

## Spring Newsletter 2016

Dear Members,

After the New Year Supper at Frank's Restaurant, which was not as well attended as in previous years (only 19 in fact), the business of important Planning and Parking Charge matters has dominated. Planning for the future of West Malling will be our major concern for the rest of this year.

We are now 6 on The Executive Committee and I would like to welcome Gwyneth Barkham and thank the other Committee Members for their continued support and hard work this year.

The regularly updated website has attracted many visitors and we now have new Members who have joined as a result. The website has also enabled the acquisition of two 19<sup>th</sup> Century silver coated pewter pots which have been kindly donated by a lady from Altrincham, Cheshire whose late father had been given them as a gift some years ago. Both have "The Bear Malling" engraved on the undersides and have a Chatham touchmark inside. Barbara Earl, our Secretary, is currently carrying out research into their history and they will be displayed soon at The Twitch Heritage Centre.

Our informal "Friendship" with the Municipality of Baigneux Les Juifs continues with 6 of our Members looking forward to visiting our friends there for 4 nights at the end of May/beginning of June 2016. Our French friends have planned a full guided itinerary for us, free accommodation and an official welcome upon arrival at the Mairie (Town Hall) by The Mayor, Madame Michele Bargeot. If you are interested in joining future visits to Baigneux Les Juifs please contact Barbara Earl on 01732 847678 or email [barbara.earl@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:barbara.earl@hotmail.co.uk)

We hope to welcome as many Members, friends and relatives as possible when we celebrate The Queen's official 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at Went House. The 2016 Programme mentioned a Garden Party in June and the enclosed flyer gives more details.

The Programme also lists the Talks for the year and we hope many Members and Non-Members will be able to attend as the Talks are all of local interest.

**Molly Potts, Chairman, The Malling Society**

*The Malling Society Committee  
invite Members, Friends, Family  
to join them on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June  
To celebrate HM Queen Elizabeth  
90<sup>th</sup> Birthday*

*at*

*Went House Gardens, Swan Street, West Malling  
by Kind permission of Mr & Mrs Gibbins  
for a served afternoon tea with wine*

*3pm-5.30pm*

*£8.00*

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*Please complete slip below and return to Mrs Eileen Vago,  
116 St Leonards Street West Malling ME19 6PD*

*RSVP: 1<sup>st</sup>. June*

Name/s-----Tickets-----

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Please make cheques payable to: The Malling Society