

HUGH GRAINGER HAS BEEN TO ROMANIA AGAIN

My two week visit to Romania at the beginning of October was full and fruitful. Bob Litton (an experienced agricultural engineer and lecturer) and I spent most of our time overseeing the preparation of the room in the orphanage to be used as the training workshop and agreeing with the newly appointed Romanian lecturer the programme for this term week by week and an outline syllabus for the remainder of the year.

We visited a normal Romanian training school for agricultural mechanics and were surprised at how little of their three year course was spent on practical work: the shortage of tools meant that most of the students' time was in the classroom learning theory. We obtained agreement that the course in the orphanage would be modelled on the British equivalent and have practical work as its main ingredient.

The Romanian teaching staff were reluctant to issue the gleaming new British tools to the students but we persuaded them that this would be essential once the boys had learnt how to use them. Each boy would have his own lockable tool box. On our last day I gave the 12 new trainees a pep talk, saying that this course was a new joint project between our charity and the Romanian Government. It was now up to them! The earnest look on their faces told us that the message was getting home.

We also had a meeting with the Romanian Government, who agreed to allocate money for new buildings to house the agricultural equipment arriving from England in two weeks' time. It will be important for someone from the charity to visit again before Christmas to give the encouragement which they seem to require to keep their momentum going.

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PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE ON 8th NOVEMBER WILL START AT 10.45 TO ALLOW FOR THE SILENCE AT 11.00

ALSO

CHILDREN'S GIFT SERVICE
22nd NOVEMBER

This will start at 11.00. It is usually known as the toy service but this year the gifts will be sent to Romanian orphanages where I have visited many times. I have seen how the children love the toys sent from Britain. Often they become their most treasured possession. Many of the toys, especially of the put-together, jig-saw or building blocks variety, are used by all the children when they go to the "club" for their afternoon each week. A different class uses the club each day so that all the children have a chance to play in small groups. Also needed very badly are boys' shoes; why not send some of these along to the Gift Service? I can promise that any gift, whatever it might be, will make a Romanian child very happy.

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ALL SAINTS DISCUSSION GROUP

A reminder that this group resumes its meetings on the 2nd Monday of the month at 8pm. On 9th November it will be at THE WHITE HOUSE pub. We shall meet at THE GOOD INTENT for our December meeting on the 14th. Join us. No holds barred. Feel free.

TON-UP CLUB

September	£10	Steve Wackett
	£5	Mickey Beck
	£5	Miss Josephine Britcher
October	£10	Trevor Fermor
	£5	Stan Martin
	£5	Mrs Josie Britcher

Passing on

The village was saddened by the death on 15 October of Lyn Reed-Marr, mother of Margaret Frazer. She was the victim of a stroke some years ago, since when she had been confined to a wheel chair. Margaret thanks all who have helped her at this time.

NEW BUS SERVICE FOR THE SEVERELY DISABLED

This is a new service which will link villages with Maidstone town centre and (on demand) the hospital. The service for West Farleigh (fare £1) will run on Wednesdays, starting on 4th November. It is for very disabled people who are otherwise effectively housebound as far as existing public transport facilities are concerned, who receive an attendance allowance or mobility allowance or who are blind. To use the service you have to get a special bus pass by filling in a form. You get a form by phoning 0322 228538. On this number they will tell you all you want to know about the service - times and all that.

come to our festive fair at the Good Inten on Saturday, 21 November in the morning from 9.45 to 11.45. 20p to go in. Stalls will include cakes and produce, White Elephants, plants, cards and gifts. There will also be a competition, a raffle and coffee. This is the village's preparation for Christmas.

Take part in it if you can by bringing some cakes and produce for sale, donating a raffle prize and leading along as large a herd of white elephants as you can manage - but above all, come along yourself and have a good time.

THROW US A LIFE LINE

The ancient turn-the-handle duplicator on which Life-Line has been produced these many years, is wearing out. The piece of string on which it relies to hold its vital parts together needs more and more frequent renewal and a high proportion of the ink finds its way on to your editor's hands which are not a pretty sight. The time is rapidly approaching when a complete breakdown will bring the production of this "sort of periodical" (see heading, above) to a sudden, embarrassing and undignified halt.

Can anybody out there help? Perhaps there is a nice, functional duplicator or photocopier tucked away and looking for useful employment. Or, dare I suggest it, perhaps there are those among us who would be willing to dip into their pockets and help the community by contributing towards the cost of a replacement.

FOOTBALL REPORT

Our October programme started with the 1st XI playing Blue Eagles at our new "home" Ryarsh where we collected our first win, a goal in each half, winning 2 - 0. Meanwhile, the 2nd XI unfortunately had their first defeat, losing 1 - 0 at home to The Rose, a hotly disputed penalty being the only difference.

The next week came Aylesford, then Snodland, both games ending up 1 - 1. This means the 1st XI's first five games have only seen one defeat. A steady start in the Premier Division. And finally last week a break from the pressures of the League, we travelled all the way to Edenbridge in the Sevenoaks Cup only to lose 2 - 1. Still, it was a good game.

The 2nd XI, strangely enough, have fared almost the same as the 1st, drawing another two League games 2 - 2 against Staplehurst and 4 - 4 v Larkfield. However, they did go one better than the 1st, winning 2 - 1 against Penshurst in the Sevenoaks Cup. So, to sum up, a sound if not dramatic start for both teams.

Sports Club events for November - Friday 13th. Race Night, Hunton Village Hall £5 including fish and chips.
Friday 20th. Barn Dance, Hunton Village Hall £3 including food.

If interested, please contact me on 745744 and help raise much needed Club funds.
Cheers, Tel

EVERGREENS

Tuesday, 10 November, Court Lodge. The Wateringbury Hotel has been booked for our Christmas Lunch on Tuesday, 8 December. Get your drinking boots on ready for this great social occasion.

ANOTHER CARPENTER WANTED

The font in our church dates from about the year 1400. The beautiful wooden font cover is about the same age. For six hundred years West Farleigh babies have been baptised at this spot, that is, for a hundred years before Columbus discovered America.

The font cover is one of the church's

treasures but it has to be removed for each baptism and it is a two man (or woman) job to do this. A safe haven (a shelf) is required. Is there a carpenter in the village willing to undertake this work and have his skill exhibited in the church for the next six hundred years?

Nov	1	0800	PBHC Revd C J Caley
	8	1045	Remembrance Hugh Grainger
	15	0930	Parish Commn Revd M Shaw
	22	1100	Gift Service Hugh Grainger
	29	0800	PBHC Revd C J Caley

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER IN TESTON

Nov	1	0945	Family 45 1830 Parish Commn
	8	0800	PBHC 0945 Children's Ch 1830 Evensong
	15	0945	Children's Ch 1830 Parish Commn
	22	0800	PBHC 0945 Children's Ch 1830 Evensong
	29	0945	Children's Ch 1830 Pa ish Commn

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER IN WATERINGBURY

Nov	1	0930	PB Matins
	8	0930	Parish Commn 1100 Sunday School
	15	0800	PBHC 1100 Family 45
	22	0930	Parish Commn 1100 Sunday School
	29	0930	PBHC 1100 Sunday School