

Welcome to your April Magazine

VILLAGE DIARY

April	
6th 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting followed by Planning Committee via Zoom – contact parish clerk for access details clerk@wateringburypc.org.uk
20th 7.30pm	Parish Council Highways and Transportation Committee via Zoom – contact clerk for access details
24th	Wateringbury Wildlife Garden open – see below
May	
4th 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting followed by Planning Committee via Zoom – contact parish clerk for access
6th All day	Elections for KCC Councillor and Police and Crime Commissioner – Don't forget to vote at the Village Hall
Every Friday (except Good Friday 2nd) 11.15-2pm Community Fridge in the village hall Saving food waste, helping local producers and the local community. Take what you need - pay what you can. To book a slot email sarahhudson500@gmail.com	
Please see the Footpaths Group Walks paragraph for full details on walks during the pandemic restrictions	

GARDENING FOR WILDLIFE – SATURDAY 24TH APRIL WATERINGBURY GARDEN TOURS

The Kent Wildlife Trust invite you to visit the garden of one of their volunteers to see that a nature friendly garden doesn't have to be unkempt and to gain hints on how to introduce wildlife friendly features in your own garden.

This is a garden of approximately a third of an acre featuring trees, shrubs, mixed flower beds, a vegetable plot and a pond along with a range of wildlife habitats. The timed visits will allow plenty of time to chat with experienced volunteers and get tips and advice for developing your own garden.

There will be 3 tour times 12-pm-1.30pm, 1.30-3pm and 3-4.30pm Tours cost £5 per person. Book your place and gain access details at <https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/events> or phone 01622 662012

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

Thank you to **Geraint Owen** who has volunteered to be the village Flood Warden to warn residents of any potential dangers, etc. He can be contacted on gedowen@gmail.com Telephone 07846 302320.

Shed Burglaries Ally Hendry, the PCSO Crime Prevention Officer for Tonbridge and Malling at Kent Police, has issued a warning that there has been a spate of shed burglaries in T & M area recently. We are all urged to secure sheds and other outbuildings and to stay vigilant. Anything suspicious should be reported to Kent Police. Ally's contact number is 07989 239768.

**NETTLESTEAD AND WATERINGBURY PRESCHOOL
(NWPS)
AND OUT OF SCHOOLS' CLUB**
Graded as Outstanding by Ofsted

The setting took part in World Book Day, with many of our children and staff dressing up as characters from their favourite books. There were some truly super costumes – well done everyone. Other topics we have explored include, Space, People we Care About, St David's Day, Chinese New Year, Our World – where we live, Science and Maths. The children have enjoyed trying Chinese foods, role play in their very own space station, making Mothers' Day cards and learning sign language linked to each of the topics. We are very proud of just how much sign language the children know!

NWPS is RECRUITING! The setting is looking for another **part time member of staff to join our team** – if you have a L3 childcare qualification and enjoy working with young children, please do contact us. If you are interested in any of the services the setting offers, please do not hesitate to contact us. Childcare, Education and Out of School Clubs, including Holiday Club.
01622 813120, enquiries@nwps.org.uk
<https://nwpreschool.org.uk/>

FLOWER CLUB

Our guest demonstrator on Zoom in March was Helga Cukure originally from Latvia - Helga is one of Kent's newest demonstrators and has been a member of Kent flower clubs for many years and is a keen competitor at our shows. Her title Latvian inspirations was very enlightening giving us a glimpse of traditions and style from her own country. She truly is an inspiration.

April at present has no programme in place but members will be notified and details will also be found on our Facebook page and website

www.wateringburyflowerclub.co.uk. *Jean Schofield*

**WATERINGBURY CROSSROADS.
URGENT ACTION NEEDED**

Dear Resident

As we are sure you are aware the problems Wateringbury experiences daily from excessive traffic have been under investigation in terms of safety improvements, particularly for pedestrians on Bow Road and the A26 at the junction with Old Road, and the environmental problems from vehicles driving through our Village and idling in queues. There are initiatives and improvement plans currently being developed with the Parish Council, which is to be consulted upon with the Residents, the Borough Councillor and many interested and concerned residents. The problems are quite complex and suitable solutions for the long term are being sought.

Most homes in Wateringbury by now should have received a flyer from Sarah supported by the Parish Council,

asking for Residents to write to the KCC, copying in Sarah and the Parish Clerk, objecting to proposed modifications of Watringbury Crossroads who are proposing installing second lanes on the approach roads where the existing pavement is wide enough.

The cross roads area has been improved recently by the replanting of the flowerbeds, the creation of the 'living wall' with plants that absorb some vehicle fumes, the maintenance of the stocks and the lock up and the most recent addition of the 'Red box' lending library. We think we all consider this improvement in amenity important to the Village and not one we would like to lose.

If these proposed crossroads modification proceed, which are mentioned as enabling greater traffic flows in three development planning applications, then we will lose permanently this amenity improvement in the heart of a historic Kent Village.

There is considerable effort from your Borough Councillor working with Watringbury Parish Council on traffic calming and possibly certain traffic restriction to ensure our quality of life in the Village is maintained and improved. Inevitably commercial and residential developments locally will impact adversely on Watringbury traffic flows and consequent problems if we cannot mitigate them. We cannot hope to remove all the problems but seek better risk improvement solutions and will press the County and Borough in these important tasks for the Village and its community.

Please support your Councillors, oppose these cross roads modifications, and we will keep you updated through the existing methods and Rostrum. Thanks and kind regards
Sarah Hudson Borough Councillor and Watringbury Parish Council

**Email without delay to KCC Jamie.watson@kent.gov.uk
and copy to clerk@watringburypc.org.uk and
sarah.hudson@tmbc.gov.uk**

Our MP, Tom Tugendhat, has been contacted and we are urging his support to protect Watringbury.

FIRST WATERINGBURY GUIDES

Since half term we have made citrus bird feeders and hung them in our gardens to help the birds over the winter – we have reports that they are being used by the birds which is great. Lauren taught the girls how to make pom poms and we had an evening of sheep related activities and will have some Easter fun things to make and eat. For Mother's Day we treated mums to homemade chocolate truffles and chocolate mendiants all in a homemade origami box. Needless to say, for those that know me, the box defeated me but the chocolate activities were right up my street! The term will be completed by another virtual sleepover as the last one was very successful with 16 girls joining in the fun.

Craft and cooking are great activities for guides to try especially indoors or on Zoom and we are very grateful to the parents for facilitating these activities in their homes. However, Baden-Powell said Scouting and Guiding is a game to be played out of doors and thank goodness we have finally been given the nod to restart out of door face to face meetings after Easter.

We fully intend to maximise the fun and are planning activities such as rounders and Kwik cricket, wide games, rope bridges in the woods, trails and scavenger hunts. We're contacting organisations to see if we can horse ride, sail and canoe, do some geo-caching and maybe some karting and climbing. We really hope we can give the young girls of Wateringbury and surrounds a term of exciting outdoor activities to help them unwind after the challenges of the last year.

If you would like to help us with these activities do please contact me at sheenastewartx3@gmail.com
Sheena, Emily and Hayleigh

THE FRIENDS OF WATERINGBURY

We will be able to go out and about from 12 April, so if you are interested in joining our group, please contact Michael Williams on michaeljwilliams123@btinternet.com. Our next project is weeding and tidying the car park, and painting the fences, at the Village Hall, which we hope to start towards the end of April. A big thank you to Gary Haffenden for providing the free skip for the rubbish.

WATERINGBURY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spring has sprung! The weather has been glorious in recent weeks and everything feels much more hopeful. In school we welcomed the return of all pupils from Monday, 8th March. Staff and pupils have enjoyed seeing the children and regaining a sense of normality. The school has been alive with the buzz of learning and it has been wonderful to walk around the school to see classrooms full of children and work appearing on the walls again.

Our school took part in Red Nose Day with the children wearing as many red clothes as possible. You may have seen them walking to and from school dressed all in red.

We have been enjoying Collective Worship (albeit over Zoom) with Rev. Gary Townsend. Throughout the school closure, we invited the school community - who were learning at home - to take part and this was a huge success. We are looking forward to our virtual Easter service with Bible readings, work from the pupils as well as an address from Rev. Gary.

I hope the sun continues to shine and that we can spend more and more time outdoors!

Mrs Anneka Osborne – Interim Head of School

Post-script from our school's governing body:

Governors are in awe at what has been achieved by our school leaders, teachers, teaching assistants and support staff over the last year, let alone the last few months. On behalf of our entire school community, we want to say a huge THANK YOU to all the staff for everything they have done to keep the school open and safe for vulnerable children and children of keyworkers as well as managing remote teaching and learning. We also want to pay tribute to our wonderful parents and carers who have stepped up to the challenges of home learning and supported the school's endeavours throughout lockdown. Everyone has gone above and beyond every day to keep all the plates spinning while managing their own personal situations. It has been a tremendous team effort.

We have had the additional challenge of operating without a substantive headteacher since November. At the time of going to press, members of our governing body headteacher recruitment panel were assessing and interviewing shortlisted candidates for the headteacher position. We are determined to appoint a special leader who can steer us successfully through the next stage of our school's journey. We hope to be in a position to provide more news about this next month! In the meantime we are extremely grateful for the support of our Executive Leaders, Karen Slade and Viki Garrett from Slade Primary School, who are providing our school with additional leadership capacity during this interim period.

Gail Isted

(Acting) Chair of governors on behalf of the governing body.

NEWS FROM OUR MP TOM TUGENHATT

On 6 May 2021, we will be asked to elect our Police and Crime Commissioner and Kent County Councillor in the first set of elections since I was privileged to have been elected as your MP in December 2019. All elections are important, they are the opportunity for each of us to have our say on how we are represented.

This set of elections will be very different. I know many will not feel comfortable heading out to vote as you did before. That's why I wanted to use this column to emphasise the importance of having your voice heard, and applying for a postal vote if you feel uncomfortable. Postal voting is quick and easy. You receive your ballot paper a couple of weeks before the election, fill it in at home and return in the freepost envelope supplied. It doesn't cost anything, and can be posted while getting some fresh air in the spring weather. We know our elections matter. Please do make sure you have your views heard, and participate in our democracy. It relies on people voting at every opportunity and I hope you'll have your say this year.

EVER WONDERED WHAT HAPPENS TO OUR FOOD WASTE?

Its worth taking the time to separate food waste into your food caddy. It is taken to Blaise Farm Quarry,

near Kings Hill and turned into compost to improve the quality of soil on local farms. 45,000 tons of food waste is collected annually from Kent households. Soon the waste will be turned into biogas at a new anaerobic digester at Blaise Farm. The biogas will be fed directly into the National Grid as well as powering the plant itself and creating farm fertiliser. KCC expect around 5 million m³ of gas will be created alongside 5.2 million kWh of electricity, enough to power around 3,600 homes. The plant has room to expand as the local need increases.

THOUGHTS OF MOTHER TERESA

- ☺ If you judge people, you have no time to love them.
- ☺ Not all of us can do great things. But we can all do small things with great love.
- ☺ Peace begins with a smile

NEWS FROM OUR BOROUGH COUNCILLOR SARAH HUDSON

Every 15 years or so, the Government asks the Borough Council to produce a “**Local Plan**” which allocates land for a variety of uses such as housing, employment, retail, commercial and infrastructure. The most controversial part of this process is usually allocating housing because not only is there pressure to meet housing targets handed down by the Govt, but in a “constrained” area like TMBC this means considering whether to allow development on greenfield sites, or even in the Green Belt. Nevertheless, TMBC submitted its plan to the Government for approval in January 2019. Local Plans are approved by the Planning Inspectorate, an executive agency of the Government, but the Inspectorate have halted the process as they believe that TMBC did not do enough in terms of the “Duty to Cooperate” with neighbouring Sevenoaks. Their specific complaint is that TMBC did not work closely enough with Sevenoaks District Council to see if the housing need of Sevenoaks could be met in Tonbridge & Malling. TMBC proposed to fully meet their own housing needs, and so to expect a council to volunteer to allocate land for potentially thousands of extra homes on behalf of its neighbours seems incredibly unfair. It is doubly ironic to delay the process at this stage given that the Government have recognised that the Duty to Cooperate is virtually inoperable, and they propose to scrap it. Therefore, TMBC have appealed to the Secretary of State to intervene and instruct the Inspectorate to continue the process. If this appeal is not successful, then TMBC will need to draft a new plan, but any new plan would need to use the latest set of government housing targets, which are even higher than when the current plan was drawn up! We can only hope that the Secretary of State sees sense, or it will just put more pressure on our precious countryside.

56.1% of resident waste is now recycled making TMBC the top Borough in Kent, and No. 7 out of the UK for recycling improvement, based on latest DEFRA figures. Increased collections based on pre COVID times are: +78% plastic, cans etc, +47% Residual waste, +37% Paper, card +70% Garden waste.

The **flooding at the entrance to The Orpines** is soon to be resolved, with Jenners paying for a new soakaway to be installed.

There will be **NO Community Fridge** on Friday 2nd April, as it is Good Friday. As the end to lockdown approaches, it is anticipated that the number of residents attending will reduce and so therefore will the supplies of bought food. Donations will still be collected every week from the local supermarkets. From 16th April, there will no longer need to be pre-allocated timeslots, but it would help in terms of ensuring sufficient provision, that residents still advise that they wish to attend through the Community Fridge Facebook page.

Community Library - We have enough book donations to last a while, so please no more for the time being. It is really pleasing to see the facility so well used and supported. *Best Wishes, Sarah*

TESTON AND WATERINGBURY PRESCHOOL

We continue our term 4 teaching the children all about recycling and how we dispose of different materials such as paper, plastic, metal, and glass. Learning about which ones can be recycled and which ones go to landfill. The children also took home their cress that we planted in our upcycled plastic bottles!

We will finish this term making chocolate birds' nests and enjoying an Easter egg hunt in the garden with the children.

All the staff and children would like to wish everyone an enjoyable and happy Easter holiday. If you are interested in joining our pre-school, please contact Tina Driver on 07805 796353 or email tandwngroup@gmail.com.

WATERINGBURY FOOTPATH GROUP

Lots of reasons to have a spring in your step this month! Spring is definitely in the air, local and national infection rates have fallen, many of us have had at least one vaccine dose and we're keeping our fingers crossed that the Government's 'Road Map' for reducing restrictions will stay on course. If so, from Easter I'm hoping we're going to be able to walk locally in groups of up to six people from different households, enabling our Footpath Group walks to re-start.

We live in a beautiful area and are fortunate to have lots of footpaths and quiet lanes to keep us away from most of the busy traffic. If you are unsure where you can walk have a look at Kent County Council's map of public rights of way. You can navigate around the map and see the footpaths (only for pedestrians), the bridleways (also for cyclists and horses) and other routes such as public by-ways. Start at <https://webapps.kent.gov.uk/countrysideaccesscams/standar>

[dmap.aspx](#) and use the search, pan and zoom. Or alternatively join us for a walk!

If you are interested in joining the Group walks and haven't already contacted me, please get in touch so I can allocate you to a group when I organise the next walks. Text or phone me on 077 5953 9032 or contact me on Messenger. *Lisa Dean*

MARCH PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Co-option of Patrick Gregson to Parish Council at the start of the meeting Patrick Gregson was co-opted on to the Council.

Flood Warden the chairman was pleased to announce that Geraint Owen had volunteered to be our village flood warden.

Borough Councillor Sarah Hudson reported that at recent full T & M council meeting it was decided to raise the precept by 4.9%. This would mean a property in band D would pay £5 a year extra which she felt was good value for money.

The lamp columns owned by KCC were scheduled to be repaired by end of June (these are on the A26 and Bow Road/Red Hill).

The relocation of the soakaway on the A26 near The Orpines which had caused flooding in recent times was under review.

The KCC have asked Sarah's opinion as to the order of priority which should be placed upon the 7 suggested improvements to the A26. Sarah requested help from the Parish Council in prioritising these schemes. The chairman read out a prepared statement that the Parish Council did not feel able to make decisions until they had seen the estimated costings for each proposal. It is not certain what funding will be available as a decision on the application for £125,000 was dependent the Kent County Council's budget. No scheme can proceed unless funds are allocated). At the public forum the safety of village roads was the topic of lively debate.

Virtual meeting with Kent's Police and Crime Commissioner, Matthew Scott. Councillor Patrick Gregson volunteered to represent the Parish Council and book an on-line appointment on 4th March with the Commissioner. He was asked by a resident to ascertain the official police position regarding the use of speed cameras since the village have been led to believe that we cannot have these at our traffic lights, where frequently motorists jump red lights, and to deter speeding vehicles on A26 and Bow Road because of police objections.

Our new PCSO, whom we share with several villages, is Joshua Vincent.

Crime report Only one incident has been reported when 2 men and a woman were seen leaving a property in Cobbs Close with boxes. Police are not sure if a crime has been committed.

Playing Fields Andrew French Fencing's estimate to repair the chestnut fencing was accepted. The track from

Fields Lane is to be inspected regarding repairs to potholes. The estimate from Playdale for parts for play equipment was accepted.

Cemetery An estimate for repairs and a plaque at the grave of Tom Smith, the only WWI casualty buried in the cemetery, had been received from Viners. The clerk was asked to obtain 2 more quotes.

Cemetery Terms and Conditions A review had been made of the terms and conditions for cemetery plots. It was agreed that reservation of plots could only be for a named person. If a plot is not used within 25 yrs there are no continuing rights relating to that plot. At any time, up to the end of the reservation period the person reserving has the right to purchase the plot, at the then current price for the interment of the named person. These conditions do not affect the existing 18 reservations

Highways Committee One resident, Martin Millar, had expressed his willingness to help co-ordinate the comments and suggestions being received from residents on A26.

Planning Applications No applications had been received

Allotments An inspection had been carried out and it was reported that some of the neglected plots had been spruced up.

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will take place via Zoom on Tuesday 6th April at 7.30pm Councillors value the support of residents and the final item on each meeting's agenda is an Open Forum when matters of local concern can be raised and discussed. To join via Zoom please contact the Parish Clerk for the link. clerk@wateringburypc.org.uk

Approved minutes of the meeting will appear on the Parish Council website www.wateringburypc.org.uk in due course.

The Seven Proposals from KCC for improving Wateringbury's roads as identified on the Parish Council's Facebook page


- 1 There is a proposed 50mph buffer between National speed limit and 30mph approaching the village entrance. The Parish Council will promote for a 40mph buffer not 50mph (*Rostrum believes this is coming from Mereworth into the village*)
- 2 Enhancing and refreshing the existing village gateway feature
- 3 Potential Pedestrian crossing point at Old Road junction
- 4 Potential traffic calming island west of Canon Lane
- 5 Footway camber alterations opposite Old Road, down to the church
- 6 Potential installation of traffic calming islands outside and east of St John the Baptist church
- 7 White lining outside the church to visually narrow the carriageway.

On their Facebook page the Parish Council is asking residents to let them know their order of priority for the above proposals so these can be put forward to KCC. Please put your preferences in order and send to clerk@wateringburypc.org.uk as soon as possible

The above is dependent upon necessary funding being made available to KCC. It is separate to the Highway Improvement Plan that the Parish Council will put forward following consultation with residents which is at present being formulated for discussion.

REV GARY WRITES

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EASTER HOPE

I am really pleased that we are beginning to reopen our church buildings for Sunday worship again. St Dunstan's has had two services at the end of March, St John the Baptist one and St Lawrence will open its doors on Easter Sunday. Lord willing, we will be able to maintain a pattern of opening for Sunday worship from hereon in. Restrictions on what we can do in the buildings and how we are to use them remain in place (e.g., no singing, bread only for communion, social distancing etc.). Such restrictions will remain in place until we get to that point along the Government's pathway that allows us to lift them. If you have not yet attended a service and would like to please do. Before you do, make sure you look at the church websites to see what you need to do to attend church safely. Above all please do let me know if you want to attend because we need to make sure we can manage the number of people who attend. I do thank everyone for their forbearance and cooperation in this. Below is a table of planned Sunday services across the Benefice of Mereworth, Watlingbury and West Peckham for April. You will see we are still doing some online services for those who, for whatever reason, do not feel safe coming to a service in church.

With the easing of restrictions, the sun shining (sometimes!), the countryside coming to life and the comfort for many of us of having an effective vaccine coursing through our veins, it is all too easy to forget we are still amid a pandemic – the danger is still all around us. We must not let our guard down or forget that for many this virus continues to put a huge strain on them physically, mentally, and emotionally. Another guard that can be let down is faith. We have all been living with disappointment, loss, and fear for so long now it is all too easy to conclude and say that God is not there and if He is, He does not care. I often wonder if Jesus' disciples thought of giving up on their faith in God when they saw all that happened to Jesus when He went to the cross. But how that all changed on that first Easter morning – He is risen! The resurrection of Him who suffered and died remains the great bedrock of the Christian faith. Christ is our hope and our salvation. I am so pleased we can gather to celebrate that on Easter Day this year. I give you all a warm welcome to our Sunday services - even with the restrictions! – and look forward to seeing you.

Have a blessed and joyful Easter. Revd Gary Townsend.

Sunday	Mereworth	Wateringbury	West Peckham
4th April Easter Day	09:30 CW Holy Communion Evening service via Zoom	10: CW Holy Communion Online service	11:15 CW Holy Communion
11th April	09:30 CW Holy Communion Evening service via Zoom	10: CW Holy Communion Online service	11:15. Sunday 45
18th April	09:30 BCP Holy Communion Evening service via Zoom	10: All Age Service Online service	11:15 CW Holy Communion
25th April	09:30 CW Family Service Evening service via Zoom	10: CW Holy Communion Online service	11:15 Sunday 45
CW = Common Worship BCP = Book of Common Prayer			

WATERINGBURY CHURCH - SERVICES IN APRIL

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

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

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

The good news is that the church is once again open for Sunday Services. Sadly we still have to comply with Covid Regulations. ***It is important that those hoping to attend a service notify their wish by emailing before 2pm on the prior Saturday to office@wateringburychurch.org.uk / 01622 813852.***

To date we have been able to work out a seating plan to socially distance each household wishing to attend but we may not always be able to seat safely all who would like to come and we would hate to have to turn anyone away at the door! As before face masks must be worn and singing is not allowed but the organist will play hymns and music at the beginning and end of the service. When booking is confirmed an up-to-date protocol will be sent.

Despite all this Wateringbury's warm welcome will await you and our new vicar Rev Gary Townsend is looking forward to meeting everyone in person.

Benefice Zoom Service at 7pm for **Maundy Thursday 1st April**

Good Friday 2nd April - Benefice Zoom Hour at the Cross 2-3pm

Please email gary.rev@outlook.com for the link to join the above services

Easter Sunday 4th April – 10am Communion service in church led by Canon Brian Stevenson

11th April 10am Communion service in church with Rev Gary Townsend

18th April 10am All Age Worship in church with the Sunday's Cool team

25th April 10am Communion Service in church with Rev Gary Townsend

2nd May 10am Matins with Barry Fisher

Our short on-line worship will still be available every week for you to enjoy at **<http://tiny.cc/krymmz>**

Our weekly service lasts for approximately 20 minutes and consists of opening and closing hymns played on our church organ, a bible reading, prayers and a reflection. It is available at any time.

WEEKLY ZOOM BENEFICE BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Thursdays 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th at 7.30pm for about an hour. Rev Gary Townsend invites you to join him for bible study. To join please email gary.rev@outlook.com for the link to the meeting.

CHURCHYARD PLANT SALE 2021

Government and Diocesan Restrictions permitting we hope to hold our **Annual Churchyard Plant Sale on Bank Holiday Saturday 29th May from 10-1pm**. If you are dividing perennial plants or have spare seedlings please consider potting them up and donating them to our plant sale. All proceeds go towards the cost of upkeeping our beautiful and ancient village church. All donations would be most welcome preferably labelled and priced.

HYMNS?

Can you remember what they are? For Hilary (organist) and Barry (choir master) it's far too long since any have been sung at St John the Baptist church but here's a way to get those tunes back into your minds. The inspiration comes from Barry's liking for translating hymn words to different contexts.

A prime example of that is the line 'transport of delight'. It is the title of a witty song by Flanders and Swan (some of you may remember them) about the London Bus.

Barry's own offering is 'Ye fearful saints fresh courage take'. As a chorister at St Luke's Maidstone he eventually graduated to the ranks of the basses whose most stalwart voice also happened to be Chairman of the Maidstone Working Men's Club. Barry and his Dad were accustomed to take a pre Sunday lunch pint there of the local Courage brewery's nectar which forever became associated with the hymn.

So to while away those lock down hours, there's a little quiz below for you to identify the first line of the hymn from which each line has been taken. Answers next month.

1. What transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth
2. We'll give you the verse for this one: 'Ye fearful saints fresh courage take, the clouds ye so much dread are big with mercy and shall break in blessings on your head'
3. His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form
4. Led out to die on Calvary, risen from death to set us free
5. Craftsmen's art and music's measure for thy pleasure all combine (unfair clue for the choir - Barry's favourite hymn!)
6. Humbled for a season to receive a name from the lips of sinners unto whom he came
7. Black bird has spoken like the first bird
8. Who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
9. Speak through the earthquake wind and fire, O still small voice of calm
10. Let me see thy footmarks and in them plant mine own

WATERINGBURY'S FORGOTTEN PAST

The **24th April 2021** will mark the centenary of the **dedication of the village war memorials.**

Both memorials were unveiled by Maj Gen Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, KCB, KCMG and dedicated by the Bishop of Rochester The Right Rev John Reginald Harmer, DD. The Memorial Shrine in the Church contains a wooden wall mounted memorial with the names of the fallen. It was carved by Mr Cecil French, a local master craftsman, whose workshop was at the local blacksmith's shop (now part of the car showroom in Bow Road).



The church bells were rung and church doors opened at 2.45pm. Ex-servicemen formed a guard of honour for the General up to the church for the Service which began at 3.15pm.

After the church service, there was a procession to the Cross Roads in this order: Wolf Cubs, Girl Guides, Girls' School, Boys' School, The Choir, Scout Master, Scouts and Scouts Band (who were playing on march), Buglers, The General, Ex-Service Men, Church Sidesmen, The Mourners, Churchwardens, The Bishop and Clergy, Sidesmen and lastly general Congregation.



The Memorial Cross was at the corner of Bow Road and A26. The Government of the time decreed that all memorials

were to be in prominent positions. Ours was moved to the churchyard in the 1970s when the cross roads' junction was widened. The Dedication Order of Ceremony tells us that it was *"erected as a memorial of the dead and also as a witness to all future generations of the sacrifices made in the Great War by both the dead and the living"*. *"The Chairman of Committee will entrust the Dedicated Memorial to the keeping of the Parish Council, and will hand the deed of Conveyance of the site to the Clerk for preservation in the council's archives."* The land on which the Memorial Cross was erected was in the grounds of the then vicarage (now The White House).