



Last update before the big day!

As promised I have outlined the day's programme – also an indication of what's happening in and around Terling & Fairstead on Sunday 14 June 2015.



Step into Summer on Sunday 14 June

First the news that I have every hope that Lord & Lady Rayleigh will be available to open the Open Gardens Event – along with the new Minister of State for Employment – our re-elected constituency MP The Rt Hon Priti Patel.

So far (2013 & 2014) we have raised in excess of £10,000 for this local and very worthwhile charity that offers free of charge, end of life care for patients suffering life shortening illness – and their families. With your support and everyone within our community, I am sure we can add significantly to this total by the end of this years event.

So far the local hostelry, our very fine `Square & Compasses` (Victor Roome and Susan Poole); one of two new businesses in the village `The Art & Craft Studios` (Brian & Julie); Michael Dodds of `MD Plumbing` (a man you most definitely need to know!) and finally `The Owls Hill Tea Rooms` (Sarah) which incidentally will be open for teas and cakes on the day, have each very generously offered to support this event with donations. I fully expect a couple more local

businesses will also support this worthy event before the 14th June.

The official opening will start at 11.00 am on Church Green with the opening address. Once again we can look forward to a neck hair tingling Peal of Bells from our wonderfully supportive Bell Ringers. This will be followed by lovely singing and dancing displays from pupils attending our local Primary School at 12.00 midday. Pupils will also create a display of art work inside All Saints.

Tea, coffee and cakes will be served in the church from 11am. Also on the Church Green we can expect (judging from the telephone inquiries) another breathtakingly amazing display of Vintage & Classic cars. The Art & Craft Studio will have a booth with works of art from local artists – and Mrs Devenish will be opening her Country Crafts stall. Local beekeeper Mike Kent will also be selling locally made beeswax, honey and bee related things as well – adding to the country spirit we want to display. Away from Church Green we will be organising a Duck Race – tickets for the ducks will be on sale on Church Green and by the Terling Ford on the day. Winners will be rewarded for their optimism with valuable prizes!

Then of course we have ten wonderful gardens opening up for the rest of the world to visit:

1	Lord & Lady Rayleigh	`Terling Place`	
2	David & Vanessa Dennis	`Meriden` New Road, Terling	Plant sale
3	Sylvia & Roy Rich	`Elmhurst` Fairstead	Marbles competition
4	Wendy Morrisey	`Gorecroft` Gambles Green	Teas & home-made refreshments
5	Lorna & Noel Larwill	`Oakwrights Hall` Terling	Cream teas

6	Irene & Dennis Dawson	`Viner Cottages` Owls Hill Terling	Plant sale
7	Alison & Paul Harrison	`Terling Fields` Terling	All Day BBQ, Plant Sale & Cup cakes & teas
8	Gary Cousins	Hull Lane Terling	
9	Anne Fitzgerald	`Takiwa` Gambles Green	Home-made refreshments
10	Paul Tritton	`Bromwell Leaze`	

Central car parking will be available on Bromwell Leaze thanks to the support of Lord & Lady Rayleigh – as will `Poppy Express` which will ride again! We are inevitably looking for support from the village – to help put out signs on the 13/14 June and to assist with Car Parking, selling tickets and leaflets on the day itself. I would also be grateful if someone could supervise the Vintage & Classic car exhibition on Church Green – a fascinating task for anyone remotely interested in the old beauties! If anyone can help in any way please let me know as this would be an enormous task without wonderful volunteers willing to offer a few hours of their time.

You may visit our Parish web site so efficiently managed by Colin Cutler at any time for updates and the latest details

http://www.terling.org.uk/open_gardens_2015.htm

Meanwhile, anyone wishing to help make this event a unique community success or to discuss details, please contact me on 233 473 or harrison.panda@gmail.com

Finally grateful thanks to Heather Cutler of The Parish News who so patiently (as far as I know) puts up with my consistently late copy every month!

Thank you also to everyone for your kindness and generosity

Paul Harrison

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