

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

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LETTING GO IN FAITH

by Denys Gower

At the time of writing, I feel rather like a trapeze artist. I have just let go of one bar which is now swinging away from me and I'm reaching out to another bar which is swinging towards me. I'm not really holding on to anything except the faith that I'm going to grasp the approaching trapeze firmly and hang on to it.

It's Easter Monday as I write, the great festival of Easter Day and all the services of Holy Week that led up to the celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection are now behind us. For Eileen and myself and for many of the congregation at All Saints' Perry Street, Northfleet, Easter day was a day of mixed emotions. We began our worship at 5.30am in the darkness in the church grounds around the fire to light the Pascal Candle representing the light of Christ shining in the darkness of the world. At 9.45am I celebrated my last Eucharist at All Saints and at 6.30pm I preached my farewell sermon. It was an emotional time. So I'm between one ministry and another. It's a strange feeling.

By the time this item is in print, we should be settling into the Rectory at Teston and we are both very much looking forward to worshipping and working with you. It will take us some while to put names to faces but don't let that stop you from speaking to Eileen or myself whenever you might meet us. Please knock at the Rectory door and say hello and we'll put the kettle on (try not to all come at the same time!).

We had the pleasure of meeting all six Churchwardens some weeks ago and all three FCCs were kind enough to meet me at Edna Craig's home for a social gathering. I didn't notice anyone dashing out of the room, at least not straight away. I very much enjoyed both occasions.

Please remember us in your prayers. We hope to meet more friends on 9th May at 3pm in Wateringbury church and at the reception after the service.

Until then, the peace of the Lord be always with you.

Denys

THE START OF THE TON-UP YEAR

The Ton-Up Club year starts in this month of May and new members are welcomed. It only costs 50 pence a month and you could win any number of cash prizes. Each month a draw selects one winner who receives £10 and two runners up £5 each. At Christmas a special bonus draw takes place for £50, one of £20 and £10 as well as an end of year bonus of £20. All this helps provide funds for the Sports Club and all are invited to share in the fun. Any new subscribers please phone John Day on 812650.

PLANT SALE

Roll up to the first of the summer events in the village social whirl - the Plant Sale at Tutsham on 16 May.

You will find stalls set out with pot plants, trays of bedding plants, herbaceous plants, young tomato, cucumber, marrow plants etc., cakes, jam, produce of all kinds, all in the ancient and beautiful walled garden of Tutsham Hall. Teas will be served in the kitchen with cakes, buns and biscuits. There will be at least two raffles. Children's games will be organised in a secluded part of the garden. But, best of all, there will be the meeting of friends. This will be the first social occasion in the village to be attended by the new Vicar, Denys Gower. Indeed, the 9.30am service that morning in church will be the first one conducted by Denys Gower. Come and meet him and his wife.

£1 to go in - children (little ones free) and OAPs 50p.

2pm SUNDAY, 16 MAY

Give raffle prizes if you can, also books for sale with the produce. IF YOU WOULD LIKE A LIFT, RING THE NUMBER IN THE HEADING, ABOVE. All proceeds to the church. Watch this space next month and we'll tell you what happens to the money.

HUNTON C of E SCHOOL are still looking for past pupils/friends living in West Farleigh to help them stage an exhibition featuring the School over the last 30 years (or before!). Could anyone who can assist with old photos, stories (repeatable!), names etc ring Val Barnwell on 820602.

THE 30th BIRTHDAY EXTRAVAGANZA is at THE SCHOOL IN WEST STREET on Saturday, 22nd May 1993 at 2pm.

There will be an air display (weather permitting), crowning of the May King and Queen, raffle, tombola, cakes and produce, refreshments, pony rides, plenty

HEARING DOGS FOR THE DEAF

There will be a coffee morning at Greenacre, Lower Road, West Farleigh, on Thursday, 27 May from 10.30 to 12.30. Coffee 50p. Bring and buy. Cakes, plants for sale. Your kind support has already provided training for six hearing dogs from Kent. We hope that you will come and help complete the £2,500 needed for the 7th dog on MAY 27th.

FOOTBALL REPORT

Farleigh 1st XI have now almost completed their League programme, having played A.P.S. who are unbeaten all year, losing 5 - 0 and Headcorn, winning 2 - 1, Martin Bromley scoring one of the goals of the season! But the climax to the month had to be our Challenge Cup final v Staplehurst. In a game of many chances for both sides the score was goal-less after full time. And so to extra time and once again neither side could break the deadlock and the score finished 0 - 0. The replay will once again be held at Eccles, Bank Holiday Monday, 3rd May, 10.30 KO. Let's hope our support will be as good as our first game.

The 2nd XI have had an excellent month, securing promotion for the first time in their history, doing the double over Take-Off Sports 3 - 0 and 9 - 2 and making sure of 2nd spot and 4th Division football next season. Also we played A.P.S. Res in the Tum/Walls Cup, eventually losing 6 - 2 but the game was a lot tighter than the score suggests. Still, a good time was had by all.

Last Saturday we had our PLAYERS' PLAYER OF THE YEAR presentations. This season's winners were:-

JULIAN NUTLEY 1st XI
MARK HATCHER 2nd XI

See you next month which will conclude our 1992 - 93 season. Tel

Please note the next Parish Council meeting has been altered to 1st June at the Tickled Trout at 7.30pm.
DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON 6th MAY

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Or APCM as it is known in these economy minded times, was held in the church on Tuesday, 27 April. Your editor is also secretary of the PCC so that meant I had to sit up front with the Chairman, David Swan. Everyone else sat as near to the back of the church as they could because they were all British and were too modest to be seen up front. Acoustics are not good and I couldn't hear what was being said at the back of the church. My wife says I'm going deaf but that's nonsense, of course. So I wrote down what I thought people were saying and the minutes, when I produce them, will largely be a work of fiction.

Anyway, I gathered that Stuart Dyer has stood down after seven years as Churchwarden and his place has been taken by John Day, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather. Warm tributes were paid to Stuart for all his many services in the past. Alison Swan and Richard Grainger, the bright young leaders of the Jiving Jesus Jubilee (Sunday School to the uninitiated), have plans for T shirts and a projector and they and the bell swingers are looking for recruits for these exciting projects.

MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE who gave
jumble for the Church Jumble Sale held on 24 April and to all who helped with the collecting, sorting and selling. The grand sum of £142.76 was raised thanks to your efforts and donations. Well done to everyone involved.

SERVICES FOR MAY IN ALL THREE CHURCHES

West Farleigh

May	2	0800	PBHC Rev C J Caley
	9	0930	JJJ 1030 Coffee in Church 1100 Family Service 1500 Induction of Rev Denys Gower at Wateringbury Ch.
	16	0930	Parish Commn
	23	0930	JJJ 1100 Matins
	30	0800	PBHC

Wateringbury

May	2	0930	PB Matins
	9	0930	Parish Commn 1100 Sunday School 1500 Induction of Rev Denys Gower
	16	0800	PBHC 1100 Family 45
	23	0930	Parish Commn 1100 Sunday School
	30	0930	PBHC 1100 Sunday School

Teston

May	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 1830 Evensong

Cricket fixtures

May	1	Marden Home.	May 22	Southboro Away
	8	Pembury Home.	29	Bearsted Home
	15	Macnade Home.		
		K M Evening League		
May	11	Teachers Home.	May 25	Mote Away
	18	Lashings Home.		