

## VILLAGE DIARY

### October

- 3 Harvest Quiz - Hall - 7.30pm
- 3 Charity Grape Picking and BBQ - Vineyard Red Hill - 10am
- 4 Footpaths Group Walk - Hall - 2pm
- 6 Open Morning at the School for prospective families
- 6 Parish Council Meeting - Hall - please note later start 8pm
- 8 **Associated Country Women of the World** talk - WI - Hall - 2.30pm
- 10 Breakfast Club - Rev Jim "My Life to Share" - East Malling Institute - 9-10am - Tickets £5 from 01622 812148
- 11 Benefice Farewell Service for Rev Jim and Jean Brown - East Malling Church - 10am
- 13 PC Finance & General Purposes Committee - Hall - 7.30pm
- 21 Peter Jones A Year at Chartwell - History Soc - Hall - 7.40pm
- 31 Shining Bright Party for Children - Church - 5-7pm

### November

- 1 Footpaths Group Walk - Hall - 2pm
- 3 Parish Council Meeting then Planning Committee - Hall - 7.30pm
- 14 Christmas Craft Bazaar - Church - 11am - 3pm
- 18 Tim Tawney – Disaster to Triumph - History Soc - Hall - 7.40pm
- 28 School Christmas Fayre

### December

- 1 Parish Council Meeting then Planning Committee - Hall - 7.30pm
- 5 Kent Chamber Choir singing Seasonal Music - Church - 7.30pm
- 12/13 Angels and Cribs and teas - Church - 2.30-4.30pm

**Last On The Summer Vine**  
**Saturday 3 October - 10am**  
**VINEYARD, 337 REDHILL ME18 5LB**

#### **CHARITY BBQ PICK**

We've been lucky enough to crop some fantastic grapes earlier than we hoped. So we thought we'd put on a celebration. There will be a game BBQ and charity pick - for every 100kg picked we'll give £5 to the Wateringbury Explorers! Sausages are limited so confirm beforehand to [hb@redhillestate.com](mailto:hb@redhillestate.com) or 07917117928

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

**Wedding Congratulations to Clare Stevens** (formerly of Phoenix Drive) **and Mark Yates**, who married on 22 August at Eastwell Manor, nr. Ashford, where the reception was also held. The happy couple then honeymooned in the Maldives.

**Best Wishes to Jimmy and Liz Humphries** who have recently made a down-sizing move to Coxheath after living on Tonbridge Road for 35 years. Liz will maintain strong links with the village as she will still be working at the School.

**Happy Retirement and Thanks to Rev Jim and Jean Brown** who will be moving to Offham soon (more about this in next month's Rostrum).

Correction: To mark their Golden Wedding **Sandra and Derrick Brown** entertained 29 family and friends at Hadlow Manor Hotel.

Wateringbury resident, **Jennifer Wyles, has just published her first book, 'A Novel Idea'**, to four star reviews. Rose appears to have the dream life: health, wealth and the perfect family. All is not quite as it seems. She suffers a mystery illness. Surrounded by people who love her, she still feels utterly alone. Will the pain that hides from outside eyes destroy her old loves in her family, her soul's love in her horses and the new love who blows into her life like a sudden storm? You can purchase this cleverly written, poignant, yet ultimately hopeful book on Amazon, where you can download it to any electronic communication device ie PC, laptop, tablet, Android, mobile phone or Kindle.

## **COMMUNITY ASSETS**

Is there a building, field, pond or other established setting which is not publicly owned but you, as a villager, feel is an essential part of what makes Wateringbury, well, Wateringbury? If so the Parish Council can apply on your behalf to have the same added to what is called the Community Assets List.

What then happens is that if the Community Asset is to be sold then any approved community based organisation is given up to six months to buy the same for the benefit of the village community. There is obviously no guarantee that a nomination will be added to the List but the Parish Council would love to hear from you with any suggestions for consideration. Contact the Clerk on 01622 817068 or [susan\\_jc@btinternet.com](mailto:susan_jc@btinternet.com)

## **HISTORY SOCIETY**

Our speaker on 21 October is Peter Jones who is coming along to tell us about a "Year at Chartwell", which covers both past and recent events that have occurred at Chartwell, the home of Winston Churchill for many years.

September saw the completion of a project undertaken by Ted Bates, for the History Society, in relation to the replica Village Stocks which stand next to the Lock-Up, beside the entrance to the Village Hall. Ted, along with other committee members, had worked for the last two years on an "Interpretive Panel" for the Village Stocks, which has now been completed and erected next to the Stocks. The History Society is very grateful to Ted and his team for all the hard work undertaken to bring the project to completion, and in doing so have provided the village with an asset which can be viewed by everyone.

If you feel like coming along to hear one of the History Society's speakers, join us at the village hall on the third Wednesday of each month, talks start at 8.00 pm, with free tea/coffee served after 7.40 pm. Membership fee £10 per year, visitors very welcome, £3 at the door. Our new season's programme can be viewed on <https://sites.google.com/site/wateringburylocalhistory/>

**WATERINGBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - The WI - inspiring women**

The September Club meeting was very entertaining, we enjoyed speaker Ann Chance OBE speaking on 'Saddle Sore in Montana'. Ann, who wore boots and spurs, amused us with tales of how she'd learned to ride later in life so she could join a cattle round-up in Wyoming. She also showed us her OBE, awarded for services to adults with disabilities. Well done Ann! We are grateful to Mike Barlow for his valuable assistance with the sound system, which is proving beneficial.

Our monthly competition for a pressed flower card had two lovely entries, too beautiful to judge. We are hoping for more next month, when members are invited to write a short poem on a subject of their own choice.

Members have been signing up for a range of experiences provided by our District. A trip to Bletchley Park has proved particularly popular. We are also planning our own Club outing to Canterbury by minibus, our first bus trip for several years. In between we had lunch, met for coffee, played scrabble and helped judge at a local produce and flower show.

If you feel you might like to join our friendly group you are very welcome to come along as a guest. We meet at Watlington Village Hall at 2.30 on the second Thursday of the month. On 8 October Kay East will speak on Associated Country Women of the World, a charity we support, with time for tea and chatter. Elizabeth - 01622 812018 [elizabethastrid@aol.com](mailto:elizabethastrid@aol.com)

## SEPTEMBER PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

**Cemetery** Additional work on trees to be carried out.

**Crime Report** The following crimes were reported in August: Burglary - male arrested at junction of Bow Road/Tonbridge Road in connection with burglary at the hairdressers which had a window smashed. Burglary - at the yard in Red Hill where assorted plumbing fittings, brass and copper had been removed. Fire - large amount of discarded tyres set alight on a farm in Canon Lane. An empty bottle of fire ignition fluid found nearby. Anti Social Behaviour - report of loud music near the crossroads details of environmental health given to informants.

**County Councillor Matt Balfour** replied to a question on Operation Stack saying Kent County Council did not think the use of Manston Airport, which had been put forward by Cobra, was a good idea. It was hoped the County Council would be reimbursed by Central Government for the costs involved.

**Demolition of Greensted** The question of the demolition of Greensted was raised. Members of the public were asked for their views. Discussions involved the size of the proposed new building, parking, amounts of traffic and the upheaval to the existing residents. **Borough Councillor Simon Jessel** said lots of comments on Greensted had been received by Robin Gilbert, Senior Planning Officer, and the planning application would probably come up before the Area 2 Planning Committee sometime in mid November.

**Planning** The Council had no objections to: External alterations at 226 Tonbridge Road; Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of two storey rear extension at 51 Phoenix Drive; Two storey extension, orangery, single store rear extension at 79 Canon Lane and Single storey extension at 92 Phoenix Drive.

Demolition of existing Greensted Residential Care Home and erection of 55 Old Peoples' Extra Care units (C2 use Class), associated communal facilities, landscaping and parking The Council objected on the following grounds:

1. Size contrary to Policy CP24 and S01 of DPD and requiring parking and vehicular access not adequately provided by the application in its present form
2. Appearance contrary to Para 58 of NAPS
3. Orientation producing overlooking and loss of privacy detrimental to the built environment and amenity of the locality contrary to Policy CP24

**Playing Fields** Council agreed to employ RSS a company that will carry out regular inspections of the play equipment and also maintain it.

A site meeting was held with Abacus to look at replacing the existing bark surface at the play equipment area with wet pour. The cost could be in the region of £38,000. It was agreed to look at the cost of replacing bark over the next years to see which would be most cost effective.

Local residents are very welcome to attend the next meetings of the Parish Council. The regular monthly meeting will be on **Tuesday 6 October at the later start time of 8pm**. On **Tuesday 13 October the Finance and General Purposes Committee** meets at 7.30pm. Both meetings are in the ground floor room at the village hall.

### **MAIDSTONE MENCAP JUMBLE AND NEARLY NEW SALE**

When? Saturday **17 October at 2.30pm**

Where? Cobtree Hall, Mote Park, (School Lane entrance off Willington St), Maidstone ME15 8EB

Contact: Lesley 01622 892433

### **GRAVESHAM CHORAL SOCIETY AND ORCHESTRA CONCERT**

What? Schubert Magnificat in C, Symphony No 8 in B minor 'Unfinished' and Mass in A flat

When? Saturday 14 November 2015 at 7:30pm

Where? St George's Church, Gravesend

Tickets £12.00, Full time students £5.00 Box Office 01474 816684

### **EVENT FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Angels and Cribs 2.30-4.30pm at the Church - 12 and 13 December**

Visit the church to see lots of nativity cribs and angels, enjoy a cup of tea and angel cakes and biscuits; and perhaps take an angel home with you.

### **VILLAGE ANNUAL POPPY APPEAL - Volunteer Collectors Needed**

The Annual Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal which raises much needed funds to support ex-service personnel takes place at the beginning of November. Our organiser Larry Collins requests those who have collected in previous years gird their loins, and once again volunteer their time and that new volunteers come forward so that the whole village can be visited. So collectors old and new please e-mail by 10 October to [larry.collins@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:larry.collins@hotmail.co.uk) to let him know your availability. Larry looks forward to seeing all his old friends and to meeting some new ones.

### **WATERINGBURY FOOTPATH GROUP**

Do join us on our next walks:

**4 October** meet at the village hall at 2pm. Please note earlier start, for a woodland walk and **1 November** at 2pm again starting from the village hall.

Sunday 6 September Walk - First may I apologise for the leader turning up late, so busy at home doing DIY forgot about the walk! This walk, on a bright sunny day, took us out to Gibbs Hill via the Millpond and Rock Farm Nettlestead and returning through Pizien Well and Old Road. We enjoyed the good views of the Medway Valley but little in the way of flora and fauna which is to be expected at this time of year. Kevin Reynolds

### **WATERINGBURY SPORTS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION RENOVATION OF THE PLAYING FIELDS.**

If you have visited the Playing Fields recently you will have discovered that an area of 7,000 sq. metres has been leveled, seeded and a barrier fence erected. This work carried out by James Woolley and his colleagues completes the phased renovation of the main playing field which was commenced in the Spring of 2012.

WSRA successfully applied for grants to cover the cost for the latest phase of £4,720 excl.VAT. We wish to thank TMBC for providing £1,420 from their "Community Enhancement Fund Grant scheme" which paid for the seed and the barrier fence components. Our thanks go to Matthew Balfour our County Councillor on whose recommendation WSRA received £3,200 from the "KCC's Member Grants Scheme". This amount covered the cost of the leveling and seeding works.

WSRA would appreciate your co-operation by keeping off the recently renovated area until the barrier fence is taken down in the Spring of 2016. If you have any queries relating to the above please contact Mike Witts (01622 812027).

#### WAR NEWS, LATE SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1915

September

25 British offensive at Loos, on Western front.

28 Britain defeats Ottomans in Mesopotamia.

October

5 British and French troops landed at Salonika, Greece.

6 French offensive at Champagne, on Western front.

12 Execution in Brussels of Nurse Edith Cavell.

18 Third Battle of Isonzo, Italy.

Village life in September was dominated by the hopping which in 1915 lasted from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September. The parish magazine gives a detailed report, noting "there were fewer pickers than usual" and the hops were "heavier and better than expected". Most of the normal support infrastructure for the hoppers in the village (club rooms; stalls at the station, Canon Court and vicarage) continued as usual, but the lantern shows were discontinued. The hospital, set up in Westbury Cottage, had 10 inpatients including many babies, and a daily average of 32 outpatients; because of the war obtaining nurses was a problem, but **Elsie Blest** from Broomscroft, Canon Lane, volunteered and was in the 1918 New Year's Honours list for her subsequent nursing on the Western Front.

Late September saw the deaths of **William Head** on the 25<sup>th</sup>, **Frederick Relf**, also on the 25<sup>th</sup> and **Arthur Jukes** on the 28<sup>th</sup>. All had attended Wateringbury School, were all in their early twenties and single. William and Arthur both came from Old Road; Frederick from Phoenix Cottages, Nettlestead (by the Railway pub). At the time of the 1911 census William was an insurance clerk, Frederick a domestic gardener and Arthur a butcher.

Frederick, in the Rifle Brigade, and Arthur, in the Coldstream Guards, had joined up after the war started; William, in the London Regiment, had enlisted as a part-time Territorial before the war and then volunteered for overseas service after the war began. William and Arthur were killed in the Battle of Loos in France and Frederick died 25 miles away, in Belgium at Ploegsteert, close to where Henry Bingham Stevens had been killed a week earlier (see September's *Rostrum*).

Arthur's body was not found and in August 1916, 11 months after the battle, the parish magazine reports: *We also heard that Arthur Jukes' parents had received official notice that the War Office had given up all hope of his having survived the battle of Loos.* Otherwise they get little individual recognition in the parish magazine.

What was felt important enough to fill a complete edition of the parish magazine was a detailed report on a spiritual *Mission* in the village. In previous years this had been a whole week of prayers and preaching, but in 1915 was limited to a long weekend from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> October. Some of the services were for women or men only; the vicar was keen to continue men-only services.

Terry Bird

See <https://www.sites.google.com/site/wateringburylocalhistory/> or *google Wateringbury Local History Society*. There is a search box at the top right of each page and further details about William Head, Frederick Relf and Arthur Jukes can be accessed by entering their name.

#### FRIENDS OF WATERINGBURY SCHOOL

Well how time flies, it wasn't long ago that we were saying goodbye to the year six leavers at the summer fete and here we are again at the start of the new school year.

We spent the money raised from last year on the refurbishment of the IT suite. This year we will look at what is next on the wish list and ensure that it is still valid and then work towards funding new items.

A date for your diary is our quiz night on 16 October which will be held in the school hall. Please look out for further details.  
Craig Lightheart FOWPS Chairman

## **TESTON & WATERINGBURY NURSERY GROUP**

Our term 1 has started well with all our new children settling in well and already enjoying our newly turfed garden and rolling around in the long grass!

We are proud to announce that 8 members of our staff are now fully trained in the use of a lifesaving defibrillator, which was donated by friends and family of eight year old Charlie Moretts, from Sutton-at-Hone, who died after suffering a cardiac arrest at his primary school. Since then Charlie's parents have been working with the charity SADS (Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome) which runs a scheme called the UK Big Shock Campaign to provide defibrillators to schools and nurseries across Kent.

Continuing with our theme 'Me and my family' we have been making gingerbread men, hand printed family trees and people bunting to decorate the hall. Once again we will be collecting donations of food for Harvest festival in October, these parcels are collected by the church and given to people less fortunate than ourselves.

A reminder that our AGM is on 2 October in Teston Village Hall at 8.00pm. All welcome, it would be a good opportunity to join our pro-active fundraising team. If you are interested in joining our preschool please contact Tina Driver on 07805 796353 and come along for a taster session.

## **HARVEST QUIZ - SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER 7 FOR 7.30pm**

Join us at the Village Hall for a fun quiz. £8 per person to include apple pie and tea or coffee in the interval. Bring your own banquets and booze. Up to 8 on a table. To book phone 01622 812023. Proceeds to Church Funds.

## **NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL**

**The school year kicked off** with our first-ever Wateringbury Walk. Almost 200 children walked along the river to Teston Bridge where the younger children were met by parents. The older children continued back to school, a grand total of 12,000 steps! Many children wore the colour of their class name and made a bright rainbow as pupils streamed up the hill to Tutsham. Our curriculum focus this year is Learning Outside the Classroom. Our goal is for the children to appreciate the beauty and points of interest which are on their doorstep and to understand the history and geography of the area. Classes will be returning to the river over the year to notice seasonal changes and to sketch landscapes in different seasons.

**Our new Reception class** have settled in well and already feel part of our school community. The children were greeted with an enlarged outdoor area which now encloses natural grass, trees and mud! Our thanks go to Councillor Matthew Balfour for supporting our work on the outdoor area with a generous grant from the authority and also to our parent association, FOWPS, for a significant contribution towards the cost.

**We're delighted to welcome three new members of staff:** Miss Sarah Goodwin in Year 6, Mr Matthew Handley in Year 4 and Mrs Rachel Bryant as Special Needs Coordinator.

**Operation Paintbrush** on 12 September saw families volunteering their time to paint newly replaced sills and doors. What a difference many hands make! Thank you!

**Our annual Harvest Service** will be held at St John the Baptist, Wateringbury on 5 October at 9am. The Reverend Jim Brown will be officiating and the children will be presenting songs, readings and poetry to offer thanksgiving for our harvest riches. We warmly invite you to join us.

**A number of exciting class trips are taking place this term.** Years 1, 2, 5 and 6 will be attending a concert as part of the Music@Malling festival. Year 5 will be involved in the dancing and Year 6 with the music. Our Year 5 children are off to Carrotty Wood for an overnight with a focus on outdoor adventures and teamwork.

**Our Open Morning for parents** interested in the September 2016 Reception class intake will take place on the morning of Tuesday 6 October. We look forward to welcoming parents to our school. More details can be found on our website – see *Admissions* - or please call us on 01622 812199.

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

## **FRIENDS OF WATERINGBURY CHURCH**

On behalf of the President of the Friends of Wateringbury Church, Reverend Jim Brown, I am delighted to report that the Friends have met the target set by the Board of Trustees. Eighteen months past, the Chairman, William English announced that the Board would aim to raise £15,000 by 31 March 2016; he is now delighted to inform readers that this figure has now been surpassed following the counting of takings of a superb £780.11 from the 2015 Strawberry Tea in Manor Farm gardens on 13 September.

The Chairman offers sincere thanks not just to those who came along to the tea party and those who provided the delicious cakes and produce, but to all who have supported and continue to support the Friends these last 5 years. Having supported the purchase of the porch door, the funds remaining and collected hereafter are currently intended to support the re-shingling of the Church Spire. The Board looks forward to enabling this project and with your continuing support it can be done; this could be a part of your village legacy.

Once again, thank you for all your support.

William English Chairman FOWC

## **BARKING MAD**

I like dogs, .... I do... Big ones, small ones, young ones, old ones, pedigrees, and mutts of all varieties....What I don't like is to be awoken by yapping, barking and howling dogs at the crack of dawn, and, when I finally retire to bed at night, to be similarly disturbed by the same animals trying to attract their owners' attention to be re-admitted after their late night, at home, garden "walkies".

I applaud the many responsible dog owners in the village who "scoop the poop" whilst out and about in the village, who control their animals in public areas, and who respect this lovely environment. What I and several of my neighbours do have a problem with, are some dog owners' canine acoustic irresponsibility, letting their dogs bark and yap incessantly, which impacts on the peaceful enjoyment of many residents' homes and gardens. Enjoy your lovely animals, but please don't let their incessant barking spoil other people's lives "A Resident Being Driven Barking Mad"

## **Grand Christmas**

### **Craft Bazaar**

11am to 3pm

**Saturday 14 November 2015**

**at the Church**

Over 20 stalls full of items

by local craftspeople.

Refreshments, mulled wine and mince pies. Raffle, cake stall, tombola and much more. Entry Free.

**Kent Chamber Choir**

**Music for Advent and Christmas**

**Saturday 5 December at 7.30pm**

at the Church

Tickets and further information: 01622 813032

**BENEFICE MOTHERS' UNION**

Call the Midwife is the title of the talk to be given at the meeting in Wateringbury Church at 1pm on Thursday 1 October.. Visitors very welcome.

**THE WATCH CLUB Sundays 11 October and 8 and 22 November**

The club is for young people aged 10 and over and meets in the Village Hall from 5-7pm. For more details phone Lisa 07950 852899

**COFFEE BREAK - Wednesdays 14 and 28 October - 10.30-12.30**

Do come along to the church for coffee and cake and optional craft activities. Everyone is most welcome. Our winter projects are hats for the homeless in Maidstone; teddy bears and blankets from knitted squares for an orphanage in Africa; tiny blankets and teddies for premature and still-born babies and knitted angels for the church Angels and Cribs event in December. Pauline 01622 814673 and Gillian 01622 813076



**THE POVERTY ACTION GROUP**, sponsored by St John the Baptist Church Watringbury, works on specific projects supporting people who suffer in poverty and encouraging local and national government to do more for the most needy. We are currently working to support unaccompanied refugee Syrian children who have recently arrived in Kent. If you would like to find out more about our current and future projects please get in touch. Contact Bob Bowie 01622 813396 or bob.bowie@gmail.com

**PRIESTLY PONDERINGS parishofficeemwt@gmail.com**

**Now is the time to say "Goodbye"**. My retirement begins in early October following my final service at East Malling on the 11th October at 10am. Of course, you are most welcome to join my wife and I for that occasion so that we can say goodbye to as many of you as possible

It is a little short of 14 years that I have been your Vicar here in Watringbury and I just can't believe how quickly that time has passed by. I arrived in the January of 2002 and was immediately made welcome by the community and I thank you all for that. I am so aware of how fortunate I have been to be so intimately involved with the community, particularly through Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals (and you can imagine how many of those I have conducted over these years!). I have always viewed my role as one of being the servant to others and this has always been a privilege and a joy. I have taken the community very seriously and enjoyed a strong relationship with the many groups, organisations and institutions which form a strong community here in Watringbury (This especially includes our School, uniformed groups and local businesses). I have found the community have always been supportive of the Church too. For all of this I offer you a most sincere thank you.

Moving on into retirement will be interesting, challenging and exciting. I have many hobbies and interests that I am looking forward to pursuing and so I shan't be bored. I shall be standing to one side and allowing my successor an opportunity to establish themselves and I respect this protocol. This, of course, is difficult for my wife and I because we have established many friendships and acquaintances but we understand how important it is. However, we shall take away many very happy memories of our time with you all, it has been such a joy for us both.

Watringbury has been a most wonderful place to serve and to be a part of and work in. There is something so very special about it which includes its diversity, friendliness and joy. I find the people here genuine and sincere and I have only ever experienced much support, respect and love. You are all so fortunate to be a part of this most fantastic community. Take good care of it and value it. It's worth looking after.

Jean and I thank you all for the past 14 years and pray that God will Bless you all for the future.

Rev Jim

**SHINING BRIGHT PARTY**

**Saturday 31 October 5-7pm**

**At The Church**

**'Hero' Themed Party  
God Prepares Heroes!**

Come and help us celebrate "All Saints Day" in Hero fancy dress, this may be a Disney Hero, Super Hero or a Rugby Hero to celebrate the Rugby World Cup final this day; any Hero you choose or wear your brightest clothes and come along and shine and have a lot of fun at our Non-Scary "Heroes and Heroines" themed party with games and activities, including the popular Churchyard treasure hunt.

Food and refreshments will be provided and lots of sweets and treats !!!

This party is for school-aged children and youth; pre-school children are really welcome if a parent or carer stays with them. And it is FREE. We would love to see you there. If you would like to know more or would like a booking form please contact Lisa Glasscote on 07950 852899 lisaglasscote@gmail.com or collect a form from the Church.

## **GOODBYE AND WELCOME**

On Saturday 19 September the Bishop of Rochester visited the Pilsdon Community in West Malling to bid farewell to Rev Pam and Dennis Rink and to introduce the new Guardian Rev Viv Ashworth. Viv and her husband Rev Tim are moving from Bolton, although they are no strangers to the area as they did their first curacy over 30 years ago at St Stephen's, Tonbridge. We thank Pam and Dennis for their help in our Benefice over recent years and wish them every happiness in their future ventures.

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

**Baptism** - We welcomed into the family of the Church on 20 September:

Samuel James King and Gabriella Sophia Gray

**Marriage** - We wish joy and happiness to:

Benjamin Ray Ward and Leisha Maria Smith (29 August)

**Funeral** - We extend our deepest sympathy to the loved ones of John Norris whose funeral took place on 3 August.

***Breakfast Club Rev Jim's "My Life to Share"***

***10 October, 9-10am at the Institute Hall, East Malling***

***Open to All Tickets (£5) from Eddie Scarlin 01622 812148***

## **OCTOBER BENEFICE SERVICES**

<p><b>Sunday 4 October - Harvest Festival</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 – Wateringbury</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday 11 October</b></p> <p><b>10am BENEFICE SERVICE IN EAST MALLING TO BID FAREWELL TO REV JIM AND JEAN BROWN</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday 18 October</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>Sunday 25 October</b> <i>Clocks go back</i></p> <p><b>10am Benefice Communion Service in Wateringbury Rev Pam Rink's last service in the Benefice</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 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    01732 870279</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</p> <p>2 The Grange, East Malling on Wednesdays between 6.30pm-7.15pm</p> <p>phone 01732 843282    email    parishofficeemwt@gmail.com</p>	

### Special Services

Come along to the church and celebrate **Harvest Festival**

**10am on Sunday 4 October** and

9am on Monday 5 October for the School Harvest Celebrations

**Evensong with the choir** - Wateringbury - **7.30pm** - **Tuesday 27 October**

**BENEFICE FAREWELL SERVICE FOR REV JIM AND JEAN BROWN AT EAST MALLING CHURCH 10AM ON SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER.** Following the service light refreshments will be served in the church. If you would like a lift to East Malling please phone Patricia Berry on 01622 814776.

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

#### **RETIREMENT OF REV ALAN SEARLE**

At the service on 13 September our Hon Curate Rev Alan Searle announced his retirement, following medical advice, with effect from 31 December 2015.

#### **DEDICATION OF PASCHAL CANDLE**

At the service on 13 September Rev Jim Brown dedicated an oil-filled Paschal Candle donated by Audrey Allen and family in memory of Mike Allen.