

## VILLAGE DIARY

### July

- 2 School Fete** - 12-3 - School
- 3 Footpaths Walk** - 2.30pm - meet hall car park
- 5 Parish Council** - Village Hall - 7.30 then Planning Committee
- 7, 8, 9 Godspell Wateringbury Players and School production** -Church
- 9 First Session Football Academy (6-9 year olds)** -10am - Fields
- 14 WI - Silver Jewellery talk** - 2pm - Hall
- 23 Teston & Wateringbury 50th Anniversary**-11-2 Teston Village Green

### August

- 7 Footpaths Walk** - 2.30pm - meet at Yalding Station
- 4, 11, 18, 25 Cream Teas at the Church** - 2-4pm

### September

- 4 Footpaths Walk** - 2.30pm - meet hall car park
- 6 Parish Council** - Village Hall - 7.30 then Planning Committee
- 24 School 40th Anniversary Celebration day**

## GODSPELL

### Thursday 7th, Friday 8th, and Saturday 9th July, 2016

The Wateringbury Players, supported by Wateringbury CE Primary School are proud to present the musical GODSPELL which was conceived and originally directed by John-Michael Tebelak, music and new lyrics by Stephen Schwartz. Originally produced on the New York Stage by Edgar Lansbury/Stuart Duncan/Joseph Beruh. This amateur production of Godspell is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French Ltd.

The show will be performed at St John the Baptist Church, Wateringbury on **7, 8 and 9 July at 7:30 pm** (Doors open 7:00 pm). Tickets are all £10 (with a child reduction of £6 on Thursday evening performance only) and are available from The Post Office and The Handy Stores Wateringbury. Proceeds will be divided between the Church and the School. We are delighted that rehearsals promise a great night out so do try and join us. Celia Pocock

## PLANS FOR SCHOOL'S 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Plans for Wateringbury Primary School's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations are progressing well. On **Saturday 24 September** the Bishop of Rochester will rededicate the building on Bow Road, 40 years after it first opened. Local dignitaries will be joined by pupils, parents and teachers - past and present - for tours, historical displays and a '70s high tea. So if you have had connections with our village school do put the date in your diary and go along.

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

**Wedding Congratulations to Hannah Cooper** (daughter of Karen and Adrian) **and Ashley Elliot** who are marrying on 30 July at Lenham Church.

**Golden Wedding Congratulations to Alastair and Christine Byron** who were married at Mottingham Methodist Church (SE London) on 13 August 1966. Christine also celebrates a milestone birthday on 17 July (she was a child bride!)

**Belated Golden Wedding Congratulations to Phil and Anne Rex** who married at St Martins Church, Ealing Common (West London) and celebrated 50 years of marriage on 25 June.

**Congratulations to Simon and Fiona Cayzer** on the birth of their son James Peter, 5 weeks early, on Sunday 12 June weighing 5lbs 1oz; a **grandson for Hilary and Peter Cayzer**.

**Great grandchild congratulations to :**

**Michael and Barbara Wells** on the arrival of their first -

**Noah George Antony Orchard**, (9lb 12oz) – a son for Nick and Claire.

and to **Ted and Jane Bates** on the arrival on 16 June in Wellington, New Zealand of **Astrid Elsa Bates**.

**Birthday Greetings to Gerry DeKnop** for 27 July

and **Phil DeKnop** for 7 July.

**Birthday Wishes to Jenni Hickmott** who celebrates a special birthday on 1 August.

Belated milestone birthday greetings to **Carol Mills** for 10 June.

## VILLAGE FETE - 5 JUNE

Thanks to James Woolley and his team the playing fields looked immaculate. The weather was warm and sunny and the turnout was the best ever. This year we had more stalls than ever before, and the number of clubs, societies, associations and local businesses that took part were the most we have ever had. Grateful thanks to the newly formed Wateringbury Village Fete Committee for all their hard work over the previous nine months to organise the Fete. Thank you to Nick Ibbs for organising the Children's races, which were a great success and to Nick Graves for making the Not Too Serious Dog Show so enjoyable. Thank you to the Scouts for arranging the Tug of War event. Thank you to the local businesses who sponsored the Fete and to everyone who donated raffle prizes. Special thanks to young Harry Vidler who worked tirelessly in helping the organisers throughout the day.

Of course the day would not have been a success without you, our villagers, and those from outside who came along to support our Fete, and made it such a social event. It has been rewarding for all those involved to receive so many positive comments from the people who attended. One person stated that it had been a "Spectacular Success". Hopefully you thought so too.

## JULY PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

**Apologies for absence** were received from Richard Tripp (Chairman).

**Election of Vice Chairman** - a written vote was taken. Simon Jessel checked voting slips - position and chaired the meeting.



Michael Wells was elected as Vice Chairman and took up his new

**Declarations of Interest** - Dennis Stones made known his interest in the Wateringbury Pear

Orchard.

**Announcements** - the Greensted application had been approved by T&MBC (5 votes to 4).

**Report from Borough Councillor** - Simon Jessel expressed his disappointment with the result of the Greensted application. It had been a lively debate at the Council offices when the vote was cast.

**Crime Report** There were 4 reports of anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note during May and 21 other calls/incidents. Councillors agreed that a more comprehensive report proved to be useful but it would be helpful to know where incidents, particularly road traffic collisions, had taken place.

### **Matters arising from meeting on 3 May:**

Investigations had been made into the **Community Payback Scheme**. Free supervised labour for projects such as landscaping and rubbish collecting can be provided to parish councils. Suggestions/ideas would be welcome from residents on areas of the community that would benefit from this scheme.

The **Audited accounts** of the Council were approved by Councillors. Cllr Mrs Moreland offered to implement a risk assessment with regard to the Council's finance processes.

It was agreed to grant £125 to **Wateringbury Pear Orchards** to cover the cost of weedkiller and its application. The request for funding for the next four years will be added to the agenda of the budget meeting in October. Cllr Stones offered to provide more information about Wateringbury Pear Orchards - its background, formation, aims and objectives for the benefit of the parish. Councillors will be taken on a guided tour of the land to see the hard work that has been done.

The **WW2 Pillbox**. One of the new owners of the property where the pillbox is situated was present at the meeting. She confirmed her willingness to maintain the pillbox as an asset on behalf of the village with a view to perhaps applying for Listed status in the future.

**Wateringbury Sports & Recreational Association** reported that the village fete had been an enjoyable afternoon for the village. All involved were thanked for their support.

**Wateringbury Village Hall** - bookings are being lost due to parking issues. T&MBC will be putting up a sign to ask users to park within marked spaces. The possibility of reinstating the barrier to the car park was discussed, but previous experience showed that any damage caused to it proved to be costly to repair.

**T&M Area Committee of KALC** - an Environmental Air Pollution Quality Group will be set up and it is hoped that nominated Councillors will sit on this committee.

**Highways Speedwatch** - The police are trying to be more active in the village to monitor the problem. More volunteers are needed to swell the number of local volunteers who seek, by monitoring traffic speeds, to slow down traffic within the village to make it a safer place for us all.

**Allotments** - there is one available, please contact the Parish Clerk.

#### **Public Discussion:**

**The Pear Orchard** - A suggestion was made that the fruit from the apple trees could be a potential asset and sold to local farmshops. Cllr Stones advised that the trees had not been sprayed and the fruit would not be of a particularly good quality. The Wateringbury Pear Orchards did not have the resources to handle the picking and marketing of the fruit.

Highways Department will be contacted about the **blocked drain** near Pelican Court/Tonbridge Road.

#### **Planning Committee.**

The council considered the following applications:

- TM/16/01060/FL Replacement of carport with a garage structure of the same size and general design at Hillside, 17 Hillside Court - the PC is very disappointed at the use of materials that are not in keeping with the existing structure.
- TM/16/01456/FL Erection of four bedroom dwelling. Revised design to that approved under TM/15/0253/FL, 18 Red Hill - clarification of the differences to be obtained from the Planning Officer.
- TM/16/01545/FL Single storey extension - 137 Bow Road - no objections.

**Next meetings** The public are very welcome to attend the next meetings at **7.30pm in the village hall on Tuesdays 5 July and 6 September**. (There is no meeting in August).

#### **WAR NEWS, JULY/AUGUST 1916**

July 1:	Somme Offensive (Battle of Albert): 60,000 casualties (20,000 killed) on 1st day.
August 6:	Start of 6th Battle of Isonzo in Italy.

Wateringbury suffered, along with the rest of the Empire, in the Somme Offensive. There were four Wateringbury deaths during July/August, 1916 and seven more in the latter months of the Offensive. All four were privates, the lowest army rank. All were farm labourers by occupation. All but one had attended Wateringbury School. All came from what today we would regard as very

large families. Three were volunteers and one a conscript. Only one was married. They were aged from 23 to 37 when they died. Two died at the same location at different times, but all served in different battalions. There was no Wateringbury Pals Battalion.

**William Butchers**, single aged 23, from Fuller's Corner, near the junction of Tonbridge Road with Danns Lane, was among the 20,000 killed on 1<sup>st</sup> July, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Somme. His father was a farm labourer with a large family of seven children. Willie had attended Wateringbury School. He was a volunteer, enlisting in May 1915, and going to France in March 1916. He was in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Border Regiment, part of the 29<sup>th</sup> Division. The battalion's war diary records how in the Beaumont Hamel sector at 7.30 a.m. on 1<sup>st</sup> July, in the face of German machine gun fire, they "advanced into *No Man's Land* at a slow walk ....as ordered....continuing until only little groups of half a dozen were left here and there." Their objective, which a recent book describes as "wildly optimistic", had been Beaucourt Redoubt. The slow walk had been ordered to keep the men together, anticipating that the artillery bombardment would have cut the German barbed wire and eliminated the German machine guns. Given the weight of equipment they were carrying, nothing faster than a slow walk was possible. Even in the overall disaster of the first day of the Somme Offensive, this sector was a particularly bad place to be.

Two days later and four miles to the south, **Frederick Latter**, was killed, near Ovillers. Fred came from Mill Lane, and like Willie was single, had attended Wateringbury School, and was also a farm labourer before enlisting after the start of the war. He was, at 29, a few years older than Willie. Like Willie he was a private. His battalion, the 6<sup>th</sup> Royal West Kent (RWK), part of the 12<sup>th</sup> Division, had not been involved on the front line on the 1<sup>st</sup> July. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> July they attacked the German line near Orvillers at 3.15 a.m. when it was still dark, suffering 375 casualties from the 617 men who went into action, gaining some ground before losing it again.

The third casualty of July 1916 was **Frederick Adams**, originally from Latter's Buildings on Old Road, but whose wife and three children were now living in Nettlestead. Like Willie Butchers and Fred Latter he had attended Wateringbury school and came from a large (six siblings) family of farm labourers; but unlike them he was older (37 when he was killed) originally a professional soldier who had served in the Boer War. He left the army to work as a farm labourer before joining up again shortly after the outbreak of war.

He was in the 1st Battalion of the RWK, part of the 5th Division, posted to France in December 1914 and he was killed on 22nd July attacking High Wood, four miles west of where Fred Latter had been killed and where George Datlen was to die a month later. His wife and three children received a pension of 20 shillings and sixpence (£1.025) a week.

**George Datlen**, born in Dover, came to Wateringbury after school age, working as a farm labourer and living in Pizien Well with his widowed mother and her new husband. Possibly he was a conscript rather than a volunteer as he only joined the army, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment, part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Division, in February 1916. He was posted to France in July, after the Somme Offensive had started, but by the time he was killed he had been promoted from private to unpaid Lance Corporal. His battalion went to the Firing Line in High Wood on 14<sup>th</sup> August relieving the 11<sup>th</sup> Suffolks. They in turn were relieved late on the 17<sup>th</sup> August, the day of George's death, by the Loyal North Lancs, having suffered 59 deaths. Aged 22 he was the youngest of the four.

On 18<sup>th</sup> July the South Eastern Gazette had a long piece, including a photo, on **George Clements** of Latter's Buildings, who had won the *Medaille Militaire*. They reported how proud the village was of him, but his mother told the paper he had only been doing his duty. George survived the war.

As well as blood, money was needed "to carry on the war and bring it to a successful conclusion". The Parish magazine for August focuses for the first time on the issue of war savings, inviting attendance at a public meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> August in the Church Rooms to form a Wateringbury War Savings Association. A new Penny Bank at the Schools under new rules was also to be formed. In the new War savings scheme children could pay in a minimum of 1d. (£0.004) per week (maximum 6d.) and when their balance reached 15 shillings, then 9d. would be added from a Parochial Fund and a War Savings Certificate worth £1 in 5 years, would be purchased in their name. The ability to finance the war was an important factor in Britain's eventual success.

Terry Bird For more details see the web-site of Wateringbury Local History Society. (<https://www.sites.google.com/site/wateringburylocalhistory/>). Put into search box at top right of any page any of highlighted names, or **War savings (1916)**.

## TESTON AND WATERINGBURY NURSERY GROUP

It's near the end of our school year and we are all very sad to have to say goodbye to our 21 children who leave us to go to big school. It has been lovely meeting teachers from the 9 different schools we are feeding into this year. It's always a sad occasion when we say goodbye to the children and their families. We care and nurture these children for the time they are with us and it is always an emotional time for the staff but we wish them all the very best for their future education. Again to help with the transitioning into school we have some P.E. sessions arranged for this term. It helps the school leavers become more independent by changing in and out of their P.E kits.

It's nearly here, **our 50 year anniversary** to be held **on Teston Village Green Saturday 23 July 11.00pm – 2.00pm**. All are welcome to help us celebrate this momentous occasion, we will start off with our children's sports day followed by cream teas, fresh strawberries, ice-cream, coconut shy, marble game, tombola, raffle prizes and much more.

As we are near the end of our school year we must offer our thanks to the village hall committee for all their support this year. We would also like to thank Teston Farm shop, who support us throughout the year by supplying the very best locally produced fresh fruit for our children's snack time. We wish you all a lovely summer holiday and look forward to our intake of 19 new little ones come September. If you are interested in joining our preschool please contact Tina Driver on 07805 796353 and come along for a taster session.

### **WATERINGBURY BABY AND TODDLER GROUP**

Firstly, we would like to say a big thank you to Ben Simons who ran the Brighton Marathon in May. He was sponsored by the Wateringbury Working Men's Club and he raised a total of £401, which was very kindly donated to us by Ben and the club. The money will go towards buying new toys and other resources for our group. So thank you to everyone who sponsored Ben's great effort. Our June meetings were well attended as usual, with our main events being the Queens 90th Birthday parties. The children dressed in red, white and blue, they made crowns and shakers, followed by fun on our bouncy castle and played games. We then sat down and enjoyed a picnic lunch. We are now heading towards the end of term, but we still have lots of playing to do and crafts to make. Our last day of term will be Wednesday 20 July, which will be our sports day. If you would like to come along and see what we do, we meet at 10am to 12 noon each Wednesday and Friday in the village hall. For further information please contact Linda on 01732 522437.

### **FRIENDS OF WATERINGBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

As this goes to print we are in the final stages of planning our **Summer Fete** which will be sponsored again by local builder John Evans (07743 380458) and is on **Saturday 2 July 2016 12-3pm**. The fayre will have a wide selection of craft stalls, activities for children, displays of school clubs, year 6 leavers parade, a BBQ, tuckshop and traditional fete stalls.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the support you have given FOWPS over this academic year and wish you a pleasant and safe summer. Our AGM will be in September and we are actively seeking new committee members, if you are interested in joining please do not hesitate to contact us. FOWPS Committee chairman@fowps.org.uk

### **HISTORY SOCIETY**

On **21 September** the first speaker of our new programme, is **Robert Sackville-West**, whose talk "Disinherited", is about female members of his family who, through various misdemeanours, have been 'cast out' of Knole Park. Visitors welcome (£3.50) at the village hall - 7.40 for 8pm.

There are still a few places available for our annual outing on 13 July, which is to Syon Park in Richmond. If interested please call 01622 817833. The ticket price (coach fare and house conducted tour) is good value at £35.

In May, we held our buffet and wine evening at Leybourne Castle, and although the weather was chilly and damp, we visited the restored Chapel in the castle grounds and had a tour of the Church where 'The Heart Shrine' can be found in the north wall. Whilst enjoying the marvellous supper produced by the committee. Alan Albert, the present owner of the castle, gave us a brief history of the castle and surrounding area and explained how he and his wife, over a number of years, had changed what remained of the castle into what is now a very lovely and comfortable home. We had a very enjoyable evening and our grateful thanks go to Mr and Mrs Albert for their hospitality, and the committee and helpers, for ensuring the evening was a success.

During the past year we have lost two of our long standing committee members, both have brought to the history society a wealth of knowledge and help during their time on the committee and we thank Syd Thompsett and Ted Bates from the bottom of our hearts for all they have done, and look forward to seeing them at the monthly meetings. We are very much in need of new committee members, and would welcome hearing from you if you are interested in joining us. Our next year's programme can be viewed on our website <https://www.sites.google.com/site/wateringburylocalhistory>, or ring 01622 817833 or 01622 766220 for more information.

## **WATERINGBURY YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB**

The club is very excited to announce a new initiative for our village. Feedback from parents is that there is little opportunity for younger children to experience and enjoy the friendship and enjoyment of learning the basics of football in the local area. Accordingly, we are pleased to announce the instigation of a new **Wateringbury Football Club Development Academy**.

The academy will commence on **Saturday 9 July** between 10.00am and 11.30am on Wateringbury Playing Field. This new club is aimed exclusively at children between **6 and 9 years** of age with the accent very firmly on fun and basic skills. We hope this will fire an enthusiasm in all children to remain in the Wateringbury Club teams progressing through the years, continuing to develop their skills.

On moving into the village 18 years ago I was struck by the huge presence on the field on a Saturday morning and as such we have recognised the need to get back to those days particularly with the established sides at the moment experiencing good success. The initial 3 sessions will run up to and including 23 July and then resume on Saturday 3 September after the holiday period. To make these sessions viable and successful we need you to bring the kiddies along for what we know will be enjoyable and fun sessions. Give it a go and see what you think.

ALL children are welcome between the age ranges stated, regardless of ability and we hope you recognise the opportunity for our young children to make friends, develop confidence, learn new skills and above all HAVE FUN. See you in July. Karl Smith Wateringbury Football Club

## **FOOTPATHS GROUP WALKS**

Do come along and join us for our summer walks. We are an informal group who enjoy the local countryside.

Our next walk is on **Sunday 3 July** when we meet at the village hall car park at 2.30pm sharp for a walk of 3½miles along the river to Teston Bridge through Waregrave's Wood.

For our walk on **Sunday 7 August** walkers should meet at Yalding Station at 2.30pm for a walk to East Peckham Old Church and the Greensand Way.

A local walk is planned for **Sunday 4 September** meeting at 2.30m at the village hall car park for a walk through Cattering Wood.

## **WATERINGBURY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The last few weeks of a school year are always frantic but also lots of fun. Our **Summer Fete on 2 July, from 12-3pm**, marks the start of the final countdown to the summer holidays. Thank you to the Friends of Wateringbury Primary School for all the work they put into organising this event as well as other fundraising and social events. Volunteers provide vital support to our school in many different ways and on 7 July we will hold our annual Volunteers' Tea Party to thank them for all their help throughout the year.

Members of our school choir are busily rehearsing for performances in Godspell at St John's from 7 to 9 July while our Year 6s are putting the finishing touches to their Leavers' Production on 14 July. This will be followed by our Leavers' Service at St John's on the 19th at 9am. This is an opportunity for us all to say goodbye and good luck to our Year 6s, and their families, as they prepare to embark on a new adventure at secondary school.

Our last day of term will be 21 July. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our local community for supporting our school throughout the year and to wish you all an enjoyable summer.

Chasey Crawford Usher, Headteacher [www.wateringbury.kent.sch.uk](http://www.wateringbury.kent.sch.uk)

## **WATERINGBURY WOMENS INSTITUTE - The WI - Inspiring Women**

What an enjoyable afternoon we had in June when our speaker took us back to the War years. She opened our eyes but also gave us things to laugh at. Our competition married up with the talk and people were invited to bring along photos of family in the WW2. Our winner was our president (Elizabeth). We then had our tea/coffee and lovely cakes. Our trading table had many interesting items given to us by our members and everybody loves to look. Members can also enjoy days out that we can chose to go on if we wish to may be learn a new skill or just go for an enjoyable day out. Our president recently went to Brighton to WI National with thousands of other WI members.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 14 July** at 2pm in the Village Hall when our guest speaker will be showing hand-made silver jewellery For our competition we are invited to bring along a favourite brooch (but not in silver). Do come along - everybody is welcome. Pauline  
For enquiries please contact: Elizabeth 01622 812018 elizabethastrid@aol.com

### CREAM TEAS AT THE CHURCH

THURSDAYS 4, 11. 18 and 25 AUGUST



2 - 4pm

Do go along and enjoy home-made cakes and scones  
in our beautiful village church.

### THE FRIENDS OF WATERINGBURY CHURCH

(Registered Charity No 1151983)

#### **Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 19 July 2016 at 8pm**

The Friends of Wateringbury Church's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Tuesday 19 July 2016 at St John the Baptist Church, Wateringbury at 8pm. Members and public are all welcome. The AGM will look to approve the Financial Statements for the period to 31 March 2016 and, if considered fit, approve and elect/re-elect trustees to the Board. If you are interested in becoming a trustee, please submit your name to the Secretary with a proposer and seconder by Tuesday midnight 12 July 2016. At the AGM, only members of FOWC will be eligible to vote, so please bring along your membership card/identification.

As the AGM is the FOWC's formal annual public meeting, members are encouraged to submit written questions in advance by Tuesday midnight 12 July 2016. However, questions will be taken on the night.

Frances English – Secretary - 01622 812471 [friends@fowc.org.uk](mailto:friends@fowc.org.uk)

[www.friends@fowc.org.uk](http://www.friends@fowc.org.uk)

### CHURCH PLANT SALE THANKS

The amazing total of £911.05 was raised for church funds. Many thanks to Bijou and Cromar Nurseries for their generous support, to those who donated 'home-grown' plants and to all customers and helpers.

## IN OUR JOYS AND SORROWS - FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

**Baptisms** - We welcomed into the family of the Church:

Leo Teddy Davison (21 February):

Toby James Bryant (22 May)

Poppy Athena Sugden (19 June)

**Funeral** - We extend our deepest sympathy to the loved ones of

Alison Joy Chatterley (17 May)

**Fr Derek writes**

**parishofficeemwt@gmail.com**

*Canon Derek Carpenter is a retired priest living in East Malling who is assisting in the Benefice*

embers from the congregations of all three churches within our Benefice, including those from Wateringbury, made up the party of 39 which went to Guernsey for the Benefice holiday during the first week of June. The Pilgrimage / Holiday has been a regular feature of benefice life since 2004, and this was our fourth visit to Guernsey, an island with an abundance of flora and fauna, a stunning coastline, full of fascination, and steeped in memories of the Occupation during the war years. We stayed at Les Cotils overlooking St Peter Port harbour, a spacious Victorian house which has in turn been a Convent, a Hospital, a School, and is now, as a Christian Conference Centre, practically a 5\* Hotel!

Our theme on this occasion was '*Craftsman's Art and Music's Measure*' which some will recognise as a line from the hymn 'Angel voices ever singing' – and we found a number of opportunities to sing it. We witnessed the craftsman's art in the stained glass of churches that we visited, in the outstanding Goldsmiths' and Silversmiths' displays of commemorative items made for royalty and Heads of State, in the architecture (both ancient and modern) around the island, and in the Clockmaker's whose works ranged from the elegant and simple to the bizarre. Music's measure was assimilated through the hymns of John and Charles Wesley, and the settings of some of George Herbert's poetry – and we made our own music on our last evening together which was patriotically themed 'There'll always be an England'.

Such occasions help draw together the three churches of our benefice – Wateringbury, Teston and East Malling – and provide that interaction which is evidenced in social activity and, sometimes, worship together. It made June a rather special month for us. But so it was for the nation also, with all the pageantry and fun surrounding the Queen's birthday. I wrote about that in last month's *Rostrum* and, as the Queen amusingly mentioned, there will need to be a line drawn under it at some time, or we will all be singing 'Happy Birthday' in December – but 'There'll always be an England' could well have been the joyous anthem for those occasions too (though perhaps some would expand 'England' to say 'UK').

Pam and I had the immense privilege of being invited to the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace towards the end of May: it was a memorable occasion, not least in this special year, and one which we will not easily forget. To be able to see and admire the Queen at close hand, together with other members of the Royal family, was a real treat – and to talk to others who were present to try to discover why they had been invited was a real fascination. We will probably never know the reason or the route by which an invitation came our way – but we were very grateful for it . . . .

. . . . oh, and for the Garden Party, one of us had to buy a hat!

**COFFEE BREAK - Wednesdays - 10.30-12.30**



## **20 July and 3, 17 and 31 August**

We usually meet on alternate Wednesday mornings in the church for tea, coffee and home-made cake. However in July there is only one morning due to the Godspell production in the church in early July. Everyone is welcome. Various handicraft projects are under way but there is no pressure to do anything other than enjoy fellowship. Pauline and Gillian

## **THE BIBLE IN A DAY**

This new book is a précis/summary of the whole Bible that can be read in just over seven hours. The heart of this book is a précis of all the history books with the remaining books varying from a précis to a summary. Just reading this book once will give you a good feel for what's in the whole of the Bible. Particularly appealing to those not yet familiar with all that's in the Bible, this book also serves as a useful refresher for those established in their faith.

The retail price is £10.99 but is available at a discount from [www.the-bible-in-a-day.net](http://www.the-bible-in-a-day.net), or £5.50 if collected in person from the author in Wateringbury.

Please email or phone first: [mike.whiting@btinternet.com](mailto:mike.whiting@btinternet.com); 01622 814975; 07814 158265.

## **JOIN THE PYRAMID ROCK**

### **HOLIDAY CLUB**

### **GO BACK IN TIME TO**

### **ANCIENT EGYPT**

**Mon 15, Tues 16 and Wed 17 August**

**10am to Noon at the School**

**Meet Joseph, Moses, and join the**

**Exodus to find the Promised Land**

**Its FREE - Enrolment Forms from the school**

**or Lisa 07950 852899.**

The Holiday Club is open to all primary school aged children. Pre-school children are most welcome if a parent or carer stays and joins in the fun too. These days will be led by experienced children and youth workers from different local Churches.

## BENEFICE SERVICES

Visit our website [www.wateringburychurch.org.uk](http://www.wateringburychurch.org.uk)

<p><b>First Sunday</b></p> <p>8am Communion - East Malling</p> <p>9.45am Family Service – East Malling</p> <p>9.45am Family Service – Teston</p> <p><b>10am Morning Praise/Matins – Wateringbury</b></p>	<p><b>Second Sunday</b></p> <p>9.45am Eucharist – East Malling</p> <p><b>10am Holy Communion - Wateringbury</b></p> <p>6.30pm Evensong - Teston</p>
<p><b>Third Sunday</b></p> <p><b>8am Communion – Wateringbury</b></p> <p>9.45am Eucharist – East Malling</p> <p><b>10 am Family .Service – Wateringbury</b></p> <p>6.30pm Eucharist - Teston</p>	<p><b>Fourth Sunday</b></p> <p>9.45am Eucharist – East Malling</p> <p><b>10am Holy Communion – Wateringbury</b></p> <p>6.30pm Eucharist - Teston</p>
<p>Every Monday – 2-3pm – Scout &amp; 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 Viv Ashworth 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>While we are awaiting a new vicar the parish office will still be operational. To arrange for baptisms, weddings or other services please visit the parish office at 2 The Grange, East Malling on Wednesdays between 6.30pm-7.15pm</p>	

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**WATERINGBURY CHURCH SPECIAL SERVICES**

**AND VISITING PRIESTS IN JULY AND AUGUST**

**Sunday 10 July 10am - Communion - Canon Alan Vousden**

**Tuesday 19 July 9am - School Leavers Service**

**Sunday 31 July 10am Benefice Communion in East Malling Church** **Rev Viv Ashworth** the New Guardian of Pilsdon Community at West Malling. No service in Wateringbury

**Sunday 7 August 10am - Matins - Barry and Alastair**

**Sunday 14 August 10am - Communion - Revs Viv and Tim Ashworth**

**Sunday 21 August 8am - PB Communion - Canon Derek Carpenter**

**10am - Family Service - Bob and Becky Bowie**

**Sunday 28 August 10am - Communion - Rev Brenda Hurd**

**Service of Healing and Wholeness.** The next service will be a **Communion Service in Wateringbury Church** at 8pm on **Tuesday 2 August.**