

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

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## SEPTEMBER

This is the month for New Beginnings: a new term, a new school, a new life at college, a time also when many will begin new jobs; a time of un-familiar surroundings, of apprehension, a time of new situations and new challenges.

But wait a minute! How about those for whom the present is a time of disappointment? The wrong 'A' level grades will mean being unable to enter the college of their choice; a lower degree or diploma result may mean fewer job openings. For many, therefore, dashed dreams, but still a challenge. "What do I do now?"

Life is like a long road strewn with challenges in the form of various difficulties, more numerous when we are young, but always there no matter what age we are. Sometimes they spring up and hit us; sometimes we see them a long way off; sometimes they gently beckon without being directly in our path.

We all have our own individual challenges, our special difficulties, our disappointments. What matters is not the nature of these challenges but how we deal with them. We can run away, we can skirt round them or we can meet them head on.

To help us cope with our challenges, Jesus had some useful tips. One was to tell us, "To whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required". This means that we are expected to make the most of whatever intelligence, gifts or skill which may have been given us and to develop them as well as we are able.

Another tip was to tell us, "Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find". In other words, our lives are beset with challenges but he is there to give us help if we will only ask him for it.

Life without challenge is not really life at all. It is through challenge and difficulty that we grow.  
Hugh

Cricket fixtures	Date	Opposition	Home/Away	Time
	Sept 6 (Sunday)	Sheldwich	Away	2.00
	" 12	Leeds & Broomfield	Home	2.00
	" 19	Linton Park	Away	2.00
	" 26	Good Intent	Home	2.00

## THE BARBECUE

Sunday, 13 September, is the day for the Village Barbecue at Fox Pitt, Shingle Barn Lane. Tickets are £5 each (OAPs £4, children £3). Make sure you get your tickets in advance because they will not be on sale at the gate. There will be tents in case it rains. Bring your own chairs and/or rugs. If it's cold you can dance round the barbecue fires. Raffle prizes are still required, also bring cakes and produce for the cakes and produce stall. An innovation this year will be a bouncy castle. Phone Tony Walsh on 728252 or Joyce Morgan on 726251 for tickets. Come and have a good time.

## ON A SUMMER SUNDAY

Residents of West Farleigh can hardly have failed to notice that a church service was held on the Green on Sunday, 23 August. In fact, 46 of those residents actually attended the service. The sun shone, there was a light breeze. Little white clouds moved across the sky, never obscuring the sun for more than a few moments. Bordering the Green, fruit laden trees, the well tended dwellings and the handsome Good Intent produced the calm of "God's in his Heaven - all's right with the world".

In these surrounds, we set out the chairs, some from the pub, some which Joyce Morgan had acquired from Teston. Two bales of straw, brought by John Day, were the altar and the Cross was set up above them. Alison Swan brought her guitar and Richard Grainger his keyboard and they played with skill and feeling. Hugh Grainger led the service, his voice audible and strong. The hymns were popular ones, sung with gusto. We were spared the inconvenience of kneeling on the grass for prayer. Instead we were permitted to sit with heads bowed.

Very few vehicles disturbed the quiet of the scene. If only all the affairs of man could be conducted in such peace.

## The Cycle Ride

The annual sponsored cycle ride in aid of the Friends of Kent Churches will happen on Saturday, 12 September. Get your entry forms from Margaret Frazer on 743055. It will be a good day full of fun and incident. You have to visit as many churches as you can during the day and you get people to sponsor you per church visited. There will be someone at each church to check you in and send you on your way. You don't have to ride a bike. You can walk if you like. There is one chap who has set himself the task of running to 20 churches.

Rosamund Morgan, fresh from college, has been chosen to be a member of a Raleigh International team to go to Namibia in July next year to help in environmental and community projects. The team will first be engaged on the Skeleton Coast, then they are due to go into the desert to help to create a reservoir. All this activity will be south of the Equator and so will be during the winter.

Unfortunately, Rosamund has to pay for the trip and she is asking for sponsorship, especially from West Farleigh folk. As part of her money raising effort, she is seeking sponsorship for a cycle ride from London to Bristol via Bournemouth, about 200 miles. On the way she will be helping to build an adventure playground in Cranley.

Rosamund lives at Burnia, Lower Road. Her phone number is 812668. She is setting off on her cycle ride on 5 September. Help her if you can.

WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT PAPER?

John Balston has written a comprehensive account of the paper industry in 18th Century Britain. It runs into two volumes and is the result of 11 years of research. The book is titled "The Elder James Whatman, England's Greatest Paper Maker", and is a history of this outstanding man's work in the Maidstone area.

John Balston has had vast experience in the complex technology of papermaking. Until 30 November a copy of this unique book (limited first edition) will cost £70. After that it will be £95. Mr Balston thanks all who have helped him with this vast publication.

FOOTBALL REPORT

Short report this month but prepare yourself for next time as our new league campaign will have begun, including our 1st XI's efforts in the big premier division!

Just a few friendlies to comment on. We've played Tonbridge & Malling Housing Assoc - drawn 1 - 1; Staplehurst 7 a side competition which we finished unluckily in the quarter finals 1 - 0 (of which Peter Baggott will give you more details). Star XI from Linton were our next opponents and this time going down 3 - 1. Thurnham were next and a much better performance coming out on top 4 - 1 and the following day we played Newnham Court and again a good display, winning 2 - 0. With only two weeks away from the big kick-off we still have two or three friendlies to play, so no excuse for lack of match practice!

Will be back next month for a world exclusive on Farleigh's first league games. Better still - come and watch.

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TESTON are holding their Flower Festival at St Peter & St Paul's church from 10am to 6pm on Friday 4th to Sunday 6th September. There will be an art show, sales, stalls and refreshments.

EAST FARLEIGH ART. West Farleigh artists wishing to exhibit in the annual East Farleigh Art Show on Sunday, 1st Nov, 11am to 4pm at the WI Hall, please contact CAROLE QUINN on 726003 for further details.

LOCAL DANCE TRAM is looking for new members for good fun, active social life and regular weekly work-out. Brass players are also needed to play anything from Monty Python to Lambeth Walk. Local, national and overseas venues keep us busy. On 31st October at 7.30pm in the Corn Exchange, Maidstone, the Cock and Bull Band will play for a barn dance to raise funds for our 10th anniversary tour. Tickets are £5 in advance. For details phone 741801 (Sandy) or 727147 (Val).

IF YOU ARE TIRED of the way the country is being run (or even if you're not) come and see how the Parish Council run the village when they meet at the Good Intent on 8th September, Tuesday, at 7.30pm. Parishoners are always welcome at these meetings.

- Sept 6 0800 PBHC  
Revd C J Caley
- 13 1030 Coffee in ch  
1100 Family/Renew  
Hugh Grainger
- 20 0930 Parish Commn  
Revd M B Perkins
- 27 1100 Matins  
Hugh Grainger

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER IN TESTON

- Sept 6 0945 Family 45  
1830 Parish Commn
- 13 0800 PBHC  
0945 Children's ch  
1830 Evensong
- 20 0945 Children's ch  
1830 Parish Commn
- 27 0800 PBHC  
0945 Children's ch  
1830 Evensong

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER IN WATERINGBURY

- Sept 6 0930 PB Matins
- 13 0930 Parish Commn  
1100 Sunday School
- 20 0800 PBHC  
1100 Family 45
- 27 0930 Parish Commn  
1100 Sunday School