

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

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THE RECTOR'S FAREWELL

from The Rectory

This is the last time I shall write "From The Rectory" whilst I am the Rector of the united benefice of Wateringbury with Teston and West Farleigh. Truda and I have lived among you for over 13 years. She reminds me in saying a deep and sincere "Thank You" for the kindness and co-operation we have received over those years, during which time we have met many lovely people and made many lasting friendships. Fortunately we are not moving too far away so I anticipate meeting many from these parishes when performing the mundane but necessary chore of shopping in the Maidstone area.

I expect a number of you are curious about what is going to happen - how long before another Rector is appointed - where will he live - and so on. I understand the position to be as follows, although I am not a party to the arrangements. In the near future a "Priest in Charge" will be appointed to administer these three parishes, possibly for several years, before a more permanent appointment is made. This arrangement will afford the Bishop time to fully assess the needs of this area in light of the quite extensive changes facing the Church of England. A Priest in Charge will be, to all intents and purposes, your Rector, and the man concerned will perform his duties much as I have. My personal assessment is that an appointment is likely to be made in the Autumn. In the meantime the Churchwardens will be responsible for seeing that the weekly services are properly conducted. That will be done through the direction and the support of the Rural Dean. Parents seeking the Baptism of their baby or anyone wishing to marry or to have Banns called should contact the Churchwardens.

Thank you for all your friendship and fellowship over the last 13 years: may you be as kind to my successor.

May God's grace be with you all.

Sincerely,

Donald

THE PCCs OF WATERINGBURY, TESTON AND WEST FARLEIGH will be combining to give Donald Bish and Truda a joint retirement party at 8pm on Friday, 22nd May at Wateringbury school (next to the railway station). There will be a finger buffet and admission will be free. So that the voluntary caterers will have some idea of numbers, those hoping to attend should please tell either Philip Morlock (812222) or Stuart Dyer (812268) as soon as possible. Please come in your thousands to give Donald and Truda a good send-off. The presentation fund is still open. Those who have overlooked contributing should send their donations to Tony Walsh, 8 Charlton Lane. Cheques should be made payable to the DB Presentation Fund.

THE WEST FARLEIGH CHURCH- WARDENS ARE:-

Stuart Dyer of Mill House,
(812268) Tutsham Farm

and

David Swan of Appledore,
(814445) Charlton Lane.

Our Lay Reader is Hugh Grainger and he will be taking a major part in running the parish when the Rector retires. He lives at Hill Top Barn, Shinglebarn Lane, Hunton. Phone 82305.

ALL WILL GIVE YOU ALL
POSSIBLE HELP

FOOTBALL REPORT

Congratulations! West Farleigh have clinched promotion and now play in the Premier Division for the first time in more than 30 years! Seventeen goals for and one against in their last three games was a fitting way to end a great season and to secure 2nd place, but it was that one goal against that probably prevented us going up as champions. First we played Larkfield and a comprehensive victory 6 - 0, a hat-trick piece from Martin Bromley and Julian Nutley. Next came Lenham, the eventual champions, and having gone 1 - 0 up in the 1st half through Dave Clarke and having most of the play throughout the game, we conceded a late equaliser and dropped two vital points. Our final game against Maidstone Rangers turned out to be a goal bonanza and the large crowd were treated to an unusual occasion. An easy win for Farleigh! 10 - 0 was the final result.

Who would have thought, after losing our first two League games, we would then be undefeated in our remaining 18 games! A terrific effort and team performance all round. Let's hope for the same in the Premier Div next season.

The 2nd XI also finished their campaign just having to play one game v Marden which they lost 3 - 1 and probably the best way to describe their season, as in recent years,

Recruits are urgently needed for the church Choir and Choir Club. Although the church is placed away from the main centre of population in the village, it is still the hub of activity and generates more social functions which are open to all than any other organisation. Children of all ages can join the Choir Club which is now under the leadership of Alison Swan and Richard Grainger, both very musical and fun to be with. Margaret Frazer looks after the Choir and she says she can train any youngster to sing nicely from the age of seven. If you didn't hear her Choir, with those from Teston and Wateringbury, singing during the Foot of the Cross service on Good Friday, you missed a lovely experience. It was wonderful. And we still remember that delightful Nativity production at Christmas time. If you would like your own children to come and join this most attractive group, give Margaret a ring on 743055.

THE PLANT SALE

Once again the Plant Sale will be launched at Tutsham. The date is 17 May, starting at 2pm. Admission, payable at the gate, will be £1 or, for senior and junior customers, 50p.

For those who come in the morning with cakes or produce for sale or to help with setting up, and for anybody else who's around, there will be a short, open air service at 11 o'clock conducted by Hugh Grainger. There will not be a service in the church on that day.

There will be all the usual attractions, that is, plants of all kinds, bedding, herbaceous, shrubs, all at bargain prices, a produce stall, a cake stall, raffles, teas and light refreshments, children's games and lots of social mixing. Bring cakes for the stall and bring your plants for sale (labelled because they won't all be readily identifiable), bring raffle prizes but above all bring yourselves and your friends. It will all happen in Tutsham's fine walled garden or in a barn if it's wet - which is what it's not going to be!

May Cricket Fixtures

and v Marden	Away	2.30
th v Pembury	Away	2.30
6th v Macnade	Away	2.30
3rd v Southbro(IL)	Home	2.00
0th v Bearsted(IL)	Away	2.00

THERE WILL BE A SKIP on the Green on Wed. 20 May for bulky refuse. The Borough Council say that refuse collections due on Bank Holiday Mondays will be done next day or the Wed.

LOCAL ELECTION DAY is (as one hopes everybody already knows) Thursday, 7th May. For West Farleigh this means two lots of voting, one for a Borough Councillor and the other for seven Parish Councillors. The Borough election is a normal one - one person, one vote - but the Parish one is more complicated. There are seven vacancies on the Parish Council and for these seven seats there are nine candidates. Voters are allowed up to seven votes. In other words, you can vote for any number of the candidates to a maximum of seven but, of course, you can not give any one candidate more than one vote. Take an interest in local affairs and use your vote(s).

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING, Donald's last, was held in the church on 27 April. Nice things were said all round. Donald's last service in West Farleigh will be on 10 May, Family Communion at 11am. His last services in Wateringbury and Teston will be at 11am and 6.30pm respectively on 17 May. Life-Line wishes Donald and Truda a long, happy and tranquil retirement.

West Farleigh

May	3	0800 PBHC 0930 Choir Club
	10	1030 Coffee in ch. 1100 Family Commn
	17	1100 Morning Office at Tutsham Farm
	24	0930 Choir Club 1100 Rogatn Matins (John Smelt)
	31	0800 PBHC (Revd McConachie) 0930 Choir Club
June	7	0800 PBHC 0930 Choir Club

Teston

May	3	0945 Family 45 1100 PB Matins 1830 Parish Commn
	10	0800 PBHC 0945 Children's ch. 1830 Evensong
	17	0945 Children's ch. 1830 PB Commn
	24	0800 PBHC (Revd. Caley) 0945 Children's ch. 1830 Evensong (John Smelt)
	31	0945 Children's ch. 1830 Songs/Praise (Laurie Walter)
June	7	0945 Family 45 (Dawn Page) 1830 Parish Commn

Wateringbury

May	3	0930 PB Matins 1100 Sunday School 1500 Holy Baptism
	10	0930 Parish Commn 1100 Sunday School
	17	0800 PBHC 1100 Family Commn
	24	1100 Rogatn See (Alastair Byron)
	28	1000 Commn for Ascension Day
	31	0930 PBHC (Revd McConachie) 1100 Sunday School
June	7	0930 PB Matins 1100 Sunday School

EVERGREENS. Back to Court Lodge again on Tuesday, 11 May. Hope to see you there.

OUR NEIGHBOURS in Hunton have a restoration fund for their church, St Mary's. Contact the fund, David Hay of Southover, Grove Lane (off West Street) Hunton,