

## ROSTRUM APRIL 2015

**EARLY COPY DEADLINE FOR MAY MAGAZINE** Please note that due to the May elections our printers at T & M Council will be extremely busy. Our copy deadline for our May issue is **midnight on 15 April**. We hope that this will enable the magazine to be produced on time.

## VILLAGE DIARY

### APRIL

- 5 WORKING MENS' CLUB** - Barbecue and Race Day – 1.00 pm onwards  
**9 W.I.** – Hall 2.30 pm Patricia Mortlock – Ightham Mote  
**7 Parish Council Meeting** - Hall - 7.30pm followed by a meeting of the Planning Committee  
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**11/12 Village Bash the Trash weekend** it is still not too late to volunteer to tidy up the village  
**15 Everest Pioneer** - History Society talk - Hall - 7.40 for 8pm

### MAY

- 7 Election Day - National Government, T & M and Parish Council**  
**9 Marsh Warblers** - short concert then light lunch - Church - Noon  
**12 Annual Parish Council Meeting** 7.30pm followed by a meeting of the Planning Committee (note change of date due to elections)  
**16 Annual Plant Sale** - Churchyard - 10am - 4pm  
**19 Annual Parish Meeting - Hall- 7.30pm** a chance to meet your newly elected Parish Councillors on an informal basis  
**20 History Society** - Wine and Buffet evening

## DIARY DATE - VILLAGE FETE SUNDAY 7 JUNE

### PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS - NOT MUCH TIME TO APPLY!

**There are 9 seats up for election on the 7 May.** If you are over 18 and have lived in, or within a 3 miles radius of, the village for 12 months at the date of election and are on an electoral register or if owner or tenant of any land or premises, or principal or only place of work you are eligible. If interested you should contact TMBC Election Office immediately for a nomination pack on 01732 876022 email: [voting@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto:voting@tmbc.gov.uk) or website [www.tmbc.gov.uk/voting](http://www.tmbc.gov.uk/voting) Please note papers have to be back, by hand, to the Borough offices at Kings Hill by 4pm Thursday 9 April You are strongly advised to ring and make an appointment to return papers.

**VILLAGE PEOPLE** *Please share your good news and tributes and let us have your copy by 15 April for our May Magazine. There is no charge.*

### **Congratulations to First Time Grandparents Rev Pam and Dennis Rink**

on the arrival of baby Rowan who weighed in at 8lbs on 24 February and to his proud parents Matt and Mary.

**Big Birthday Congratulations to Lucy Bennett** who will be celebrating her **103rd birthday** at Abbeyfield Greenstead on **30 April**

**Brenda Adams**, who was born and bred in the village and continues to reside here, was the first woman to give birth to a girl/boy set of twins in, not only Watlington, but the old Pembury Hospital. Amanda and Paul were born on 1st and 2nd April 1954, With Amanda born at 11.55pm on 1st April followed by Paul on 2nd April at 12.05am. Sadly, Brenda's twin son Paul died 31st October 1999, aged 45;. And more recently Paul's twin sister Amanda died 4th December 2014 aged 60.

**Vivian and Nell Rubin** would like to thank all our kind friends for their good wishes on our move to West Malling. We were sad to leave Watringbury after 40 happy years in a lovely, friendly village, and are glad that we aren't too far away, and in a very pleasant place. We will still come to Church as long as the weather is kind, and will be coming down to the village on and off as Emily, Thomas, Joshua and William have taken on our house, dust and all! Thank you again.

**GRAVESHAM CHORAL SOCIETY AND ORCHESTRA PRESENT:  
ROSSINI'S MESSE SOLENNELLE AND VERDI'S STABAT MATER  
SATURDAY 25 APRIL AT 7.30PM - ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL**

The soloists will be Eloise Irving (soprano), Tabitha Reynolds (mezzo-soprano), Robin Green (tenor), and David Ireland (bass-baritone). Conducted by Alan Vincent. Tickets are £16 (£5 full-time students) and are available by calling 01474 812726, or at the door. [www.graveshamcs.co.uk](http://www.graveshamcs.co.uk)

**PROTECT YOUR SHED CONTENTS**

Sheds remain very vulnerable to thieves. While many people take steps to protect their homes, they often forget the value of the items stored outside.

Garden sheds, outbuildings and garages packed with tools, machinery and other valuable equipment offer easy pickings to thieves. Each year householders lose hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of equipment, which is easy to sell on and often untraceable. By taking the right precautions you can reduce the opportunities for thieves and ensure that if your property is stolen, there's a better chance of it being traced and returned

**FRIENDS OF WATERINGBURY CHURCH (FOWC)**

Registered charity 1151983

A very big thank you to those who have supported FOWC over the last year, whether by becoming a Friend, supporting us as a Business, or coming to our events throughout the year. We have now raised over £12,500 since we started and are tremendously grateful for all donations.

By donating you are helping to support both the church and community by raising money to assist with the maintenance of, improvements to and preservation of the church building and churchyard.

We are now entering our fifth year and have recently popped a flier into every household in the village inviting each household to become a member of FOWC. It remains only £10 per annum per household and this year we have made it even easier to become a member by adding the option to register online and set up a direct debit [www.fowc.org.uk](http://www.fowc.org.uk) Of course, one can still register by filling out the form on the flyer and returning payment with a cheque or setting up a standing order.

Our forthcoming fundraising events will include our Pimm's Tent at the Village Fete on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June and our Strawberry Tea Party to be held on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September at Manor Farm. In the meantime, do keep an eye out for the flier that will have arrived through your letterbox in the last few days.

Frances English – Secretary FOWC (01622) 812471

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**FRIENDS OF WATERINGBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Well, Easter is not far off and there is currently a hive of activity. Since the last edition of Rostrum, we have had both our film and the curry and quiz night. Both were a success and raised approximately £1,000 between them. Hopefully everyone enjoyed themselves at these events. The quiz night was closely contested and a superb home made curry was cooked by the team. Coming up soon we have our Easter Egg hunt, a school disco on 22<sup>nd</sup> May and the Golf day on 12<sup>th</sup> June, which if you haven't expressed an interest yet but wish to attend, please let us know. There are some great prizes including the star prize of a fourball voucher for the Wimereux Golf Club including ferry travel over to France

The course details can be viewed at [www.golf-Wimereux.com](http://www.golf-Wimereux.com).

As always, details can be found on our website on <http://www.fowps.org.uk/>

## MARCH PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

**Car Park** Mike Hoiles, Chairman of the Trustees of the Village Hall, came along to the meeting to discuss the problems which arose from time to time when those visiting the village hall had difficulties in parking in the village car park. Mike told the meeting that the car park had 41 marked spaces and was owned by Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council. After a general discussion it was agreed to consult further with T & M's officer responsible for car parks and for Mike to report back any suggestions made to the Parish Council.

**Crime Report** There were 4 reported crimes in February - the roof of a vehicle was damaged while it was parked in the driveway of a house in Hanbury Close; a male was stopped on the A26 and given a warning for possession of cannabis; a car was stopped and seized on Bow Road as the driver did not have a full licence and there were insurance issues. There was one case of domestic harassment.

**Community Rail Partnership** Councillor Chris Talbert had attended the meeting and reported on matters of local interest. Cashless ticket machines are to be installed at all stations along the line in the near future. The future of our signal box when the automatic barriers are installed this year is still under discussion. The partnership hoped all Parish Councils would respond to its request for funding since this showed positive commitment by local communities for their stations.

**KCC Councillor Mathew Balfour** told the meeting he had been appointed to the post of cabinet member for Environment and Transport. He was deputy cabinet member for Environment and Transport under Mr David Brazier who had resigned. Mathew said that this was a busy post with extra duties so he anticipated that he will regrettably not be able to attend Parish Council meetings so frequently. The KCC budget will mean an increase in Council Tax of 1.99%. Central government cuts in funding will require KCC to find £90 million further savings in next year's budget.

Councillor Balfour expressed his disappointment that the recent Ofsted inspection had graded the school as requiring improvement. He had visited the school and knew it to be a good one. KCC will support and help the school. Parish Councillors all agreed that we were fortunate to have such a good, well led, school in our village. Mike Witts thanked Mathew for his support of the Sports and Recreation Association's grant application to help upgrade the playing surface; £3,200 had been awarded. The council requested help with the installation of 40 mile an hour signs on the A26 to its boundary with Mereworth

**Planning** Councillors had no objections to the following applications:

Installation of a wood burner including flue and chimney pot at Pelican Bakehouse 6A Red Hill (Listed Building Application); Single storey rear addition to replace existing conservatory (on same footprint) and first floor bedroom extension over existing garage at 25 Phoenix Drive; Single storey extension with two walk-in bays with pitched roof over to elevation fronting highway at 23 Barming Road and first floor side extension and pitched roof over garage at 3 Lodge Close (no objections but as in a Conservation Area the Conservation Officer should be consulted to see if tree can be preserved.)

**Sports and Recreation Association** Mike Witts informed the meeting that the Mayor of Tonbridge & Malling, Mrs Sasha Luck, will be going to the school to present the book tokens to the winners of the Anti Litter poster design competition which all the children were invited to enter. He was pleased that several families had volunteered to help with the Bash the Trash weekend being organised for 11 and 12 April. He would be delighted if more people volunteered so that we could have a really neat and tidy village to enjoy.

Plans for the village fete on Sunday 7 June were progressing well with stalls and entertainment for all ages.

**Village Warden** John Ibbs' written report was read by the chairman. The winter months had passed with only a few minor problems which John had dealt with. He was pleased to report that dog owners were being more responsible and he had had less dog waste to pick up.

The last meeting of the present council, before the elections in May, will be held in the village hall at **7.30pm on Tuesday 7 April.**

### **DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO VOTE IN THE GENERAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS ON 7 MAY**

In order to be able to vote in person or by post at these elections, residents must be entered on the Register of Electors and the **deadline for receipt of applications to be on the Register is Monday 20 April.** Anyone wishing to vote by post must also complete and return an application by 5pm on **Tuesday 21 April.** Any resident who hasn't yet registered to vote can apply online at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote), or contact [voting@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto:voting@tmbc.gov.uk) or call 01732 876022

### **WAR NEWS, MARCH 1915**

1st	Britain announces total blockade of German ports.
10th	British offensive at Neuve Chapelle (first use of aerial photographic reconnaissance).
13th	Neuve Chapelle offensive abandoned: 1 mile of ground captured; 13,000 allied troops lost.
17th	First Battle of Champagne: stalemate with losses of 90,000 on both sides.
18th	Anglo-French fleet fails to force passage through Dardanelles.
22nd	Russians capture Przemsyl, in Carpathians, from Austro-Hungary

On 2nd October 1914, the Times carried this announcement; "The need which transcends all other needs at this moment is an adequate supply of properly fitted **motor-ambulances**...and if only the public knew of the urgency of the demand, the cars would be forthcoming." World War 1 was the first war in which motorised ambulances were used, although horse drawn ambulances also continued to be used as they were better where the road surfaces had been destroyed by shelling.

Responding to the Times appeal, Gustave Lemmens, a recent Watlington resident of Belgian origin but not a war refugee, had offered to give his car, provided the village paid the £40 (£4,000 in today's money) it was estimated to cost to convert to an ambulance. The car was probably a 1907 Beeston Humber with a 30 h.p. engine, a very grand car. The money was raised by a "dramatic entertainment" in the village in November 1914.

In March 1915 a report on its progress "at the premises of Messrs Brown, Hughes and Strachan, in Kensington" describes it as "entirely covered by a hood of double canvass; the two separated by a space of a few inches to ensure warmth, and with an elaborate system of ventilation to ensure air and freedom from draughts, it is lighted by talc windows in the sides and front, and holds four *helpless case* stretchers, with a locker beneath for tools and all necessaries. It is, in fact, built on the very latest approved pattern" and "beneath the freshly painted symbols of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England, a brief sentence to the effect that it was a gift from the people of Watlington."

The original intention was that the ambulance would go to the front. The following letter to a village resident, undated but probably from April/May 1915 shows that it was then employed at Southampton. "My train is standing in one of the embarkation sheds of the Empress Dock, waiting for a Hospital Ship to come in. On the berth standing exactly opposite my private saloon is a nice St. John Ambulance Car waiting to take some of the wounded off the boat by road to local Hospitals or Netley. On this car is written: 'Presented by Watlington, Kent.' I thought it might be of interest to some of your local people to know where and to what a useful purpose your gift has been put to." Terry Bird

For more details visit the History Society's web site <https://www.sites.google.com/site/watlingtonlocalhistory/>.

### **HISTORY SOCIETY**

Our speaker in April will be Sandra Noel who is coming along to give a talk entitled 'Everest Pioneer'. She will be talking about early Mount Everest expeditions, accompanied by photographs taken by Captain John Noel.

Sarah Palmer came along in February to tell us about 'Kent and the 'Sea'. Sarah explained that if the tidal River Thames, that forms the north boundary of Kent, was seen as a coast line, then the county could be considered a Peninsular and that the amount of coast line around Kent had had a huge impact on the life and economy of the county over the centuries. Sarah, using slides, showed us some of the major examples of economic activity such as shipbuilding, fishing, smuggling, trading ports, and tourism. Ship building particularly was helped by local industries, especially timber producing companies, who used barges called 'hoys' to transport their timber to the docks.

Sarah ended her talk by telling us how Matthias Prime Lucas or Alderman Lucas as he was called when he bought Wateringbury Place in 1830 from Sir Thomas Style, had made his fortune as a Lighterman, loading and unloading ships at the Port of London. When Parliament decided to build the West India Docks, on the Thames, Matthias was very much against them being built as it would greatly affect his trade. He claimed compensation from Parliament, which resulted in lengthy and well documented court proceedings. We were shown by Sarah a different aspect to Matthias Prime Lucas' life, which included the many honours he had received and the achievements he had made during his lifetime. JH

### **VILLAGE HALL QUIZ EVENING.**

A big thank you to all those who supported our quiz on Saturday 14th March. The evening was run by Phil Rex, who prepared and delivered the questions, his wife Anne, Mike Barlow in charge of the sound system and last but not least Dennis Stones who sorted out the scoring. Not only was it a fun evening, over £900 was made for the hall funds. Mike Hoiles

### **WATERINGBURY WORKING MENS' CLUB**

Our next event will be a Race Day and Barbecue held on Easter Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> April, from 1.00 pm onwards. For membership information ring the Club Secretary during opening hours on 01622 812167.

### **TESTON & WATERINGBURY NURSERY GROUP**

Easter is nearly here and time to take a breather on what has been a very busy term 4, with the Discovery bus, Mothers' day activity, fire station visit and an Easter story in Teston Church. The staff ..... sorry children are all worn out!

At the start of next term we will be concentrating on Mathematics, looking at shapes, puzzles, testing things that float or sink, measuring and weighing all the teachers! Not a great idea after all those Easter eggs!

Remember our Easter fun day this year is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 10.00am – 12.00, an event not to be missed. The Easter egg hunt on the field is always a popular event with the children. We have an Easter egg tombola, biscuit decorating, hot cross buns and cakes. All are welcome, come along for a fun morning at Teston Village Hall, Church Street. ME18 5AH.

If you are interested in joining our preschool please contact Tina Driver on 07805 796353 and come along for a taster session.

### **C213 BRIDGE CLUB**

We are a very friendly club which meets in Offham Village Hall every Wednesday at 7.30pm, with the emphasis on enjoyment. We welcome new members, from those who have a basic understanding of

the game through to more experienced bridge players. For further details please contact Steve Wileman on 01732 841823 or at sancwileman@btinternet.com or Pamela Blunden on 01732 848717 or at pamcblun@gmail.com

The April **EAST FARLEIGH FARMERS' MARKET** will be held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April from 10am to 1pm in the Old School Hall and Car park, Lower Road. A wide range of stalls offering top quality local produce and crafts will be available for you to enjoy. Hot drinks and home-made cakes are served in the kitchen. All profits from stall charges, after deduction of running costs, are donated to Kent charities. For further information please contact Sue on 01622 726164.

### **WATERINGBURY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Wateringbury CE Primary School has been praised by Ofsted for its “decisive action to improve the school” following an inspection on 4/5<sup>th</sup> February. The school has now received a “Good” rating from Ofsted for its strong leadership and management. It has also been commended for raising the achievement of disadvantaged and Special Needs pupils and for promoting the children’s spiritual, moral, cultural and social development. The school missed out on a “Good” rating overall because the quality of teaching and the achievement of its pupils require improvement. However, the school’s most recent results place Wateringbury in the top 20% of schools for reading progress, and the top 40% of schools for maths progress and reading and maths achievement. Ofsted confirmed that our school is “on an upward trajectory” and “moving forward at quite a pace.”

March highlights included a week of ‘World Book’ activities as children and teachers took to the themed ‘fairy tale’ library to act out scenes from favourite stories. From the noblest boys in princess dresses to the boldest girls as crusaders and knights of the realm, everyone loves a good story and the chance to dress up. The children showcased their Book Week work in Assembly.

Red Nose Day was a huge success with the children raising £425! This included a Year 5 and 6 hotly contested ‘Bake Off’ and subsequent bake sale; the Upper School Digital Leaders designed computer games for the younger pupils to play for a donation; and some school mums even got in on the act with a sponsored ‘Let Your Children Do Your Make-up For The Day’!

Our Easter Service takes place at St John the Baptist Church on 30 March at 9am and the children’s musical talents will be showcased at our annual Musical Evening in school on 31 March at 7pm. Term 4 ends on 1 April and the new term begins on Monday 20 April. Happy Easter!

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

### **MAIDSTONE MENCAP**

The Apple Pie Quiz held on Sat 7 March was a huge success and raised over £700! Our thanks to all who supported it.

#### **OUR NEXT EVENT**

What? Plant & Book Sale

When? Saturday 16 May at 2.30pm

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

Plants & Books gratefully received.

Contact: Lesley 01622 892433

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

What a lovely busy and colourful term we have had. It kicked off with World Book week and I must say the Staff looked particularly fetching in their costumes! Thank you to all the parent/carers and staff who bought the cakes and red nosed gingerbread men for Comic Relief we will certainly be able to help change lives with all your contributions.

Fantastic Mother’s day wall hangings and handprint cards will be proudly hung on many a wall with little flurries of glue, paint and glitter adorning the living room carpet!

We have been exploring and recording numbers, weight and measure with the help of helium balloons. How many balloons will lift a toy dolls house? Which is heavier the doll's house or the bucket and spade?

Finally, we will be offering Easter Holiday Clubs on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 14, 15, 16 April 2015 9am-3pm

For further information Ring: 01622 813120

email: [nettlesteadandwateringbury@yahoo.com](mailto:nettlesteadandwateringbury@yahoo.com)

or visit: [www.nettlesteadandwateringbury.co.uk](http://www.nettlesteadandwateringbury.co.uk)

### **WATERINGBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - The WI - Inspiring Women**

Members' skills were celebrated at our March meeting. Cakes were cut, examined, tasted and compared by our two Margarets, the judges, who had a difficult task choosing from a mouthwatering selection. Entries for the craft and flower arranging competitions were displayed and voted on by members. Once again, the entries were varied and lovely, and our choice was not easy. The eventual winners were:

#### Coffee and Walnut Layer Cake for the Freda Robbins Plate

3rd - Gillian Sessions 2nd - Joyce Manning, 1<sup>st</sup> - Diana Burbridge

#### Spring Flower Arrangement for the Hickman Cup

3rd (tied) Janet Marshall and Gillian Sessions, 2nd - Zenith Godfree

1st - Stroma Richardson

#### Craft item to celebrate the WI Centenary this year for the mini Huxley cup.

2nd place - Janet Hall, 1st place - Gillian Sessions

Congratulations to all our winners, and also to every member who submitted entries of such a high standard and contributed to an enjoyable and informal afternoon. We chatted over tea and, what else, Coffee and Walnut layer cakes, which were delicious!

To find out more please call Elizabeth on 01622 812018, or 07977125000

[elizabethastrid@aol.com](mailto:elizabethastrid@aol.com)

### **The Marsh Warblers**

present a short informal concert of West Gallery music  
while performing in Georgian period costume

**Saturday 9 May at Noon at the church**

Concert followed by a light lunch of a sandwich, cake, tea or coffee.

Tickets at £5 in aid of church funds from the Post Office or 01622 813032.

### **ANNUAL PLANT SALE**

**Saturday 16 May between 10am and 4pm in the churchyard**

An ideal opportunity to purchase plants for your flower beds,  
pots and vegetable gardens.

### **CHURCH THANKS**

**Spring Clean** Thanks to everyone who helped with the deep clean of the Church and Churchyard on 21 March, your help in maintaining the beauty of our ancient parish church is much appreciated. Eddie and Joanna - Churchwardens.



**Lent Lunches** On 11 March our lunch raised £75.20 for Christian Aid's Suppa Lunch Appeal. Thanks to everyone who donated soup and home-made bread and cakes and to all who came along and enjoyed the simple fare.

## **ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING - TUESDAY 21 APRIL**

This is the meeting at which the churchwardens, church council members (PCC) and officers are elected for the year. Churchwarden Eddie Scarlin is standing down after 7 years and we owe him a huge debt of gratitude for all his hard work and dedication. Joanna Fyson is standing for re-election. We also review the past year and discuss plans, hopes and aspirations for the coming year. This will be a different year as Rev Jim Brown is retiring in the autumn, so the parish will go into interregnum while we await the appointment of a new vicar. Reports of all church organisations are available on the church website [www.wateringburychurch.org.uk](http://www.wateringburychurch.org.uk); and in hard copy on request from the parish office. These will not be formally read out at the meeting, but there will be an opportunity to ask questions or make suggestions for each individual church organisation. The meeting will be held in the church and starts at 8pm

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

## **The important message of Easter**

I have been asked so often "Why does the date of Easter change each year? Why can't we set the date?" The reason the date of Easter changes is as follows:

*Easter Day is the first Sunday after the first full moon that falls on or after the vernal equinox.*

As you might expect it's not quite that simple – firstly the 'full moon' is not the observed astronomical full moon, but rather a 'paschal' or 'ecclesiastical' full moon that is calculated by formula to avoid the variations in the astronomical calendar, although the two usually correspond to within a day. The vernal equinox is also fixed as the 21 March. This formula was first established by the First Council of Nicaea convened in 325 AD by Constantine. The resulting tables are now used in all Western Christian churches. (The eastern Orthodox churches use a different means of calculating Easter which can result in it falling on a different day.)

I am sure you will agree that the formulae has all the hallmarks of something established by a committee! As far as I have been able to determine there is no deep theological reason for it and neither would there be any theological objection to fixing Easter more closely – to this end the second Sunday in April has been suggested which would fix Easter between the 8th and 14th April – although agreement on this would require the establishment of a new committee...

None of this is really important, it's what we are celebrating at Easter as Christians which truly counts beyond a date in the diary! Every Sunday we celebrate the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, but we focus on that event each year at a feast day called Easter ("Easter" is a word derived from the Easter, the Teutonic goddess of spring).



We do not need to complicate these facts anymore than I have done so already. Easter has a very simple message which is that Jesus Christ died for us all on the Cross by seeking forgiveness for our sins. Through this one act we have been forgiven all our sins. Now that is worth taking seriously and far more important than a date in the diary!

May the Risen Christ be with you all this Easter.

Rev Jim Brown



**BELLRINGERS** are needed at St John The Baptist Church, Wateringbury. Can you help? We would welcome anyone with previous experience of bellringing or anyone who would be interested in trying this for the first time. Please contact Sue on 01622 812262 for further details.

**CRAFTERS COFFEE BREAK - Wednesdays 1, 15 and 29 April**

We have a really pleasant morning so do come along, it would be good to see you. We meet on alternate Wednesday mornings in the church between 10.30am and noon for tea, coffee, home-made cake and fellowship. Some who go along also use a variety crafts to make small items for local charities. Everyone is most welcome. Pauline and Gillian

**WATCH CLUB**

The Watch Club for young people aged 10 and over meets in the Village Hall from 5-7pm on **Sunday 26 April**.

For more details phone Lisa 07950 852899

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

**Baptism** - We welcomed into the family of the Church:  
22 February Justin William Bird and Freya Dorothy Bird

**Deaths** - We extend our deepest sympathy to the loved ones of  
Ann Honnor (Memorial Service on 25 February)  
Enid "Gingie" Style (burial of ashes 28 February)

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10-15 MAY 2015**

The annual house to house collection is being planned for next month. If you can spare an hour to deliver and collect envelopes in a road in the village your help will be much appreciated. Please contact Gillian Sessions 01622 813076.

**Medway Concert Brass in concert  
at Holy Trinity New Hythe Lane Larkfield  
Saturday 25 April at 7.30pm Tickets £8 on the door**

**THOUGHT** To find out how rich you are count all the special things in your life which money cannot buy.

**BENEFICE SERVICES**

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

<p><b>Easter Sunday 5 April</b> 8am Communion - East Malling 9.45am Family Service – East Malling 9.45am Family Service – Teston <b>10am Easter Communion – Wateringbury</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday 12 April</b> 9.45am Eucharist – East Malling <b>10am Holy Communion - Wateringbury</b> 6.30pm Evensong - Teston</p>
<p><b>Sunday 19 April</b> <b>8am Communion – Wateringbury</b> 9.45am Eucharist – East Malling</p>	<p><b>Sunday 26 April</b> 9.45am Eucharist – East Malling <b>10am Holy Communion – Wateringbury</b></p>

<b>10 am Family Service – Wateringbury</b> 6.30pm Eucharist - Teston	6.30pm Eucharist - Teston
Mondays – 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

**Wednesday 1 April** - 8pm - **Agape Meal** - Teston

**Maundy Thursday 2 April** 8pm - Communion, washing of feet and vigil until midnight - East Malling

**Good Friday 3 April** 10am - At the Foot of the Cross - Teston

2pm - Solemn Liturgy - East Malling

**2pm - Prayers and Readings - Wateringbury**

**Saturday 4 April - Children's Easter Project - Wateringbury - 9.30am**

**EASTER SUNDAY 5 April - 10am Easter Communion**

**Tuesday 7 April Benefice Service of Healing & Wholeness.** in Teston at 8pm .

**Tuesday 28 April - Evensong with the Choir - 7.30pm**

### **BREAKFAST CLUB - SATURDAY 11 APRIL**

The meeting on 11 April will be a Men's Breakfast when the speaker will be George White and his topic The Martha Trust. All men are welcome at 9am to The Institute Hall, East Malling. Tickets priced £5 available from Eddie Scarlin on 01622 812148