 11.25am during the school term. We still have some vacancies for children aged 2- 5 years and also welcome parents and toddlers to our sessions. Just £3.50 per child including milk and snack. Lots of interesting activities planned for this term. We look forward to seeing you. For more details call in to a session or phone Jill on 01795 890519.

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

Tuesday 17th October, 2.15pm in the Champion Hall.

Mrs J. Page will give a talk on *A peep into some delightful houses*  
Competition: A pretty cushion plus 'Flower of the Month'.  
Further details from 01795 532756.

## Eastling Gardeners' Club

meets on  
Thursday 5th October at 7.30 pm  
in the Village Hall  
when Janet Bryant will talk on 'Winter Flowers',  
followed by wine and nibbles.  
Free to members, otherwise £2.50

## Coffee Pop-In

Open every Wednesday, between 9 and 11am, in Eastling Village Hall.  
**Homemade cakes for sale on 4th October and 1st November.**  
Chocolate for Chocoholics on 4th October.

All ages welcome to join us for a free cuppa and a chat. Plenty of toys for toddlers to play with.  
Contact number 890338.

## Afternoon Club

Activities for October:  
12th Board Games  
26th Bingo  
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Many thanks to Jill, Mervyn, and the customers of The Alma for the generous contents of the 'PIG'.  
Total unknown at going to press.

## Painter's Forstal Gardeners' Club

Monday 9th October - Mr Twyman will give a talk on 'Trees and shrubs for the small garden' (Not slides but the 'real' thing), in the Champion Hall, at 7.45pm. Further details from Faversham 533608.

## Craft Fayre Saturday 11th November 10am - 2pm Champion Hall

There are still some tables available for those who wish to sell their crafts. Everyone will be welcome to come and buy from the stall holders. Cakes, tea/coffee & light lunches will be on sale.

## Diary

## October 2006

1st Tug of War	11am	Eastling School Field
1st Harvest Lunch	12noon	Eastling Village Hall
4th Cakes and Chocolate at Pop In	9 - 11am	Eastling Village Hall
5th Eastling Gardeners' Club	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
5th Harvest Auction	7.30pm	Carpenters Arms
6th Craft Club	6.15pm	Champion Hall
7th Autumn Feast	7.30pm	Champion Hall
12th Afternoon Club	2pm	Champion Hall
12th Local History Society	8pm	Charing Parish Hall
15th Deadline for November Good News		
15th Harvest Festival	11am	Ospringe Church
15th Harvest Lunch	12.30pm	Ospringe School
17th W.I.	2.15pm	Champion Hall
20th Craft Club	6.15pm	Champion Hall
25th Mothers' Union	2pm	Ospringe Church
26th Afternoon Club	2pm	Champion Hall
29th Commemoration Service	6pm	Ospringe Church
31st Magazine Folding	2pm	Usual Venues
November 3rd Fireworks Evening		Carpenters Arms
4th Fireworks Display	7pm	Ospringe School
11th Craft Fayre	10am - 2pm	Champion Hall
11th Wit & Wisdom	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
25th Hunt Quiz	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
December 2nd Christmas Fayre	11am	Ospringe School
15th Music Theatre	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall