OCTOBER ISSUE

VILLAGE DIARY

OCTOBER			
2	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.30pm
3	Coffee Break	Church	10.30am
7	Footpath Group Walk	V Hall Car Park	2.30pm
11	Women's Institute	Village Hall	2pm
13	Village Hall Quiz Evening	Village Hall	7pm
17	Coffee Break	Church	10.30am
	History Society	Village Hall	7.40pm
31	Coffee Break	Church	10.30am
	Shining Bright Party	Church	5pm
NOVEMBER			
2 & 3	Carpet of Poppies	Church	11am-4pm
4	Carpet of Poppies	Church	2-4pm
	Footpath Group Walk	V Hall Car Park	2pm
8	Women' Institute	Village Hall	2pm
24	Elvis Night	Village Hall	

COULD YOU BE A GOVERNOR AT OUR LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL?

- Do you want to make a difference to your local community?
- Do you have prior governance or board level experience, or do you have experience of primary school teaching, Early Years education, care/social work or special needs?
- Do you have the confidence to ask challenging questions?

Wateringbury CE Primary School currently has 2 vacancies for voluntary Foundation Governors to join our school's governing body. The governing body's role is to help to set and review the school's vision and strategic direction and agree targets for improvement; to hold the headteacher and school leaders to account for the academic performance of the school and its pupils; and to oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure public money is well spent. In addition, Foundation Governors help to ensure that the school's special Christian character and ethos is maintained.

If you can answer YES to any of the questions above and are interested in finding out more about the Foundation Governor role, please speak to any of our existing Foundation Governors – Chris Clark, Richard Dunn, Suzanne Rowlinson, Kate Millar or Sarah Cooper. Alternatively, please contact the Clerk of Governors Sara Wallis by emailing **governors@wateringbury.kent.sch.uk**

VILLAGE PEOPLE

Please let us have your news and tributes by 17 October for our November magazine. Entries are free.

Congratulations to Lisa and Adam Blunden on

the occasion of their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 4th September.

FOUND: A young child's pendant on a silver chain was found at the lower playground in Wateringbury park. Please let me know if you have lost one. Liz: 812507

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

Graded as Outstanding by Ofsted

The children have returned from their summer holidays. We have had a lot of new children join us at both the Preschool and Out of Schools Club and look forward to getting used to them and their families. The preschool children having been making a 'home for bugs' in preparation for the colder days ahead and the after-school club children have enjoyed making new friends and playing with the new resources.

NWPS Toddler Group - Our toddler group has also started up again in the Nettlestead Village Hall, Thursday morning 9.30-11.30; come for a coffee and natter whilst the littlies play with the lovely toys and socialise with other children.

Tribute Night - Sadly, our 15th September 2018 'tribute night' had to be postponed but look out for new date coming out soon.

For Childcare, Education and Out of School Club, including holiday club, enquiries: 01622 813120, enquiries@nwps.uk

WATERINGBURY'S WWI CENTENARY

Do go along to **Wateringbury Church** on the Tonbridge Road and see the **Carpet of Poppies** created to mark the Centenary of the end of WWI. There will also be Ploughman's Lunches and Cream Teas, Hand-made Poppies to buy, **History Displays** and Books for Sale about Wateringbury and the fallen. The event is open on **Friday and Saturday**

2 and 3 November between 11am and 4pm, and Sunday 4 November 2-4pm.

In various locations in the village 249 poppies will be placed, one for every man connected with the village school who served in WWI. Their names are inscribed on a unique piece of social history, the Old School War Memorial Board, which now hangs in the church vestry. The 36 who died are commemorated on the centre panel and the 213 who returned are named on the side panels. All the children from the school, aided by members of the Wednesday Morning Coffee Breakers, will shortly be making a poppy for each of these men. So after you have visited the church do stroll around the village to look for the poppies, placed near to where the men lived, and remember them and their families, changed forever by the Great War.

WATERINGBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The expected speaker did not arrive at our September meeting so the afternoon was spent in friendly chat and exchange of news. The usual raffle and trading table were well subscribed to and the competitions attracted a good number of entries.

Our meeting on 11 October, starting at 2.00 pm, includes a talk by Delia Taylor entitled 'The Roaring Twenties', which is sure to be both entertaining and funny, the competition is a 'Twenties Head Band". Why not come along and join us for a social afternoon which ends with a cup of tea, biscuits or cake, and a raffle.

In November Derek March is coming along to tell us about 'Furniture Restoration', the competition for this month is a 'Wooden Object', which can be small or large, old or new. We look forward to seeing you at one of these meetings.

WAR NEWS, OCTOBER 1918

October 1: British forces take Damascus

9: British forces take Cambrai

20: Allied forces reoccupy Belgian coast

30: Armistice with Turkey

peritonitis

was still in the U.K. on an officer's training course. He was a third generation of the Leney brewing family, the youngest son of Augustus and became Managing Director (MD) of the company after his father's death in 1915. The issue of Bertram's military service had been an ongoing issue for the company. He remained MD but a week after his death the Leney Board appointed Richard Tapply as the first non-family MD at a salary of £900 p.a.

Bertram's funeral was at All Saints Church, West Farleigh, and was semi-military in nature. His wife gave birth to their third child 6 weeks later. His estate was worth £24,000 and his army file contains a note stating that under the Death Duties (Killed in war) Act 1914 remission of death duty applies "while on active service against an enemy." It notes the army classifies all troops including those at home as being on active service.

The second wave of the "Spanish Flu", nationally the one with most fatalities, hit the village schools in late October. Generally, children as well as the elderly, were less affected than adults. Decisions to close schools (or not) were taken locally. On 22nd October a Wateringbury Boys School teacher, Mrs Stanley, is absent with flu. On the 24th the head is not well, an assistant and 20 boys are absent, so the vicar decides to close the school. The school re-opens on the 28th but due to high absences it is closed again. The school medical officer subsequently endorses the decision. It reopens on the 4th November with 76 boys present out of a roll of 93.

The Girls School remains open until the 28th when, like the Boys School, it closes until the 4th November. However, many pupils and an assistant are still absent, some with whooping cough as well as flu. On the 8th November Miss Pelman, a teacher, sends a postcard (nearly as prompt as an email today) to say she has developed flu and, although the school is not closed again, attendance does not improve and cookery classes are suspended. However, the school logs record no deaths from this time (Miss Tippler, an assistant in the infants' school, dies from flu in March 1919) and although the village burial book shows an increase in burials in November 1918 these are mainly elderly people.

The response to the flu was left as a local matter. This was contrary to the general trend during the war for more government direction. Perhaps Wateringbury Parish Council did not understand this when in October they received a letter from Malling Rural District Council about building 20 new cottages in the village. This was part of the Prime Minister's project "Homes for Heroes". They replied, initially, that "the Council find no need for the erection of additional cottages in this parish" and went on to discuss the dangers of horses slipping on the main road.

Terry Bird For more details see the web-site of Wateringbury Local History Society

(https://www.sites.google.com/site/wateringburylocalhistory/)

WATERINGBURY FOOTPATH GROUP

Our September walk was in warm, late summer sunshine. We took the Gransden Path, and joined the bridleway to the Red Hill estate, stopping to check out the now ripe grapes in the vineyard. A little road walking before going into the woods behind the farm in the welcome shade. Then through the chestnut coppice, noting the flytipping there, before going though Cattering Woods towards Canon Lane Farm and retracing our way back to the start. A pleasant 4-mile stroll with great company.

October 7th meet at the village hall at 2:30pm for local walk November 4th again at the village hall - earlier winter start at 2:00pm

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WATERINGBURY FLOWER CLUB

We have had a busy summer with members competing at the county show and winning in total 4 firsts, 3 seconds, 4 thirds and several highly recommended.

In July we had local demonstrator Gill Smaggasgale with tutti fruiti and very colourful it was and in August the members had a garden visit on the pilgrims way - our treasurer and her husband are landscape gardeners and have created this garden from scratch for the owners over the last 25 years - it truly was a lovely night out with tea and cake and a chance to look round this wonderful garden - thank you to everyone who helped make the evening a success.

September has a workshop by the committee and October sees our friendly Open Evening with national demonstrator Trish Bashford entitled Lets Party! I do hope that you can join us at this friendly club who meets every third Wednesday at the institute hall in East Malling - all welcome.

SCAM MAIL.... The Post Office is committed to doing all they can to stop scam mail getting through. These include bogus competitions, fake prize draws and requests for money or other valuables. Should you be concerned you or someone you know has received scam mail, this can be reported to Royal Mail at FREEPOST Scam Mail enclosing the suspect items - Call Royal Mail Scam Mail Helpline 0800 0113 466 or email scam.mail@royalmail.com. To date the Post Office has stopped over 4 million suspected pieces of scam mail at their distribution centres. Did you know there is a national craze for painting rocks and hiding them for people to find? Our village now has its own group of rockers! The premise is this: if you discover a painted rock you take a picture of your find and post it to the Wateringbury Rocks Facebook group. Then you can choose to keep it, or you can re-hide it somewhere new for someone else to discover. You are also encouraged to paint your own rocks for others to find. Many infant and junior schools, scout groups, and church groups paint and hide rocks, often with inspirational messages on them. It can be a great way to explore the area!

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

Our term 1 has started well with all our new children settling in well. Luckily the weather has been kind and the children have enjoyed exploring the garden and discovering all the new residents in our bug hotel!

Continuing with our theme 'Me and my family' we have been making jam sandwich people, hand printed family trees, gingerbread man biscuits and pet puppets. We have also introduced a colour of the week and the children have been enjoying finding items of this colour around the hall and garden.

Reminder that our AGM will be on Tuesday 9th October in Teston village hall at 8.00pm. All welcome, it would be a good opportunity to join our pro-active fundraising team and hear your ideas.

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.

VILLAGE HALL QUIZ EVENING

Our annual quiz evening is to be held on Saturday 13 October at Wateringbury Village Hall. Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Always a fun evening, all you need is a team of 6-8 people (or come on your own and we will match you up with others to make up a team). There will be a raffle...and prizes for the quiz winners...(and losers)! Please bring your own food and drinks. Tea and coffee will be available. The cost is £8 per person and proceeds will be used to help maintain and equip our splendid village hall. Even if you cannot make it please spread the message about the evening. To book a table or a place please ring Mike Hoiles on 01622 813573 or e-mail mikejhoiles@aol.com

WATERINGBURY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The term is off to a fine start! Our fourth annual Wateringbury Walk took place, as always, on the first Friday afternoon of the new year. The walk to Teston and back is part of our goal to inspire children to enjoy the outdoors and improve their fitness and health. Even our youngest Year 1s completed the 3-mile walk with no complaints and at a record pace!

We were delighted to welcome Tom Tugendhat, MP for Tonbridge and Malling, early in the term to tour our new library and chat with the children about their reading activities. Tom also spoke to the school about his memories of childhood reading and the importance of reading for pleasure.

Our annual Harvest Service takes place on Monday, 8th October at 9am in St John the Baptist church and we warmly invite the community to join us and enjoy the children's class songs, poems and gifts.

Our new Reception Class have settled beautifully into their classrooms and new routines. *Open Mornings* for parents whose children will be starting school in September 2019 will be held on 2nd October and 4th October at 9.15am. Prospective parents will receive a short introduction to the school and its vision by the headteacher before tours of the building with Year 6 pupils. *Open Classroom* – a chance for parents and their child to spend time in the Early Years' setting – is on Tuesday, 9th October and all visitors are also invited to stay for Worship from 10.20 – 10.35am. Tea and coffee will be served in the library at the end of each morning for further conversation and questions.

Classes are already planning interesting school trips for this term to places like the London Aquarium and Natural History Museum. Year 5 will spend time in the woods as part of our Forest School programme. Our busy first term ends on Friday, 19th October and the children return on Tuesday, 30th October.

Chasey Crawford Usher - Headteacher

IMPROVEMENT WORKS – Wateringbury & East Farleigh Level Crossings

Network Rail needs to undertake essential works at the East Farleigh and Wateringbury Manned Crossing Gated Level Crossings. The current level crossing equipment dates from the 1920's and is life expired and it is becoming more difficult for Network Rail to maintain.

The works will not only involve the closure of the railway but also the closure of the level crossings to vehicles at both Wateringbury and East Farleigh and on occasions at Teston as below. Pedestrian access across the level crossing will be disrupted and limited while works are being carried out and alternative routes should be found where possible.

Wateringbury Level Crossing:

01:00hrs Sunday 21st Oct 2018 to 04:00hrs Monday 22nd Oct 2018 23:00hrs Saturday 27th Oct 2018 to 03:15hrs Monday 29th Oct 2018 22:00hrs Friday 07th Dec 2018 to 04:00hrs Mon 17th Dec 2018

East Farleigh Level Crossing:

01:00hrs Sunday 21st Oct 2018 to 04:00hrs Monday 22nd Oct 2018 23:00hrs Saturday 27th Oct 2018 to 03:15hrs Monday 29th Oct 2018 08:00hrs Sunday 09th Dec 2018 to 18:00hrs Sunday 09th Dec 2018 23:00hrs Friday 22nd Feb 2019 to 04:00hrs Mon 4th March 2019

Teston Level Crossing:

01:00hrs Sunday 21st Oct 2018 to 04:00hrs Mon 22nd Oct 2018

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please visit www.networkrail.co.uk or telephone our 24-Hour National Helpline on 03457 11 41 41.

SEPTEMBER PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The Chairman reminded everyone of the Finance & General purposes Committee meeting on 16 October for the first draft of the budget for 2019/20

Cllr Wells had met with Terry Bird of the History Society to discuss the classification of one of the graves belonging to a resident who had been invalided out of the forces during World War I, but who had died after the war. His grave is in a poor condition.

A donation of £100 had been received from the Rostrum Amenities Fund towards the cost of repairs to the seat outside the school. The Chairman thanked Rostrum.

The PCSO was present at the meeting and she advised that anti-social behaviour in the area and incidents in Bow Road had been taking up much of her time. She was asked how residents can assist the police with the drug problem at the playing fields. The PCSO said that information such as registration numbers can be helpful and should be passed on. The Parish Council is keen to receive reassurance that the matter is being dealt with. At the next meeting Councillors will discuss the possible reinstatement of a Village Warden and the pavilion CCTV.

Crimes reported during August included the break-in of a van in Allington Gardens with theft of a dash-cam; the attempted break-in of a residence in Bow Road; and the application of glue on a lock of a residential property in the same road.

Discussions were held regarding the car park near the village hall. The Parish Council had received possible tariffs for Pay & Display from TMBC. This would be discussed with the Village Hall. It was felt that any changes to the current system would be Parish Council led.

A swing for disabled children had been installed in the play area in the Fields. Thanks from a resident had been received by the Council.

New 5mph speed signs will be put up at the top of the track to the Fields and by the pavilion. Signs advising that dogs are not allowed into the play area will also be displayed.

Wateringbury Sports & Recreational Association have agreed to pay 50% of the pavilion insurance premium. Cllr Stones was nominated to be the Council's representative at future WSRA meetings.

The Speedwatch Group carried out a total of 22 hours monitoring vehicle speeds during August. Their report shows that the most troublesome area for speeding traffic was coming down Redhill. Several motorists were recorded travelling in a westerly direction at 48 and 52mph along the Tonbridge Road near Lodge Close. Approval has been granted by Kent police to enable the monitoring of traffic as it approaches the centre of the village.

Councillors agreed to sign the contract with Streetlights a new contractor for maintenance of the parish owned street lights.

It was reported that the entrance gate to the allotments had been repaired. The location of a new seat in the cemetery had been discussed and agreed by the Council.

During the public session the following matters were brought to the attention of the Council:

- Threats of harming the horses in Drayhorse Meadow.
- Graffiti on the wall in Canon Lane and on the BT box.
- A request to alert the school of the drugs problem in the Fields.
- The unkempt state of the gardens at the crossroads.
- A suggestion to make the village look more attractive with plants at the crossroads which could be funded by local businesses.
- The suggestion that ambulances use a different route. It was felt that the use of sirens was being abused.
- The suggestion that a decent scheme for a Wateringbury by-pass should be put to the KCC.
- A request for a rubbish bin at the Mill Pond.

At the Planning Committee meeting the following items were discussed. TM/18/01806/FL - To reconfigure and extend the existing ground floor and first floor layout to replace the existing defunct dark house, 109 Red Hill. **Comment** - No objection.

TM/18/01863/FL - Proposed replacement of existing Atcost building with brewery with ancillary brasserie facilities, 8 hoppers huts and associated car parking and landscaping, Manor Farm. **Comment** - Whilst the Parish Council has no objection to the proposals residents do have concerns over

noise, disturbance, entertainment licence and the effect of potential commercial activities, we would suggest suitable conditions apply to any consent in whatever the Planning Officer decides.

TM18/01877/FL - Erection of building to provide covered sand school for animal training, Land opposite Ketridge Lane at Teston Road. **Comment** - The proposed

development does not provide sufficient reasons to override the restrictive development policies applying to the site - CP14 CP24 SQ1.

TM/18/01895/LB & TM/01894/FL - Demolition of external privvy and northern end of boundary wall. Infill north facing ground floor window. Alterations to ground floor and first floor, including removal of chimney breast and replacement of doors by sliding sash window. Single storey rear infill to form new kitchen together with associated openings to the rear elevation, Ivy Cottage, 240 Tonbridge Road. **Comment** - The Parish Council has no objection subject to special conditions by the Listed Building Officer

TM/18/01846/FL - Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension, 24 Mill Lane. **Comment** - Whilst the Parish Council has no objection to the appearance, siting and general layout of the proposal we have concerns re the actual construction of the proposed extensions. We have had representations from local residents who have been seriously affected by the development approved and being carried out at 22 Mill Lane by contractors' and suppliers' delivery vehicles to the site using Love Lane to the south and the bridge to Mill Lane. Damage is being caused to the physical boundaries of the carriageway by such use and the apparent lack of conditions attaching to the approval for 22 Mill Lane. If the Planning Authority decides to permit the above application we would ask that conditions are imposed as follows:

- . Access to the site only from Mill Lane (north) even if this requires reversing from Tonbridge Road.
- . The previous suggestion that the unobstructed width of Mill Lane being 5.5m does not require conditions regulating size of vehicles attending the development be revisited in view of the verge and overhanging growth now significantly reducing such an assessment.
- . The applicant should produce a condition survey of the roads, verges, boundaries and buildings fronting Love Lane and Mill Lane to the south of the site so that the same can be reinstated by condition or legal agreement.
- . Hours of working to be limited to normal working hours and excluding weekends to minimise periods when access to adjoining residents' homes is prevented by commercial vehicles. Evenings and weekends are when this is the most disruptive to residents in Love Lane and Mill Lane.

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 2 October at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall (upper meeting room).

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

COFFEE BREAK – Wednesdays 3, 17 and 31 October

Do come along to the church between 10.30-12.30 and enjoy a hot drink, cake and a good chat. Revive an interest in knitting, crochet, needlepoint or other craft. Members have been making poppies, using various methods, which will be used for the **Carpet of Poppies** weekend in the Church on **2**, **3 and 4 November**.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism – we welcomed into the family of our Church **Olivia Mary Tutt** on 26 August Memorial Service – we gave thanks for the life of **Doreen Vincent** on 29 August Burial of Ashes:

Alice and Joseph Thorpe on 4 September

Shining Bright Party You are invited to a "Peter Pan Party"

and fly with us to Neverland!

Primary school aged children are invited to come to

Wateringbury Church, (which is found second star to the right and straight on till morning) and join us in Neverland,

on Wednesday October 31st, 5-7pm

For Peter Pan inspired crafts, games, dance, snacks and fun, including our outdoor treasure hunt, so remember your torch! We will also have party food to help us celebrate. This will be our **8th** year of holding a 'Non- Scary' party to celebrate 'All Saints' day. We are inviting children to come and help us celebrate in Peter Pan fancy dress, or wear their brightest clothes.

This event is free. For more information or to book, please e-mail lisaglasscote@gmail.com

WATERINGBURY CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER

SJB Church web site:	www.wateringburychurch.org.uk
Church Face Book Page:	fb.me/wateringburychurch
Friends of SJB Church	web site www.fowc.org.uk

Sunday 7 October, 10am Eucharist and Harvest Festival

A Communion service based on the Church of England Common Worship Service Book. Rev Nick Williams prepares a service sheet so it's easy to follow. Sundays Cool (for all children) meets in the Vestry during this Service.

Saturday 13 October, 3-5pm Messy Church

Messy Churches are found all around the world and are for all ages, though mostly attended by families with young children. There will be craft activities, a short bible story and prayer times and ours will always end with afternoon tea. Do give it a try.

NB: In November Messy Church will be held on the **second** Saturday.

Sunday 14 October, 10am Matins

A traditional service from the 1662 Prayer Book with hymns led by our Readers. Secondary Division for those at Secondary School meets for discussion (and a second breakfast) in the Vestry.

Sunday 21 October

8.30am Book of Common Prayer, Holy Communion

A quiet service using the beautiful words written by Cranmer in 1662. Rev Nick also gives a short address.

10am Family Service

An all age informal service led by the Sundays Cool team with well-known hymns.

Sunday 28 October, 10am Eucharist

The choir leads our singing of hymns which are usually lively and easy to sing. Sundays Cool meets in the Vestry.

Refreshments are served after all our 10am services so please stay for a chat if you can.

PRIESTLY PONDERINGS

Rev Nick Williams
The Vicarage, 2 The Grange, East Malling
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In what is my last 'priestly pondering' for the Rostrum I would like to write about a little-known aspect of the Church's work which has recently made me think about how the Church can more effectively come alongside those who may be regular worshippers or indeed worshippers at all to give them some help in what can be an extremely difficult time.

I am referring to the work of the Anna Chaplains and Anna Friends. I think it likely that few of you will have heard of their work, certainly I hadn't until relatively recently. Anna Chaplaincy draws its name from the biblical character Anna a figure of hope and validation of the important part elderly people play in our lives. Its focus is on helping those who are suffering from dementia and their families at the forefront of Church life. The Anna Friends in this benefice, Alice and Pauline, both based at Wateringbury have a role with Dementia sufferers and their families that will include:

Providing one to one spiritual and pastoral support for people with dementia and carers:

Being the parish link with a local dementia care home, visiting and taking services; Working alongside local organisations supporting people with dementia and signposting the help they provide;

Setting up or supporting parish activities aimed at older people and those with memory problems, such as dementia cafés, community cafés, dementia friendly worship services, friendship groups and information events.

This is a new venture but given the number of elderly people and their families who have contact with someone suffering from dementia that I come across in my day to day ministry then I think it is something well worth supporting. For once I'm not asking you for donations to support this work, although I won't turn it down! but I am asking that if you are affected in some way by Dementia then please contact us via parishofficeemwt@gmail.com and we'll see if there is something that our Anna Friends can do to help you, even if it's only to provide a sympathetic ear to listen to you.

You can find out more about the work of Anna Chaplaincy at http://www.rochester.anglican.org/content/pages/documents/1517489419.pdf