

VILLAGE DIARY

NOVEMBER			
3	Footpaths Walk	Car Park	2pm
5	Parish Council Meeting followed by Planning Comm	Village Hall	7.30pm
6	Crafters Coffee Break	Church	10.30am
8	Bonfire Night	School	5.30-7pm
14	Women's Institute Glass Painting Demonstration	Village Hall	2pm
16	Christmas Craft Bazaar	Church	11am-3pm
19	Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting	Village Hall	7.30pm
20	Crafters Coffee Break	Church	10.30am
	History Society	Village Hall	7.40 for 8pm
23	Teston & W'bury Preschool Toy & Book Sale	Teston Village Hall	9-11am
	An Evening of Snooker with Jimmy White	Village Hall	7.30pm

Do come along and enjoy

A Bit of an Early Christmas Sing
at the church on Saturday 7th December at 7.30pm

Join with the "Voices Across the A20" who will be carolling
down the ages with readings and music for you to enjoy

There will be some opportunities for the audience to sing along too

Refreshments Bar

Tickets £5 Under 18s Free

Tickets from barryfisher400@btinternet.com

CHRISTMAS CRAFT BAZAAR



Saturday 16th November 2019

in Wateringbury Church

11am-3pm

OLD FAVOURITES AND LOTS OF NEW STALLS

Craft Stalls

Raffle Tombola Cakes

Seasonal Refreshments

OCTOBER PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Allotments A recent inspection had been carried out. Councillors were pleased to find some plots were well cared for. Emails were being sent to the leasees of those plots which looked uncared for.

Cemetery The War Graves Commission had cleaned the stone of RAF Sergeant Kenneth Brookes. The Parish Clerk is in the process of obtaining a War Grave plaque for the gate.

Crime No details were available at the time of the meeting

Borough Councillor's Report Sarah reported that she had attended several training courses including one for Emergency Planning which with Kings Hill in mind had a section on unexploded bombs! She was shortly to attend a Planning and Transportation meeting to discuss the implications for Tonbridge and Malling residents of the proposals of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council to build 4,000 more homes in Paddock Wood and to create a garden village of 4,000 homes near Tudeley. She also hoped that traffic would find alternative ways around Wateringbury when the temporary four-way traffic lights were operational to allow builders access to make extensive repairs to the Old Bakery on the corner of Redhill and Tonbridge Road.

Fields Car Park The main contractor at The Orpines development had formally requested for the second time permission for its sub-contractors to use the Playing Fields Car park. Since not all members of the council were present the Chairman decided to defer the matter to its November meeting.

At the open forum several residents expressed their disappointment that the Council had not declined the request since they felt strongly that the Council's original decision should be upheld as they feared for the safety of pedestrians, particularly children who use the route to and from transport links.

Traffic Matters At the Transportation committee which met just prior to the main Council meeting, concerns were expressed about the apparent lack of support from KCC for traffic calming measures such as speed cameras and cameras on the traffic lights to deter 'jumping' of the lights. A 20mph speed limit near the School in Bow Road was being sought. It was decided to accept the offer of a speed indicator on the A26 close to Canon Lane. The **Speed Watch** volunteers had observed 251 speeding vehicles in September.

Transport Consultative Group Councillor Wells reported on the meeting he had attended reporting on new local bus route trials and the local implications for Air Quality in relation to particulates (as opposed to vehicle pollution).

Village Warden, John Ibbs submitted a written report which showed that in September there had not been any major problems. The main problem was still that of litter. It would appear that the bins were not always being emptied twice weekly as had been agreed. Councillor Hudson agreed to take the matter up with the relevant people.

During the public discussion session: the missing cats' eyes on the Tonbridge Road, the new arrangements for refuse collections, the Jenner application to park cars on the Playing Fields and traffic related incidents.

Planning Committee:

Proposed Air Conditioning installation at **136 Bow Road** – *no objection*.

Single storey side and rear extension comprising a garden room, shower room and study at **24 Mill Lane** - *Council's comment: We request that the conditions attached to the earlier permission allowing the alterations to the subject property are strictly listed and enforced re any permission granted. This is essential owing to the activities identified previously during construction which can seriously affect adjoining residents both adjacent and served by the very restricted access roads, Mill Lane and Love Lane.*

Mulberry Cottage, 230 Red Hill for the conversion and extension to existing barn to create a 3 bedroom dwelling with integral double garage - *Council's Comment: Following the previous approvals in which the domestic curtilage to the development site and its new building and change of use were considered in utilising and creating increased vehicular use of the access to Red Hill, it is felt that to create a further separate dwelling of the size proposed would result in unacceptable traffic to the junction with Red Hill and disturbance by the use of an extended access within the close vicinity of adjacent residential properties including Phoenix Yard Cottages, those fronting Red Hill and Mulberry Cottage itself. The inclusion of the Barn (said to be converted but massively extended and altered) within the curtilage and subsidiary use of the earlier permissions referred to above, would have been a factor in those permissions on the basis of its subsidiary use, and we feel that its status should remain. On that basis we feel that a presumption in favour of sustainable development as suggested in the Design And Access Statement cannot apply and this application should be refused.*

Single Storey side and rear extension and two storey rear extension including new vehicular parking area and rear patio at **24 Cobbs Close** - *Comment: The Committee felt as this was a recent application they would wait to see if there were any observations from neighbours before commenting.*

The public are welcome to attend the **next meeting** of the Parish Council on **Tuesday, 5 November at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall (upper meeting room). The **Finance & General Purposes** committee meets in the village hall on **Tuesday, 19 November at 7.30pm**. Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting which will discuss the first draft of next year's budget.

Approved minutes of the October meeting will appear on the Parish Council website www.wateringbury.kentparishes.gov.uk in due course.

VILLAGE PEOPLE

Please let us have your news and tributes by 17 November for our December 2019/January 2020 magazine. Entries are free.

Working with the Parish Council, I am actively trying to secure a 20mph speed limit in Bow Road. To this end I have set up a campaign called **20's Plenty for Wateringbury** and have petitions for residents to sign in both the Post Office and the Handy Stores. It would be fantastic if as

many residents as possible could sign this petition and give me the support I need to ensure our voices are heard at Kent County Council.

Residents of Bow Road, as well as the many side streets off it, are welcome to buy 20's Plenty wheelie bin stickers for the sum of £1.50 each from the Post Office. In addition, as we are running up to Halloween, maybe get artistic with pumpkins – carving the number 20 in them - and display them along the roadside. I am looking at getting the Kent Messenger to also come along and help the village kickstart our campaign. Looking forward to all your support.

Sarah Hudson

WATERINGBURY POST OFFICE

As many of you know, Sheena and Gordon's Jams, Marmalades, Chutneys and Relishes are sold in the Post Office by kind invitation of Nathan Stannard. We have completely updated and changed the range offered and it now includes the very popular Summer Fruits and Victoria Plum freshly made with this season's fruit. Please do everything you can to support us and Nathan by visiting and using the Post Office facilities. If you didn't know, you can pay cash or cheques into your bank account from there and obtain cash without having to use petrol and pay parking by driving further afield.

Whilst we were there, Nathan told us that if every person in Wateringbury renewed their car tax in the Post Office rather than online, it would secure the future of the Post Office. While I appreciate it is very easy to do it online, it's just as quick at the Post Office and the same cost. Why not make it your contribution to the village by visiting the Post Office just once a year to tax your car? If you ever watch 'Escape to the Country' on the TV you'll know that on most participant's wish list is usually a pub, a shop and a Post Office. Remember, if we don't use it and support Nathan, we may lose him and the Post Office and I feel sure we would all like to see the village Post Office on a firm financial footing.

Sheena Stewart

FROM YOUR BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

At a recent training session, we were brought up to speed with the procedures for emergency planning, such as flooding, severe house fires, and in the case of Kings Hill, unexploded WW2 bombs. I hope not to have to put this into practice!

By now, we should have got over the teething problems encountered in the first week of the new waste recycling scheme and are all aware of what goes where! There is a very useful website - <https://recycleforall.tmbc.gov.uk/> which allows residents to order more or missing bins, report missed collections and to check the calendar to confirm which recycling week we are in. I would

urge all residents to use this portal, as it generates a log, for Waste Services to identify issues far more quickly, then reporting it to me first.

I attended an important meeting of the Planning & Transportation Advisory Board where we discussed the proposed Local Plan for Tunbridge Wells Borough Council which proposes to build 4,000 homes between Tudeley and Capel, and a further 4,000 homes in Paddock Wood. Clearly the infrastructure in the Tonbridge area cannot take a further 8,000 homes, especially when TWBC will receive the council tax from the proposed developments, and not TMBC. I am pleased that we unanimously voted in favour of raising serious objections to the TWBC Local Plan and the mass development of Tudeley.

Sadly, Liberty have appealed the refusal of planning permission for Heath Farm, on Wateringbury Road. The refusal was made on sound planning law, and I am confident that the planning inspectorate will uphold the decision. The Appeal will be heard in December.

Sarah Hudson

CHORAL CONCERT IN WEST MALLING

On 30 November, **Vox Populi**, a 34-voice mixed choir under the direction of James Meaders, will join forces with a local children's choir, **The Treblemakers**, to present a concert at St Mary's church, West Malling. This concert will be held in conjunction with the Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's and will begin at 7pm.

The evening will feature a variety of repertoire that includes music from Brazil, the United States and the African continent, as well as familiar seasonal favourites. Tickets will be available at the door for £12. There is no charge for students in full-time education.

For more information, please contact:
James Meaders at James@voxanimalondon.com

FOOTPATHS GROUP

The October walk was changed slightly to avoid the conditions underfoot after recent rain. After a little road walking towards the Gransden path, we then went through the newly planted orchards to the vineyards at Canon Farm. Crossing Canon Lane we followed the path alongside the Kings Hill Golf Course past Flite Wood to Wisteria Cottage. Along Old Road to Upper Mill Pond then to the Warden path back to the start. A good walk on which we managed to keep our boots dry until the bridleway near millpond!

Next walk - 3 November meet at the village hall 2pm for a local walk. Please note earlier winter start time.

1 December - again meet village hall 2pm for a local walk.

Sorry, there will be no Boxing day walk this year.

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AN EVENING OF SNOOKER WITH JIMMY WHITE
Saturday 23 November 2019 at 7.30pm at Wateringbury Village Hall
Tickets £25 each. Paying bar. Auction and Raffle.

Would you like to play a frame of snooker with Jimmy? We have 8 frames available at £150 each. All funds raised go towards the upkeep of the hall. If you would like to buy tickets, then please make cheques payable to 'Wateringbury Village Hall' and send to Bookings, c/o 175 Tonbridge Road, Wateringbury ME18 5NU

Please include your name, address and contact details

TESTON & WATERINGBURY PRESCHOOL

Welcome back to all our children and families to what will be a very exciting term 2. This term we will be exploring the book Stick Man by Julia Donaldson and Alex Scheffler. In our craft activities we are making our own stick man, building secret dens in the garden, drawing with sticks in the mud and building bonfires.

Time photography will be coming into the setting on 13 November, pretty dresses, smart shirts and a big smile please! That's the grandparents' Christmas presents sorted. Regarding Christmas, as usual our Christmas concert will be taking place on our last day which is Wednesday 18 December. Tickets available nearer the time.

To help with our fundraising this term we will be hosting a good quality pre-owned toys and book sale at Teston Village hall on Saturday 23 November, 9-11am. Come along and pick up a bargain for Christmas. Refreshments available.

Also, to get you in the Christmas spirit we will be running a Christmas Santa Dash on Teston Village green. Fun for all the family. Children, buggies, grandparents, friends and even dogs (on leads) are invited to take part in this year's Santa Dash. Sunday 8 December at 11.30am. Wear red or dress like Santa! £3.50 per participant which includes a hot chocolate and biscuit.

And finally, we would like to say a very big thank you to all those parents who bought cakes from our children's Macmillan cake sale last term. We were delighted to send off a cheque to MacMillan for £194.60 which was amazing.

If you are interested in joining our preschool please contact Tina Driver on 07805 796353 or email on tandwngroup@gmail.com and come along for a taster session.

WATERINGBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Unfortunately, in October our booked speaker, Graham Green, had to cancel due to illness. At very short notice Dennis Astridge kindly stepped in and took us on "A Meander through the USA", taking us into well-known cities over land and water and showing us both recognisable buildings and some new to us. Dennis took us through all the seasons in and outside of the cities, ending with glorious pictures of the 'fall', he particularly likes to arrive in America on a cruise ship as the skyline is one he never tires of seeing. A very enjoyable and interesting talk, hopefully Dennis will return to give us yet another one of his talks.

At our November meeting Yvonne Broad is coming along to give us a Glass Painting Demonstration, during which any members who wish to can take part. The monthly competition is a 'Favourite Glass Object'. Visitors very welcome.

WATERINGBURY GUIDES

A quieter month for guides but still plenty going on. We took part in the district Macmillan coffee event – an event close to our hearts as several of us have friends or relatives suffering from cancer, and we jointly raised £211. Thank you very much to those in the village who supported our event. One of our guides has won a place on an international trip to India and she is tasked with raising as much of the funds herself as possible. A cake sale at Maidstone hospital proved very successful as they sold out of cakes and raised over £200 in the process. An Indian evening is planned to celebrate Diwali and the parents are invited to come and share an Indian meal cooked by the girls. We are busy planning our end of term show stopper and following a vote the girls have chosen an Escape Room experience which we are busy planning at present.

We have yet to plan the programme for the second half of the term but will use the ideas suggested by the girls as well as those in the new programme. Our latest new member has joined us and we are now up to 24. As always there is room for more to come and join the fun so do please email us at wateringburyguides@hotmail.com. If you are an adult and would like to join us as a leader, do please contact us as we would be very pleased to welcome you. You don't need to have been a brownie or guide, just keen to work with the girls and have fun yourself.

Sheena, Emily and Hayleigh

HISTORY SOCIETY

Our talk on 20 November will be "What happened after the Titanic sunk" to be given by Ian Porter who has previously visited our Society. The Christmas meeting on 18 December will take the form of a social evening, with a quiz, which will be just for fun. In October, Guy Bartlett entertained us with his talk on the History of the Red Arrows which was accompanied by excellent photos and videos. We are looking for volunteers to help out with the making of the tea and

coffee at our meetings, if you feel you could assist once or twice a year, we would be delighted to hear from you.

YOUR RUBBISH

Today is the old bin collection day (Friday). A third of my neighbours have put their bin out for collection but under the new collection system these bins will not be collected until next Wednesday (our new waste collection day). Lots of us are busy people and we do not read or absorb the mass of literature that comes through our letter box, therefore below might help.

The BLACK BIN - as before is for non-recyclable waste (including black plastic and tetra pak cartons) but waste that used be excluded is still excluded (example rubble,soil,,paints) and now additionally other garden waste and food waste since there are a separate collection for these.

The GREEN BOX - as before is for paper and now for card, cardboard (but not cans and foil as these go in the Green-lidded bin). .An additional box will be provided on request or else cardboard may be placed beside the green box inside a cardboard box.

A new **BLACK/ORANGE BIN** for food waste (cooked and uncooked) plus a 5 litre GREY kitchen caddy (supplied with recyclable bags to go inside) for kitchen use.

CARRIER BAGS (your own) separately containing small electrical items, textiles (including shoes) and household batteries will be collected but only up to a single average sized carrier bag of each. These electrical and electronic items and textiles (in separate bags) will be collected alongside the BLACK bin and household batteries will be collected alongside the GREEN-lidded bin and placed on top of the bin.

An opt in new **BROWN BIN** is for garden waste and up to two further bins for larger quantities of garden waste, all supplied on a paid for basis.

In short, this means that the amount of kerb side recycling which the council is undertaking is greatly increased which is good news. Particularly as far as plastic is concerned,because so much more plastic is accepted and can go into the Green-lidded recycle bin,although black plastic, plastic bags, plastic film and other wrappers and pouches(pet food, coffee, etc)are excluded and should still go in the Black bin. As before, Pyrex and drinking glasses are not recyclable glass.

The bad news is that although the Saturday bulk waste will continue, it will no longer accept garden waste as the Saturday bulk waste is destined for landfill.

The **COLLECTION DAYS** - Everyone should have received a leaflet through the post with their new collection calendar. All services will remain fortnightly except food waste which will be weekly. The fortnightly collections continue to alternate between refuse and recycling. However, the Brown garden waste bins are collected either on the refuse day or the recycling day, your leaflet will specify. Generally Watlington---collection is on a Wednesday ---one week Brown Bin+Black Bin+Food Waste and then on the alternate week---Recycle Green Bin +Green Box

+Food Waste.

The council are encouraging us to put our house number or house name on our bins, or at least our Brown and food bins. My thanks to the Record and Tonbridge and Malling Council who have FAQs on their website - www.tmbc.gov.uk

Good luck now you can go and have a lay down.

Mike Williams, Friends of Wateringbury

WATERINGBURY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn has definitely arrived, wet and windy! Our annual Harvest Service, held in one such downpour, raised over £90 for the Rochester Diocese's Poverty and Hope Appeal. Projects around the world are supported by the Diocese in the areas of agriculture, education and health. One such project takes place right here in Kent at Bore Place with its important work with young people who are particularly vulnerable and disadvantaged.

We held two Open Mornings and an Open Classroom for parents and children who will be joining Reception classes in September 2020. If you missed these, or would like another tour or visit, please contact the school office to arrange. Follow-up visits by parents (and children) are welcomed as families make this important school decision.

We are holding our third annual Bonfire Night at school on Friday, 8th November from 5:30pm-7pm. The evening will feature a roaring bonfire, 7 large guys (made by each class) and hot food and drinks. All are welcome. Thank you to our parent organisation, FOWPS, for their dedication to make sure these wonderful family events take place.

Following a hard-hitting but extremely important e-Safety training, Mrs Fraser will be sharing what she learned and will also help parents to understand how they can support their children to be safe as they navigate this quickly-changing frontier. Everyone is welcome to join us for the session on 6th November at 2:30pm in the school hall.

The entire school ran a lapped, timed mile (or half mile) on 11th October with Steve and Emily Wright managing the course, the stopwatch and cheering on each pupil to achieve their personal best. Many thanks to Steve and Emily for all their time to make the afternoon 'run' so smoothly! This is all part of our school-wide initiative to increase fitness through running.

Chasey Crawford Usher – Headteacher

www.wateringbury.kent.sch.uk

ANNUAL CHURCH and CHURCHYARD CLEAN-UP

Help would be much appreciated on Saturday, 9 November between 9.30am until noon to prepare for the service on Remembrance Sunday. Just pop along for as much time as you can spare with any tools that are required for the job you wish to do. *Thank you.*

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

House to house collections will take place around the village for this appeal. Please be as generous as you can to support our ex-service personnel.

NETTLESTEAD AND WATERINGBURY PRESCHOOL (NWPS) AND OUT OF SCHOOLS' CLUB

Graded as Outstanding by Ofsted

Has a vacancy for a L3 Qualified Early Years Practitioner – please contact the setting for an application form and informal chat.

This term the children have visited Nettlestead Church for Harvest Festival celebrations and enjoyed activities based around Pirates, Night time, Autumn and Under the Sea.

Childcare, Education and Out of School Clubs, including holiday club

01622 813120, enquiries@nwps.uk , <https://nwpreschool.org.uk/>

A VIEW FROM THE PEWS

The news of the pews

A brief comparative study of mainstream media and the Wateringbury Residents Facebook group suggests divergent interests. The big news story in the press is Neverending Brexit (I will write nothing more here about Brexit). The big news story locally is about the new bin refuse and recycling scheme (I will write nothing more here about bin collections). 'News' is somewhat subjective. If you have any doubt, try flipping your news source. Try local radio instead of national for a day or vice versa. Have a no broadcast or published news day and just read local newsletters like the excellent Rostrum! Ask at the shops, the post office about 'what's going on?'. Try your neighbours. Check-in on someone you have not heard from. Make that overdue call. The messages of doom and gloom from news organisations keen to get our attention can sometimes get us down, and we should be careful not to forget that news is an industry. So

why not switch off the moan-show and go outside. Maybe the world isn't quite so glum as the naysayers suggest.

Here is some other news from the pews up at SJB Wateringbury. We don't currently have a vicar, so we have bought in local retired ministers to cover. So if you stop in, you can hear some sermons from a range of folk, and I think they are pretty good VFM. Laughter and thoughtful provocation are both common, and that's a good sign in my book. Remembrance Sunday is approaching (10th Nov). The civil service attracted 350 last year. The Church Bazaar is on the horizon (16th Nov) so dig out your Teddy Bear for the famous zip wire. You can buy a few gifts from the local suppliers and arts and crafts folk, support some good causes including the Explorers' fundraising stall for their expedition to the Azores. The Bazaar is a friendly community day with many local organisations with stalls.

Some folk find these darkening days tough, and they can get lonely, especially in a month of Remembrance. Some find going outside and meeting people a real challenge. Even picking up the phone and answering the door can be too much. I know there are youngsters in that category also, not just oldsters. If that is you, make a small plan to challenge yourself. Pop out into the daylight; walk around the block; tidy up your bedroom; something more than yesterday - some small step. If you know someone in that sort of poor shape, offer encouragement. If folk can find it in themselves to move forward, this can be a real step. And if they really can't, maybe specialist help is needed.

Finally, a follow up to my last month's reference to the West Malling Abbey: The Abbey silence was threatened by a significant development which has been stopped. It looks like the developers have learnt the hard way what the Blues Brothers could have told them. Don't mess with Nuns.

Bob Bowie

WATERINGBURY CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

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

www.wateringburychurch.org.uk

[Church Face Book Page:](https://www.facebook.com/wateringburychurch)

[fb.me/wateringburychurch](https://www.facebook.com/wateringburychurch)

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

www.fowc.org.uk

We hope you will be able to join us. A warm welcome awaits you. Refreshments are served after our 10am services so do stay for a chat if you can.

**Saturday 2 November – 3-5pm -
Messy Church**

You are invited to come along and enjoy crafts, a bible story, prayers, songs and afternoon tea. The worship is designed for families with young children.



**Sunday 3 November - 10am – Eucharist
Led by Reverend Simon Braid**

A Communion service based on the Church of England Common Worship Service Book. Sundays Cool (for all children) meets in the Vestry during the service.

**Sunday 10 November – 10am – Annual Parish Act
of Remembrance**

Led by our Reader, Barry Fisher
With uniformed organisations

**Sunday 17 November
8.30am – Book of Common Prayer, said Holy
Communion**

Led by Reverend Christopher Miles
10am – All Age Worship

An informal service led by our Sundays Cool team

**Sunday 24 November – 10am – Eucharist
Led by Canon Liz Walker**

A Communion service based on the Church of England Common Worship Service Book. Sundays Cool meets in the Vestry.

**Benefice of Mereworth, Wateringbury and West
Peckham**

**while we have a vacancy for a vicar
TO ARRANGE BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS OR FUNERALS**

**Please contact our Administrator
Jenifa Muscat 01622 814568
parishofficemww@gmail.com**

CRAFTERS COFFEE BREAK

This month we will meet at the church on the mornings of **Wednesday 6th and Wednesday 20th November** from 10.30am until 12.30pm. Come and join us for coffee/tea, cake, chat and perhaps revive an interest in handicraft or share your knowledge in a craft.

For more information please contact Pauline (814673) or Gillian (813076).