

ROSTRUM JULY 2014

VILLAGE DIARY

JULY

- 1 **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – Village Hall – 7.30 followed immediately by the Planning Committee meeting
- 5 **SCHOOL FETE** - School 11.45 – 3.00 pm
- 10 **W.I.**
- 12 **WATERINGBURY WORKING MEN'S CLUB** - Ron and Ash – 7.00 pm
- 17 **HISTORY SOCIETY ANNUAL OUTING** to Rochester with guided tours around Restoration House and Rochester Cathedral

AUGUST

- 14 **W.I. SUMMER GARDEN PARTY** - members only
- 20 **WATERINGBURY WORKING MEN'S CLUB** – Mike Disco and Karaoke - Sounds of the 60s to date – 7.30 pm

SEPTEMBER

- 7 **FRIENDS OF WATERINGBURY CHURCH** – Strawberry Tea Party Manor Farm Gardens 2.00 – 5.00 pm

The Parish Council do not meet in August so Council will meet again on Tuesday 2nd September in the Village Hall at 7.30pm in the village hall

SUMMER ISSUE AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2014

Please note that our joint summer issue of Rostrum will cover the months of August and September. So news of events in either of these months needs to be with the editors by 17 July.

WATERINGBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE – The W.I. Inspiring Women

An intriguing title for our next meeting – Crop Circle Mystery. The speaker will be Andy Thomas – a new speaker to us. We meet at the Village Hall, Thursday 10th July, at 2.30. Visitors are very welcome

VILLAGE PEOPLE

DEMELZA 101 CHALLENGE

We completed our sponsored cycle ride from Sittingbourne to the Eiffel Tower in Paris on 3 May raising funds for Demelza Hospice Care for Children. It was extremely hard but absolutely fantastic to arrive at the Eiffel Tower in one piece. We would like to thank everyone in the village that sponsored, donated and supported us. We raised a fantastic £4,065.16 and

the group in total raised £165,000.00 Thank you all once again for your support. **Adrian and Viv Waghorn**, TheBrucks

CONGRATULATIONS to **Patricia Berry** who celebrates a special birthday on 22 July, and to **James Evans** who has been selected to play in both Individual and Team events in the World Junior Squash Championships to be held in Namibia next month

CRICKET CLUB FIXTURES FOR JULY

Sunday, 6 th July	Detling – Home
Saturday 19 th July	Northfleet – Home
Sunday 27 th July	Chelsfield Exiles - Home

Do support your village cricket team. For further details ring

Steve Smith on 01622 812309

MAIDSTONE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, Conductor, Brian Wright, will perform on Saturday 11th October at Mote Hall, Maidstone Leisure Centre, Maidstone ME15 7RN. The programme consists of three works – Beethoven – Piano Concerto No.5 "Emperor" Soloist Tae-Hyung Kim. Tchaikovsky - Symphony No.1 "Winter Daydreams". Cheque for Season tickets are available from the Membership Secretary Alan Veal on 01622 735830 for £10. Season tickets for all Children up to and including 18 years of age are FREE. Single concert tickets are £10 with a student card £5, from the Membership Secretary Alan Veal on 01622 735830 with either Cash or Cheque collected on the concert evening at Mote Hall. Bookings can also be taken on www.mso.org.uk using the booking code MSO10. Bookings up to and including 18 years of age are FREE.

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JUNE 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 subcommittee meeting which is held directly after the monthly parish council meeting in the village hall on the first Tuesday of each month..

Due to the absence of the Chairman Cllr Tripp chaired the meeting

Chairman announced there had been applications for the two vacancies on the Parish Council and both would be invited to attend the next meeting in July

A new waste bin was agreed which would be installed by the Borough Council to be sited in the new play area.

It was confirmed a new contractor had taken over the grass cutting in the playing fields and draft contract would be drawn up for Councillors to consider.

Japanese Knotweed found in the allotments had been sprayed and this would be an ongoing treatment until it had been eradicated. There would be an inspection of the allotments in June by Cllr Mrs Smith and Cllr D Stones

Crime report

Canon Lane - suspicious vehicle, patrols stopped vehicle and arrested a male on suspicion of burglary. No items taken

Vehicle taken without owners consent

Shell Service station - vehicle left without paying for fuel.

Interference with motor vehicle in Fields Lane.

Theft of Motor Vehicle from Glebe Meadow

Criminal Damage - roof tiles and guttering on building in Oasts Business village damaged

The Annual Return for 2013/14 was agreed and signed by the Chairman for the audit on 9th June

Councillors met with the proprietor of Where Memories Meet to discuss proposals for a license to sell alcohol, live music and late night closing.

Charles Stroud reported on Speedwatch - 186 observations for the month of May and information passed to Kent Police, who identified 27 had previously been speeding across the county. 24 of these for the second time, 3 for the third time and 8 for excessive speed (at or above 45mph) Letters would be sent by police to the registered owners accompanied by Speed awareness advice.

Kent Police had also given details of Enforcement Operations to be held in the village

John Ibbs reported on the success of the fete on 1st June. The weather was very good and a large number of people attended. The condition of the field for the day was very good and a number of people had commented on its improvement. Thanks were given to all those who work hard before and on the day. It was stressed that despite requests in Rostrum no one from the village came forward to help. Bearing this in mind it would depend if the Fields Association would agree to hold another fete next year.

John Ibbs had also presented his report as Village Warden and went on to give details of his role. He works 12 hours per week, monitoring the playing fields, Glebe Meadow and other property owned by the parish. He stated the job had expanded over the years. There continued to be a problem with dog fouling. He was able through his experience with other youth organisations to deal with any reported incidents with the youth in the village. He said residents could call him any time, he stated he receives a number of calls over a month and although he would deal with minor problems he could not get involved with criminal activity and this would be reported to the police. He would attend Parish Council meetings on a quarterly basis together with a report. The Chairman thanked John for all his work on behalf of the village. It was agreed to look into the role of Community Wardens.

There are no vacancies in the allotments.

Cllr D Stones said he would do some research in what was involved in producing a Local Plan

Cllr Marks reported there had been no further information on the future of the station signal box to date.

Members of the public reported overgrown vegetation

A member of the public thanked all those who had worked on the fete.

Meeting closed at approx.. 8.55 pm. Next meeting 1st July – 7.30 pm