

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

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## REMEMBER, REMEMBER

from The Rectory

Dear Friends,

November is a time of mixed emotions for me.

Last November was for our family a strange combination of pain and joy. On November the 6th our first grandchild was born to Allison, our daughter-in-law and Russell our son. Christopher was some five weeks early when he entered the world at All Saints Hospital, Chatham.

My mother died on November the eleventh in Medway Hospital, Gillingham after a brief but distressing illness.

Somewhere in between these two, my birthday fell. So you can imagine there was a strange mixture of cards falling through our letter boxes last November.

Before she died, my mother was able to know that she had become a great grandmother. Although she was never able to hold Christopher, she saw a photograph of him taken by my son.

At Wateringbury Church on All Souls Day, Tuesday, 2nd November, we shall be holding a special service at 10am to remember those who have been part of our lives and are now in God's nearer presence. If you would like a name or names mentioned in the Prayers please let me have them in writing (block capitals) and do come and share in this service of remembrance.

Yours in faith,

Denys

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## MILKMAN RETIRES

Alan Sergeant, who delivered milk round the Green for many years, retired recently, much to the regret of his customers. He was everybody's friend, always willing to help in any way within his power. If you were unable to get out to the shops, Alan would buy whatever it was you wanted and bring it the next day. He was always welcome and used to stop each day for a cup of tea with Mr and Mrs Wells.

A collection was organised for him which amounted to over £92. Life-Line is reliably informed that there was a tear or two shed at the handing-over farewell ceremony.

## TON-UP

### September

£10	D Board
£5	J Martin
£5	Mrs S Martin

### October

£10	E Gilbert
£5	Josie Britcher
£5	J Botten

THERE WILL BE A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR  
LADY GRIZELDA KEYES  
IN WEST FARLEIGH CHURCH AT 2.30 pm  
ON SATURDAY, 27 NOVEMBER

## THE WHIST DRIVE

Last month Life-Line failed to give prior notice of this event which took place on 23 October at the home of David and Helen Swan. It turned out to be a happy occasion and the church benefitted by £43.

Those who took part look forward to the next one and, maybe, if Life-Line can get round to some proper publicity, a few more than the 20 odd who were there will turn up.

## BRIDGE CLOSURE

On Sunday, 7th November and again the following Sunday, the East Farleigh bridge over the Medway will be closed all day. This means, as always, that the wooden Barming bridge will also be closed on those two days because it is not strong enough to take the extra traffic. The diversion will be via Teston Bridge. The closures are for the Sundays only. Both bridges will be open during the week (provided there's no flooding). The closures are necessary for maintenance on the bridges. The Area Bridge Engineer regrets having to cause such inconvenience.

EVERGREENS. Tuesday, 9th November at Appledore, Charlton Lane, the home of David and Helen Swan.



If anyone wants a lift to the church on Monday, 1st November for the All Saints Day Holy Communion at 8pm, will they please let David Swan or John Day know on 814445 or 812650.

### VILLAGE AFFAIRS AND A VISIT FROM THE MAYOR

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at the Good Intent on Monday, 6 DECEMBER (not November). It will be rather a special one because the Mayor of Maidstone, Councillor Paul Oldham, will be there. He should have an interesting meeting.

The meeting is also open to parishioners who take an interest in village affairs. Matters for discussion should include an up-date on the Village Hall saga. The latest that Life-Line has to report about this is that charitable status for the fund has been applied for and a decision is awaited - high time, really, because the fund has been in existence now for ten years.

Other things for discussion include improvements to Vicarage Corner, that is, the junction between Teston Lane and Lower Road, which is certainly ripe for improvement. Traffic calming or a 30 miles an hour speed limit may also come under discussion.

Also there is the question of the footpath between Charlton Lane and Kettle Lane which was last reported on in the February Life-Line. Agreement for the continued use of the footpath has been reached, provided that:-

Stiles are erected at each end with "Residents Only. Dogs to be kept under control" signs.

The route is un-fenced.

The agreement is to be enshrined in a formal document which should settle any misunderstandings.

### FOOTBALL REPORT

Farleigh 1st XI, after a terrible start, have now re-grouped slightly and the signs are, hopefully, that the recovery will continue. Snodland started our month's fixtures and an amazing 10 - 2 defeat was not the best of starts. (I left my gloves at home and the sun was in my eyes etc etc). Next came our replay v Ulcombe and another very tight game - only for it to finish in another 1 - 1 draw. But we lost on penalties! Staplehurst followed and our first point. 3 - 0 down with 15 mins to go seemed a lost cause but a terrific fight back finished off with our equaliser coming with only ten seconds to spare! And finally our first win, a 3 - 0 scoreline over Seal in the Sevenoaks Cup. Let's hope it's the first of many.

Farleigh 2nd XI, still in unfamiliar surroundings in Div 4, have started soundly. Two wins, one draw and only one defeat in the League is a good platform to build on. (Sorry for the lack of detail but I'm at work and my diary's at home).

Forthcoming events. Farleigh Race Night Hunton Village Hall, 13th Nov, 8pm, £5 including fish'n chips. 3rd Dec, Barn Dance, Hunton Village Hall (N.B. Neil & Joan Crichton) 8pm, £3 including food. 20th Dec, Christmas Raffle. Please let me know if you would like any tickets or information - 745744.

Cheers,  
Tel

### SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER IN ALL THREE CHURCHES

#### West Farleigh

Nov	1	2000	Monday. All Saints Day. HC
	7	0800	BCP HC
		0930	JJJ
	14	10.45	Act of Remembrance
	21	0930	ASB HC
	28		Advent Sunday
		0930	JJJ
		1115	ASB or BCP HC

#### Teston

Nov	7	09.45	Toy & Fam Soc
		1830	ASB HC
	14	0800	BCP HC
		0945	Children's Ch
		10.45	Act of Remembrance
		1830	BCP EP
	21	09.45	Children's Ch
		1830	ASB HC
	28	0800	BCP HC
		09.45	Children's Ch
		1830	Advent Soc
	30	2000	St Andrew, Apostle HC

#### Wateringbury

Nov	2	1000	Commemoration of all souls
	7	0930	BCP MP
	14	0930	Sunday Club
		10.45	Act of Remembrance
	21	0800	BCP HC
		1115	Toy & Fam Soc
	28	0930	ASB HC
		1830	BCP EP

Key: BCP = Book of Com Prayer  
ASB = Alternative SocBk  
HC = Holy Communion  
MP = Morning Prayer  
EP = Evening Prayer

Morning Prayer 0800

Oct 31 - Nov 4 Teston

Nov 8 - 11 West Farleigh

15 - 18 Wateringbury

22 - 25 Teston

29 - 2 Dec West Farleigh

WE HAVE a brand new main distributor for Life-Line. Promptly answering the appeal in the September edition, Gillie Evans of Court Lodge leapt into the breach and took on this essential task.

Your editor is most grateful to Gillie who modestly says that doing this job will enable her to get to know the village and some of the people. I ask