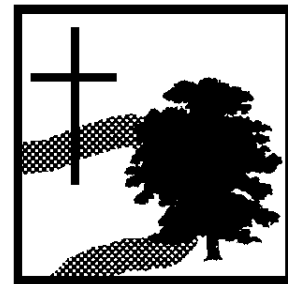


PARISH NEWS



The Beane Valley Benefice

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St Mary the Virgin Aston, St Andrew's Bramfield, St Mary the Virgin Stapleford,
St Michael and All Angels Waterford, St Andrew and St Mary Watton at Stone

September 2026



Thinking back to the 1960's I well remember a popular song "It might as well rain until September". As I sit writing this with a fan blowing on me and a cold drink on the desk during a drought which has been declared following the driest July on record, I would be pleased if it were to rain from now until September. The hot dry summer is causing problems for so many people, not least bringing wildfires both in the UK and in Europe. With no sign of a let up some of us are getting very tetchy, worrying about keeping our animals cool, as well as ourselves and generally wishing we could find somewhere cooler to sleep. However, we should remember that there are some parts of the world where drought is a common occurrence and people fight a constant battle against the elements to grow enough food to eat or find clean water to drink.

For many years we have been warned about global warming and climate change and perhaps now we realise that it may not have been scaremongering. Is it inevitable that things will just get worse every year or can we still do anything to prevent the weather we have experienced this year becoming the norm?

Like you I read what the scientists say and try to do my best to use energy wisely and conserve water where I can. I constantly pray to God to show us the way forward but realise that we are all going to have to change in so many ways if we are to make a real difference.

However, although there are so many big problems in the world that we would like to help solve but feel overwhelmed by their sheer scale there are many ways that we can help solve some of the more immediate problems we face or that we see around us.

In the Bible we can read the Parables, or moral stories that Jesus told his followers. On the surface they might seem quite simple but there is always a deeper meaning. They teach us about being kind to one another, to sharing what we have, caring for others, doing the best we can and not putting our desire for possessions above other priorities. Many of them we know well, such as the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son or the Lost Sheep whilst others perhaps not so well. The Parables are also Jesus' way of teaching us about how much God loves those who follow Jesus and giving us a better understanding of the Kingdom of Heaven.



If we go back to the Old Testament we can read about the Great Flood or the Plagues of Egypt and perhaps at a time when nothing in the world seems normal or easy to anticipate then we can do well to turn more to the words of Jesus in the Bible to support us and to help us find the way forward. Even small steps can make a big difference.

We don't exist in a vacuum, what happens in one place affects us all and we can't rely totally on ourselves for everything but need to accept help from others and guidance from our God.

I wish you a more comfortable Autumn and a time to look forward in hope.

Yours in Christ
Janet Bird

Beane Valley Benefice Services

September 2026

ALL are welcome

Although we are currently without a permanent Rector, services in the Benefice continue with the assistance of visiting clergy. Please do join us – you will be made very welcome!!

Sunday 6th September

11am Watton TAC Contemporary Service

11am Aston Prayer and Praise

11.15am Stapleford Prayer and Praise

11.15am Waterford Holy Communion

No service in Bramfield today

Sunday 13th September

9.30am Watton Harvest Festival Holy Communion

11am Watton TAC Contemporary Service

11am Aston Family Service

11.15am Bramfield Holy Communion

11.15am Stapleford Prayer and Praise

No service in Waterford today

Sunday 20th September

11am Watton TAC Contemporary Service

11am Aston Holy Communion

11.15am Stapleford Holy Communion

11.15am Waterford Morning Prayer

No service in Bramfield today

Sunday 27th September

9.30am Watton Prayer and Praise

11am Watton TAC Contemporary Service

11.15am Bramfield Prayer and Praise

11.15am Stapleford Holy Communion

No service in Aston or Waterford today

Sunday 4th October

11am Watton TAC Contemporary Service

11am Aston Prayer and Praise

11.15am Stapleford Prayer and Praise

11.15am Waterford Holy Communion

No service in Bramfield today

Wednesday 16th September 2.30pm
STAPLEFORD VILLAGE TEA AFTERNOON in CHURCH. All are welcome for tea, coffee, cake and chat.



Fortnightly MONDAYS 2pm ASTON Bible Study Fellowship 3 Long Ridge Aston with tea and biscuits All are welcome Contact Pauline at pauline.manley1966@gmail.com



RIP – We Remember With Love

Philip Jackson whose ashes were buried at St Andrew's Bramfield on 14th July

Mavis Turner whose funeral and burial took place at St Mary's Aston on 17th July

Mary Atkinson whose funeral took place at St Andrew's Bramfield on 22nd July followed by cremation

Brenda Foster whose cremation took place at Harwood Park on 30th July

'Those whom we love and lose are no longer where they were before; they are wherever we are.'

(St John Chrysostom)

On-line bereavement support

griefshare.org; thebereavementjourney.org;

cruse.org.uk; teardropgrief.co.uk;

ataloss.org;

CHURCHES OPEN as listed for quiet prayer and visits:

WATERFORD St Michael and all Angels open **DAILY**

10am – 4pm for more information Contact

Churchwarden Malcolm 01992 552531

m.t.wandrag@gmail.com

WATTON at STONE St Andrew & St Mary open **DAILY**

10am – 3pm for more information Contact

Churchwardens Ian and Helen

ASTON St Mary's open **Sundays 12 noon - 4pm** and

Wednesdays 10am - 5pm. Contact Churchwarden Sara 01438 880750

BRAMFIELD St Andrew's Church. For visits contact Churchwardens Dorothy 01992 582132 or Peggy 01992 550467

STAPLEFORD St Mary Open weekends. For visits

contact Peter 07870 681542, John 07773 392991 or

Lesley Atterwill 07773 392992

Opening churches is important. If you would be willing to join a rota to help open and shut any of the churches please contact the Churchwarden.

WATTON BOOK WORMS

We usually meet on the third Friday of the month at 7pm to share supper and thoughts on our book of the month. All are welcome.

Contact peterevernden@hotmail.co.uk





TAKE AWAY CHURCH (TAC)



NEW! EVERYONE WELCOME



**FOR THE CURIOUS
FOR THE DOUBTFUL
FOR THE WONDERING
FOR THE INTRIGUED**

We all have questions we have wanted to ask, about life, faith...what's going on...

But there's never been the right time or place...
Could this be your time? Come and join us...

A choice of options:

We will be running a **Daytime Alpha Course** starting **Monday 21st September at 10am** with tea and biscuits.

We will also be running an **Evening Alpha Course** starting **Wednesday 23rd September at 6.30pm** with a light supper. We will be providing soup and a roll with beverages.

If you are interested, please contact us to reserve your place...

Please give us a ring 07780 452478

Or email Richard@Takeawaychurch.com

Details available from Alpha – Alpha:uk@alpha.org

Youth Alpha...



Year 6 to Year 11

We are running a Youth Alpha Course from
18th September 2026.

Meeting: **11a Beane Road, Watton at Stone.**
SG14 3RG @ 6.30pm.

Join us for supper.

Engage with questions and discussions on life,
faith, and why are we here?

For further information and to book your place,
please contact us 07780 452478

Alpha...

"I wanted to do Alpha to try and connect to my faith. What I came out with was so much more. It completely opened my faith up and I connected to it more than I could ever imagine. Alpha is amazing. It answers a lot of questions. Anyone looking to explore Christianity should definitely try Alpha. I gained a family and changed my life for the better."

JS.

Prayer and Praise...



Come and join us.

**Sunday 6th September 2026, 6pm at St Andrew
and St Mary's Parish Church, Watton at Stone.**

**Refreshments available... looking forward to
meeting you.**

**Any further information please do not hesitate to
contact us...**



Richard 07780 452478



Play Space

**Toddlers and Babies!
A village place for Mums,
Dads and carers to meet
Watton at Stone**

Tuesday mornings (Term time only)

Memorial Hall, High Street
Parking available.

Time: 9.30am – 12noon

Cost: £5.00 per child, and £1.00 per sibling

A lunch snack will be provided for the children.
Singing time at 11.30am

Run by Take Away Church (TAC), in conjunction with the
Parish church. Contact details:
Sharon @ 07931 325288



Come along and play, draw, paint, read, create, build,
listen, sing, ride, eat and have fun!!!



KIDS SPACE

Friday afternoons (term time only)

3.30pm – 5.30pm

Memorial Hall, High Street
Parking available

Age Range: Up to Year 6

Activities: Crafts, play, games, sewing,
Bible story and singing.

Cost: £3 per child, and £1 per sibling.

Hot chocolate and fruit on arrival and finish
with Pizza and Pasta

Homemade cakes and scones available
to purchase from the Tea Room

Run by Take Away Church (TAC), in conjunction with the
Parish church. Contact details: Sharon @ 07931 325288



TAC Tweens for Year 6, Year 7 and Year 8.
Friday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.30pm
Meeting at The Nigel Poulton Community Hall.
UP AND COMING DATES FOR THE DIARY:

September 11th and 25th

October 9th and 23rd

November 6th and 20th

December 4th

Arts, Crafts, Games, Karaoke,

Tuck Shop and Refreshments

£3.00/person.

For further details, contact Sharon:

07931 325288



TAC Tea Room

Memorial Hall,
Watton at Stone

Tuesdays (TERM TIME only) 9am – 1pm

Fridays (TERM TIME only) 2pm - 5pm

A selection of homemade cakes, cookies, brownies, shortbread and scones to enjoy in our Tea Room or to TAKE AWAY!

We also take orders for birthday cakes.

Pop in or text Sharon @ 07931 325288 to order any of our products for delivery

Card or cash are accepted.

TAC Tea Room is enabling us to support the community. Please support us too!!



MOVEMENT TO MUSIC

Our fun and friendly **Movement to Music for Over 60s** class takes place on **Thursdays, 1.30 – 2.30pm** at the **Nigel Poulton Community Hall** in Watton-at-Stone. These hour-long classes are a brilliant way for those wanting to work on their **coordination, balance, and mobility** in a welcoming environment – all to good music! After approximately **45 minutes of movement**, we have **social time with refreshments** to help reduce social isolation and improve mental wellbeing. The classes are perfect for those who want to keep moving without the intensity of a Keep Fit class. Classes run during term-time only – we start in September on **Thursday 10th September**, and it's only £6 on a PAYG basis!

"I thoroughly enjoy the dance class each week- it's great fun learning the different movements. Good for the body and also the brain to remember the routines!"

Imagination Dance was founded in 2018 to provide dance and movement opportunities for those who are rarely offered them. We offer sessions for everyone from children with additional needs; to older people; to those with long-term health conditions such as Dementia. Imagination Dance deliver sessions both within the community, and within venues such as care homes, day services and residential living complexes. info.imaginationarts@yahoo.com or 07394 934911 for more information or to book a space.



CARING for our CHURCHYARDS

TUESDAYS 10am Waterford Church and Churchyard
Working Parties contact Churchwarden Malcolm
m.t.wandrag@gmail.com

To help in **Stapleford, Watton or Bramfield** Churchyards contact the Churchwardens.

ASTON Church and Churchyard Working Parties first Tuesday of month 10am to 12 noon. Contact Churchwarden Sara wardenstmarys@gmail.com

All our churchyards are cared for by Volunteers...could YOU offer occasional help?

WATERFORD & HERTINGFORDBURY WI



NEXT MEETING: Thursday 3rd September 7.30pm

Lisa Garrity will be visiting with her saxophones and other instruments, playing and telling her stories of where they have taken her around the world.

We always have our 'Summer Supper' in August, and this year we had fish & chips from Carleys at Sele Farm, washed down with fizz and followed by birthday cake. We were celebrating the 5th birthday of the merging of Waterford and Hertingfordbury WIs, as well as the 85th birthday of Waterford WI. Our special guest on the night was Jill Profit, Chair of the Hertfordshire Federation of Women's Institutes. She told us about the WI in 1941, the year Waterford was (re)formed. WIs played a huge part in ensuring food was available for the general population, and this was a real link to our ongoing contributions to the Hertford and Ware Foodbank 85 years later.

Jill also placed a plaque on the oak tree we grew and planted for Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. For a bit of tradition, we sang Jerusalem in the field, and the cows on the other side of The Beane chose that moment to make a swift departure!!

Visitors welcome. Why not try us for the new academic year? We meet on the first Thursday of every month in Waterford village hall at 7.30pm. Look us up on Facebook.

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

BRAMFIELD

WHAT'S ON IN BRAMFIELD

Bramfield Carpet Bowls

Meets Village Hall
Monday eve 7pm to 9pm
Enquiries Mike Jones
01992550182

Parish Council Meets

Every other 3rd Tuesday of the Month
Clerk Chris Underhill
07714 711253

Village Hall Committee Meets

1st Tuesday of the Month 8pm
Contact Cheryl Jackson
01992 583958

Bramfield Book Club

Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Contact Louise
01992 583173

Gibbslouise83@gmail.com

Please Note

We are currently not taking New members but you can join our waiting list

Bramfield Parish Council

We meet on the third Tuesday of every other month at 19.30 in the village hall. So, this means January, March, May, July, September and November.

Did you know we have a parish website? We have a bit of history, contact details and all documentation such as minutes posted there. Feel free to have a look at bramfieldparishcouncil.co.uk

ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

Bramfield has a well-kept Tennis Court that is open for use for families from the Village and beyond, we offer a very reasonable Family Membership Fee at £25.00 per year. To take advantage of this amazing deal. Call Cheryl Jackson on 01992 583958.



STAPLEFORD

Tai Chi QiGong Tuesdays 7-8pm Stapleford Village Hall

A relaxing form of Tai Chi. Suitable for all abilities - can be done seated. £5 per session pay as you go. Come along and give it a try! All welcome from the villages and wider. PLEASE NOTE: *no classes in September*: last class is 25 August, starts again on 6 October.

Social Art Group Wednesdays 10am-1pm Stapleford Village Hall

A group of artists who meet once a week to work on their own artworks in a social setting. Come along for a trial session for £3.

Tea Afternoon 3rd Wednesday of the month 2.30-4pm Stapleford Church

Share tea, coffee, cake and conversation. Free, although donations are welcome. Open to all.

WATERFORD

Working Party Reminder

Please remember to come along to Waterford churchyard on **Saturday 3rd October, 10a.m. to 1p.m.** to help with light work to maintain this important space.

If you have them, strimmers, brush cutters (especially useful), saws, forks, rakes and other garden tools will help.

Tea, coffee, cold drinks, cakes and biscuits will be provided

A Whole Afternoon of Fun for Just £1!

What can you get for £1 these days? Not much, you might think! Well, think again, because on 6th September just £1 will get you into an afternoon packed with entertainment, activities, stalls and family fun at the Waterford Village Fete— and under-fives get in free!

And this year, the fete promises to be bigger and better than ever.



NEW VILLAGE HALL

Live the Harley Davidson Dream

Ever imagined yourself sitting on a Harley Davidson, riding off into the sunset? For the first time ever, we're delighted to welcome a group of bikers and their magnificent Harley Davidsons to the fete. Visitors will have the fantastic opportunity to ****sit on a Harley and have their photograph taken**** — so you can live the dream, even if only for a few minutes!

Music to Get Your Toes Tapping

Keeping the crowds entertained will be our very own ***Peter Crossley and Pat Crilly***, bringing their unique country-music style to the fete.

There will also be a ***dance group*** providing plenty more entertainment throughout the afternoon.

Calling All Dog Lovers!

One of the most popular attractions is back — the ***Waterford Dog Show***! Think you have a prize-winning pooch? Bring them along and enter them in the show. And if you don't have a dog of your own, don't worry you can simply sit back and enjoy watching our four-legged contestants strut their stuff in the arena.

Something for Everyone

The fete wouldn't be complete without all the stalls our visitors know and love.

Browse beautiful *crafts made by local crafters*, pick up some *plants donated by local gardeners* or hunt for a hidden treasure among the jewellery and other bargains at the ever-popular *bric-a-brac stall*.

Fancy your chances? Try the *Grand Draw* for the opportunity to win one of our amazing prizes, or pick up a bottle at the *Tombola*.

And if you fancy testing your aim, head over to the ****Coconut Shy**** — you could even win yourself a coconut!

Food, Drink & Refreshments

Feeling hungry or thirsty after all that excitement? We've got you covered! Refreshments will be available from the ****Beer Tent, BBQ and Tea Room****, with something to suit every taste.

Fun for the Younger Visitors

There's plenty to keep our younger visitors entertained too, with a whole host of games, activities and stalls.

The *Inflatable Slide* is always a huge favourite — and at just *£5 for unlimited goes*, it's a great-value way to keep the youngsters entertained.

There will also be *Face Painting*, a *Disney Quiz* to test just how well you know your favourite characters and films, plus *Adopt a Teddy*, *Guess the Number of Sweets*, *Feed the Pig* and the chance to *Name the Teddy*.

Come Along and Support Your Village

With music, dancing, dogs, bikers, games, stalls, food and plenty of family fun, there's something for everyone at this year's *Waterford Village Fete*.

And at just £1 entry — with under-fives free — it's hard to find better value for an afternoon out!

So bring your family, bring your friends and come along on 6th September for a fantastic afternoon of community fun. We can't wait to see you there!

WATTON AT STONE



SUE'S



Charity Afternoon Tea

A big thank you to all those that supported my Tea Party. We had 75 come to enjoy the afternoon tea in continued good weather, it even managed to rain in the morning settling the dust before the event.

Together we raised for the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance and Nerve Tumours UK an amazing **£1600.00**.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Tea Party and send you all a really big **thank you** for your support, we hope to see you in the garden again next year.

Sue Meischke

Watton at Stone Community Choir



Can you believe it we're 1 year old!

We started with just 9 members. Learning songs from Hercules and Jungle Book and 3 popular Christmas songs.

We now have 16 members from our village and wider creating a friendly casual group.

If you've thought about wanting to join but were unsure when or how, September is the beginning of our new year and a perfect time to start. Just send us an email and we'll give you all the information.

You don't need to read music or have any experience, if you enjoy singing and meeting people it's a great opportunity. All ages and abilities welcome.

Join us!

No auditions or experience necessary

please contact :

wattonatstonechoir@gmail.com

Bell Ringing

Watton at Stone

Monday evenings 7pm

All abilities welcome

You've probably heard us quite a lot over the summer along with some visiting bands.

Watton at Stone has 8 bells so we have a full octave that can be rung making us quite popular in the ringing community.

All our ringers have had a great year improving their skills and meeting fellow ringers around the county and wider.

We are incredibly excited to have 4 new ringers this year and we had 3 last year making us a very actively growing band.

And we're one of the few towers who has their own 2 teachers!

Bellringing has a reputation of being a dusty old hobby but that's a terrible misrepresentation. It's a very active hobby, keeping your body and mind strong. And there are so many areas to explore, such as maintenance, teaching, composing, historical revival, team leading, competitions and events. Or just plain ringing. Children from 11+ can ring, so you often meet lots of family ringers.

We have a very friendly fun band always keen to help each other and have a laugh with and we often have a pub visit lined up.

You don't need to attend church and you don't need any experience. If you're curious, email us for a tour or more info

Bellringing111@gmail.com

Waterford Nature Notes



One benefit, perhaps the only benefit, of the warmer weather is the widening of geographical boundaries for some species, particularly butterflies and moths. In the first week of July, we had 3 Painted Lady butterflies and a Hummingbird Hawk-moth on the lavender plants in our garden, this was followed by a Jersey Tiger moth later that day. The following day there were, again, all three species in our garden. So far this year I have seen more Hummingbird Hawk-moths than ever before, over thirty sightings.



On the subject of the lavender plants, from the first bloom until the last, dying flowers, there was a constant stream of White-tailed bumblebees, as many as fifteen or twenty. When our lavender had lost its flowers, the bees moved on to plants in a neighbouring garden that had come into bloom, after another couple of weeks they then moved on to yet another garden nearby. Inadvertently, we had planted species that flowered at different times but all consecutively. This is a great example of the benefits of diversity in all things.

My Somerset Correspondent sent a photograph of a moth that I couldn't identify, at first I thought it was a Privet Hawk-moth but, when I checked the book, the markings weren't quite right, he had identified it as a Striped Hawk-moth using Google Lens. This species is native to North Africa, occasionally reaching towards Northern France - another example of the spreading of boundaries. In the 1960's, I lived in Hornsey, North London, we used to get Privet Hawk-moths frequently in our garden, the caterpillars were quite striking, about an inch and a half long with a hook on the tail section, bright green with white and purple flashes along both sides, the colours of the Suffragettes, they could have adopted it as their mascot.



On the other side of the coin is the lack of many common species, for example, the long grasses in the unmown areas of the churchyard should have attracted more butterflies than the odd Whites that I have seen there and only one Gatekeeper butterfly. The availability of the seed heads of the grasses would have attracted many more, even as little as 15 years ago.

I turned on the Merlin app while sitting in our garden for thirty minutes, it identified the songs or calls of 24 birds, one was doubtful, a Water Rail, although Water Rails are seen around the marsh, I doubt that one would have been so far, about 200 metres, from the river. They are of the same family as Coots and Moorhens and have similar flight abilities. The 24 identified did not include Chiffchaff or Blackcap, both of which have been heard frequently here.

The St Albans Peregrines laid four eggs, all of which hatched but only 3 survived to fledge. This is all part of the survival strategies that occur in nature, the parents would have had a hard task to provide sufficient food for four, growing chicks and the weakest, inevitably doesn't get a fair share. As an apex predator the only threat to Peregrines is humans, in fact we are the only threat to all apex predators but, despite that, it is just as well to keep out of their way.



As I write this, early in August, there are many trees showing signs of stress, induced by the drought. Horse Chestnut trees seem to be particularly affected but, on a drive through Hertfordshire country lanes, I noticed Ash, Oak and Beech trees showing similar signs.

There have been many references to this being a worse drought than we experienced in 1976. I recall one incident in 1976 on Chingford Plain, near Queen Elizabeth's Hunting Lodge when the Fire Brigade were dealing with a grass fire on one side of the road and the fire leapt the road, setting the grass alight on the other side. The firemen (they didn't have women in 1976) explained to me that the super-heated air, coupled with even a slight breeze causes this effect, they got their fire engine out just in time. Even though we had closed the road, there were still idiots trying to drive around us.

Malcolm

SUPPORT US! RAISING MONEY FOR NEW HALL!

WATERFORD VILLAGE FETE

SUNDAY 6TH SEPT 1-4PM

1PM LIVE MUSIC

BOUNCY CASTLE

BRIC A BRAC?

★ BEER TENT ★

ICE CREAMS • BBQ • TEA ROOM • HOMEMADE CAKES

NOVELTY DOG SHOW

LOTS OF CATEGORIES AND FUN FOR THE POOCHES!
 • SMALL ENTRANCE FEE PAYABLE PER EVENT •
 SHOW COMMENCES APPROX 2.30PM - REGISTER EARLY

AND SO MUCH MORE!!

★ £1 ENTRY (UNDER 5 FREE) PARKING £2 ★

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BEDS AND HERTS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Bike 'n Hike

Saturday 12 September 2026
9am to 5pm

For more information and all documents:

 Or go to www.bedshtshct.org.uk

- ▶ Have fun visiting over 600 churches and chapels
- ▶ Raise funds for your local church or chapel
- ▶ Help save other churches in Beds and Herts

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Historic Churches Trust

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Watton-at-Stone Allotment and Garden Association

Autumn Show

 BEST IN SHOW

- 📍 Memorial Hall - Watton At Stone
- 📅 Sunday 6th September 2026
- 🕒 Drop off entries between 10am and 12 noon
- 🚪 Doors open to public 2pm
- 🏆 Prizes awarded at 4pm

ENTRY CATEGORIES

- 🥕 Vegetables
- 🍏 Fruit
- 🌻 Flowers
- 🥬 Home Produce
- 🎨 Colouring Competition
- 👧 Children's Classes

All are welcome to enter and attend

GROWN WITH CARE
SHARED WITH PRIDE

 **WATERFORD HARVEST SUPPER**
 with **LIGHT Entertainment**

26
SEPTEMBER
7PM

The evening also includes:
A Fish/Chicken and Chips supper
 (Vegetarian option available if required)
and delicious dessert.

Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

Tickets only £15 includes food/entertainment
Waterford Village Hall

Book by calling Sarah on 07775 337 270
sarahebaldwin59@hotmail.com
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- **St Mary's Aston**
- **St Mary the Virgin Stapleford**
- **St Michael and all Angels Waterford**

And you can also access an electronic version of the Parish News from either of the following websites:

www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/32-014A
www.watton-pc.org.uk/news/

For all enquiries about weddings, baptisms, funerals, burial of ashes, blessings, confirmation or offers to help, please contact the relevant Churchwardens

Scan the QR code below to find out more about the church in Watton at Stone



Scan the QR code below to find out more about the church in Waterford



Scan the QR code below to find out more about the church in Stapleford



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Please contact your local Churchwardens

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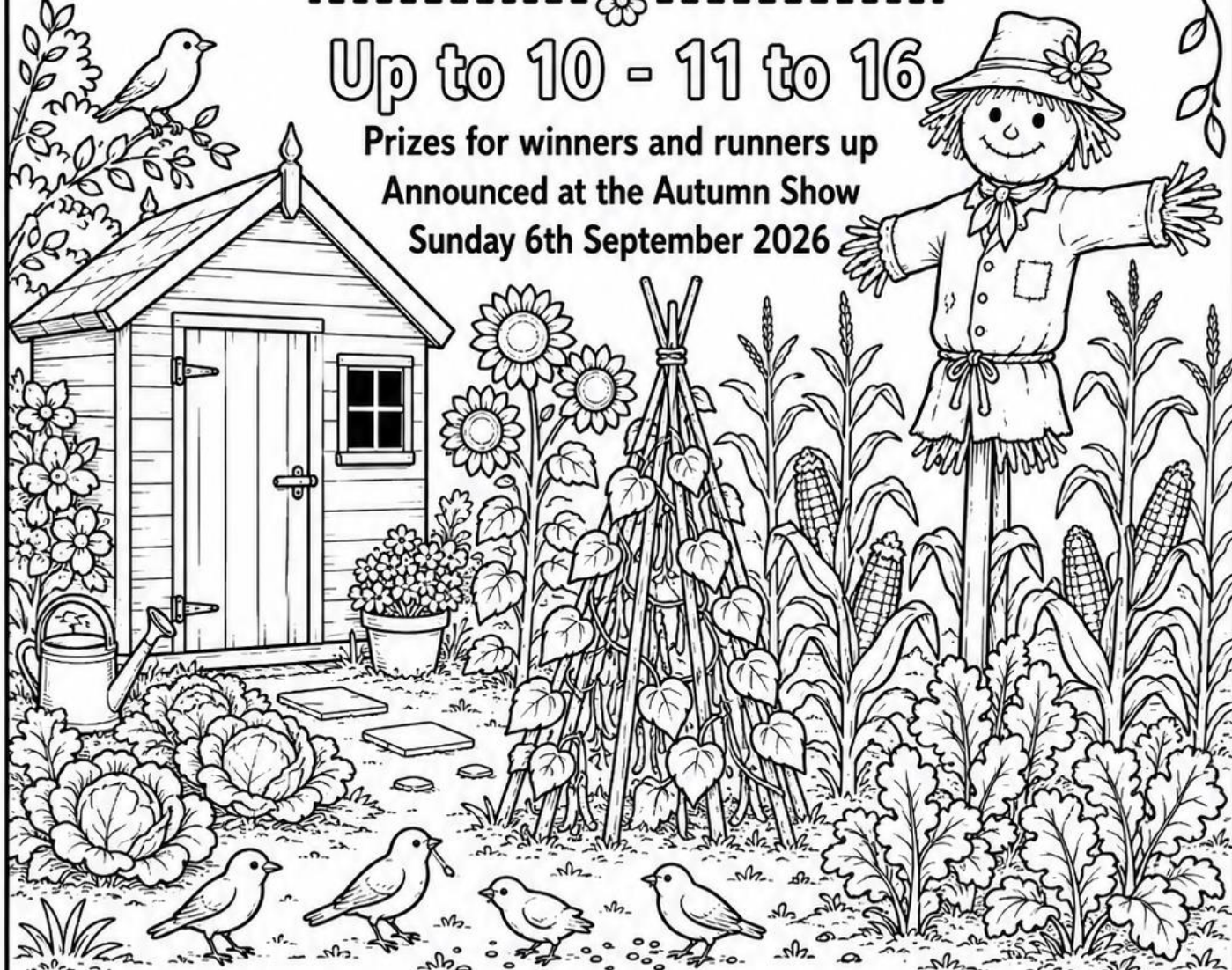
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Watton At Stone

Allotment and Garden Association Children's Colouring Competition

Up to 10 - 11 to 16

Prizes for winners and runners up
Announced at the Autumn Show
Sunday 6th September 2026



Submit entries to: colouringcomp2026@gmail.com

with the Young Artists Name, Age, Parent or Guardians Name, address and mobile number.

Competition entries must be received by 4pm on Tuesday 1st September 2026

Watton-at-Stone Allotment and Garden Association proudly present
THE ANNUAL VILLAGE GARDEN and PRODUCE SHOW

List of classes for the show – Sunday 6th September 2026

Please put an **X** in each box for each class you are exhibiting

ONLY ONE ENTRY PER CLASS PER ENTRANT IS PERMITTED



A	FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CLASSES
1.	APPLE dessert - 3 of one variety
2.	APPLE cooking - 3 of one variety
3.	PEAR - 3 of one variety
4.	RASPBERRY - 7 fruits with stems attached
5.	BLACKBERRY/HYBRID BERRY – 7 fruits stem attached
6.	ANY OTHER FRUIT not mentioned in any other classes 3 fruits
7.	TOMATO - 5 round fruits 1 ½” to 2” diameter with calyces attached
8.	TOMATO - 5 cherry with calyces attached Max 1” diameter
9.	TOMATO - 5 plum with calyces attached
10.	CUCUMBER - 2 fruits 4” to 12” long Greenhouse type
11.	CUCUMBER - 2 fruits 4” to 12” long Ridge, Outdoor type
12.	COURGETTE - 2 fruits 6” to 8” of edible fruits
13.	MARROW - 1 fruit, heaviest in show
14.	PUMPKIN – Any Type
15.	BUTTERNUT SQUASH
16.	ONION - 5 bulbs, after cleaning
17.	SHALLOTS - 5, after cleaning
18.	POTATO - 5 tubers of any one variety white skinned
19.	POTATO - 5 tubers of any one variety partly coloured skinned
20.	POTATO - 5 tubers of any one variety coloured skinned
21.	CARROTS - Long. 3 roots with at least 1” of leaf stem
22.	CARROTS - Any other type. 3 roots with at least 1” of leaf stem e.g. short stump
23.	BEETROOT - globe, 3 roots with at least 1” of leaf stem. Max 3” diameter
24.	PARSNIPS - 3 with at least 1” of leaf stem
25.	SWEETCORN -2 cobs with ¼ of sheath removed
26.	CABBAGE - hearted -1 head with 2” of root attached
27.	RUNNER BEANS -5
28.	FRENCH OR DWARF BEANS – round podded Green -5
29.	OTHER VEGETABLES NOT INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE CLASSES e.g. calabrese (broccoli head) -1 head; cauliflower -1 head; Brussel sprouts -3; leeks -3; pepper (sweet) -3; chillies -3, aubergine -1
30.	COLLECTION OF 5 DIFFERENT VEGETABLES- 1 of each type
31.	WONKY VEGETABLE

B	CUT FLOWERS Minimum 6-inch stem PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR OWN VASES
32.	ROSE – hybrid tea – single bloom
33.	ROSE – floribunda/cluster – single stem
34.	DAHLIA – vase of 3 stems
35.	VASE OF ANNUAL GARDEN FLOWERS – 3 to 6 stems
36.	VASE OF PERENNIAL GARDEN FLOWERS – 3 to 6 stems

	C	CHILDREN'S SECTION (Age under 12 years except Entry 38)
	37.	Painted Stone
	38.	Poster Colouring Competition (Age up to 10 & 11 to 16 please delete as necessary) See poster entry form in Parish News
	39.	Vegetable Monster (can be made of a collection of vegetables)
	40.	Painted wooden spoon, decorated as a flower in a flower pot
	41.	Any Baked Item
	42.	Plant that I've grown from seed
	D	DOMESTIC SECTION
	43.	Jar of jam - any fruit
	44.	Jar of marmalade
	45.	Jar of jelly - any fruit
	46.	Jar of chutney – any type
	47.	Four scones - sweet
	48.	Four scones – savoury
	49.	Iced Chocolate cake
	50.	Apple pie with pastry top and bottom
	51.	Fruit cake
	52.	Victoria Sponge any filling
	53.	Plate of 5 decorated cup cakes
	54.	Plate of any other baked recipe or any cake not in the above classes. <u>PLEASE SPECIFY ON ENTRY CARD</u>
	55.	1 small loaf of speciality bread
	56.	Speciality baking e.g. GF, DF, vegan. <u>PLEASE SPECIFY ON ENTRY CARD</u>
	57.	1 bottle of Homemade wine
	58.	1 bottle of Homemade spirit liqueur (e.g. Sloe Gin)

Total number of classes you are entering		At 30p per class TOTAL	£
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EXHIBITORS NAME:	
TELEPHONE NUMBER	
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ENTRIES TO BE SUBMITTED AND STAGED BETWEEN 10AM AND NOON AT THE WAR MEMORIAL HALL ON SUNDAY 6TH September 2026. PRODUCE TO REMAIN ON DISPLAY AND ONLY REMOVED AT THE END OF THE SHOW at 4pm.

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