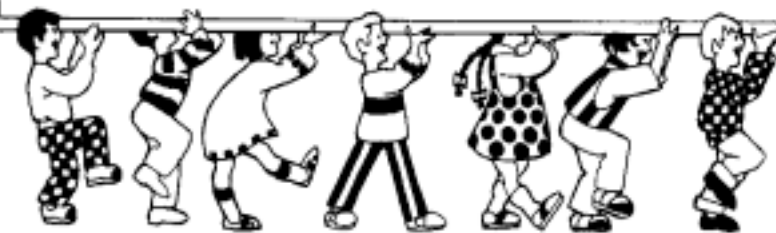


Children welcome in church.... in September.

5th in Whitehill Chapel 11.00am Family People's Choice

Activities for children in the Ospringe Church Parish room during part of the 11am services on the 5th, 19th and 26th September

19th in Eastling Village Hall 10.00am S Club
26th in Eastling Church 10.00am Young Style



Eastling Puppet Club

This is a Church sponsored club for 9-15 year olds.

We meet on Saturdays or Sundays, usually at 5pm in Eastling Village Hall. We have given short performances, so far in the Village Hall and the Church.



The puppets are life-like and are operated by hand and rods. They are great fun to operate. There are musical as well as spoken roles.

The first meeting of the Autumn Term is on Sunday 19th September at 5pm in Eastling Village Hall.

New members are welcome, and membership is free.

Contact Angela Cheeseman on 01795890629 for further details.



Knee-mail

Subj: Thank you
Date: September 2004
From: Gail Shrubsall
To: JC@Godinheaven.com

Dear God,

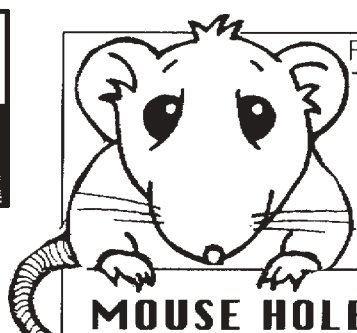
Thank-you for the lovely summer you gave us, as we now move into autumn. As the trees change the colour of their leaves. As the wind takes the leaves away. This then becomes a pleasant crunchy sound when we go outside for walks.

Amen



Young People's Craft Club (Y.P.C.C.)

Fridays 10th & 24th September
6.15pm to 7.15pm
in the Champion Hall.
50p per session - all are welcomed.



MOUSE HOLE



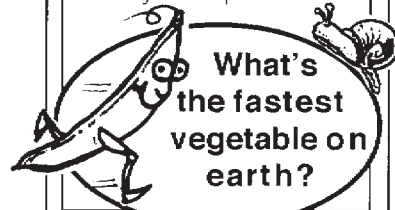
My Favourite Things

Make a place mat with pictures of your favourite foods on.



Draw pictures of your favourite foods in pencil or paint or cut pictures from old magazines.

Glue onto a sheet of card then cover with clear sticky-backed plastic to make the mat easy to wipe clean.



What's the fastest vegetable on earth?

A runner bean

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

After the great flood GOD said:

"As long as the world exists, there will be a time for planting and a time for harvest.

There will always be cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night"

Genesis 8:22



HARVEST

is a time to REMEMBER that GOD made the world: He made the land we live on, the air we breath, the water we drink and the food we eat.

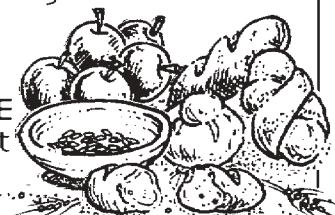


HARVEST

is a time to say THANK YOU to GOD for giving us all the things we need to live.

HARVEST

is a time to SHARE with others all that GOD has given us.



Can you think of different foods to finish these HARVEST 'acrostics'?

Honey.....	H.....
A.....	Apple pie.....
R.....	R.....
Vegetables.....	V.....
E.....	E.....
S.....	Sausages.....
Tomatoes.....	T.....

Good News

Parish Magazine September 2004



Harvest Thanksgiving in our Benefice

Stalisfield	10 a.m.	12th September
Eastling	10 a.m.	3rd October
Painter's Forstal	10.30 a.m.	3rd October
Ospringe	11 a.m.	10th October

Harvest Home

Canon David Winter, former Head of Religious Broadcasting for the BBC, considers Harvest.

As a child I can vividly remember harvest time in our tiny and remote Welsh village. It was war-time, and many of the young, able-bodied men and women were away with the Forces. So when the harvest was ready, it was all hands on deck - yes, even very young and occasionally very naughty hands.

Everyone had a job to do. For the children, it might be carrying drinks or sandwiches to the tired workers in the fields, or piling up bales of straw, or even - great rivalry for this one - picking fruit off the trees. If the weather was good, it was all fun in the sun; if rain came, we scuttled into a barn and sang songs until it stopped.

Even better than the work part of it all was the party that followed, with everyone who had taken part invited, plus a few who through age or other calls on their time had missed out. There would be Welsh cakes and lemonade (and beer for the men), and a harpist and lots and lots of singing, culminating in several emotional renditions - in Welsh, of course - of 'Land of my Fathers'. I must admit, subsequent harvests back in a north London suburb never managed to equal that!

However, the experience taught me something I have never forgotten - the sheer joy of a shared task and a shared celebration after it's finished. Jesus talked about the calling of his disciples in terms of harvesting: "The harvest is plenteous, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:37,38). The next words are significant: "Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples..." In case they were in any doubt, they were to be the first answer to their own prayer - they would 'ask' and the Lord would 'send'.

Being a worker in God's 'harvest' may well be demanding, but like my childhood harvesting experience it can also be deeply rewarding, and at the end there is always the 'party'. Harvesting, certainly until modern technology, was always hard work, usually under pressure to get the crops in before the weather broke. But it was also always a communal activity, a shared task, and all the better for that. Harvest brought people together, partly because they knew that without it they would probably not survive the winter, and partly because they saw that the very food they gathered was also the food they would themselves eventually eat. They were sharing together in their own future welfare.

There was (and is) one other feature of harvest that I haven't yet mentioned, and that's Harvest Thanksgiving, when both the church (where my family went) and the chapel (where we didn't) were packed to the doors. Harvest services are still popular in rural areas, but I suppose it's hard to get enthusiastic about fields and cows and crops when food comes pre-wrapped from the by-pass supermarket. Food is still a gift of God, though, and gratitude is still a virtue.

Anyone for Harvest?

A Quick Guide to Church Services in our Benefice Pull out and keep sheet

This month we have some new services starting in our group of churches.

We hope the guide in the centre of this issue will help you find something to suit you and your family. Everyone is free to worship at whichever church is holding the service they would prefer to attend.

Training to become a Priest by Angela Cheeseman

I am in the middle of training to become a priest. I thought some people might be interested in what goes on!

I am female, a retired doctor. I am studying part-time, along with 11 other mature students, at Diocesan House, Canterbury. This is attached to Christchurch College, from which we hope to get a Diploma after our 3 years' training. We are a mixed bunch, everything from a ship-broker to an ex-bar-lady! I am a retired gynaecologist, and there is a practising dentist, several teachers and a lawyer amongst our number. We share and support each other. We feel privileged to be called to serve God in this particular way. However we recognise that everyone has their own special calling by God to serve Him in their own different ways.

We are training to work in our own parishes. This has the advantage that we are more familiar with our local community and its needs. We will be unpaid, apart from expenses. Our title will be 'Ordained Local Ministers', or 'OLMs'

What subjects does the course cover?

Initially we study the Bible: both Old and New Testaments. We use a very academically honest approach, questioning and asking 'What really happened?' 'Who wrote what and when?' 'In what setting were these passages used?'

These questions can bring things to life - eg the 'Psalms of Ascent' were written as procession songs and dances as the people marched, or danced, into Jerusalem at the time of the Jewish Festivals. Likewise the Gospel of St. Mark was probably written in Rome at the time of great persecution, just after St. Peter and St. Paul were executed, and hence dwells on the sufferings of Christ to help people

who were persecuted and suffering too.

Sometimes it is disconcerting to discover that things one thought happened in the Bible didn't happen in a historical sense. But then one realises that a story is often a symbolic way of expressing something deeper. This was the ancient way of conveying truth.

Another challenge is that, in the Old Testament, God sometimes seems to be telling people to be cruel. But read more extensively and the real face of God becomes clearer - from the very beginning he is a God of love. As early as Leviticus (Ch19v18) He says 'Love your neighbour as yourself'. There is a thread of God's love shining through the whole Bible.

One important aspect of our training is the 'Local Group'.

Eleven members,

mainly from the benefice,

meet fortnightly to discuss all sorts of issues, from ethics to spirituality, which run in parallel to the lectures and seminars that the ordinands are having in Canterbury. This helps me to keep in touch with people's views and all of us have a chance to talk and discuss. The group leader is Philip Cox, retired head teacher of Norton Knatchbull School, and now an ordained priest himself. Our priest in charge, Penny Fenton attends as often as her heavy schedule permits. Her contribution is very helpful.

This year's study has involved ethics, child protection, music in worship, coping with the media, personality testing, liturgy and preaching, amongst others. We (the ordinands) each had a gruelling test TV interview with Peter Williams, a real TV interviewer. It was an education to see oneself played back in class with all one's mannerisms to boot! We also had a real sermon videoed and discussed by our group, another difficult but hopefully constructive exercise.

As you may have gathered, the training for the ministry is very challenging. I need all the support I can get. My OLM group have been wonderfully supportive; I deeply appreciate all the love, time and effort they are giving. I also have found how important it is to pray about everything. This is not easy, as I am sure many will agree. I find my best way is to get up early when the house is quiet, and start my day with prayer. Things change under the lens of God's presence. Seemingly impossible things are made possible.



Some members of the OLM group

One last thought.

Does anyone else want to benefit from the sort of training that I am getting? You don't have to become a priest, but you might wish to help work with children in the church, or to become a leader of groups or of drama or music, or to preach. There is an ALM (Authorised Local Minister) scheme in which you can join with a selection of the same classes for a year, or you could train for longer to become a Reader, like Hugh and Norman. I am sure someone out there might come and join us!



Memorial Service

Ospringe Church
Sunday 19th September
6.30 p.m.

Please come if you have lost someone you love and would appreciate an opportunity to remember them and give thanks for their life.

Mothers' Union News

Members of the Ospringe M.U. joined with other branches and took a coach outing to Mary Sumner House London, the headquarters of the MU throughout the world.

We took our packed lunches and made good time until we arrived in London, therefore we were later than planned but we still our lunch and were joined with an afternoon group to tour the house, all four floors. It was so hot that they kept offering us squash on every floor. We were given a good tour and saw many treasured artefacts. We met the World Wide President who is a very approachable humorous lady. We finished in the chapel which is a place of prayer and peace and joined prayers before hurrying back to the coach for the journey home. It was a good day and we enjoyed the opportunity of meeting some of the staff and hearing about some of the valuable work of the MU round the world. Don't forget as you read this that you are welcome to join us.

God Bless.

Pat Pollard



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Ospringe Choir Outing on Monday, 26th July, 2004,

written by Don Boorman.

We all set out for Canterbury arriving before 10 o'clock at Christ Church Gate leading to the Cathedral. First we met the Dean who welcomed us and reminded us, "This is your Cathedral and you are most welcome" and then it was on to the Education Centre. There was lots to do like being in school and led by a lovely lady, Mrs. Joe Turkas. You could have a go at being a stone-mason and pull heavy stones on a rope lift just like they did in olden times and often do today. You could take a wooden 3D model of the Cathedral to pieces and rebuild it. You could make pictures with stained glass pieces and do rubbings on paper and soldiers and knights appeared. Then the lady put on a video about the Stained Glass and it showed the fire that broke out in 1174 and how they built the windows to tell about the miracles that happened because people had asked Saint Thomas Becket for help and came to pray at his tomb.

The youngsters dressed in costume and Mrs. Shepherd took us on a Guided Tour around the Cathedral. We visited the spot where Thomas Becket was murdered and saw where his tomb had been. We were told the story of "naughty Bobbie" and his friends who stoned the frogs in the River Medway and Bobbie drowned. His parents prayed for Thomas Becket's help and they were able to revive young Robert so they immediately set

off to give thanks at Becket's tomb. We saw the metal effigy of the Black Prince with his feet on a dog and his head resting on a royal lion. We saw where the Choir sang in the Quire Stalls.

We went down into the Crypt and Lusa, the minister, opened the Huguenot Chapel which is also known as the Black Prince's Chantry and showed the lovely bosses in the roof of Fair Joan of Kent who married the Black Prince and the Green Man and Lusa told us about the Huguenots. Today's Huguenots meet in the Chapel every Sunday at 3 p.m. and the Service is in French. We sang for Lusa and the ladies from the Education Centre and Lusa enjoyed our two pieces, "Hine E Hine" and "Any Dream Will Do".

As it was a little cool we had our packed lunches in the Lunch Room.

Following this we met a Canterbury City Guide, Mrs. Maureen Ingram, and went on a tour of Canterbury. She asked us if we knew the difference between buildings made in Brick and those in Mathematical Tiles and we had to look out for them. We saw the Roman hypocausts in the basement of Waterstones and buildings made with flints. Then we went into the Cathedral Precincts and went to the wall in which the monks kept their bee hives to use the honey as a sweetener and the wax to make candles. We ended up on the Green opposite Kings School and it costs a lot of money to go there. Christopher Marlowe, after whom the Marlowe Theatre is named, was educated there. Jim, our Grandson and his Dad, Christopher, came over from Denmark and Jim's ears perked up when he heard Marlowe and told us in Danish, "My Grandad has a dog called Marlowe" but it is really named Milo! Sam, another Grandson who likes to sing with us, came too as did Carolynne, Jacqui, Stella, Judi Diamond, Annette Brenchley, Vicky as well as Freda and me with the youngsters, Lauren, Vicky and Alex, Kelsey, Rebecca and Cassie. There were 17 of us and we all enjoyed the day.

On behalf of the Choir I would like to say thanks for a lovely day and God Bless to all who made it a success. Love, Don.

Prayer Pointers September 2004

<u>Sundays</u>	For a greater trust in God.
<u>Mondays</u>	Those who spend their lives working the land.
<u>Tuesdays</u>	Harvest Festivals in the Benefice.
<u>Wednesdays</u>	Pupils and teachers at local schools, especially any changing schools.
<u>Thursdays</u>	For teenage Christian witness.
<u>Fridays</u>	Those suffering in Iraq and the Sudan.
<u>Saturdays</u>	Christians in China.

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Services in our Benefice

5th September Trinity 13

Philemon 1 - 21, Luke 14. 25 - 33

Ospringe	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Ospringe	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)
Whitehill Chapel	10 a.m.	Breakfast followed by Family People's Choice
with Guest Speaker: Rachel Barker		
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Oasis (New Service)
Otterden	3 p.m.	Evening Prayer (BCP)
United Church, Preston Street	5 p.m.	Praise service for Hop Festival Weekend

Tuesday 7th September

Whitehill Chapel 2.15 p.m. Holy Communion

12th September Trinity 14

I Timothy 1: 12 - 17, Luke 15. 1 - 10

Eastling	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Stalisfield	10 a.m.	Harvest Festival
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW)

19th September Trinity 15

I Timothy 2: 1 - 7, Luke 16. 1 - 13

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
Ospringe	6.30 p.m.	Memorial Service

26th September Trinity 16

I Timothy 6: 6 - 19, Luke 16. 19 - 31

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

Guest Speaker: Rita Maxwell

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 Harvest Thanksgiving
Ospringe	10.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving
Ospringe	11 a.m.	Oasis (New Service)

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

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.

Priest in Charge Reverend Penny Fenton (01795 536366)
9 Brogdale Road, Faversham. ME13 8SX
(For other staff, please see pull out sheet)

From the Registers

Baptisms

8th August 2004 at Ospringe
HERBERT EDWARD Woolgar
8th August 2004 at Ospringe
LUKE WILLIAM Tanner
15th August 2004 at Ospringe
MICHELLE Town
ELLA LOUISE Town
CAINE KEVIN Town
22nd August 2004 at Eastling
GLEN Johnson
SAMANTHA EMILY Graham
YASMIN CHARLIE Graham

Weddings

James GUNNELL and Rebecca HERRINGTON
24th July 2004 at Ospringe
Lee GUMBRILL and Katie WINTERBURN
31st July 2004 at Ospringe
Kevin HARRISON and Tracy WICKS
14th August 2004 at Ospringe
Matthew HARTMAN and Joanne MACEY
21st August 2004 at Ospringe

Blessing of Marriage

Glen and Philippa Charter
24th July 2004 at Eastling

Funerals

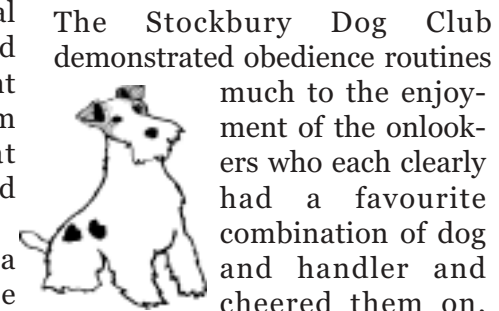
Charles Felix (Charlie) FIELD
27th July 2004 Cremation at Barham
Elsie GREEN
6th August 2004 Cremation at Charing
Raymond Vincent (Ray) HOWLAND
16th August 2004 Funeral at Ospringe followed by cremation at Charing
Frederick James (Fred) ATTWOOD
17th August 2004 Cremation at Barham

Scattering of Ashes

15th August 2004 at Ospringe
Constance Rose BARNARD
23rd August 2004 at Ospringe
Winifred Tamar SPACKMAN

Painter's Forstal Fete

Members of the Painter's Forstal Village Committee were rewarded for their hard work and excellent organisation by the good result from the 'Fete in the Park' held at Lorenden, Whitehill, by kind permission on the Park Trustees. The winner of the Grand Draw was a Faversham based friend of the Afternoon Club. The second and third prizes went to members of village families. The winner of the 'Weight of the Cake' competition came from Teynham. The Fete was opened in very warm sunshine by Cllr. Mick Gates, Deputy Mayor or Faversham, with reminiscences of walks in the area when there was still a stream running through the Park.



The Stockbury Dog Club demonstrated obedience routines much to the enjoyment of the onlookers who each clearly had a favourite and handler and cheered them on, realising their discomfort from the heat. The arrival of the ice cream van was also applauded! The valiant helpers who erected and dismantled stalls and all who contributed to and manned them, deserve our hearty thanks.

Contributed by Lorrie Clarke.

Ospringe Parish Council

The next meeting of the council will be Wednesday 8th September 2004, 7.30pm in Whitehill Chapel, Painter's Forstal. There has been an increase in bonfires in the village. Can parishioners check that their bonfires are not intrusive and consideration given to neighbours.

New Clerk: Mrs Jolene Jones, 36 Rettendon Drive, Milton Regis, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 2PJ.

The Neighbourhood Watch scheme is not running efficiently. Councillors will be contacting Cliff Holroyd and the Neighbourhood Watch Office for advice and information.

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September 2004

2nd Afternoon Club (Bingo)	2pm	Champion Hall
8th Ospringe Parish Council	7.30pm	Whitehill Chapel
10th Craft Club	6.15pm	Champion Hall
11th Bike or Hike	10am - 6pm	Kent Churches
11/12th Garden Show	11am - 5pm	Belmont Park, Throwley
13th Eastling Parish Council	8pm	Eastling Village Hall
15th Deadline for October Good News		
16th Afternoon Club outing		Margate Winter Gardens
18th Silent Auction	8pm	Eastling Village Hall
19th Puppet Club	5pm	Eastling Village Hall
19th Memorial Service	6.30pm	Ospringe Church
20th Gardeners' Club	7.45pm	Champion Hall
21st W.I.	2.15pm	Champion Hall
24th Craft Club	6.15pm	Champion Hall
26th Farewell Party	6pm	Carpenters Arms
28th Magazine Folding	2pm	Ospringe Church and Pinks Farm
29th Ospringe Presentation	7.30pm	Champion Hall
30th Afternoon Club (Board Games)	2pm	Champion Hall
FUTURE DATES		
2nd October Jumble Sale	1.30pm	Eastling School
2nd October Harvest Decorations	2pm	Champion Hall
6th October Wildlife Talk	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
9th October Autumn Feast	7 for 7.30pm	Champion Hall
6th November Fireworks Party		Ospringe School
13th November Craft Fayre	10am	Champion Hall
13th November Quiz Night		Eastling Village Hall
20th November Wine & Wisdom		Eastling Village Hall

October Good News

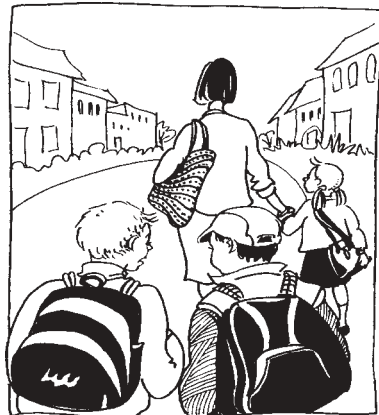
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FRIENDS of EASTLING SCHOOL

The new shed should now be in place ready to store all our equipment. Thank you to everyone for your support at events during the Summer Term. Our first event of the Autumn term will be the JUMBLE SALE to be held in the School Hall on Saturday 2nd October starting at 1.30pm.

Please look out your jumble, bric-a-brac, books and toys which can be brought to school during the week of 27th September. Please phone to arrange collection of any items.

Dates for forthcoming events including the Halloween Disco, FOES AGM and Shopping Evening will be published soon. Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity.

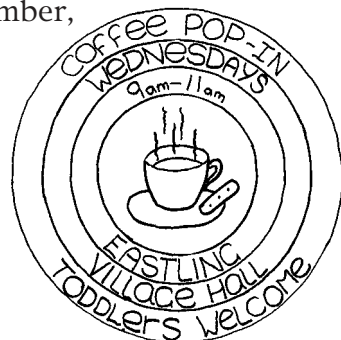


Buddies Parent & Toddler

Group meets every Thursday in term time from 10.00 - 11.30am in the Discovery Club at Doddington School. Children aged 0 - 4 years with their carers are very welcome. Enquiries to Lis Bayford (01795) 886392

Coffee Pop-In

The weekly Coffee Pop-In reopens on 8th September, 9 - 11am. Cakes and cards for sale. Everyone welcome for free coffee, tea or squash with lots of toys for toddlers to play with, in Eastling Village Hall.



ACROSS THE SEA TO SPAIN

Tony and Mary leave 'The Carpenters'

Customers, friends and the villagers of Eastling are joining together to say 'farewell' to our Landlord and Landlady as they leave for Spain. Join us on Sunday 26 September 2004 between 6pm and 8pm at The Carpenters Arms for a party to wish them both well.

The ladies of the village are providing snacks. The bar will be open and staffed by friends of the O'Regans

DON'T MISS THIS MOMENTOUS EVENT.

Villagers wishing to donate to a parting gift are asked to give their contributions to one of the following by Saturday 18 September 2004

Keith Neaves - 10 Meesons Close
Julia Harlow - 10 Glebe Cottages
Mike Thomas - Briar Cottage
Julia Bailey - Churchfields Farm.

ADVANCE NOTICE Ospringe School Association FIREWORKS NIGHT

Saturday 6th November
Tickets available from the School
from 20th September

PUDDLEDUCKS PLAYGROUP

We look forward to welcoming all the children to playgroup in the Champion Hall for the Autumn Term from Thursday 2nd September. This term we will be looking at numbers from 1-10 and the colours of a rainbow, as well as lots of free play!

Any enquiries to Jill Seaman, 01795 890519

September



GARDEN SHOW at BELMONT

The Kent Group of the Hardy Plant Society
Annual Garden Show at Belmont Park

Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th September
11.00am - 5.00 pm

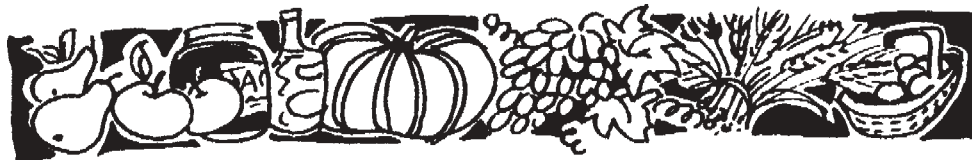
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Whitehill Chapel Harvest Thanksgiving

Gifts of produce (fresh and preserved) for decorating the chapel on Saturday 2nd October, will be gratefully received at 2pm.

"Meet and Eat" at 10am followed by

Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday 3rd October. Some local young people will be reading poems and verses during the service, which will be led by Revd. Chris Esgate. Sale of Produce following the service and the collection will be donated to British Humanitarian Aid.



Eastling Parish Council

Next meeting is 13th September 2004, 8pm in Eastling Village Hall. Guest Speaker: Dominic Spurrier, Community Development Officer for Mid Kent LEADER+ LEADER+ is a European Community Initiative, which supports a range of rural development projects.



**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.

SILENT AUCTION

Don't forget the silent auction in Eastling Village Hall on Saturday 18th September. A fundraising event for West Street Tickham Hunt where everyone is welcome. So come along and snap-up a bargain. Offers of lots for sale would be most welcome. Doors open at 8pm and the entrance fee of £2 includes a glass of wine. Contact 01795 890242.

Quiz Nights Reminder

Saturday 13th November Quiz Night in Eastling Village Hall proceeds to West Street Tickham Hunt - ring Barrie on 01795 890242 to book places. Saturday 20th November, Wine and Wisdom in Eastling Village Hall, in aid of the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party - ring Norman on 01795 890242 to book your table.

The Ospringe Parish Design Statement Team

warmly invite you to join them for a presentation on Wednesday 29th September at the Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal 7.30pm

Our presentation covers aspects of design and the important features that you have identified as special within our parish. Please join us for a glass of local Elderflower Cordial and give us your views on our production.

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.

Painter's Forstal Gardeners' Club

September meeting is on Monday 20th, at 7.45pm in the Champion Hall. Guest Speaker Dr Tim Ingram, will speak on 'Hostas and Ferns'.



Eastling Gardeners' Club

Wednesday 6th October at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall 'Wildlife on the Downs' - an illustrated talk by Robert Canis Free to members, £2.50 for non members

Craft Fayre

Saturday 13th November Come and buy your Christmas presents or weekend cake. Open at 10am in the Champion Hall.



Kent Churches Cycle Ride Saturday 11th September 10am - 6pm

Please support your local church by cycling, stewarding or sponsoring. Telephone: 532756 to support Whitehill Chapel 890469 to support Eastling Church 536366 to support Ospringe Church ****

Whitehill Chapel (Champion Hall) will be open from 10am to 6pm. Tea/coffee and cakes available for families who would like to drop in - not just cyclists.

Afternoon Club

The contents of the 'Pig' amounted to the Grand Total of £95.70 which was kindly donated by Jill, Mervyn and the customers of the Alma. A huge "Thank you" from all members of the club.

Activities for September are:-
2nd Bingo 2pm in the Champion Hall
16th A trip to the Winter Gardens at Margate.
30th Board Games 2pm in the Champion Hall

Painter's Forstal with Ospringe W.I.

The September meeting is at 2.15pm in Champion Hall on Tuesday 21st. The guest speaker Mr Harris, is unable to attend. Instead of a talk there will be a quiz and beetle drive. Competition: An old seaside postcard plus Flower of the Month.



Have you lost a cat?

A stray cat turned up on our doorstep recently and has adopted us as its new owners. It is a beautiful animal but is eating us out of house and home! If it is yours, 'phone 890556.