

Rostrum October 2014

## VILLAGE DIARY

### October

- 6 **FOOTPATHS WALK** – Village Hall – 2.00 pm
- 7 **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – Village Hall – 7.30pm
- 9 **WI** – Royal Interlude – Maundy money – Peter Hartley – Village Hall – 2.30
- 15 **HISTORY SOCIETY** – History of Kentish Seaside until the First World War – Dr. Ann Kneif – 7.40pm – Village Hall
- 18 **WATERINGBURY WORKING MEN'S CLUB** – Ron and Ash 7.00 pm

### November

- 4 **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – Village Hall – 7.30 pm
- 13 **W.I.** Christmas Orientated Demonstration – Jean Schofield – Village Hall – 2.30 pm
- 15 **ANNUAL CRAFT BAZAAR** – Church 11 am – 3 pm
- 19 **HISTORY SOCIETY** – The Huguenots of Kent – Norman Hopkins – 7.40 pm
- 22 **WATERINGBURY WORKING MEN'S CLUB** – Mike Disco – 7.00 pm

## CATWALK CONNECTIONS FASHION SHOW

I would like to say a massive thank you to all those who contributed and participated in the Catwalk Connections Fashion Show in aid of MacMillan Nurses on Friday 12 September. It was a fun filled night and most importantly we managed to raise £1005.00 for this worthwhile charity.

## JUMBLE SALE

**WHAT? :** Maidstone Mencap Grand Jumble Sale  
**WHEN ? :** Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, Doors open 3.00 pm  
**WHERE?** Cobtree Hall, Mote Park (School Lane entrance off Willington Street) ME15 8EB  
**MORE INFORMATION? – Ring Lesley 07726 334213**

## WAR NEWS, SEPTEMBER 1914

6-9 September: Battle (often called the Miracle) of River Marne stems German advance into France.
14 September: on Eastern Front Russia driven from East Prussia following Battle of Tannenberg.
12-21 September: stalemate at Battle of Aisne on Western Front.
22 September: U9 sinks 3 British cruisers in North Sea off Dutch coast.
22 September-10 October: indecisive series of battles on Western Front
23 September: Japan joins Allies and declares war on Central Powers.
28 September: bombardment and siege of Antwerp starts.

normal population of the village, unaffected as Liaison with the railway timing the departure trains the village, unaffected as day school, coffee stalls, hospital. The hospital had patients of whom 2, both

babies, died. The hop crop in 1914 was one of the best ever with both high volumes and good prices, so Wateringbury ended 1914 quite prosperous.

Britain did not have a conscripted army like other European countries, so much effort had to be put into raising an army of volunteers. Between August 1914 and January 1916 some 2 million British men volunteered. In September 1914 Parliament approved an increase in the size of the army, and in Wateringbury a recruiting meeting took place, organised by both main political parties chaired by Augustus Leney, the brewer. It resulted in 9 new volunteers to join the 57 Wateringbury men already serving in the armed forces but there was disappointment that the hoppers did not attend the meeting.

The war memorial in Wateringbury Church records 41 village men killed in the war, but the vicar felt that Wateringbury's first loss was Bert Potter, a stoker on H.M.S Aboukir. Bert is not on the memorial as he lived in Snodland, but was married to a girl from a Wateringbury family, the Woolgars. H.M.S. Aboukir was an obsolete cruiser, which had played a minor role in the first naval clash of the war, the Battle of Heligoland Bight at the end of August; it was patrolling in North Sea on 22 September with 2 other cruisers when all 3 were sunk by U-9 with the loss of nearly 1,500 lives.

Terry Bird For more details see the web-site of Wateringbury Local History Society.  
(<https://www.sites.google.com/site/wateringburylocalhistory/>).

## **FRIENDS OF WATERINGBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We welcomed families back to school with a free walking treasure hunt round Wateringbury village on 13 September and a new committee was due to be elected at our annual general meeting on 23 September.

Our next fundraising initiative is a Bag2School textile recycling collection. Sacks of old clothes, shoes, bags, hats and belts can be brought to school from 21-23 October. Plans are coming together for our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 22 November. Estate agents Ward & Partners have kindly agreed to sponsor this event. Any other local businesses wishing to sponsor stalls or activities in return for some great local publicity are asked to email [chairman@fowps.org.uk](mailto:chairman@fowps.org.uk) as soon as possible.

Following a successful year of fundraising we expect to place an order for new playground equipment for our Key Stage 1 playground as soon as the children have had their say on the various options under consideration. Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts to make this possible. Gail Isted [www.fowps.org.uk](http://www.fowps.org.uk)

## **NETTLESTEAD AND WATERINGBURY PRE-SCHOOL & CLUBS (Charity No. 1144343)**

Sports Day was a blast it was grand to see so many family and friends out to support and cheer the children and didn't they do well. My favourite was the penalty shoot-out so many fantastic goal keepers - where are the football scouts when you need them? We returned on 8<sup>th</sup> September, and kicked off with a "Love That Book" theme. Each week will be a different book and we hope that parents/carers will come along and read their favourite stories to the children.

The Group's AGM is coming up in October if you are interested then please give us a call on the number below.

If you wish to come along and join our fun, then please ring 01622 813120 e-mail : [nettlesteadandwateringbury@yahoo.com](mailto:nettlesteadandwateringbury@yahoo.com)

## **WATERINGBURY WI**

The WI - Inspiring Women

Our speaker on 'Mudlarking' lived up to expectations, giving fascinating information about her searches on the banks of the Thames at Deptford, with varied findings on display. The Quiz mystery items defeated most of us, not surprising as they included china wig curlers, tokens for shops and public houses and shrapnel. Some of the items dated from BC and one piece had been assessed as Treasure Trove.

We enjoyed tea, cake and fellowship, our trading table and some members signed up for trips and events on offer through our WI District. A trip to Winchester Christmas Market is proving to be very popular.

Next month's meeting is at 2.30 on Thursday 9th October in Wateringbury Village Hall when Peter Hartley will be speaking on Maundy Money.

Meanwhile we'll also be busy with an easy walk, lunch and our scrabble/social afternoon. Why not come along as a visitor? You will be very welcome.

For enquiries contact Elizabeth 01622 812028 or 07977125000 [elizabethastrid@aol.com](mailto:elizabethastrid@aol.com)

## **WATERINGBURY CRICKET CLUB**

The season is almost over and we have had a mixed year. We have won 5 games and lost 9. The cancellations have been mainly due to a lack of players. We are therefore asking once again for new players to come forward. You are more than welcome to join us and do not need to commit to every

single match. We only play friendly matches and some of the away games are in stunning settings.

The summer fate was a fantastic success for us and it was fabulous to see so many people wanting to play the quick cricket matches.

Our AGM will be on the 13th October 2014. The list of committee members will be placed in the next issue.

If you would like to come to nets practice, then this starts on Tuesday 10th February at 8.30pm. It lasts for one hour and will take place at Maplestone Noakes School.

## **WATERINGBURY WORKING MEN'S CLUB**

Ron and Ash will be with the Club again on 18<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 pm

The Club held a Karaoke evening run by Mike Disco. This was extremely successful and great fun, and by popular demand, Mike will be returning on 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.00 pm

## **FOOTPATH GROUP**

10 walkers met for this village early Autumnal stroll. We went out via the millpond and Rock Farm out to Pizien Well, on route checking out the grubbed out Orchards which had now been planted with a brassica probably to be used as a green manure before the planting of crops. Leaving the hamlet we walked along Gibbs Hill before returning across the outward path to Old Road where some took the opportunity to go to the Strawberry Teas at Manor Farm.

Next Walk – 6<sup>th</sup> October Meet village hall at 2:00pm for a local walk  
Kevin Reynolds

## **HISTORY SOCIETY**

Our October speaker is Dr Ann Kneif whose talk is entitled "Kentish Seaside Resorts until the First World War", she will be telling us about the development of seaside resorts, the means of travel, accommodation, bathing and beach occupations as well as other entertainment available to the visitor.

In July members of the History Society spent a day visiting Rochester for a tour around 'Restoration House' and the 'Cathedral'. In the morning following coffee and delicious cakes at Restoration House, we were fortunate to have as our guide Robert Tucker, the owner of the house, and he explained in a very informative and interesting way the problems experienced over the years in restoring and furnishing the house to its former glory. Not only is the house worthy of a visit, the gardens are very interesting too, with immaculate lawns and paths leading you to unexpected discoveries.

For the tour of the Cathedral we were divided into small groups led by guides who were able in a very short time to share with us their knowledge and stories about the Cathedral down through the ages to the present time. JH

## SEPTEMBER PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

**New Councillor** Councillors voted in favour of co-opting Mrs Lin Simons who lives on Tonbridge Road. She then took her seat with Councillors and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

**Police matters** No crime report was received. The council is still awaiting for details of the parish's new Police Community Support Officer.

**Village War Memorial** A quote had been received for the refurbishing of the memorial. It is hoped that assistance can be obtained to help with the cost involved.

**Street Lighting** The council is contacting Kent Highways to establish if any legal agreement exists between the Parish Council and Kent highways. Possibilities for the 2 street lights in Old Road were discussed.

**Wateringbury Sports & Recreational Association** Council discussed the items raised by a recent ROSPA report on all the play equipment. It was agreed to pursue the recommendation that additional bark was needed to cover areas around some equipment where the textile covering was exposed.

**Highways, JPCTCG & Speedwatch-** Mr Charles Stroud stated more volunteers were needed for Speedwatch. Cllr Wells raised concern over the number of speeding vehicles along the A26 particularly near the junction with Pizien Well Road and the need for more speed enforcement measures. Cllr Wells also raised concerns about the overgrown vegetation along Old Road and at the junction of Pizien Well Road and the A26. This would be reported.

**Allotments** A party of plot holders have cleared the communal sheds at the allotments. All allotments are being worked at the moment.

**Planning** - Cllr Wells agreed to join the Planning Committee  
Listed Building Application The Thatched House 1 Mill Lane : Alterations including removal of thatch on two bay windows to be replaced by reclaimed Kent peg tiles in keeping with the age of the extension. The Parish Council objects to this application as they considered the replacement material to be used is out of character with the rest of the building.

**Public Discussion** - Matters raised included:

The **footpath leading from Tonbridge Road to Allington Gardens** which had not been completely cleared. Some work had been done but then left and the path had since become overgrown again and vehicles were now parking on the footpath making it difficult for some pedestrians to get passed. These matters would be reported.

**A large grey wheeled bin** had appeared outside the tea room at the corner of Red Hill. Since this is in a Conservation area further investigations would be made.

The **next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7 October**. The council values the support of local residents who are welcome to come to the meeting and raise matters of concern.

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## **EAST FARLEIGH FARMERS' MARKET**

The October Farmers' Market will be held on Sunday 5th from 9am to 12 noon. Hopefully we will have a full complement of regular stalls with fresh local produce of all kinds. The Old Rose Garden now stocks honey actually produced by bees in East Farleigh, which may be beneficial for those with allergies! Why not treat the family to some cakes and savoury pastries for Sunday tea from Grandma Bakes, and bread for sandwiches from Hunton Bakery? Artist Grenville Allen hopes to be back (weather permitting) with his delightful prints of domestic, farm and wild animals.

## **2<sup>ND</sup> WATERINGBURY BROWNIES**

What a whirlwind of birthday activities!! The brownies have been celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday this year and it all started in January when we joined 3000 other brownies at Butlins in Bognor for a fun packed weekend. It was a highly organised event and the girls swam in the pool, practised their circus skills, danced to the disco and much more. We all came back very tired but with lots of happy memories. In May we took the girls to Leeds Castle to celebrate with other girls from the County, the sun shone and they took part in a fairy workshop, enjoyed the outdoor play area, maze & watched a show where all the participants were brownies. We finished the term with a Division event at Museum of Kent Life and celebrated Brownies in the past and present with lots of junk modelling, tile painting, circus skills, made peg dolls and had a ride on the tractor! A great day was had by all especially as Jackie & I were presented with our 5 year service award, which was a lovely surprise to us both!

We are now looking forward to the start of the Autumn term and I will be taking on another role within Girlguiding as I will be running 1<sup>st</sup> Wateringbury Rainbows with Karen from September as well, so exciting & busy times ahead! We are always in need of new adult leaders within the group, so if you want to get involved I can thoroughly recommend it, as it is such valuable and rewarding work. Give me a ring if you are interested, 01622 817035.

Chris Fisher (Little Owl)

## **AIR AMBULANCE APPEALS FOR VOLUNTEERS**

A life-saving charity providing a Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) in the south East is appealing for more volunteers in Kent, Surrey and Sussex.

Members of the public can help out in a number of ways including placing and emptying collection boxes, selling merchandise at fundraising events and representing the charity at cheque presentations, raising awareness of the service as public speakers by giving talks to local groups, etc. Other roles at Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance include store and street collectors, drivers and couriers, and office administration.

Head of Volunteer Resource Amy Hamer said: "As a charity, we cover a region in excess of 3,500 square miles with a population of 4.5million people. To find out more about becoming a volunteer go to

[www.kssairambulance.org.uk/involved/volunteering](http://www.kssairambulance.org.uk/involved/volunteering), call Amy Hamer on 01622 833806 or email [amyhamer@kssairambulance.org.uk](mailto:amyhamer@kssairambulance.org.uk)

## **TESTON AND WATERINGBURY NURSERY**

With the summer months fading into the distance and the nights beginning to draw in, it seems fitting that our theme for this term is Autumn & Winter. As always this will mean lots of related activity for the children. We will be looking at animals that sleep during the autumn and winter period and building a hibernation cave in the garden for the children to experience what it's like (although we will be waking them up before spring!) On top of this, the children will be making clay hedgehogs, cheerio bird feeders, leaf garlands, and then carving pumpkins and making firework paintings to tie in with activities associated with this time of year. The children will also have a visit from the Reverend Jim Brown to talk about Harvest Festival.

## **EVENTS & KEY DATES:**

### **AGM – 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Teston Village Hall**

If you would like to find out more about Events or our Nursery Group please visit us at [www.testonandwateringburynursery.co.uk](http://www.testonandwateringburynursery.co.uk)

**MAIDSTONE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**, Conductor, Brian Wright, will perform on Saturday 11th October 2014 commencing at 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone Leisure Centre, Mote Park, Maidstone ME15 7RN. The programme consists of three works – Wagner - Overture, Tannhauser. Beethoven – Piano Concerto No.5 "Emperor" Soloist Tae-Hyung Kim. Tchaikovsky - Symphony No.1 "Winter Daydreams". For booking information ring Membership Secretary, Membership Secretary Alan Veal on 01622 735830 or on [www.mso.org.uk](http://www.mso.org.uk)  
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### **GRAVESHAM CHORAL SOCIETY AND ORCHESTRA PRESENT**

Handel – Psalm 112 and two Chandos Anthems  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm  
St George's Church, Gravesend

Tickets are £12 (£5 fulltime students) and are available by calling 01474 812726, or at the door.  
[www.graveshamcs.co.uk](http://www.graveshamcs.co.uk)

## **PRIESTLY PONDERINGS [parishofficeemwt@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficeemwt@gmail.com)**

### **Take the "rough with the smooth"**

I'm on holiday as I write this article for Rostrum and I'm doing things that I don't normally have the chance to do, such as reading a newspaper from front to back. In today's newspaper I read of the bumper wine harvest that we are about to experience here in the UK. The English vineyards have experienced near perfect weather conditions which will result in this harvest of grapes for wine. Not only will the industry be harvesting early this year, it is also expected to be of an excellent quality! In the same newspaper I read that 23% of us are really bothered by bees because they can sting us. It seems we enjoy the produce relating to a bumper harvest but we don't always enjoy some of the consequences. We need bees to pollinate the crops. One can't happen without the other. Most of us enjoy honey but it seems we don't like bees. It's simply mad, we just can't have it both ways. But we would like to if it was at all possible. We, therefore, have to learn to take the "rough with the smooth".

Our harvest is a gift from God. This year it seems that God has been more than generous. Farmers report excellent crops and we are up to a month early in harvesting. But there is always something which makes it less than perfect in our eyes. There is always some kind of cost or something to moan about. It could be we found some of the summer days too hot and we complained or perhaps we have moaned because we have been stuck behind a tractor in a country lane. It can't always be perfect! We have to take the "rough with the smooth".

Something else I manage to do lots of when I'm on holiday is to gaze. Gaze upon the beauty of creation through mountains, trees, rivers, wildlife and people etc. Harvest is not simply about what we fill our churches with at our harvest festivals. It is more to do with understanding and appreciating God's creative influence on our lives, including the bits we don't like. There is a plan and a purpose for everything that God creates. Bees need to be able to sting to protect themselves, for example.

I am thinking about God's plan for us all for this year's harvest time. With an abundance of produce I wonder if we might share more with our neighbours. Aid, in the form of food, is desperately needed in many parts of the world, for all number of reasons, as people continue to starve. I do hope our giving is increased for the benefit of the hungry. Equally, I hope we learn to accept the "rough with the smooth" when it comes to nature and God's continual gifts to us all. We have very little to complain about!

Revd Jim Brown

## SHINING BRIGHT PARTY

FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER 5-7PM



God made each of his children special -You're One us at this year's "Despicable Me" themed party. Come in your brightest clothes or fancy dress to St John the Baptist Church, Wateringbury and have a lot of fun with our minion themed games and activities, including the ever popular Churchyard treasure hunt

**in a Minion!** Come and join in your brightest clothes or fancy dress to St John the Baptist Church, Wateringbury and have a lot of fun with our minion themed games and activities, including the ever 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, but pre-school children are really welcome if a parent or carer stays with them. 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 / lisatalman@yahoo.co.uk or collect a form from the Church.

## BENEFICE MOTHERS' UNION

The October meeting will be held in **Wateringbury Church** on **Thursday 2 October at 1pm** when Wendy Ray will give a talk entitled "Hand of Compassion". Non members welcome.

On 6 November Mike Latham will talk on The Challenge of Living with Downs Syndrome. The meeting will be in East Malling Church and starts at the much earlier time of 9am. There will also be a communion service.

## WATCH CLUB - Village Hall - 5.30-7.30

All young people in school years 6 and above are welcome to the village hall to join in a range of fun activities. The next meetings are:

**Sundays 12 October, 9 and 30 November and 7 December.**

More details from Lisa 07950 852899

## SUNDAYS COOL

We meet in the vestry during the 10am church service on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. On the third Sunday we attend the Family Service in Church. Children of all ages are welcome; we ask those under 4 to bring a carer with them. If you would like to receive news of Sundays Cool activities by e-mail contact [becky.bowie@gmail.com](mailto:becky.bowie@gmail.com)

## BENEFICE CHURCH SERVICES

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

Sunday 5 October	Sunday 12 October
9.45am Harvest Festival – East Malling	9.45am Eucharist – East Malling
9.45am Harvest Festival – Teston	<b>10am Holy Communion - Wateringbury</b>

<b>10am Harvest Praise – Wateringbury</b>	6.30pm Evening Prayer - Teston
<b>Sunday 19 October</b> 8am Holy Communion – Wateringbury 9.45am Eucharist – East Malling <b>10 am Family Service – Wateringbury</b> 6.30pm Eucharist - Teston	<b>Sunday 26 October</b> 9.45am Eucharist – East Malling <b>10am Holy Communion – Wateringbury</b> 6.30pm Eucharist - Teston
Every Monday – 2-3pm – Scout & Guide HQ, Glebe Meadow – Toddler Praise	
Every Thursday - 9am in East Malling Church – Holy Communion	
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	
For Baptisms, Weddings and other arrangements with the vicar please attend the Parish Office at the Vicarage on Wednesdays 6.30-7.15pm	

### **SPECIAL SERVICES IN OUR VILLAGE CHURCH**

**5 October - Harvest Praise - 10am**

**Monday 6 October - School Harvest Celebrations - 9am**

**Tuesday 27 October - Evensong with the Choir- 7.30pm**

**Benefice Service of Healing and Wholeness. 7 October** This month the service will be in Teston at 8pm and will be a Taize style service.

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

**Baptism** - We welcomed into the family of the Church on 17 August

**Owen Edward Phipps** and **Leah Violet Wheedon**:

**Marriage** - We wish joy and happiness to **Ralph Edward James Spencer and Gemma Ann Hambly** (5 September)

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

**Michael Allen** (11 September)

### **BENEFICE BREAKFAST CLUB**

**9am on Saturday 11 October in East Malling Institute**

Cooked Breakfast plus talk **Escapades of an Army Chaplain** by Rev Matt Buchan Vicar of Leybourne. Tickets from Eddie Scarlin 01622 812148



## **Grand Christmas Craft Bazaar**

**11am to 3pm Saturday 15 November**

Wateringbury Church

From beads to bags, and plants to pashminas - over 20 stalls full of items by local craftspeople, as well as refreshments including mulled wine and mince pies. raffle, cake stall, tombola and much more.

### **COFFEE BREAK**

Our meetings are proving very popular and so in response to requests we are now going to meet twice a month for coffee, cake, chatter and crafts. We will meet in the **church between 10.30 and 12.30 on 8 and 22 October** (the second and fourth Wednesdays). Everyone is most welcome and crafts are optional. At the moment some of us are knitting squares to be made into blankets while the more adventurous are knitting a variety of items. If you would like a lift to the church please let us know Pauline 814673 and Gillian 813076.

### **AUGUST CREAM TEA THANKS**

The Thursday cream teas proved very popular again this year and raised a total of £371.05 for church funds. Thanks to all who supported the afternoons, but especially to Norma Betts who co-ordinated the team of volunteers who baked and served each week. (We really will miss your catering talents and cheerfulness Norma and wish you every happiness in your new home)

**Diary Date Sunday 7 December**

**Kent Police Male Voice Choir**



**Concert of Seasonal and other Choral Music**

**in Wateringbury Church at 3pm**

Tickets: Adults £10 Children/Full Time Students £5 to include programme. Further information and advance tickets: 01622 813032

