

## April 2014 Web format

### VILLAGE DIARY

#### APRIL

- 1 **Parish Council Meeting** – Hall – 7.30pm followed by Planning Committee
- 6 **Footpaths Walk** – Mereworth School layby – 2.30pm sharp
- 8 **Easter Fun Day** – Teston & W'bury Nursery – Teston Hall – 10-12
- 10 **Life on St Helena** – WI talk – Hall – 2.30pm
- 16 **Richard Snow – 10 Brave Men and True** – History Soc – Hall – 7.40pm
- 19 **Easter Fayre** – N'sted and W'bury Pre-School – N'sted Hall 11.30-2pm
- 19 **Karaoke with Jeff Roberts and Elvis** – Wateringbury Club

#### MAY

- 6 **Annual Parish Council Meeting** – Hall – 7.30pm followed by Planning Committee
- 20 **Annual Parish Meeting – Hall – 7.30pm**
- 21 **History Society Wine & Buffet Evening** for members only
- 24-26 **Flower Festival – Dreams of Chelsea and Plant Sale,** Refreshments, etc at the Church
- 31 **Evening with Whitney Houston (Maddie Hart)** - Wateringbury Club

#### JUNE

- 1 **Village Fete** – Playing Fields
- 3 **Parish Council Meeting** – Hall – 7.30pm followed by Planning Committee
- 21 **Lee Highwood Band** – Wateringbury Club

**PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION – ROAD CLOSURE - 13 APRIL 9.30-10am** A Road Closure Order has been obtained from Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council to cover the closure of Tonbridge Road for a short period on Sunday 13 April whilst the annual Palm Sunday procession from the Village Hall to the Church is taking place. Tonbridge Road will be closed from 9.30am until about 10.00am on 13 April from the traffic lights in the centre of the village, westwards to the junction with Old Road. .Owing to the short duration of the closure there is no suitable alternative route. Thank you for your patience and sorry for any inconvenience caused. Eddie Scarlin and Joanna Fyson - Churchwardens

**TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PLAY EQUIPMENT** New fencing is to be erected around the play equipment in the playing fields. Whilst work is being carried out the play equipment will be cordoned off and cannot be used for safety reasons. Residents are asked to ensure children do not go near the area while work is in progress. Thank you.

**ALLOTMENTS** There is a vacancy at the Old Road allotments. For further information please contact the Parish Council Clerk, Susan Cockburn, on 01622 817068

#### VILLAGE PEOPLE

**Golden Wedding** Belated congratulations to **Bob and Anne Ede** who celebrated 50 years of marriage on 7 March

**Milestone Birthday Congratulations to Rosemary Skinner of Bijou Nursery** who celebrated a milestone birthday on 2 March.

**David Atkins and family** sincerely thank everyone for their support and heart-felt expressions of love and sympathy with the passing of Mairead in February. We would also like to say a big thank you for all the donations. So far we have raised £1,575 for the Heart of Kent Hospice, where Mairead got great support and friendship during her illness.

**1st Wateringbury Rainbows** Please can Zoe who contacted Carolyn recently, make contact again as unfortunately your message was unclear on my answer machine. Please call on 01622 812109 - evenings preferable

**Wateringbury Colts FC in final of Afords Award Benevolent Cup - Support your local team at the Gallagher Stadium, Maidstone – Friday 4 April 2014, 7.30pm KO** The village Saturday Football Team have secured a place in the final of the Cup following a hard fought, 2-1, win over Leeds SV FC. The final will be played against Eccles FC. It would be great to get lots of village support for Greg Ivey and his team, many of whom have played for the Wateringbury Football Club since they were 7 years old.

**VILLAGE FETE 2014- KWIK CRICKET TOURNAMENT** If you want to enter a team for the Kwik Cricket Tournament at the Village Fete on Sunday 1 June, please contact John Ibbs on 07717484186. Your team must consist of six players of which at least two players must be female. There is no age limit.

**APPEAL SUCCESSFUL – CAMP SITE PURCHASED!** Good news all round! Thanks to the generosity of a number of Wateringbury folk, and many others, loans and gifts for the Comp Wood Campsite Appeal enabled us to purchase the site in December, so it is now the property of Malling District Scouts and available for them and others (such as Wateringbury's Scouts) to use. So successful was the appeal that all the loans have now been repaid, and any further gifts which come our way, together with the inevitable fund-raising, will ensure the future maintenance of what is an extraordinary asset for thousands of young people in the years to come. So – very many thanks for all the help, generosity and good wishes which have come our way to enable the fulfilment of this project. The Scout District – and I – are immensely appreciative of so much goodwill! Thank you again! Canon Derek Carpenter

**SAFE AND SENSIBLE STREET LIGHTING - PART-NIGHT LIGHTING** Kent County Council are progressing the implementation of its Safe and Sensible Street Light policy to reduce the annual energy bill, carbon emissions and light pollution. Already 70,000 street lights have been converted in Tunbridge Wells and Sevenoaks and details of street lights to be converted to part-night in Tonbridge & Malling have been posted on their website at [www.kent.gov.uk/streetlights](http://www.kent.gov.uk/streetlights) with a link to their interactive mapping tool which allows users to find out which street lights are affected on a post code search. The Parish Council were asked by KCC if they would like any of the lights owned by the parish, that weren't already part-night, to be converted at the same time. The Parish Council have decided not to accept this offer.

**ARE YOU RUNNING A HOME BASED BUSINESS?** Do you need a business boost? Advice and Guidance? The Centre for Micro Business has a FREE programme for access to useful and practical information, one to one advice and guidance and facilities to allow you to meet other home-working business people. Contact The Centre for Micro Business C.I.C. ( 01233 653974 Or email: info@homebasedkent.biz

### **MAN'S BEST FRIEND**

They say that dogs are a man's best friend. It is certainly true that they are loyal, faithful and great company. The problem is that your best friend may not necessarily be everyone else's. Barking dogs are extremely annoying and very unsociable. Allowing them to bark early in the morning, late at night or for prolonged periods is really unneighbourly. So please bear that in mind, next time your best friend is all excited about walkies or out in the garden trying to get back into the house. Then, who knows, Rover may become everybody's friend.

### **PLAYING FIELD REPAIRS**

Many of you will have noticed that a large area, west of the cricket square, at the Playing Fields has been fenced off over the last few months by orange plastic fencing. This was needed as the area was becoming extremely dangerous. Ankle braking holes and scrapes caused by rabbits were making the field a serious risk to safety. The area was levelled, top soiled and re-seeded. The barrier fence was erected to protect the area and allow for settlement and good growth. However, with the bad weather the barrier has had to stay in place a little longer because the ground is still very soft. To stop rabbits, pets and humans getting on to the area we have now arranged the barrier in such a way that there is no access around the edge. This will allow the ground to dry out in this excellent spell of dry weather we are enjoying and allow the edges of the field that have been used by dog walkers etc to dry out and regenerate. We hope that we will be able to take the fencing down within the next few weeks Please be patient. Continuing to use the area and the edge of the field will only slow down recovery and walking on the repaired area can potentially ruin the work that has been carried out. Any problems please call me on 07717 484186 John Ibbs Chairman Sports & Recreation Association

### **MARCH PARISH COUNCIL REPORT**

*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 susan\_jc@btinternet.com Alternatively come along to the planning committee meeting which is held directly after the monthly parish council meeting in the village hall on the first Tuesday of each month..*

**Cemetery** steps were being taken to remove branches which had fallen from boundary trees in the recent gales.

**Drayhorse Meadow** the tenant has now taken up occupancy.

**KCC Councillor Mathew Balfour** reported on matters of local interest. He had attended Wateringbury Primary School following his financial support of the school's new sports kit. Mathew informed the meeting he was most impressed with the school, its children and staff. His member's grant which enables him to contribute to local projects was being reduced considerably in the next financial year. KCC was increasing council tax by 1.9% for the coming year.

**Planning** Provided T & M's Conservation and Tree Officers approve the plans the Parish Council had no objections to the Demolition of existing brick garage and replacement with timber double garage at The White Cottage 171 Tonbridge Road.

**Speed Watch- February** As was the case in January, bad weather again adversely affected the planned programme. However during the month the team recorded 101 observations of vehicles passing through at speeds at or above 35mph and the relevant information was passed to Kent Police. When added to Kent Police's County data base for Speed Watch they identified that 19 vehicles had previously been observed speeding in various parts of the county of which 9 had offended for a second time, 1 for a third time, 1 for a fourth time and 2 for a fifth time. Also 2 vehicles were travelling at excessive speeds ie at 45 mph or above in a 30mph limit restriction. One of these two vehicles was clocked at 61mph on Red Hill. Appropriate warning letters were sent by the Police to the registered owners of the vehicles concerned accompanied by Speed Awareness advice. Although the Police do not divulge information as to when and where previous observations are made in respect of repeat offences.

**Sports and Recreation Association** After discussions the Council voted unanimously to accept a quote, with a 25 year guarantee, to fence the children's play area. The area reseeded recently has been fenced off to allow the grass time to establish. The areas chosen for planting Meadow Flowers will be prepared in the near future. All the main field and the new car park area will be rolled to help level the ground. Plans were progressing well for the Fields In Trust Village Celebration Fete on 1 June.

**Next Meeting Tuesday 1 April at 7.30pm** in the village hall. Residents are invited to the meeting as Councillors value their opinions on local issues.

#### **WATERINGBURY IN APRIL 1914**

From the pages of the parish magazine

The Wateringbury Scouts recently gave a most creditable and amusing representation of "Jack and the Beanstalk". A good room full of people showed that the Scouts movement is appreciated – as indeed it ought to be, for it is an excellent organisation, the best of modern schemes to help lads to develop ideas of intelligence, self reliance, unselfishness, chivalry, patriotism – and what not? Mr Smith appealed to parents to encourage their boys to become scouts, announced the unsolicited gift of £1 to the troop from a kind donor, explained that Scouts were not allowed to ask for subscriptions, and said that the entertainment had been got up entirely by the boys themselves. *(The Wateringbury Scouts were founded in May 1909, one of the first in the country so the Movement's activities and ethics were not too well known).*

The School Accounts for the previous year were published in the April Church Magazine and showed expenditure over and above Contract of £258. 9s. 1d. for alterations – new flooring, windows, warming and cleaning Church Rooms and hire of Institute (*Church Rooms were on the Village Hall site and Institute is the Working Men's Club*) for use as schools during the alterations, enlarging playground and repairs and painting. The major donors to meet these costs were Mr A Leney £50, Mr R H Fremlin £100, Mr W Jude £25 (*all had breweries in the village*) and £10 each from Mr Alan Lambert, Mr Edward Goodwin and the Vicar. This left £52.19s.1d. outstanding. To help reduce the debt. Miss Hinton (*head of the girls' school*) and her assistants organised an entertainment by the girls' school in the Church Rooms which raised £7.8s. *(The village school was in Red Hill and the Boys and Girls were educated separately although on the same site. They catered for children from 5-14 when most started work. There was the equivalent of the 11+ exam and a few went to*

*Grammar schools usually in Maidstone)*

*The average weekly wage for a Farm Labourer in England and Wales in 1914 was between 14s and £1.2s.*

### **EAST FARLEIGH FARMERS' MARKET**

**On Sunday 6 April** the market will be welcoming a number of stalls . Grenville Allen, who came to the Christmas market, will be back with a wide selection of his delightful water colours and prints ;Linton Chocolates also return. Choose your Easter greetings cards from Carol May Cards, plants from Low Wood Nursery and The Kenward Trust or handmade wooden boxes from Creative Crates. All the regular food suppliers will be there, plus a brand new cake stall run by Elle Skinner who is a Princes Trust Young Ambassador.

**THOUGHT** To be kind is more important than to be right. Many times what people need is not a brilliant mind that speaks but a special heart that listens.

### **FOOTPATHS GROUP**

Our next walk on **Sunday 6 April** is, by request, **Swanton Valley and Mereworth Woods** where some early spring flower should now be showing. We will also be passing the head of the Wateringbury Stream. Meet at Mereworth School to leave at 2:30pm sharp. For more details phone 01622 812338.

Our March walk was on a day when rain was forecast and only 10 walkers turned out for the walk up to Livesey Street. This was a shame really as we were blessed with good weather and no rain, even the sun made an appearance for a short while. We walked up to Redhill farm by way of the path alongside Gransden, then along Livesey Street, which a little muddy in places, to Teston. We returned to the village along the river which had returned to its normal levels after the floods. K Reynolds

### **WATERINGBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - THE WI - INSPIRING WOMEN**

March is the month when we have our annual competitions in place of a speaker and more social time. This year the themes for our entries were - for the mini Huxley cup a bridal bouquet in any medium and for the Hickman cup a decorated ring pull can. We had a range of ingenious and attractive entries, the winners were Mary Birchall for the Huxley cup and Norma Watters for the Hickman cup. Well done to both!

Several of our Members also enjoyed a trip to the Assembly Rooms in Tunbridge Wells for the WI Annual Council Meeting. This was an excellent day, with two good speakers. The first was Joy Kemp from the Royal College of Midwives on the ongoing shortage of midwives and the need to continue to campaign to increase their numbers. The second, Michael Portillo, was very engaging as he spoke about moving on from the 'Portillo moment' when he lost his parliamentary seat and with it his promising parliamentary career to shooting his much beloved railway series. A question revealed that he currently has eight brightly coloured jackets! Next month we will return to our usual pattern.

On **Thursday 10 April** at our Club Meeting Sue Fisher will be speaking about '**Life on St Helena**' and we'll have time for tea and talk. There will also be our usual lunch, walk, and social and scrabble

afternoon. If you're looking for a new activity or club to join, perhaps you're new to the area or recently retired, why not come along to a Club meeting as a guest to see if you'd like to join us. We're a friendly group who meet in Wateringbury Village Hall at 2.30pm on the second Thursday of each month. For enquiries please call 01622 812018 or 07977125000. elizabethastrid@aol.com.

**Gravesham Choral Society and Orchestra present "French Favourites" Rochester Cathedral  
Saturday 26 April 2014 at 7.30pm Tickets £16 (£5 fulltime students) Call 01474 816684  
[www.graveshamcs.co.uk](http://www.graveshamcs.co.uk)**

## **EASTER PROJECT**

Calling all Primary school aged children in Wateringbury...join us in celebrating the Easter Story. A morning filled with fun, songs and craft activities on **Saturday 19 April**; £2 per child and starting **9.30am until 12.30pm** in our own church. Parent and/or older siblings helpers always welcome. Booking is essential because of numbers, see [www.wateringburychurch.org.uk](http://www.wateringburychurch.org.uk) for form or contact Debbie on 01622 814793

## **CHURCH AND CHURCHYARD SPRING CLEAN - Saturday 12 APRIL**

Volunteers are needed to help spruce up the church and churchyard in preparation for Easter. There are a variety of tasks, dusting, polishing, pruning, removal of ivy from walls and graves, general tidying, etc; so take your pick and bring along appropriate tools. Tea and coffee provided. Go along at any time between 9.30am and noon, your help is much needed and will be greatly appreciated.

## **APCM – Tuesday 1 April at 8pm**

This is the Annual General Meeting of the Church. Each organisation within the church makes an annual report to let everyone know what they have been doing and of plans for the future. These will be available on the church website [www.wateringburychurch.org.uk](http://www.wateringburychurch.org.uk) to read and download if you wish. If you do not have access to a computer and need a printed copy please let the churchwardens know.

## **COFFEE BREAK - Wednesday - 23 April 10.30-12.30**

We have a really pleasant morning so do come along, it would be good to see you. We meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the church for tea, coffee and fellowship. Everyone is most welcome. At the moment some of us are knitting coasters and tea cosies plus blankets for premature babies. Pauline and Gillian

**BENEFICE MOTHERS' UNION** Members and friends will enjoy a Deanery MU lunch at Tastebuds Cafe Spadework on Thursday 3 April at 12.30 so that they can get to know Lesley Marsh and members from other branches in our Deanery.

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

## **Sunday 6 April**

8am Holy Communion – Teston

9.45am Family Service – East Malling

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## **10am Morning Praise – Wateringbury**

### **Palm Sunday 13 April**

8am Holy Communion – East Malling

9.45am Eucharist – East Malling

**10am Holy Communion - Wateringbury**

6.30pm Evening Prayer - Teston

### **Easter Sunday 20 April 8am**

#### **Holy Communion – Wateringbury**

9.45am Sung Eucharist – East Malling 1

0am Eucharist – Teston

**0 am Family Communion – Wateringbury**

### **Sunday 27 April**

8am Holy Communion – East Malling

9.45am Eucharist – East Malling

**10am Holy Communion – Wateringbury**

6.30pm Evening Praise - Teston

Every Monday – 2-3pm – Scout & Guide HQ, Glebe Meadow – Toddler Praise

Tuesdays 7.30pm in Wateringbury Church – 8 April Taize; 22 April Evensong; 29 April Communion; 15 April at 8pm Easter Play

Every Thursday - 9am in East Malling Church – Holy Communion

For Baptisms, Weddings and other arrangements please attend the Parish Office at the Vicarage on Wednesdays 6.30-7.15pm [\*parishofficeemwt@gmail.com\*](mailto:parishofficeemwt@gmail.com)

## **SPECIAL SERVICES FOR EASTERTIDE**

Tuesday 1 April - **Service of Healing and Wholeness** at **8pm in Teston**

Thursday 3 April - **School End of Term Service** at **9am**

Wednesday 9 April **Quiet Hour** - 8-9pm, come and go as you wish

Sunday 13 April - our **Palm Sunday Procession** leaves the village car park at 9.30am to arrive at Wateringbury church in time for the 10am service.

Also on **Palm Sunday** at **6pm in East Malling Church** the Benefice Choirs sing **“The Cross of Christ”** - anthems, readings and prayers for Holy Week

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday In Holy Week (14, 15, 16 April) **“Meanwhile, back in the Upper Room”** After Jesus is arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane, some of the disciples return to the upper room, where they and their friends discuss the events of the previous night. As they try to comprehend the meaning of Jesus's arrest and trial, they express their hopes and fears and doubts about the future of their work. A thought provoking start to your Holy Week.

You may chose to go just once or you may wish to attend more than one performance.

All at **8pm** Monday East Malling, **Tuesday 15 April - Wateringbury**, Wednesday - Teston

**MAUNDY THURSDAY 17th -**

8pm East Malling - Holy Communion followed by Feet Washing and Vigil 'til midnight

**GOOD FRIDAY 18th**

9am Good Friday Project for children - East Malling

10am At the Foot of the Cross - Teston

**12 noon An hour at the Cross - Wateringbury**

2pm Solemn Liturgy - East Malling

**EASTER SATURDAY**

9.30am Easter Project for children - Wateringbury

8pm Easter Vigil – Pilsdon Chapel – West Malling