

"Some sort of periodical is an essential life-line in a village such as ours"

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday November 14th: Remembrance Sunday. The special service at the church starts at 10.55. Preacher, the Rev. J. Fry
- Monday November 22nd: Parish Meeting, open to all, to consider what West Farleigh should do by way of celebrating the Queen's Silver Jubilee (June 7th) At The Good Intent, 8.0pm

NEWS FROM THE COUNCILS

Now that Cmdr P H Ross RN (Ret) has become a regular contributor to Life-Line its readers are better informed on Borough Council matters affecting West Farleigh than ever before. On this page he follows up the main drainage prospects he imparted last month with a bombshell. If West Farleigh wants main drainage, it will have to pay for it. He reports the latest development in the grave bus situation, the public inquiry on the proposed caravan site at The White House, and the safety measures adopted for West Farleigh's stretch of the Medway.

Main drainage; The £400,000 Question The Borough Health Committee decision to requisition the Southern Water Authority has been deferred by Council pending consideration of information to be obtained from householders affected as to whether they would be willing, at their own cost, to make a connection to the main sewer if it were provided. They can expect a detailed communication from the Borough, probably before Christmas, and this will include an indication of the approximate cost. The law, as it stands today, requires the householder to pay the connection charges, and the Council view, which I fully support, is that unless an adequate proportion of householders agree to pay up, it would be wrong to invest over £400,000 on the East/West Farleigh main drainage scheme.

West Farleigh's Bus Service Due to the parlous position of Maidstone & District Motor Services Ltd, the Kent County Council have informed the Borough that some services may have to be withdrawn. The Borough Transportation Committee are anxious to tackle this problem on a borough-wide basis. To this end they have requested the Parish Council to give their views on the facilities considered appropriate for West Farleigh.

Caravan Site Inquiry The appeal by Mr Arthur Morris against the Borough Council's decision not to allow a mobile home development at The White House was heard in public at the Town Hall on 19th October. The proceedings began at 10.0am, and did not finish until approximately 4.30, after a site inspection by the parties concerned. A public appeal of this nature is conducted in many ways like a court of law. Each party can make his or her case to the Inspector and in turn be cross-examined by the other party. Interested persons, neighbours among them, also gave their views. The Inspector is an able senior member of the Department of the Environment. The Secretary of State's decision will be made known in writing shortly.

Safety on the Medway In order that fire, ambulance and police services can get afloat quickly in an emergency, the Medway River Users Association have made available a list of appropriate river craft. The East Farleigh-Toston pen is covered by Mr Jim Paine, of Bridge Boat Services, East Farleigh, and his boat is available for emergency purposes 12 months in the year. The Medway River Users Association are to be thanked for this voluntary service. P.R.

NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE

Mrs Norman offers a reward of £5 for information which will lead to the recovery of a key with a Yale key attached. They disappeared mysteriously somewhere in the village on October 22nd. Ring 812254, or call at West Farleigh Hall

Friends of Mrs F T Hunter who have followed her fortunes since her Dove's Cottage accident last winter will be interested in this extract from a recent letter from her in Jersey: "I came out of hospital on August 28th, having been there since the third day after our arrival here on May 1st. However, I'm very very lucky even to be alive, and each day is a bonus day! I can now take a few steps without using a stick, and that is quite an achievement! Frank and I still

await final planning permission for the extension to this bungalow. We hoped to be installed by Xmas, but it's not been our year! - and heaven alone knows when we will be!"

Tutsham Hall circles have been saddened by the loss of Mr Aubrey John Boys after a protracted illness, and Life-Line has been asked to convey sympathy to his widow and family. He came to West Farleigh to lead a life of quiet retirement in the farmhouse flat which had given him so much pleasure to convert. A shy man, he never sought the limelight as a leader of local functions, so to many he remained just a name. But he gave his support to the church and to village good causes wholeheartedly, and he was jolly good company. He was 67.

Mr and Mrs Wallace, destined to leave The Old Parsonage before the year ends, have a Keymatic washing machine for sale. It is in working order, but ten years old. Any appropriate offer will be gratefully considered. (Tel 812582.)

THAT CHURCH QUOTA

There has come our way the programme and agenda of the Fourteenth Diocesan Synod held last month, and the page which interested us most gave details of the "parochial apportionments of income" for 1975, or, to put it shortly, the church quota. The PCC has long been of opinion that the quota demanded of West Farleigh is excessive - for 1975 £349. In common with Life-Line probably no one in the village is really clear as to how the parish quotas are determined. It is said that population has nothing to do with it. In our view it should have. When, for self-amusement, we translated the annual totals into terms of share per person, we arrived at some interesting figures:

	Pop	Quota	Per head
Barming	1830	548	29p
Hunton	510	319	62p
Teston	540	379	70p
Wateringbury	1315	413	31p
East Farleigh	1325	698	52p
West Farleigh	445	349	78p

NEWS FROM THE SPORTS CLUB

A lot has happened since I last wrote! Cricket has been and gone. The last five matches showed only one defeat, and that on the very last match against arch-foes Linton Park. It was a close game, decided on the eighth (?) ball of the final over. In all, though, a pleasing summer, with players basking in glorious sunshine (a contributing factor, perhaps, to the unusually numerous draws, and contesting the finals of the MI League. The under-13s, in their first season, entered the Lords Taverners National KO, and under the captaincy of Ian De'ath finished third in Kent.

When football came in, so did vandalism. The changing rooms in Elmcroft Park have been broken into again, and the damage is estimated at over £30. This senseless behaviour apart, the season has begun well. The first team, having played six matches, have won against Hollingbourne away and Frittenden at home, have secured two draws and suffered two defeats. They have scored 11 goals and conceded 12, so if it's goals you enjoy, come to watch Farleigh! The Reserves, too, have got off to a better-than-usual start, beating Ulcombe and drawing against Thurnham in their opening four matches. A number of good young players have joined this year, and the prospect has not looked brighter in any of the nine years I have been with the club. K.J.B.

IN CHURCH YESTERDAY AND TOMORROW

The Vicar writes: My thanks to everyone who, under the guidance of Mrs Morgan, made the church so beautiful for Harvest Festival, and to all who gave flowers and produce for the occasion. Twenty-four parcels of 'fruits of the earth' were distributed around the village as a result of their generosity. And while on the thank-you theme, thanks also to Mrs Goodwin and Mrs Daleton, who, the year round, look after the church linen and silver respectively.

Sunday November 7th: 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30 Family Service
14th: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. The special service begins at 10.55
Preacher, the Rev J Fry Evensong at 6.30
21st: 8.00am Holy Communion 11.00 Matins
28th: Advent Sunday: 11.00am Matins 6.30 Holy Communion

Church flowers: Nov 6th and 13th, Mrs Norman; 20th and 27th, Mrs Filmer
Church cleaning: Weeks of Monday Nov 1st & 8th, Mrs Morgan; 15th & 22nd, Mrs Filmer; 29th, Mr Flower and Mr Holwell