

ROSTRUM SEPTEMBER 2015

VILLAGE DIARY

September

- 1 **Parish Council Meeting** - Hall - 7.30pm followed by Planning Committee
- 6 **Footpaths Group Walk** - meet Village Hall - 2.30pm
- 6 **Panto Workshop** (Wateringbury Players) - Village Hall - 6.30pm
- 10 **Women's Insitute** - Village Hall - 2.30pm
- 12 **Operation Paintbrush** - School - 10am
- 12 **Friends of Kent Churches, Ride and Stride**
- 13 **Strawberry Tea Party**- Manor Farm, Old Road - 2-5pm
- 16 **Bob & Fern Ogley** "Poetry of the Great War" - History Soc - Hall - 7.40pm

October

- 3 **Harvest Quiz Night** - Village Hall - 7 for 7.30pm
- 4 **Harvest Festival** - Church - 10am
- 6 **Parish Council Meeting** - Hall - 7.30pm followed by Planning Committee
- 21 **Peter Jones "A Year at Chartwell"** - History Soc - Hall - 7.40pm

HARVEST QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER

7 FOR 7.30PM prompt start

IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Dust off your thinking caps and come along and have an enjoyable evening. Tables of 6 to 8 people. £8 per person. Please book your table or individual places by emailing byron3bc@btinternet.com. Bring your own refreshments. Tickets include free tea/coffee and slice of apple pie in the interval. Proceeds to help with the running costs of our village church.

GARAGE SALE

In preparation for her move, Joanna Fyson is holding a garage sale at The Barn, Pelican Farm, 176 Tonbridge Road, Wateringbury on Saturday 12 September, 10am to 4pm. From air con unit and high level sleeper bed to shelving, ornaments and kitchenware, there's bound to be something of interest. Tell your relatives, friends and acquaintances, and come and have a browse.

STRAWBERRY TEA PARTY

Sunday 13 September 2015 - 2-5pm

Manor Farm, Old Road, Wateringbury

Friends of Wateringbury Church (FOWC) invite you to come and join us again in the beautiful gardens of Manor Farm (by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Mark English). The English family have lived at Manor Farm for generations and much of the property is unchanged from a century ago.

Spend a lovely summer's afternoon in the presence of live music - our harpist, Carys Hughes-Topping will play her harp, whilst you sample Kent's finest strawberries, once again kindly donated by Hugh Lowe Farms Ltd. Glasses of Pimm's will be on offer as well as tea/coffee/soft drinks, homemade cakes and delicious savouries.

There will be plenty of fun for the children too. Beat the Goalie, Lucky Dip, Badminton, Croquet, and Hunt the Otter amongst other garden games. We will also be running our White Elephant stall including one for children and our annual Raffle while you relax and/or play garden games.

Admission is free and pedestrian and car entry is via the farm entrance in Old Road. So please, consider joining us for a family afternoon in relaxed surroundings with the Friends.

All proceeds from the afternoon will go directly to FOWC, registered charity No. 1151983 www.fowc.org.uk

Frances English – Secretary 01622 812471

On a safety point please take care when walking in the rockeries and on the uneven paths. Please also take great care to keep children back from the edge of the pond. Whilst some garden seating will be provided, you might like to bring along a rug/folding chairs.

VILLAGE PEOPLE *Please let us have your news and tributes by 17 September for our October magazine. Entries are free.*

Belated Golden Wedding congratulations to Sandra and Derrick Brown who were married at St Paul's Church, Orpington on 14 August 1965. The happy couple had a celebration at Hadlow Manor Hotel on 15 August. where they entertained 29 family and friends.

Wedding Congratulations to Alex Potts and Claire Grenados who married at the Bishops Palace, Maidstone on Saturday 4 July, followed by a reception at the Black Horse Inn, Thurnham.

Congratulations and Very Many Thanks to Benny and Rupal who recently celebrate their **11th Anniversary at The Handy Stores** We are so fortunate that they are part of our village.

John Norris (8 October 1937 - 12 July 2015) John moved to The Orpines, Wateringbury in 1969 with his wife Dorothy and their 4 young children. He worked in the family business, Redhill Motors, initially sited in The Broadway, Maidstone and then relocating to Upper Stone Street. In 1987 Redhill Motors was sold to the Bourne Road Garage Group and John continued to work for them as their Parts Department Manager. John loved cricket and was a founder member of Wateringbury Cricket Club. He was a tremendous help in the early years preparing and maintaining the cricket pitch. In retirement he enjoyed collecting and restoring motor cycles. John was devoted to his family and loved spending time with them. He lovingly nursed his dear wife Dorothy as she battled Alzheimers. John will be sadly missed by all who knew him and we send our sincere condolences to his children, Deborah, Paul, Steven, Julie and their families.

Thank You to Where Memories Meet for the very pretty displays of flowers outside the shop which have been a delight all summer.

Happy 100th Birthday to Bow Bridge which was opened officially on 22 July 1915 by Mr George Marsham, a Warden of Rochester Bridge Trust which paid part of the cost. It was described in press reports as being a fine structure of reinforced Ferro concrete and strong enough to carry a moving load of thirty tons. It was built by the Yorkshire Hennebique Company using Hennbique reinforced concrete representing a significant development in bridge building. Unhappily rain fell in torrents at the time of the opening ceremony, but there was a large attendance in spite of the inclement weather. It was said the preceding wooden bridge lived unloved and died unregretted. The proceedings ended with "God Save the King" and the Russian National Anthem, the singing being led by the children of Wateringbury Schools, who were present with their teachers. The History Society website contains interesting reports of the happenings.

FOOTPATHS GROUP

The August walk took place on a sunny day along the Swanton Valley into Mereworth Woods. This is an easy walk and normally very quiet, but on this occasion our peace was spoiled by a couple of lads riding on motorbikes along the footpaths. In the valley I photographed an unfamiliar butterfly which I found out to be a Silver-washed Fritillary (*Argynnis paphia*). Not usually seen in this area. Leaving the wood at Peckham Hurst we had a splendid view over the Weald of Kent.

Our next walk is on **6 September** - meet at the Village Hall at 2.30pm for a local walk via Pizien Well and Gibbs Hill. In October we will meet at the earlier time of 2pm.

For further details contact 01622 812338

Kevin Reynolds

JULY PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Cemetery The council had been granted permission and accepted an estimate to reduce the height of the cemetery park boundary hedge. It is hoped that the increased visibility from the A26 will deter fly tippers.

Crime Report In June there were no major crimes. There were 3 incidents of anti-social behaviour: A female was approached and followed into the woods on Park Road by an unknown male: 2 males on scrambler bikes were reported to be racing up and down a footpath on Red Hill: 3 male and 2 female young people (aged about 13-15 years) started a fire in the woods by Red Hill Farm.

KCC Councillor Matthew Balfour reported on matters of local interest. He was concerned by the recent planning application received by Maidstone Borough Council for a Solar Farm on the banks of the River Medway at Teston in the vicinity of Teston House. Councillor Wells enquired about the progress of erecting 40 mph signs on the A26 in the direction of Mereworth. Councillor Balfour agreed to look into the matter. The chairman expressed his concern about the slow removal of temporary warning road signs.. Councillor Balfour agreed that this was a problem which he was seeking to rectify.

Planning Councillors had no objections to the following applications: Listed Building Application for proposed orangery, with loggia to rear elevation: formation of door opening between existing property and proposed orangery at the Old Dukes Head 292 Old Road and Fell Sycamore and Holly and lift crown of Hornbeam at land fronting 2-9 Glebe Meadow

Playing Fields Councillors agreed to accept an estimate to upgrade the lower end of the vehicle track and to provide a hard surface around the entrance to the overflow car park. The Clerk is actively investigating the provision of a different surface around the main play equipment and to find a contractor who will carry out regular routine maintenance of all the play equipment. In September the next phase of the planned renovation of the grass-land at the fields will begin; this will mean that a large area will be roped off.

Village Fete Mike Wits reported that the third annual village fete in June had been blessed with good weather and had attracted large numbers of people. Many village organisations had had stalls and promoted themselves as well as profiting financially. It had been hard work for the small organising team but worthwhile in the light of the obvious enjoyment and community spirit generated.

Next Meeting Tuesday 1 September at 7.30pm in the village hall.

WATERINGBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The WI - Inspiring Women

After an excellent July meeting with Janie Ramsay, a knowledgeable and entertaining speaker on Antiques and their value, with amusing anecdotes and real artefacts, we are now looking in our cupboards to discover any priceless items we might have hidden away.

Our August meeting was a Garden Party for Members only. This is always a highlight of the year and

we hope for good weather. Unfortunately, on this occasion it was preceded by a magnificent thunderstorm which delayed us retiring to the garden.

Our next Club meeting is on Thursday 10 September, at 2.30pm in Wateringbury Village Hall. Ann Chance will speak on 'Saddle Sore in Montana', with time for tea and chatter. The new Competition is for a Pressed Flower Card for an occasion of your choice. So please enjoy selecting your blooms over the summer months.

We're a friendly group and welcome visitors. To find out more call Elizabeth on 01622 812018.

ZUMBA CLASSES

Brand new low impact Zumba class starting 10am Wednesday 9 September at Nettlestead Village Hall. All welcome!

Zumba at Wateringbury Village Hall, returns 1 September at 7pm. We've been dancing in Wateringbury every week for over 4 years, come and join the fun! No need to book, only £5 a class. Contact Tanya for more info 07531 839159 For full class schedule visit www.tanyashepelev.zumba.com

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2015

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Michael Cayzer

WAR NEWS, SUMMER 1915

July 9 Germans surrender in South-West Africa.
August 5 Germans and Austrians capture Warsaw from Russia.
August 6 Additional 20,000 allied troops landed in Gallipoli.
September 6 Bulgaria joins war on German side.
September 18 Germans abandon submarine campaign against shipping around UK.

After the shock of multiple war deaths in May 1915, village life was free from further war deaths during the summer. On July 16 the Girls School collected money for French war relief, had lessons on France, wore the tricolour and sang the Marseillaise. The new Bow Bridge was opened on July 22 (see the *Village People* page of this Rostrum) with the anthem of Russia, our war ally, being sung. School "Prize" day was on August 26 and, as the Girls school log records, "Certificates were given instead of prizes, the girls having voluntarily given up the prizes in order to spend the money on cigarettes for the sailors".

In September Arthur Mires was winning his Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM) at Kut-al-Amara (in Mesopotamia- now Iraq) where "he carried forward and worked his gun under a very heavy fire, within 300 yards of the enemy's strong redoubt, thereby materially assisting in the capture of the work." Arthur, a professional soldier, was aged 23 from near The North Pole; more about him later this year.

The slaughter of village men resumed on September 16 with the death of Henry Francis Bingham Stevens, whose photo is on the front of this Rostrum. He was the only son of Canon Henry Stevens and his wife, who lived at The Beck opposite the church, and the grandson of another Henry Stevens who had been vicar of Wateringbury in the mid-nineteenth century. He had gone to a public school, Malvern, followed by Oxford University, and enlisted after the war had started in the 6th Battalion, Royal West Kent regiment as a Lieutenant. At the time very few officers had come up through the ranks, but by the end of the war this had completely changed, due to the high death rate amongst junior officers such as Henry. His death was the village's first of a non-professional soldier and the only death during the war of an officer from the village. His commanding officer wrote, possibly truthfully, to his parents, "He had gone out with a reconnoitring patrol in a very gallant manner towards the German lines, when apparently a stray bullet struck him in the neck just below the collar bone. The doctor informed me he must have been killed instantaneously." He was killed, aged 25, near Ploegsteert in Belgium (or Plugstreet, as it was known to British soldiers), a scene of fierce fighting earlier in the war but, at the time of Henry's death, a relatively quiet front. Within 10 days of his death a memorial service was held in Wateringbury Church attended by many dignitaries, such as the Bishop of Rochester. His death was shortly followed by many others.

For more details about Henry Bingham Stevens go to an extract of his battalion's war diary by entering "war diary" in the search box of Wateringbury Local History Society's web site (<https://sites.google.com/site/wateringburylocalhistory/>) and following further links given there.

Terry Bird

NEWS FROM WATERINGBURY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

We had another exciting and busy end of year at Wateringbury. Our Summer Fete was another triumph, raising £3,000 for the school thanks to all the hard work of the Friends Committee and all the volunteers who helped on the day. The sun shone, some of us (!) took a soaking in the popular stocks and we gave the Year 6 leavers a memorable send-off with an eco-friendly balloon release.

At our second annual Volunteer Tea Party, we were able to thank many of the volunteers who help in classrooms, at after school clubs and at fundraising events. We are grateful for all the support we receive from so many parents, grandparents and community members.

We said farewell to our Year 6 leavers with a week of celebratory activities including a leavers' production, a special service at St John's and a water fight and disco. Good luck to all our Year 6 pupils as they start new adventures at secondary school. We are looking forward to welcoming our new Reception children and new teachers when we return to school on Thursday 3 September. Sarah Goodwin joins us from Ditton Junior School and will be teaching part-time in Year 6. Matthew Handley has just completed his teacher training and will be teaching Year 4 and Rachel Bryant joins us as Special Needs Coordinator. Welcome to all three!

CAN YOU HELP PLEASE? We are looking for volunteers and sponsors for our first **Operation Paintbrush** on Saturday 12 September from 10am when we hope to have enough help to be able to paint some exterior woodwork at the school. If you can spare us an hour of your time between 10am and 1pm it will be greatly appreciated and it doesn't matter if you don't have a child at the school. Many hands make light work. Please email Gail Isted if you can help out (so we can make sure we have enough biscuits at the ready) or if you run a local business and would like to sponsor some of our paint costs – email gisted@wateringbury.kent.sch.uk – Thank you for your support!

Chasey Crawford Usher, Headteacher – www.wateringbury.kent.sch.uk

WATERINGBURY PLAYERS

“Interested in ‘treading the boards’, want to try something different? Well it's time to pull on those tights and slap on a wig!!.....Wateringbury Players will be holding its initial panto workshop with our new Director, Tudor Price on Sunday 6 September 2015 at 6.30pm – 9.30pm in the village hall. This will incorporate the first read through of the 2016 pantomime based on the classic ‘Aladdin’.

We always welcome new players either in performing or non-acting roles (back stage, costumes, stage management etc..) so why not come along. As usual, there will be opportunities for younger children to take part but it is important to note that players under the age of 11 can only take part if there is an accompanying adult member, either performing or non-acting. ‘Young’ players (under 11) will have to be registered with the Players by the 13 September. Due to high demand it is unlikely that we will be able to accept any additional ‘young’ players after this date. ‘Young’ player rehearsals normally start after the Christmas break, with Adults and Juniors (over 11) commencing as above on the 6 September.

Our formal AGM is set for the 20 September at 6.30pm prior to that week's rehearsal in the village hall.

The pantomime will be performed on Friday 29 and Saturday 30 January 2016 and as usual the cast will be made up of mostly local members, so a great opportunity to meet new people and have fun.

We look forward to seeing you - “oh yes we do”.....!!!“

BELLRINGERS

On the 16 June, to celebrate the signing of the Magna Carta 800 years ago, the Bellringers rang a quarter peal (1260 changes) of the method Plain Bob Doubles in 44 minutes. The ringers were Justin, Fran, Sue, Hilary, Roger and Glynne. Our thanks go to Fran for conducting the quarter peal.

Contact Sue on 01622 812262 if you are interested in learning more about what we do or want to have a go.

HISTORY SOCIETY

In September Bob Ogley is coming back to speak to us again, this time accompanied by his wife Fern, and together they will be reading to us “Poetry of the Great War”

The June meeting started with our AGM, chaired by Syd Thompsett. The end of year Accounts were accepted, and following a short resume of the last year Syd announced that Joyce Manning would be

our Chairman for the coming year. Following a show of hands from the members Joyce and the present committee were re-elected. There being no other business Syd welcomed our speaker for the evening Chris Jupp.

Chris had come along to speak about the "Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment". Chris started by saying that he had become interested in the Regiment on discovering an Uncle had served in France and Belgium in WWI and had fought in one of the last battles in 1918, from which only a third survived. Chris said the Regiment had been formed in 1840 and disbanded in the 1950s, and through slides we were shown the part played by the soldiers during the many battles experienced during that time. A very interesting talk to end our season of speakers, and like Chris several members of the audience had relatives who had served with the Regiment and who were pleased to hear that there is now a Regimental Museum, in which Chris is involved.

Our annual outing to 'Strawberry Hill', near Twickenham, in July, on a glorious sunny day, was a great success. Bought by Horace Walpole in 1747, the original cottages were soon transformed into his "little gothic castle", with magnificent views across the water meadows to the Thames, now hidden by the trees planted in the landscaped garden created by Horace. Although Strawberry Hill does not contain many items owned by Horace, on our guided tour through the restored rooms of the house, and garden, we saw how magnificent Strawberry Hill had been in the 18th century, particularly the Renaissance painted glass on the windows which added light and atmosphere to the empty rooms and corridors.

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We live in a world of great need and it is easy to feel overwhelmed by the many good causes that ask for our time or money, especially if we have little or none of either to spare. The good news is that there are other ways of lending support when we can't afford a donation or find a window in our busy week. Online petitions are proving to be a fast and highly effective way of raising awareness of issues and bringing about change at no cost and in the time it takes you to type your name.

The following organisations are among the most influential: www.avaaz.org, www.change.org, www.38degrees.org.uk, www.sumofus.org. Visiting any of these websites takes you to their current campaigns and when you sign one you can watch the numbers swell as people all over the world sign too. It's quick, easy and powerful. Together millions of people have in this way taken to task governments and corporations across the globe on issues ranging from climate change to human rights matters. If you weren't already aware of them, they might be worth a look. And it won't cost you a penny.

Rachael (Wateringbury Resident)

TESTON & WATERINGBURY NURSERY GROUP

Firstly we would like to say a very big thank you to the Teston Village hall committee for refurbishing the old kitchen area during the summer holidays and joining forces with our Nursery in re-turfing the large garden to make it a nicer play area for the children.

Welcome back to all our children and families to what will be a very exciting start to the new academic year when we will be learning all about ourselves, where we live and the different cultures around the World.

In our craft activities we are making gingerbread biscuits, pet puppets, and creating hand print trees for our display board. We are also talking about our family and bringing in our baby photos.

Our annual general meeting will be on Friday 2 October at 8.00pm. All are welcome when we will be saying goodbye to our outgoing committee members and welcoming our new team of parents. I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to all who have contributed to our fundraising last year, without which we would not be able to give the children the varied activities we have available.

If you are interested in joining our preschool please contact Tina Driver on 07805 796353 and come along for a taster session.

PRIESTLY PONDERINGS parishofficeemwt@gmail.co

CALAIS

I referred last month to the difficult situation we in Kent are faced with during this Summer. It seems the immigrant problem in Calais is changing and those attempting to breach the barriers every night has dramatically reduced from 2,000 to less than 150. This is largely as a result of the new fencing that has been erected and is welcomed by many. Of course, the problem does not go away because of the erection of new fences. People are still arriving on European shores from North Africa and the Middle East. And so whilst our attention is focused on Calais and the estimated 5,000 migrants encamped, Italy and Greece continue to receive huge numbers of migrants by sea. The UN reported that Greece actually received 124,000 refugees and migrants by the end of July this year. In total Europe has received more than 225,000 in 2015. This puts the Calais situation in to perspective, I would suggest.

In amongst "The Jungle", where the migrants have set up a camp, can be found a Christian Church, St Michaels. Recently the BBC "Songs of Praise" team visited the camp and the church. They reminded Christians that these migrants are our brothers and sisters. They belong to the same church that I belong to and this seems to make the issue very much more complex than some may believe it to be. For many migrants their Faith is important to them. For me this is a humanitarian issue. But I was pleased to see in "Song of Praise" that many Christians have visited the camp to help the migrants by supplying food, supporting them and attempting to reinstate the dignity of these desperate people.

I know this is a controversial issue and many readers will disagree with some of my views, preferring to consider this issue as nothing other than a matter of politics. However, we should not forget that, apart from asylum seekers and economic migrants, there are women, lost children, injured and sick people. The church is here on earth to show compassion and love to fellow human beings. These people in Calais are as much a part of God's creation as you or I. I do believe that their human needs should be met and this awful situation resolved. Equally I do hope and pray that everyone's holiday this summer is not too disrupted and you can all enjoy yourselves.

God Bless

The Revd Jim Brown

COFFEE BREAK - Alternate Wednesdays - 10.30am -12.30pm

We have a really pleasant morning so do come along, it would be good to see you. We meet on alternate Wednesdays in the church for tea, coffee and fellowship and optional craft activities. Everyone is most welcome.

Pauline (01622 814673) and Gillian (01622 813076)

CHRISTIAN AID HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION

Many thanks to all who contributed to the village house to house collections in May for the National Christian Aid Week. Our village raised the magnificent sum of £1,002.35p which will be put to good use helping some of the poorest people in the world work their way out of poverty.

Gillian Sessions

FRIENDS OF KENT CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE

The Friends annual fund raising event takes place on **12 September** when cyclists and walkers will be attempting to visit as many of our Kentish churches as possible. Fifty percent of the monies raised by each participant goes to help upkeep our heritage of ancient churches and fifty percent to the church of the rider/walker's choice. If you would like to take part this year please contact Peter Bond on 01622 814793 for a sponsor form.

The event means that all of Kent's churches will be open so it is an ideal day for the less energetic of us to travel by car and explore these amazingly interesting buildings.

BENEFICE SERVICES

Visit our website www.wateringburychurch.org.uk

<p>Sunday 6 September</p> <p>8am Communion - East Malling</p> <p>9.45am Family Service – East Malling</p> <p>9.45am Family Service – Teston</p> <p>10am Morning Praise – Wateringbury</p>	<p>Sunday 13 September</p> <p>9.45am Eucharist – East Malling</p> <p>10am Holy Communion - Wateringbury</p> <p>6.30pm Evensong - Teston</p>
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<p>Every Monday – 2-3pm – Scout & Guide HQ, Glebe Meadow – Toddler Praise</p>	
<p>Every Thursday - 9am in East Malling Church – Holy Communion</p>	
<p>Pilsdon Community, 27 Water Lane, West Malling - Rev Pam Rink invites you to the Barn Chapel to join members of the community for a Eucharist Service every Wednesday at noon and 6pm on Sundays</p>	
<p>For Baptisms, Weddings and other arrangements with the vicar please attend the Parish Office at the Vicarage on Wednesdays 6.30-7.15pm</p>	

Special Services

Evensong with the choir - Wateringbury Church at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22 September

Service of Healing and Wholeness. The next service will be in Teston at 8pm on **Tuesday 6 October**

Harvest Thanksgiving 10am Sunday 4 October

IN OUR JOYS AND SORROWS - FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism - We welcomed into the family of the Church on 19 July **Poppy Freya Goldthorp** and **Lyra Winnie Stoppani**; on 26 July **Harriet Rose Pocock**; and on 9 August **Georgia Jane Eileen Bissett** and **Estelle Lois Homer Bissett**.

Marriage - We wish joy and happiness to **Aiden and Jennifer O'Connor** whose marriage was blessed on 27 June; and to **Kate McNeill and Timothy Middleton** who were married on 1 August.

Funerals - We extend our deepest sympathy to the loved ones of:

Sydney Frank Hursell whose funeral took place at Vinters Park Crematorium on 16 June officiated by Rosie Hedley.

Albert Taylor (19 February 1951 - 16 June 2015). Rev Jim Brown conducted the funeral in Wateringbury Church on 30 June followed by the committal in Wateringbury Cemetery.