

JUNE 2011

VILLAGE DIARY

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7th **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** - Village Hall - 7.30 pm

9th **W.I.** - Village Hall - 2.30 pm

11th **SCOUT & GUIDES AGM EVENT** – School – Activities start at 6.30pm

13th-17th **PENTECOST PRAYER LABYRINTH** – Church – daily 12.30-2.30pm

15th **HISTORY SOCIETY** - AGM followed by Peter Hartley – Princes and Palaces – Village Hall - 7.40 pm

17th **FLOWER CLUB** – Demonstrator Sue Oaten – N'stead Hall – 7.30pm

18th **SCHOOL FETE** - School grounds - 12-3pm

JULY

3rd **KING JAMES BIBLE 400TH ANNIVERSARY** – Special Service – 10am

3rd **FOOTPATH WALK** - meet in car park behind Tesco in West Malling High Street at 2.30 pm

5th **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – Village Hall – 7.30pm

19th **HISTORY SOCIETY** - Visit to Westenhanger Castle

Garden Open

**On Sunday 26 June the beautiful garden of
Broomscroft, 143 Canon Lane,
will be open from 2pm-4pm**

by kind permission of Caroline and Simon Jessel
in aid of church funds, parking available.

Why not take the opportunity to view this beautiful garden and combine this with a Cream Tea at the Church?

Tickets for Garden and Cream Tea £6 , Garden only £3.50 accompanied children free.

Further information 01622 813032.

PUBS OF WATERINGBURY - The Harrow, Old Road

The pub was closed and de-licensed in 1968 and became a private house, although the wrought-iron bracket for the old pub sign is still in place. Until the A26 was built Old Road was the main thoroughfare. (The new road (A26) separated the gatehouses of Mereworth castle from main building). The property was built in the late 1600s and for much of its life was an ale house, it was granted a wine licence in 1947 and a full licence in 1958. After the A26 was built the pub's main clients were agricultural workers from surrounding farms and, of course, hop pickers at hopping time. In 1876 the brewing Leney Brothers bought the beerhouse, with a fishmongers and 3 adjoining cottages for £1150. In 1954 the licencees were Mr and Mrs Martin. (*Information taken from Whitbread the Inn behind the Signs by David Harper*)

MAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The planning committee would appreciate the opinions of parishioners in relation to planning applications prior to its meeting to help formulate the response to T & M. Please send comments to the Parish Clerk Redhill Cottage, Redhill or e-mail Alternatively come along to the planning subcommittee meeting which is held directly after the monthly parish council meeting in the village hall on the first Tuesday of each month..

The May meeting was the first for the new 5 year term. It was disappointing that only 4 people, all existing councillors, formally put their names forward to serve the community as Parish Councillors. These were Maureen Allen, Michael Cayzer, Richard Tripp and Denis Stones.

At the start of the meeting Doug Chivers, Bev Evans and Chris Talbert were co-opted on to the council. One other parishioner has expressed an interest in joining the council. This leaves 2 vacancies. It is hoped that quite soon these vacancies can be filled. If you would like to know more about joining the council, please contact Sue Cockburn, the Parish Clerk on 01622 817068.

Michael Cayzer was elected as chairman and Richard Tripp as vice chairman.

The previous chairman Maureen Allen has moved from the village and is therefore unable to continue to serve as a parish councillor. She formally tendered her resignation and the new chairman expressed his thanks to her for all her hard work and commitment during her time as a parish councillor.

Councillors deferred the decisions re membership of sub-committees until the June meeting when it was hoped there would be a full complement of councillors.

It was agreed to look further into the QE2 Fields Challenge 2012 and to obtain quotes for rabbit proof fencing at the playing fields.

Since part of the Pear Orchard land is leased from the Parish Council the appointment of new contractors to manage the Orchard from February 2012 was formally agreed. The new contractor will be Chris Phillips of Hunton.

The newly elected Tonbridge and Malling Borough Councillor, Simon Jessel, was unable to attend the meeting as he was being formally inducted into his post at the Borough Council offices.

Directly following the meeting the planning committee met and considered the following planning applications, to which they had no objections:

- Single storey side extension to existing dwelling at 22 Mill Lane
- Full planning permission for change of use of existing building from class B1 offices to 3 residential units at 170 Tonbridge Road. This was a revised plan, there would be 3 parking spaces per dwelling and outline planning for a detached dwelling is no longer sought.

An e-mail from Marion Regan of Hugh Lowe Farms to a former chairman of the council was made public. Anyone wishing to read the contents should contact the parish clerk.

The council appreciate the support of parishioners and hope that more will be able to attend its meetings. The next meeting will be in the village hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7 June.

INSTALLING HUSBAND – a new wife writes to IT technical support

Dear Tech Support

Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0 and I noticed a distinct slowdown in the overall system performance, particularly in the flower and jewellery applications, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend 5.0. In addition, Husband 1.0 uninstalled many other valuable programs such as Romance 9.5 and Personal Attention 6.5, and then installed undesirable programs such as Nascar 5.0, Golf 3.0 and Hockey 4.1. Conversation 8.0 no longer runs, and House Cleaning 2.6 simply crashes the system.. Please note that I have tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems, but to no avail.. What can I do?

Dear Madam

First, keep in mind, Boyfriend 5.0 is an Entertainment Package, while Husband 1.0 is an Operating System. Please enter command: ithoughtyoulovedme. Htm! and try to download Tears 6.2 and do not forget to install the Guilt 3.0 update. If that application works as designed, Husband1.0 should then automatically run the applications Jewellery 2.0 and Flowers 3.5. However, remember, overuse of the above application can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Silence 2.5 or Beer 6.1. Please note that Beer 6.1 is a very bad program that will download the Snoring Loudly Beta. Whatever you do, **DO NOT** under any circumstances install Mother-In-Law 1.0 it runs a virus in the background that will eventually seize control of all your system resources. In addition, please do not attempt to reinstall the Boyfriend 5.0 program. These are unsupported applications and will crash Husband 1..0. In summary, Husband 1.0 is a great program, but it does have limited memory and cannot learn new applications quickly. You might consider buying additional software to improve memory and performance. We recommend: Cooking 3.0 and Hot Looks 7.7. Good Luck Madam!

VILLAGE PEOPLE *Please let us have your news or tributes by 18 June for our summer issue which covers July and August*

SHEILA NESBITT EVANS has recently died following a difficult time with illness.

Sheila lived very happily in the village for many years. As a retired headmistress she was a highly intelligent lady with a number of interests and hobbies. She belonged to NADFAS and was a member of the History Society for many years and even gave an excellent talk on William of Orange. One of her hobbies was D.I.Y and she undertook a number of projects in her bungalow and garden, including building her own pond, even mixing her own cement! She belonged to a Book Club within the village, which she enjoyed greatly – both the books and the companionship. When it was her turn to host the lunch and choose the book, she did this with great style. Sheila will be greatly missed by her Book Club friends, her other friends and neighbours. CT

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to Dean Harle & Clare Webber (both formerly of Watlington) who married at The High Rocks, Tunbridge Wells on Friday 20th May, 2011. They are honeymooning in Malaysia, love and best wishes for the future, Mum, John, Ryan, Becca & Jordan xxxx

WATERINGBURY FLOWER CLUB

May Meeting - Workshop with Helen Hare - Beauty Within

We welcomed Helen to the club for a very well attended workshop, Helen an area demonstrator and part of the Kent team who won Silver Gilt at Chelsea a few years ago, our task was to take a few items and create a masterpiece under the guidance of Helen. We had a bowl and some oasis which we covered with leaves and placed roses in amongst foliage and then created a caged effect from coloured willow midalino sticks, of course with everyone having a different colour of flowers and all the different interpretations of this, we had quite a varied number of designs. I think I can say that everyone enjoyed working with Helen, and I am sure she will be invited back in the future.

Next month - Thursday 16 June - we have another super area demonstrator called Sue Oaten with our members club competition entitled Summer Splendour.

We now have our own club website - www.watlingtonflowerclub.co.uk which lists our programme for the whole year and all our contact details etc and a gallery of visiting demonstrators, members' workshops, and competitions, please take a look; it might inspire you to come and join us. Members are currently involved in the planning of entries for the County Show in July and our club show in August. Jean Schofield Chairman Watlington Flower Club

HISTORY SOCIETY

Our June meeting will commence with a short Annual General Meeting, which will include the election of a new Chairman, followed by a talk from Peter Harley on “Princes and Palaces”. Peter is returning to tell us more about his experiences whilst in Service with the Royal Family, and he will also be speaking about past monarchs and their residences, starting with Queen Victoria through to the present day.

Andrew Clarke came along in April to show us, through slides, and to tell us how Maidstone has been affected by Fires since the 1700s. In 1730 the spire of All Saints Church was struck by lightning and totally destroyed by the resulting fire; this led to one of the first fire fighting appliances for Maidstone being installed in the West end of the Church – a box for the storage of water and a hose.

Gradually the equipment used was improved but was privately owned and although supplied with a wagon with a water pump, the firemen had to hire horses from the local “Hackney Carriages” in order to reach the fire. A plaque, issued by insurance companies was given to policy holders, to be displayed on the outside of their premises, to show they were entitled to receive the services of the firemen. During and after WWI the fire services were improved, and the uniform worn by firemen remained the same for many years, except for the steel helmet which when in contact with trailing electrical wires proved to be an extra hazard.

We were shown photographs taken of many major fires experienced in Maidstone, including the serious fire at Oakwood Hospital in 1957 when the water tower collapsed killing and injuring several people, including firemen. Many businesses and cinemas in the town were demolished by fires, one of the most recent being Andrew’s furniture store in King Street.

THE FOOTPATH GROUP

A walk is planned for **Sunday, 3rd July**, starting promptly at 2.30 pm from the car park behind Tesco’s in West Malling High Street, a new walk for our regular walkers of about 3½ miles, all welcome. We are a friendly unofficial group who just like to walk. We do not have anyone to lead walks regularly, and would welcome volunteers willing to undertake this task for us occasionally. For more information please call 01622 812338. ST

EVERYONE’S INVITED – 18 JUNE

Wateringbury Primary School sits right at the heart of our local community and our **Summer Fête** on **Saturday 18 June** (12-3pm) is a chance for the whole community to get together, have some fun and support the school. You don’t have to have children at the school or even live in the village to come along! Entry is just 50p for adults and FREE for all children.

We’ll be opening our gates at 11.45am on 18 June ready to crown our King & Queen of the seaside-themed fête at 12 noon. Then the action really starts with a **Father’s Day Tug of War Tournament**, which is bound to be fiercely contested, and performances by the school’s choir, dance club and maypole dancers. There will be bouncy castles, flip flop flinging, Beat the Goalie competition, face painting, a playground artist competition, tuck shop, police and fire service visits, BBQ, Bar, as well as a host of other stalls and attractions.

We are also running a Summer Grand Draw with the chance to win a £230 helicopter flight for 2 people over London (courtesy of Excel Charter Ltd), lots of cash prizes and tickets to local attractions. Tickets £1. If you’d like to buy tickets but can’t attend the event please e-mail chairman@fowps.org.uk. A big thank you to ARP Electricals, Domestic Electrician (Tel 07985 297 207) for sponsoring our Grand Draw.

If your company would like to sponsor a stall or event at the fête such as the coconut shy, Beat the Goalie or even the Bar, and obtain great local publicity in return, it’s not too late. E-mail chairman@fowps.org.uk for more details.

All profit from the Summer Fête is being ploughed into improvements to our Key Stage 2 playground which parents and children have identified as their top priority for funding this year.

We are also looking forward to our annual Sports Day on 21 June (reserve date 28 June). Pray for sunshine!

You can keep up-to-date with all the news from The Friends of Wateringbury Primary School, which is a registered charity (No. 1038836), on our new website at www.fowps.org.uk

We look forward to seeing you all on 18 June!

Gail Isted Chairman Tel 01622 813716

NETTLESTEAD AND WATERINGBURY PRE-SCHOOL AND OUT OF SCHOOL CLUBS (Charity No.1062792)

Update on the finches – we now have chicks to watch! Mum and Dad are very brave and fly in to feed their babies even when there are 16 children excitedly waiting to go up to the park or woods!

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Jumble Sale such a success. It felt like a real community event with people ringing from Paddock Wood with jumble that they then delivered for us to sell. Lots of our neighbours in Nettlestead donated items too. On the day we had buyers from as far afield as Sevenoaks and Chatham; lots of happy faces by the end of the afternoon and everyone walking away with lots of bargains. And best of all we raised over £500 for the pre-school brilliant effort, thank you all very much.

Finally we wanted to share some breakfast and afterschool club comments from our young customers. They arrive early full of the joys of spring one of our young ladies told us 'I like going to the park and ringing the buzzer when we arrive' another girl told us 'I like eating pancakes with lots and lots of sugar and honey loops for breakfast and tea'. In the afternoon 'I do drawing, playing in the garden on the bikes and going in the woods' and finally a budding sports man told us 'I like playing football and rugby'. I would like to add that I have found out how to open an ebay account to buy new scalextric cars for our race track – purchased from the jumble sale and I have learnt how to whistle through my fingers, I apologize now to our neighbours who have to listen to us practising first thing in the mornings! If you would like to become a part of our exciting and ever changing provision please feel free to come and visit at anytime OR you can ring for more information on 01622 813120 or if no one is there to take your call try 07908 612887. Please visit our website at www.wateringburyandnettlesteadpreschool.org.uk OR email us at nettlesteadandwateringbury@yahoo.com

WEATHER WATCH APRIL/MAY

What a wonderful Spring we have had. April does not usually produce a lot of rain and this year was no exception: this would not normally be too much of a problem except that it followed an unusually dry March. My spies tell me that Bewel Water is not looking too low at the moment, so the good news is that, provided people are careful with their use of water, we should not be subject to restrictions for a while. The bad news is that the first half of May produced virtually no rain and as I write another anticyclone is moving in which should mean more of the same. So let's enjoy the good weather while we can. WWW

WATERINGBURY BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Firstly a big well done to all those who donated towards the £46 raised for Comic Relief. All entrance money that week was donated to this great cause and we marked the occasion with special red fairy cakes.

Ever mindful of the fact that the group is about the parents/carers as well as the children, our last committee meeting was held over an Indian meal in a local restaurant where we planned lots of exciting craft activities for the coming months – watch this space for more details as they unfold. We'll be making jellyfish this week as we enjoy the sunshine and think of trips to the seaside!

If there are any parents/guardians wishing to join our friendly group, our sessions are held on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10am to 12 noon at the Wateringbury Village Hall. There is a small charge of £2 for the first child and £1 each for subsequent children over 12 months old. Adults continue to be free. We also hire out our tables/chairs and toys for birthday parties etc in the hall. If you are interested please contact Tina on 07956 004363. **THE COMMITTEE**

WATERINGBURY GUIDE & SCOUT GROUP

invite you to a Summer Social Evening and AGM.
at ***Wateringbury Primary School***
on **Saturday 11th June 2011 at 6.30 p.m.**

Drinks & snacks will be available from 6.30 p.m.
The AGM will start at around **7.00 p.m.**

Activities will be available for the children and we will
finish with a Giant Rounders Game.

Pam Durrant Group Secretary

HISTORY SOCIETY – Visit to Westernhanger Castle - Tuesday 19 July

The Society's annual trip this year is to Westernhanger Castle. Tickets at the extremely reasonable price of £21 to include Coach, tip for the driver, coffee on arrival and a conducted tour of the castle. Non members very welcome – ring Janet on 814974 or 817833

WEST FARLEIGH FLOWER FESTIVAL

July 2nd-3rd 2011

All Saints Church will be full of floral displays
over the whole weekend, 10am – 5pm

Do come and see them in this unspoilt Norman Church.

Enjoy **Tea and Cakes** while listening to the organ.

Admission at the Door

Garden Safari

around the Farleighs' gardens on 3rd July.

Programmes available at the church or from Helen Swan 814445 or
helen.swan2@btinternet.com

Ladies Pamper and Shopping Evening
in aid of **MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT**

Wednesday June 15th from 7.30pm to 10pm

Mereworth Community Primary School

The Street, Mereworth, ME18 5ND

Entrance ticket £2 which includes a complimentary glass of wine

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Reiki, Massage, Paraffin Hand Wax, and many others

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MAIDSTONE MENCAP GRAND SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday 11 June 2011 - 1.00pm til 5.00pm

Cobtree Hall, Mote Park (School Lane entrance off Willington St)

Helen Grant MP Opening Event

Arena Displays - Side Shows - Children's Games - Carousel - Bouncy Castle

BBQ - Real Ale Tent - Grand Prize Draw + All the fun of the Fayre!

FREE Entrance Tel: 07903 196333 for more information

GRAVESHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

present their Summer Concert at St George's Church, Gravesend on Saturday 2nd July at 7.30pm. Conducted by Alan Vincent, the choice of music offers a fascinating contrast in style between Benjamin Britten's compelling "Rejoice in the Lamb", and Gabriel Fauré's well loved, gentle Requiem. Tickets are priced at £10 (£5 for full-time students), and are obtainable by telephoning 01474 816684, from members of the society, or on the door.

www.graveshamcs.co.uk

PRAY FOR SCHOOLS

A regular prayer group supporting Wateringbury School through prayer is held at **Grace Cottage, 100 Bow Road, Wateringbury**. This is open to parents, carers and those with an interest in the young people of our village. We ask the school for relevant prayer topics each month. The next meeting is on **29 June 2011 at 10am**. If the idea of praying about issues at school is something new to you, or it would be difficult for you to come along, we are happy to pray on your behalf, just let us know. For more information about the PRAY FOR SCHOOLS initiative have a look at the website, www.prayforschools.org.uk. Jenny Derry; 01622 815514 or jennyderry@googlemail.com Becky Bowie; 01622 813396

GUILD OF CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGERS

Visitors are very welcome to come along to the Guild's next meeting which will be a demonstration by Edward Asquith in St James the Great church, East Malling at 7.45pm on Monday 6 June. The cost is £2.50

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With the Royal wedding still in mind, the children each received a teddy bear, as a souvenir of the big day, from all the staff at the Nursery, so on behalf of the children, thank you. The wedding has obviously influenced our 'London' theme this term and it has to be said that our Big Ben, made entirely out of boxes, could rival the real thing – could we possibly have a budding, award-winning architect in our midst? Or maybe the next Tracey Emin? Watch this space...

A trip to Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve was extremely good fun for the children, though maybe not for an Entomophobe like myself (yes, of course I Googled it!). A walk around the reserve and craft activities finished the day off.

As we begin the new term on 6th June, the children will be watching very closely to see if the potatoes that they planted in May grow. They have asked to make mashed potato, and what better potatoes to mash than your own? Let's hope there's plenty to go around! They'll also be inviting all Daddies, Granddads and Uncles to join in with this year's Father's Day Activity - making dinosaurs!! I'm assuming they're not life sized, but maybe that's just the Ornithoscelidaphobe in me (OK, I'm done with the phobias!!). I'm sure they'll all have a fabulous time and it'll be hard to tell the difference between adults and children – Happy Father's Day to all Daddies.

WATERINGBURY CRICKET CLUB

presents

The Big Summer Party!!

Be part of the big summer Party for the Village on **Saturday 23rd July** at the Village Hall – 7pm – 11pm. Kick off the Summer Holidays with a big bash which include local Band THE EXCUSE! There will be a licensed cash bar. A fantastic Fish and Chip supper is included in the ticket price. Tickets are £20 per person and are already selling fast, so don't delay, call Ian or Mel on 01732 874154 to reserve your place.

**Conditions : Smart Dress, entrance with tickets only.
No alcohol allowed into the event**

AGE CONCERN, MALLING INDEPENDENT LIVING SCHEME

Age Concern Malling runs an Independent Living Scheme to help with those small jobs in the home and to help our clients remain independent in their own homes. The service offers the following:

- Light Housework (this could be for a limited period i.e. following surgery, etc.)
- Light Gardening (i.e. mowing a small lawn, digging small borders, etc.)
- Light weight ironing
- Small jobs about the house (i.e. changing light bulbs, taking down curtains – if suitable steps are available)
- Sitting with a client whilst family attend appointments, hairdressers, etc. *(This scheme now includes 'sitting' with clients with dementia)*

- Escorting to the shops or to collect their pension, etc.
- *Small jobs such as putting up a picture, shelf, small amount of painting & decorating.

Our Independent Living Workers will carry ID cards. Clients will have an initial visit from the Co-ordinator to ascertain the work to be done and a Letter of Agreement will have to be signed by them beforehand. A file of information will be left with the client for their family or their Care Manager to see.

The cost of the scheme is £12 per hour.

For more information, or a leaflet, please telephone Sandy on 01732 873977 or email trading@ageconcernmall.org.uk

We have now added to the service:

- *Domiciliary Bathing
- *Domiciliary Footcare/Chiropody
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*Charges available on enquiry

**If the client wishes for any professional jobs to be done i.e. electrical work, heating appliances, building etc., or any job that is beyond the remit of our workers we do have a list of qualified and approved workmen*

THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE

2 The Grange, East Malling ME19 6AH

e-mail jamesbrown2@tinyworld.co.uk Benefice office ☎ 01732 843282

DEATH OF BIN LADEN

It has been an amazing Spring; record temperatures, no rain, Bank Holidays, a Royal Wedding, local elections, the referendum on AV and, of course, the death of Bin Laden. There is so much for me to comment on that I hardly know where to begin.

The church should be engaging in the issues of the day and I feel that the death of Osama Bin Laden must not pass by without a mention as the world discusses the legitimacy of such action by the US. It could be said that armchair critics, such as me, have no right to comment about the rights and wrongs of the execution of Bin Laden because I have not lost a loved one in the awful attacks on New York and London and other places around the world. I understand that argument and I do not seek to diminish the sense of relief at the closure of such an unpleasant bit of unfinished business. It is right for Bin Laden to be brought to justice and my sympathies are firstly with those victims and their families. However, whilst we wait for more facts to be disclosed (and we must not forget that we do not know all the facts, and indeed they may never all be made public), I do have concerns. Let me put it simply, if the UK had discovered a convicted IRA murderer being sheltered in Boston, USA, and sent the SAS to execute him without the US government knowing I suspect there would be questions asked. To embark upon a process of execution without some kind of effort to implement the due process of law and human rights could be deemed a dangerous path to follow. I do believe that the US are in real danger of believing that they are the world's policeman and that can't be right although were they to have taken Bin Laden back to the US to stand trial that would have created innumerable security problems. There has been a call for some kind of International Court of Justice to whom the world could look for proper policing and justice and maybe it is time for such consideration.

I was also concerned at the jubilation at the death of another human being, especially in the US. I do not rejoice in anyone's death, whether they are my friend or enemy (and I have met with both). We must always act in a civilised fashion, and our actions should not become as barbaric as those who perpetrate these awful crimes in the first place. I'm sure many readers will share differing views and I hope that my comments do not offend anyone. I have always considered myself, throughout my life, as being a hardliner when dealing with offenders but I passionately believe in working within the rules of law.

Meanwhile, the Church has a message to offer the debate and it speaks of love of enemies, prayer for persecutors and forgiveness of sins. Not easy! But there is an omission in my little list of Springtime events which appeared at the start of this article which should have included Easter. It is the Easter message that we, as Christians, should live by. Jesus was executed unlawfully and yet his remarkable response was so civilised that he changed the world in the process. Surely that is the example for us all. I believe we all need to think these issues through. God Bless Rev Jim Brown

Church of St John the Baptist Watlington
Patronal Celebrations
on Saturday 25 June 10.30 am - 5 pm and
Sunday 26 June 2pm - 5 pm

Floral Displays and an opportunity to dedicate a rose/flower
in memory of a loved one.

Vases and dedication cards will be provided.

Refreshments. Cream Teas, Home Made Cakes.

CHURCH THANKS

Our annual **Plant Sale** raised, after expenses an amazing £1751.60. – Our very grateful and warmest thanks to:

- ☺ Bijou and Cromar Nurseries for their very generous donations of high quality plants.
- ☺ Village gardeners for their very welcomed contributions of home-grown plants
- ☺ The cooks for their gifts of delicious cakes
- ☺ The hardworking helpers
- ☺ And lastly to all who visited and supported the Plant Sale

Lent Lunches

Sincere thanks to those who donated food items, prepared soup, baked cakes and helped. We much appreciate those who supported the lunches and their generous donations which raised £100 for Spadework, £64.05 for Maidstone MIND, £157.63 for the Heart of Kent Hospice and £101.10 for Christian Aid.

SUMMER FILM NIGHTS 2011

In place of the talks which Rev Jim Brown has organised over the past few summers 3 films have been chosen, all based on our faith as Christians, enabling us to reflect on the many ways in which we can serve. All are in East Malling Church with a 7.30pm start. The evenings are free, a warm welcome awaits you.

23 June – Mugabe and the White African – an amazing account of the life of a White African farmer, Ben Freeth, in Zimbabwe (highly recommended so try not to miss it)

7 July – Joshua - one to reflect upon. Who does his life remind you of?

21 July – Heaven's Above - this is a classic Peter Sellers comedy so we will finish with some real laughter and fun but there is a serious side too!

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals – 12 April – Alfred Barnes
16 May – Ivy Pearson

Holy Matrimony - 5 May - Dominic Ian Stoppani and Fleur Louise Hoiles

Baptisms - 15 May - Rachel Sylvia Rowlinson
Lola Natalie Shepelev and Maya Rose Shepelev

BENEFICE CHURCH SERVICES – JUNE 2011

Visit our website for full details www.wateringburychurch.org.uk

Sunday 5 June 8am Holy Communion – Teston 9.45am Family Service – East Malling 9.45am Family Service - Teston 10am Morning Praise – Wateringbury	Whit Sunday 12 June (Pentecost) 8am Holy Communion – East Malling 9.45am Eucharist – East Malling 10am Holy Communion - Wateringbury 6.30pm Evening Prayer - Teston
Trinity Sunday 19 June (Fathers' Day) 8am Holy Communion – Wateringbury 9.45am Eucharist – East Malling 10 am Family Service – Wateringbury 6.30pm Eucharist - Teston	Sunday 26 June 8am Holy Communion – East Malling 9.45am Eucharist – East Malling 10am Holy Communion – Wateringbury 11.15am Eucharist - Teston 6.30pm Evening Praise - Teston
Every Monday – 2-3pm – Scout & Guide HQ, Glebe Meadow – Toddler Praise	
Tuesdays (not 1 st in month) – 7.30pm in Wateringbury Church – Holy Communion	
Sundays Cool meets in the Vestry during the morning service at 10am on Sundays 12 and 26 June . All children welcome, under 4s please bring an adult	

Special Services and Events

PENTECOST PRAYER LABYRINTH. MONDAY 13 – FRIDAY 17 JUNE

Many churches have begun to explore the use of labyrinths with prayer stations. This kind of prayer activity is proving helpful to people who feel they need a structure to their prayers. At the same time it gives freedom to people who wish for a less structured approach, as Labyrinth can take as little or as long as you like, and are completed at your own pace; you are free to leave out any you may feel uncomfortable with, or spend longer in prayer at a prayer station that really challenges or moves you. Please come and join us at St John the Baptist Church Wateringbury on any of the days between 12:30 and 2:30pm where we will have a prayer labyrinth set up, in celebration of Pentecost. A warm welcome will await you.

Lisa Glasscote & Pauline Welch. St John the Baptist Church, Evangelists.

SUNDAY 3 JULY 10am A special service to mark the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible with favourite readings and hymns

Quiet Hour - 8-9pm on Wednesdays 8 June and 13 July come and go as you please. An opportunity for quiet prayer and meditation.

Service of Healing and Wholeness. The next services will be at 8pm on **Tuesday 7 June** a Meditation service in East Malling and on **5 July** a Taize service in Teston