

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

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## GOING TO CHURCH

Is going to church important? Aren't there other things in life which matter much more? Such as? Relationships i.e. how we get on with our neighbours, our friends, our family and, especially, our relationship with God. All these are surely more important than going to church. Of course!

Church attendance is valuable only if it assists us in our attitudes and dealings with others and with God. Going to church should be a means to an end, not an end in itself. The crucial questions are: can we treat others just as well if we don't go to church as if we do? Also, can we understand God as well by not going to church as by going? Maybe, maybe not!

These are very personal questions which can only be answered personally. For many it seems that, whilst they would not deny the importance of human relationships, they do not consider church attendance as particularly worthwhile. But those who go to our All Saints Church Sunday by Sunday would probably say that, for them, going does help them in their daily lives, in their dealings with others and in their views of God.

When we have something of value, it is pleasant to share it. So it is with worship. Some of us in West Farleigh do find that church services can help to bring us a little closer to God and we find that God can provide answers to the problems of life in a way that the world can not.

We should therefore like to invite you to join us at a special shortened Matins service, which is to be held on the Village Green outside the Good Intent at 11am on Sunday 23rd August.

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THE CHURCH SERVICE ON THE GREEN outside the Good Intent on Sunday, 23rd August will be followed immediately by Pat and Di's usual good service inside the Good Intent. Don't miss either!

## EVERGREENS

TWO outings this month. On the 11th (the 2nd Tuesday) a trip to the Sevenoaks Wildfowl Reserve; then, on the 25th, a trip to Spilsill Court, Staplehurst, to see a beautiful garden and enjoy a cream tea. Usual times.

## OUR GUESTS

We have been the unwitting (but not unwilling) hosts to a family of kestrels who brought up a clutch of four chicks on the ledge of one of the arrow slit openings in the church tower at the bell chamber level. As with all young things, the baby birds were a delight to see but nature, red in tooth and claw, has decreed that kestrels shall prey upon other creatures for their food and the ground by the West Door has been strewn with the indigestible bits of sparrows which have formed their diet. In course of time the youngsters left the nest to face the grim realities of life and one met an early death in the water butt.

## EARLY WARNING

The annual cycle ride (or you can walk if you wish) on behalf of the Friends of Kent Churches will be on Saturday, 12 September.

Get your entry forms from Margaret Frazer on 743055.

## A BARBECUE!

A revised version of the West Farleigh Summer Lunch will be launched on Sunday, 13th September when a barbecue will brighten up the day at Fox Pitt the home of Michael and Belinda Devenish. All will be welcome for the modest charge of £5 (OAPs £4, children £3). Feeding time starts at 12.30 but come in good time to snap up the bargains on the cake and preserve stall and to have a go on the bouncy castle. Seating may be limited so bring your own chairs and/or rugs. Bring also, if you can, prizes for the raffle, and cakes and things for sale. There will be large tents in case it rains and if you would like a car to take you there, phone Tony Walsh on 728257 or Joyce Morgan on 726251... Also for tickets.

Fox Pitt is located along Shingle Barn Lane.

All profits to West Farleigh church of All Saints.

THERE WILL BE A SKIP on the Green, top of Charlton Lane on Friday, 14th August.



West Farleigh German tour 26-29 June 92

And so we were off again. Our third trip away to visit our friends in Ringstedt. Everything had been arranged, thanks to Peter (Alan Wicker) Baggott's organisation. Flights booked, T shirts ordered, kit all stowed away, remembered camera. And 13 ready and able footballers (that includes Neil Crichton) to tackle the rigours of the week-end. Having arrived at Gatwick in plenty of time, what could possibly go wrong? Well, what happened next is what your worst dreams are made of. Nine members of the squad check in, board the plane, and with four very conspicuous seats empty, the plane duly takes off on time, despite our last minute pleas.

How I felt then, I'm definitely not able to print! What a start! All that extra food and drink we'd have to make up for them!

Well, I'm glad to say every cloud has a silver lining and to their great "credit" they booked a ferry and drove through Belgium and up to the north of Germany and finally arrived 04.00hrs Saturday morning. It could only happen to Farleigh.

Apart from this little mishap, I'm glad to say, this week-end was as good, if not better than, our last two, playing less football, thus giving us even more time to eat and to enjoy the odd glass of beer.

Many thanks to all the lads for making this tour what it is, a really good advert for local football. And they'll be back last week-end in June next year. Looking forward to it.

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S. We lost this match 3 - 1 (if you're interested!)

Cricket fixtures

Aug 1 v Sheldwich (IL) Home 2.00
8 v Staplehurst (IL) Away 2.00
15 v Castle Hill (IL) Away 2.00
22 v Harrietsham (IL) Home 2.00
29 v Milsted (IL) Away 1.30

Barnardo Collection

15 - 21 June £175.57  
Thanks to all supporters & to collectors, Mesdames Baggott, Balston, Forrest and Dyer.

## OUR CHILDREN NEED YOU

West Farleigh Primary School desperately need a lunch-time (paid) supervisor. The duties consist of supervising the children while they eat their lunch and afterwards while they are playing before afternoon school starts. There are 3 supervisors and the duty lasts for 1½ hours. This includes a quarter of an hour for a (free) lunch, five days a week, starting with the new term in September. For further details, contact Sue Walsh on 728252.

## HEARING DOGS FOR THE DEAF

The garden of Marle Place, Brenchley, (turn right on the B2162, a mile south of Horsmonden) will be open on Sunday August 30th (the Bank Holiday week-end) from 10am to 6pm in aid of Hearing Dogs for the Deaf. There will be cream teas and plants for sale and peacocks and rare sheep to see. Entrance £2 or £1.50 for OAPs and children. There will be temporary signposts to guide you there. To learn more about it, phone Pippa Wakefield on 812315.

## CHURCH CLEANING

The church has recently been thoroughly cleaned by a team of volunteers and this beautiful building now looks at its best. The Churchwardens are very grateful to all those who gave their time and put in so much effort to achieve such a good result.

There is no employed cleaner for the church and in order not to make the cleaning burdensome, various members of the congregation have made themselves responsible for certain parts of the church. We are now short of one person to care for the chancel. The work should be a labour of love and the reward will be in the joy in looking after this important area of the church. An hour a week should be all that is necessary. Please, someone, volunteer by applying to either of the Churchwardens (Stuart Dyer 812268 or David Swan 814445) or to Mrs Sue Morlock 812222 when the

Aug 2 0800 PBHC
Rev'd. G Ellmore
9 1030 Coffee in Ch
1100 Family/Renew
Hugh Grainger
16 0930 Parish Commn
Rev'd. M B Perkins
23 1100 Open air
Matins on the Green
Hugh Grainger
30 0800 PBHC
Rev'd. C J Caley

SERVICES FOR AUGUST  
IN TESTON

Aug 2 0945 Family 45
1830 Parish Commn
9 0800 PBHC
0945 Children's Ch
1830 Evensong
16 0945 Children's Ch
1830 Parish Commn
23 0800 PBHC
0945 Children's Ch
1830 Evensong
30 0945 Children's Ch
1800 Evensong

SERVICES FOR AUGUST  
IN WATERINGBURY

Aug 2 0930 PB Matins
9 0930 Parish Commn
1100 Sunday School
16 0800 PBHC
1100 Family 45
23 0930 Parish Commn
1100 Sunday School
30 0930 PBHC
1100 Sunday School