

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

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ONCE MORE ROMANIA

By the time you read this I shall be in Romania again setting up a training workshop at one of the orphanages. This is to be a pioneer project so that the boys, instead of being moved at an early age to an adult institution, may be trained for useful employment at the orphanage at which they will have spent many years.

The course, which is to be at Fierbinti, a small rural village, will be on tractor servicing and repair. The syllabus will be based on the British City and Guilds standard and has the backing of the Romanian Government. If the scheme proves successful we shall establish further courses and similar facilities will be developed in other orphanages.

Our charity, with help from a number of British firms, is supplying the equipment and tools for this project, most of which should have arrived at Fierbinti by the time I get there on the 28th. Accompanying me will be a retired agricultural lecturer (previously Head of Engineering at Brinsbury College West Sussex) who knows all about the subject to be taught.

Our priorities will be to ensure that the workshop area is properly arranged and equipped; that adequate security is provided for the tools; that the Romanian lecturers understand the organisation of the syllabus; and that appropriate arrangements are made for testing and assessing the trainees. We hope that our trip (ending 9th October) will be a further step forward in bringing some enlightenment to the care of the disadvantaged children of Romania.

Hugh

Life-Line extends best wishes to Hugh Grainger for the success of this generous enterprise.

CHILDREN LEAD THE WAY

The oldies and the groanies refer to it as the Choir Club but those who know what it is all about - the children - call it the JIVING JESUS JUBILEE. Come and join us for an hour or so of fun and laughter at 9.30 on the 1st and 4th Sundays each month (also the 5th Sunday if there is one) in our own cosy corner in the church. No formalities - just turn up - or phone Tony or Sue Walsh on 728252.

ALL SAINTS DISCUSSION GROUP

This group, which meets once a month during the winter, will start up again in November. We will be gathering on the second Monday of each month in a local pub: do join us. Our first meeting will be at the Good Intent on Monday, 9th November, early evening. Our debates are wide ranging - free range might be a better term - and no holds are barred.

THE FESTIVAL FAIR is planned for Saturday, 21st Nov at the Good Intent. There will be stalls with a variety of things for sale, cakes and produce, cards and Christmasy things. There will be plenty of bargains but also you will meet your neighbours for a chat.

THE PARISH BARBECUE

was held on Sunday, 13 September, at Fox Pitt. The weather could have been better but at least the rain held off until about 3.0 by which time most of the guests had gone home. Arthur Morris from the White House supplied his marquee in which were skilfully laid out the wine bar and all the salads and other cold dishes and sweets and where the more delicate souls among us retreated when the breeze got a little too bracing. Joyce Morgan chose a sheltered spot in the conservatory for her cakes and produce stall where she did her usual brisk trade. The numerous raffle prizes were set out in the porch and, when the time came for the draw, John Day used his voice to good effect in making sure the people didn't miss their winning numbers. The valiant cooks, led by Tony Walsh, stood out in the open producing sausages, burgers and lamb chops, surrounded by clouds of blue smoke, sizzling noises and an enticing smell. The bouncy castle was popular with the younger generation. It wasn't so much a castle - more like a bouncy teddy bear - but it was fun just the same. Our hosts, Michael and Belinda Devenish, kept a smiling watch and saw to it that everyone was happy. They wish to thank all those willing people who helped to make the day so pleasant (and bring in £325 for church funds). And it goes without saying that all the happy people who enjoyed their day would like to thank Michael and Belinda for making them so welcome.

Mrs Bunn Balston a talented pianist who hides her light under a bushel. Following a course for advanced pianists Life-Line can reveal that she had the great honour of being selected for a masterclass conducted by Dame Moura Lympany held recently at the Guildhall School of Music in London.

Hearty congratulations!

The village must be full of clever people. Rosamund (Mossy) Morgan completed her 200 mile cycle ride (see September's Life-Line) and has also obtained a degree in land management at Reading University. Her brother David obtained a degree in biochemistry at the University of East Anglia and is shortly to take up a research post at the Hammersmith Hospital. Congrats to both!

<p>Ton-Up - August £10 Mrs Atkins £5 Martin Bromley £3 Emma Baggott</p>	<p>There will be a SKIP at the top of Charlton Lane on 10 November. There was also one there on 28 Sept but it's a fat lot of good telling you that now, isn't it!</p>
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FOOTBALL

Back in the premier division after nearly 20 years, Farleigh 1st XI had last season's league and cup winners MFE for their first game. After 20 minutes we were 2 - 0 up but after the interval conceded two goals. But a very encouraging final score line. Next came Headcorn who took an early lead and we never really recovered, losing 5 - 2. Still, early days!

The 2nd XI have started well, winning their first two games v Paddock Wood 3 - 2 and Marden 5 - 2. Could this be the Reserves' season?

On Saturday there's an historic occasion. Farleigh's "home" game v Blue Eagles will be at Ryarsh - our pitch for the coming season. This is because premier div clubs must now provide certain facilities which we haven't got so, against all our members' wishes, we have to play elsewhere. Hopefully we'll be back soon.

CORRECTION

The East Farleigh Art Show will be at the WI Hall on Sunday, 8 November and NOT the 1st as published in the September Life-Line. Sorry about that. Details from Carole Quinn on 726003.

THE PARISH COUNCIL

You may think that the Village Hall Fund has been forgotten but you would be wrong. It came under earnest discussion again at the Parish Council meeting on 8 September when it was reported that, although technicalities were still holding up progress, it was hoped that a beacon to show the way ahead might be lit by a meeting of personalities arranged to take place in October.

Other matters financial occupied quite a lot of the Council's time and were considered carefully with the best interests of the village in mind. For instance, £100 well spent on bulb planting around

the seats in Charlton Lane and outside Farleigh Hall should brighten up the place no end. A generous contribution of £55 towards the production of Life-Line should encourage your editor to buck his ideas up and add sparkle to his pen. £10 is to go to Teston P.C. as a thank-you for the chairs which the enterprising Joyce Morgan acquired for West Farleigh when Teston no longer required them. Notice boards and street cleaning are all thought of and costed and at the end of the day the accounts balance - a most desirable state of affairs for any budget.

THE HARVEST FESTIVAL will be celebrated in the church on Sunday, 11 October, conducted by Hugh Grainger. Bring produce for decorating the church and come along to help set it out. Ring Joyce Morgan to find out exactly how you can help - 726251.

And, further to the notice overleaf about the Fair at the Good Intent on 21st November, all contributions would be welcome such as cakes and seasonal produce. There will be a White Elephant stall so here's a chance to clear out your attics. It should be a good party. There will be coffee (it is a morning do) and the entrance fee will be merely nominal. Ring Margaret Frazer on 743055 for details. Watch this space for more information next month.

Oct	4	0800 PBHC Rev'd C J Caley
	11	1030 Coffee in ch. 1100 Harvest Fest. Hugh Grainger
	18	0930 Parish Commn Rev'd M Shaw
	25	1100 Matins Archdeacon P Mallett

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER IN TESTON

Oct	4	0945 Family 45 1830 Parish Commn
	11	0800 PBHC 0945 Children's Ch. 1830 Evensong
	18	0945 Children's Ch. 1830 Parish Commn
	25	0800 PBHC 0945 Children's Ch. 1830 Evensong

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER IN WATERINGBURY

Oct	4	0930 PB Matins
	11	0930 Parish Commn 1100 Sunday School
	18	0800 PBHC 1100 Family 45
	25	0930 Parish Commn 1100 Sunday School

ALICE JOPSON AND FAMILY
WISH TO THANK ALL FRIENDS
AND NEIGHBOURS IN WEST
FARLEIGH FOR THEIR
MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY ON
THE DEATH OF FRANK.