

## SUMMER ISSUE COVERING JULY AND AUGUST VILLAGE DIARY

<b>JULY</b>			
<b>2</b>	Parish Council Meeting then Planning Committee	Village Hall	7.30pm
<b>6</b>	Borough Councillor's Drop-in	Village Hall	10-11am
<b>7</b>	Footpaths Walk	Car Park	2.30pm
<b>11</b>	History of Sissinghurst Castle WI talk	Village Hall	2pm
<b>16</b>	Friends of W'bury Church AGM	Church	7.30pm
<b>3, 17 &amp; 31</b>	Crafters Coffee Break	Church	10.30am
<b>24</b>	History Society Coach Outing to Weald & Downland Open Air Museum		All day
<b>AUGUST</b>			
<b>Please note there is no Parish Council Meeting in August</b>			
<b>2 &amp; 3</b>	Operation Ground Force	School	
<b>4</b>	Footpaths Walk	Mereworth School layby	2.30pm
<b>14 &amp; 28</b>	Crafters Coffee Break	Church	10.30am

**AUGUST CREAM TEAS**  
**THURSDAYS 1, 8, 15 and 22 AUGUST**  
**AT THE CHURCH 2-4pm**

### PLEASE CAN YOU SPARE US AN HOUR?

#### Operation Ground Force

Wateringbury CE Primary School needs volunteers to clear its wildlife area, dredge ponds and paint classrooms on

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August (am/pm) and Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August (am).**

**Please can you spare an hour to help us on either day?**

Individuals, local businesses, village organisations, youth groups –  
ALL WELCOME

To pledge your support or for more details, please call/text  
Gail Isted (Co-chair of governors) on 07792 451284 or  
email [gisted@wateringbury.kent.sch.uk](mailto:gisted@wateringbury.kent.sch.uk)



Operation Ground Force kindly sponsored by:

**John Evans' Gardening Services**  
**Wateringbury ☎ 07743 380458**



**VILLAGE PEOPLE** *Please let us have your news and tributes by 17 August for our September magazine. Entries are free.*

**Congratulations to Kirsty Hoiles** who recently took over the role of Tanya in the musical **Mama Mia at the Novello Theatre, Aldwych, London**. It has been quite a journey from playing Snow White with the Watlington Players to Tanya in the West End! Congratulations too to proud parents Mike and Maggie.

#### **Rest in Peace**

A long-time resident of Mill Lane, Watlington, **Mrs Phyl De Knop**, sadly passed away peacefully on 12 April aged 95, a true gentlewoman.

**Alan Stanley Davis** (19 September 1937-22 May 2019)

Neighbours were saddened to lose their good friend Alan on 22 May 2019. Alan had lived in the village for 38 years where he and Una brought up their three children, Sarah, Nick and Tom. He was born in London and, after National Service, started his working life in the printing industry before eventually ending up in security at 10 Downing Street, a job he loved. Alan was a keen amateur footballer in his youth and on retirement took up golf. He was always cheerful and ready to talk and will be sadly missed by everyone.

**Purse Found** A purse (possibly belonging to a younger member of our local community) was found by the school entrance/bus stop on Bow Road in Watlington on Saturday 25 May. If you've lost one, please contact Gail on 07792 451284 with a description. If it's not claimed by Friday 12 July, the contents will be donated to a local good cause.

**Please keep our narrow pavements clear** Residents are reminded that under the Highways Act 1980 (sec 154) hedges and vegetation should be cut well back if they overhang pavements, as these can obstruct pedestrians, especially where these are narrow and only on one side of the road i.e. Red Hill and Tonbridge Road. Sight lines for vehicles must be kept clear at all times. Thank you in anticipation of your thoughtfulness.

**EAST MALLING SINGERS CONCERT of choral jazz and folk music Saturday 13 July at St James the Great Church, East Malling.** Tickets are £12 (concessions £10, school children free) and are available from [boxoffice@eastmallingsingers.co.uk](mailto:boxoffice@eastmallingsingers.co.uk) or phone 01622 750943.

#### **HISTORY SOCIETY**

Following our summer outing on the 24 July to the Weald and Downland Museum, our programme begins again in the village hall and our first meeting will be on the 18 September with a talk entitled *Downton Revisited* by Katherine Collett. On the 16 October Guy Bartlett will talk to us about the History of the Red Arrows and on the 20 November Ian Porter will speak about *What Happened After the Titanic Sank*. Membership for the year commencing September is £10 with visitors welcome at £3 a meeting, Tea or coffee from 7.40pm talk at 8pm. We look forward to seeing you after the summer break.

#### **WATERINGBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

Stephen Harmer is our speaker on 11 July at 2pm in the village hall. His talk will be about the '**History of Sissinghurst**', and the monthly competition is a small bunch of garden flowers. Visitors welcome.

In June Sue Hollings came along to give us a cookery demonstration entitled 'The Greeks have a Word for It', during which Sue showed us how to make a "Hob to Table Moussaka", an "Omeleta Horiatikiki", and a Greek Salad. Following the demonstration we all sampled the delicious dishes together with Greek Ravani (a Greek coconut cake), which Sue had made previously, altogether a very enjoyable afternoon.

#### **WATERINGBURY GUIDES**

Guides continues at a pace and we have recently returned from a great weekend away on a canal boat. 8 girls and 4 leaders took very large rucksacks containing virtually everything bar the kitchen sink onto the train at Paddock Wood. We arrived at London Bridge in the middle of Friday evening rush hour and then had to find our way to the Northern Line to get our connection to Angel where the boat was waiting for us. On Saturday after passing through the zoo we ended up at Camden market on what seemed like the hottest day of the year so far and once again it was very busy. Unfortunately the one thing we couldn't find was an ice cream van. We spent Saturday night at Little Venice and it was so warm we leaders were still sat out at the front of the boat at 11 o'clock at night.

On Sunday we turned the boat round and started our trip back. We stopped off to play in the secret fountains and while initially cautious, the girls soon threw caution to the wind and were happily running through the fountains and were very wet indeed. After packing and cleaning the boat we left the boat behind. All agreed it was an excellent weekend away and we are already planning next year's trip. Next up is our sleepover followed by our back to basics camp in August. We are

delighted to have welcomed yet another new guide and we are now up to 19 with as many as five brownies to visit shortly to see if they would like to join us. We still have spaces for more so if you know of anyone who would like to join us please email [wateringburyguides@hotmail.com](mailto:wateringburyguides@hotmail.com)  
*Sheena, Emily and Hayleigh.*

-----

## **FOOTPATHS GROUP**

**Sunday 7 July meet at the village car park for a local walk**

**Sunday 4 August meet at Mereworth School layby**

a requested walk from Mereworth School along the Swanton Valley to Peckham Hurst **Both to leave sharp at 2.30pm.**

Our June walk took us along the river path to the rail foot crossing at Nettlestead, noting that Network Rail have installed solar lights on the crossing!! We stopped a while to look around the church. Whenever I pass here, I feel the need to stop to pay my respects to Terrance Cronk a victim of the November 1967 Hither Green rail disaster. At the time I was working at the depot on the locos and was sent to the scene to assist; I was 21 and will never forget that night. From the church on to Rock Farm stopping at the old Hoppers huts before crossing the Wateringbury Stream to Old Road, then passing the Millpond back to the start.

I was interested to read in the May edition of Rostrum that Mrs Anneke Osborne has joined Wateringbury School from Darenth Primary School, that was my first school. I joined in 1950, at the time there were 4 or 5 classrooms; I believe there were only about 12 to 15 children in each class. I was often sent to the school annexe at St Luke's church (no longer there) about a mile along the road with other children that lived in Green St Green. The Headmaster was Mr Taylor who lived next door to the annexe, a no-nonsense Yorkshire man. I can remember all the teachers and most of the pupils - we often chat on social media. But don't ask me what I had for breakfast today! *Kevin Reynolds – 0771 3740 375*

-----

## **NETTLESTEAD AND WATERINGBURY**

### **PRESCHOOL (NWPS) AND OUT OF SCHOOL CLUBS**

Our lovely fairy, Laila, has come to visit us again at preschool – the children arrived to find that she had decorated around her front door and had left a letter to say she was back for the summer. The children spend time sitting by her garden and writing letters to tell her how much they love fairies.

Our last and busiest term of the year will see the children taking part in sports day, a trip to Paddock Wood library, river visits with ice cream and an end of term party.

We hope to be offering 'holiday club' during the summer school break, subject to interest, so do contact us if you would like to find out more. Childcare, Education & Out of School Clubs, including holiday club 01622 813120, [enquiries@nwps.uk](mailto:enquiries@nwps.uk) , <https://nwpreschool.org.uk/>

-----

## **WATERINGBURY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The Wateringbury Summer Fete on 29 June marked the start of the final countdown to the summer holidays. Thank you to Friends of Wateringbury Primary School (FOWPS) for all their fundraising efforts throughout the year including our end-of-year disco!

Sports Day is always a highlight and this year's on 5 July is no exception. Highly competitive races in the morning showcase our commitment to fitness and running. Afternoon Round Robin activities promote teamwork and collaboration within classes.

We formally bid farewell to our Year 6 class at our Leavers' Service at St John's on 19 July. The week before we will celebrate their achievements at Prize-giving and Production night on 11 July. We know the Year 6 children will thrive at their secondary schools and we hope they return to school from time to time to say hello.

Our last day of term is 19 July. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our local community for supporting our school throughout the year and to wish you all a peaceful and relaxing summer. School is back on Wednesday, 4 September.  
**Chasey Crawford Usher – Headteacher [www.wateringbury.kent.sch.uk](http://www.wateringbury.kent.sch.uk)**

-----

## **WATERINGBURY BROWNIES**

What a fabulous weekend!! We have just returned from a Brownie District Pack Holiday where both units joined with 16th Maidstone Brownies to stay in Tilgate Park in Sussex. The weekend was filled with a trip to Tilgate Nature Centre where we all met, stroked and held a variety of creatures including a Royal Python and a Barn Owl, we watched the meerkats being fed and heard three Kookaburras sing!

The weekend was based on Harry Potter and the brownies completed many craft activities. We made robes, and ties to represent the HP houses together with lanterns that were lit during our evening banquet on the Saturday. The camp fire was a huge success (despite the threat of rain) with Mel leading the singing and of course toasting marshmallows and drinking hot chocolate. We had birthday celebrations for one of the brownies, with a Harry Potter birthday cake and lots of balloons. Memories have been made this weekend and I want to say a huge thank you to all the other leaders for the time and effort that was spent on organising this weekend - we all had a brilliant time!

*Chris Fisher (Little Owl from 2nd WB)*

-----

Want to be part of a community tradition going back 35 years?  
**Come and join the Wateringbury Players Pantomime 2020!**

This year's will be

**Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood**

It will be performed on Friday 24 and Saturday 25 January 2020.

We welcome new members for all roles, anything from principal acting roles to assisting backstage and production.

Children are welcome too, from the age of 7 to 16 but a family member or friend will have to sign up too and agree to assist with some chaperone duties.

**If you'd like to join please come to the Pantomime Read-through on Sunday 1 September at 6:30pm in Wateringbury Village Hall.**

if you would like to know more please contact: [wateringburyplayers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wateringburyplayers@hotmail.co.uk)

-----

## **Welcome to Wateringbury Club We are now welcoming new members**

Come and enjoy our newly refurbished bar now selling even more beverages including Grolsch, Carling, Coors Light and more. We have snooker, pool tables, darts, BT sports and a Sunday meat raffle.

Our number 01622 812167. Our opening times:

Monday and Wednesday 7pm-11pm, Friday 1:30pm-11pm

Saturday 1:30pm- 11pm Sunday 11:30am-7pm

Closed on Tuesday and Thursday

The Club is located just off the Tonbridge Road with the entrance for cars on Red Hill and by foot on Tonbridge Road.

-----

**The History Society invite non-members to join them on their summer outing on Wednesday 24 July to the Weald and Downland Open-air Museum.** The cost will be **£45 per person**, and includes a guided tour. Coach pick up points will be the Wateringbury Hotel and Upper Mill bus

stop. You can see more than 50 buildings, spanning over 950 years, from sites across southern England. The collection includes workers' cottages, shops, farmhouses, barns, a watermill, smithy and even a church. Most are open for you to go inside, explore and get a real feel for what it was like to live and work in them. Some have gardens to enjoy relating to the style and period of the houses. To book a seat please contact Eddie Scarlin 01622 812148

---

## SCOUTING NEWS

Blink and you'll miss it! It's been a very busy few months since my last post... I've not even had chance to sit and write anything till now! Since the start of the year our **Beaver Scouts** have played Ice Hockey without Ice, whittled with pen-knives (under close supervision!!), they have cooked on open fires, been on night hikes and had a sleepover at Tyland Barn! oh... and consumed vast amounts of pancakes on shrove Tuesday! (well, it was a Monday, but pancakes are good all year!)

**The Cub Scouts** have celebrated Chinese New Year, polished shoes to a super shine, had a visit from lizards, giant snails, tortoises, huge cockroaches and a rather scary looking snake! They've been on pack holiday for two nights where they learnt skills that "Ye Scouts of Old" used to use including tracking animals, making a sundial and of course a giant campfire! We even locked a few of the Cub Scouts up when we went to visit Tonbridge Police Station, where they learnt about the amazing work the police do, with help from helicopters, boats, motorbikes, riot equipment and of course the blue lights and sirens!

**Scouts** have also been just as busy with an action packed winter camp with over 40 activities most of which involved a certain amount of mud! The have also been swimming, and backwoods cooking, played some crazy games and of course had pancakes! We are also in the middle of planning our summer camp in the New Forest where we'll be coasteering (jumping from cliffs into the sea!) kayaking, zip line and loads of other things (but we don't want to tell you everything yet!)

**Our Explorer Scouts** have elevated Wateringbury to the stratosphere in terms of awards! They have completed Bronze, Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards, Volunteering Awards and some of them went on to complete the Queens Scout Award which is the highest award in scouting, they will collect the official award in a presentation at Windsor Castle meeting a member of the Royal Family and Bear Grylls who will present the awards - a HUGE congratulations to them, we are super proud.

Our Explorers have given up over 3000 hours in our community volunteering as part of their awards, this makes a huge difference to our community and our environment.

There's loads planned for the next few summer months and hopefully the weather will be kind to us! If your child wants to join the adventure then get their name on the waiting list at [wateringbury-scouts.org.uk](http://wateringbury-scouts.org.uk)

Enjoy your summer whether under canvas or in a 5\* hotel... just make sure you jump in puddles and build sandcastles!

*Nick Keates Group Scout Leader - Wateringbury*

---

## CALLING PARENTS OF ALL YEAR 1s AND 2s WHO WILL BE MOVING INTO YEAR 2 AND 3 IN SEPTEMBER 2019

You may be aware that Wateringbury Football club started a Youth Academy in 2016 for Years 2 to 3 and has been overwhelmed by its success. So much so we are now starting our 3rd successive Year 4 team for next season in the Crowborough league. Regrettably, we can only take children at a minimum age of 6 years old as of 1<sup>st</sup> September.

We've already had enquires from Year 1 and 2 parents about next year and as such this is an open invitation for your children to join us on Saturday mornings on the Wateringbury Village playing field from 10am to 11.30am for our fun and informal training sessions.

Please come along **on 6 and 13 July as a free taster** or if you prefer **the new term begins on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September**. Annual fees are £102 which is great value and from next season your child will receive a Nike club hoodie and training top as part of this fee.

Our philosophy is to not plunge our children into competitive football too early and as such we passionately believe this has paid dividends in developing early skills and is undoubtedly keenly supported by parents. Hope to see you and please drop me a line if you are interested. *Andy Gibson (andy.gibbo1980@gmail.com)*

---

## TESTON & WATERINGBURY NURSERY GROUP

**Our sports day will be held on the Teston Village green on Friday 12 July.** All parents/carers and families welcome but beware there is always a mums' race followed by a dads' race, which seems to get more competitive each year! After the races there will be a picnic, raffle and of course our popular ice cream man Roy will be paying us a visit.

A shout out for help within the village.. As part of our fundraising efforts we have a 'bags to school' collection from **Teston village hall at 9am on Friday 19 July. If you are having a sort out of your old clothes, shoes, belts or handbags please bring them along any day that week and help us raise much needed funds for our village pre-school.**

As always, this time of year is emotional for staff when we say a big farewell to our lovely children. We wish all of our children leaving the best of luck in their new big school. We hope you had great fun with us over the past couple of years; we certainly enjoyed helping prepare you for school. Finally we say farewell to a valued member of our team, Dawn Oakenfull, who will be missed by both staff and children and wish her the best of luck as she also moves on to big school. We start back on **Monday 2 September 2019.**

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

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

## JUNE PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

At the start of the meeting councillors voted to co-opt Mark Burrows to serve on the Parish Council.

The Council were informed that Manor Farm had been troubled by fly tipping and graffiti on a newly erected fence.

**Allotments** - All rents for the current year had been paid.

**Borough Councillor Sarah Hudson** apologised for not being able to attend the meeting, as she was at the first Planning & Transportation Advisory board meeting of the new Council. She sent a written report. Since becoming a councillor she had attended on average 3 meetings a week, including training sessions on planning, taxation and housing. Last week she attended Area 2 Planning and voted against 5 separate Planning applications involving Kings Hill and West Malling. At the forthcoming Area 3 meeting she intended to do the same for the two applications in East Malling. The planning officers recommend refusal, and Sarah agreed with their comments as she felt there is no point increasing the number of homes in the local area, without first establishing some further infrastructure, specifically an additional doctors surgery, and better roads.

Sarah had made enquiries as to the viability of creating a 20mph zone along Bow Road, by the school, and would appreciate support from the Parish Council in achieving this aim.

**Cemetery** - The Parish Clerk was following up on the request for a War Grave plaque for the cemetery gate to indicate the War Graves Commission Grave of RAF Sergeant Kenneth Brooks. A request has also been made to the Commission for the grave stone to be cleaned.

The Council are minded to carry out work by November 2020 on the grave of Tom Smith to mark the centenary of his death. Tom is commemorated on the village war memorial which hangs in the church.

**Councillor Mark Burrows** agreed to represent the Parish Council at the Sports and Recreation Association meetings and on the Kent Community Rail Partnership as he was a frequent rail user.

**Crime Report PCSO Wendy Stanley** submitted a written report of recent crimes: 30 April a burglary in Hillside Court, 3 May a theft and disturbance in The Handy Stores, 10 May a public order offence in Bow Road and 26 May an assault in Glebe Meadow. There were several incidents of anti-social behaviour : fly tipping in Park Road, 2 reports of a drunken male in bus shelters, nuisance youths in Glebe Meadow, a nuisance bike in Phoenix Drive and on the playing fields and a public order offence in Bow Road.

**Playing Fields** - It was reported that one of the waste bins had been damaged beyond repair and needed to be replaced. The reason for the damage was discussed and several theories considered. The rubbish at the fields was also a cause for concern. Councillors felt that once the village warden started his duties the problem would greatly diminish.

Following new suggestions about the best long-term methods for maintaining the track down to the fields, estimates of costs were awaited.

**Speed Watch** In May the volunteers had carried out 13 hour long sessions during which time 3,136 vehicles had passed by. Of these 310 were speeding, 48 letters were sent by the police to repeat offenders, 3 being hand delivered by the police. 13 letters were sent to high end offenders (45+ mph in a 30 zone). One vehicle's details have been passed to officers for active enforcement having been reported 5 times. In addition 4 vehicles were being driven untaxed, 2 were being driven untaxed and did not show as being insured and 1 vehicle was being driven untaxed, without MOT and did not show as being insured.



The public are welcome to attend the **next meeting** of the Parish Council on **Tuesday 2 July at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall (upper meeting room). Please note there is no meeting in August.

*Approved minutes of the June meeting will appear on the Parish Council website [www.wateringburypc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.wateringburypc.kentparishes.gov.uk) in due course.*

## NEWS FROM YOUR BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

A big thank you to everyone for allowing me the opportunity to represent our wonderful village. I will be holding regular surgeries for residents in the Village Hall, you don't need an appointment, just turn up and ask for help and advice – I will then endeavour to do my best to do so. **The first of these is on Saturday 6 July from 10 to 11am.** I will be in the small downstairs room. If you can't make it, but would like to contact me my email address is [sarah.hudson@tmhc.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.hudson@tmhc.gov.uk).

**The new recycling scheme starts on 30 September. The green-lidded bin will no longer be used for garden waste.** If you wish to have your garden waste collected you need to order a bin. The price for your 12 month subscription is £40, however if you sign up between before **2 August**, you will receive a **discounted "Early Bird" price of only £35 for the year!** . If you wish to receive this service you will need to subscribe, either using this link

<https://recycleforall.tmbc.gov.uk/home/garden-waste>

or telephone 01732 876147.

Your green lidded bin will now take glass, plastics, cans, foil and food and drink cartons. The green box will take papers and cardboard. In addition each house will be given a small bin for a weekly collection of food waste. The black bin will take all unrecyclable items which will be taken to the Allington incinerator. Have a great summer *Sarah Hudson*

## A VIEW FROM THE PEWS

Do words use us? Surely we use words? We are the users! We pick words to say what we want, to get ideas across. But, we are not the only thing involved when it comes to words. You know that moment a politician gets this wrong is when they say something they think is funny and everyone else thinks it is plain rude ... and now they are in trouble!

We like to think of ourselves as authors but we are also audiences: speakers/writers and listeners/readers. When others use words to us, we have some say in what they mean and sometimes we might disagree or see things in those words that the author never intended. Authors think they are in charge. But they are not. People have strong feelings about the word 'men', when it is used to mean men and women for example. Words are a negotiation.

Ideas are *at work* in words, even apart from what authors intend or audiences perceive. They intermingle in the word and when we choose a word wisely we are negotiating with those ideas. All this means words have power beyond the author and the audience. In Christianity this is captured in the words, revelation and scripture. The words in the Bible are not just what those biblical authors intended, and they are not just what the different audiences make of them. They are also carriers of something else and when we engage them we come into contact with that 'something else'.

The ancient writer of John's Gospel used the phrase "Word" to mean Jesus. At the moment, the Church is remembering the growth of the early Christian community, a time when Christians believe the Holy Spirit helped that community make sense of Scripture in a new way. That's still how Christians see things today. There is something mysterious in our encounter with words. Sometimes it is as though they are using us, just when we think we are using them.

*Bob Bowie*

.....

**The Friends of Wateringbury Church (Registered Charity No 1151983)**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday 16 July 2019 at 7.30pm**

The Friends of Wateringbury Church's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Tuesday 16 July 2019 at St John the Baptist Church, Wateringbury at 7.30pm. Members and public are all welcome.

The AGM will look to approve the Financial Statements for the period to 31 March 2019 and, if considered fit, approve and elect/re-elect trustees to the Board. If you are interested in becoming a trustee, please submit your name to the Secretary with a proposer and seconder by Tuesday midnight 9 July 2019. At the AGM, only members of FOWC will be eligible to vote.

As the AGM is the FOWC's formal annual public meeting, members are encouraged to submit written questions in advance by Tuesday midnight 9 July 2019. However, questions will be taken on the night.

*Frances English – Secretary - 01622 812471*

[friends@fowc.org.uk](mailto:friends@fowc.org.uk)    [www.friends@fowc.org.uk](http://www.friends@fowc.org.uk)

~~~~~

**Plant Sale Thanks** The Churchyard Plant Sale on 25 May raised a total of £530.60p. Very many thanks to all those who grew plants to donate, to the many who gave up their time to help in so many ways and particularly to **Bijou Nursery** for their very generous donation of plants.

~~~~~

**The Friends of Wateringbury Church** are delighted to announce that their talk by Dr Juliette Pattinson on Women Spies in WW2 raised the magnificent sum of £567. Thanks to all who attended and, of course to Juliette, for her interesting and entertaining talk.

~~~~~



**Our Reader Alastair Byron** took his last service on 9 June. He was made a Reader on 3 November 1984 and as he was 76 in June, and after 35 years, decided not to ask the Bishop to renew his Licence for another 3 years. On behalf of the congregation, fellow Reader, Barry Fisher, presented Alastair with gifts from the congregation to show their appreciation of his ministry. Rev Denys Gower (vicar 1993-2000) and wife, Eileen, attended the service.

## **AUGUST CREAM TEAS**

**THURSDAYS 1, 8, 15 and 22**

**AT THE CHURCH 2-4pm**

Do go along and enjoy

home-made cake and scones

in the tranquillity of our ancient village church and churchyard



## **COFFEE BREAK - CRAFT AND CHAT**

**Wednesdays 3, 17, 31 July, 14 and 28 August 10.30-12.30**

We will be continuing to meet over the summer. Do pop along, we are a friendly group. Don't be put off by the craft in our name, many of those who come along just enjoy our tea, coffee and home-made cake! If you are a little shy of coming on your own do give us a ring and we can arrange for you to be met.

Pauline (01622 814673) and Gillian.



## **Formation of Benefice of**

**Mereworth, Wateringbury and West Peckham**

The following official announcement about the formation of the new benefice was made in church on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

*"A notice giving details of proposed pastoral reorganisation affecting this parish has been displayed by the main door and on the Church of England website. The Notice includes the last date by which representations regarding the proposed reorganisation may be made to the Church Commissioners."*

Full details of how representations may be made are included in the notice. **The closing date for comments in writing or by email is Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July.** The documents can be found on line using the following link:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-06/16072019%20-%20East%20Malling.pdf>

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June it was announced that Rev Nick Williams had accepted the position of Priest in Charge of Larkfield. This will link the parishes of East Malling and Larkfield as envisaged in the Deanery long-term plan which also recommended Watlingbury be linked with Mereworth and West Peckham.

## **WATERINGBURY CHURCH SERVICES IN JULY AND AUGUST**

SJB Church web site: [www.watlingburychurch.org.uk](http://www.watlingburychurch.org.uk)

Church Face Book Page: [fb.me/watlingburychurch](https://fb.me/watlingburychurch)

Friends of SJB Church [web site www.fowc.org.uk](http://www.fowc.org.uk)

**Saturday 6 July – 3-5pm – Messy Church** There will be craft activities, a short bible story (we will be finding out about Moses and how he escaped from Egypt) and prayer times and will end with afternoon tea.

**Sunday 7 July – 10am - Communion - Rev Nick Williams**

**Sunday 14 July – 10am - Matins** – led by Barry Fisher

A traditional service from the Prayer Book

**Friday 19 July 9am School Leavers Service**

We welcome our school to church when those children going on to Secondary Education will be given the gift of a bible.

**Sunday 21 July**

**8.30pm - Prayer Book Said Communion – Rev Nick Williams**

A quiet service using the beautiful words written by Cranmer in 1662. .

**10am - All Age Worship**

An informal service led by the Sundays Cool team.

**Sunday 28 July – 10am – Communion – Canon Alan Vousden**

**Saturday 3 August - 3-5pm – Messy Church** with craft activities, a short bible story and prayer times. This month we will be having fun with Joshua, knocking down the walls of Jericho and if the weather is good will have a picnic tea in the churchyard.

**Sunday 4 August – 10am – Communion**

**Sunday 11 August – 10am – Morning Praise – Barry Fisher**

**Sunday 18 August**

**8.30pm - Prayer Book Said Communion**

A quiet service using the beautiful words of Cranmer .

**10am - All Age Worship**

An informal service led by the Sundays Cool team.

**Sunday 25 August – 10am – Communion – Canon Liz Walker**

*Refreshments are served after our 10am services – do stay if you can*

---

**IN OUR SORROWS – FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS**

We extend our deepest sympathy to the loved ones of:

Alan Stanley Davis (11<sup>th</sup> June)

Peggy Selman (13<sup>th</sup> June)

---