

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

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WE WALK BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT (2 Corinthians 5:7)

"Bishop's Brew" is the title of a little book of humour assembled by Bishop Ronald Brown in aid of the Church Urban Fund. One of the stories goes like this.

A Yorkshire Vicar took his family to the sea-side for the day. Returning home late at night, he ran out of petrol just before reaching home. Fortunately, there was a garage not far away and he knew the proprietor. When he got there, however, there was no suitable receptacle for the petrol. He returned to the car and took the only available container - the baby's potty. A few minutes later he was gingerly pouring the petrol from the potty into the tank when one of his parishoners walked by. Seeing this strange sight, the parishoner said, "By gum, Vicar, I wish I had your faith."

Faith does not make change easy, it makes it possible. The faith of one person may inspire and enthuse others but the faith of a group of people can change a dismal, downbeat situation into one of cheerfulness and expectancy. Like the Vicar's pot of petrol, a little faith goes a long way.

Yours in faith,

Denys

Revd Denys Gower, 0622 812494.

THE BARBECUES

The next social event sponsored by the church will be a lunch barbecue at Fox Pitt, Shinglebarn Lane, by kind permission of Michael and Belinda Devenish. This will be on Sunday, 3 July, starting at 12.30. Tickets are £5 (OAPs £4, under 12s £3) from Belinda on 820348 or Tony Walsh on 728252. For that you get a good barbecue lunch with a glass of wine or soft drink and a sweet. More wine will also be on sale. There will be a cake and produce stall, a raffle and pony rides. And, of course, the good company of all your neighbours. There will be a marquee in case it's wet. It would be as well to bring a chair with you. But do come and bring your friends. It will be a good party. If you want a lift, ring 813461. Gifts for raffle prizes and the cake and produce stall would be welcome.

TON-UP Club. May Draw

£10 Eliz Day
£5 Laurie Walter
£5 Bill Emptage

THE BIRTHDAY PARTY

There was a tremendous party in the church on Sunday, 22 May. 103 people of all ages turned up, which is just about as many as the church can hold and they came from all round the district as well as West Farleigh. The action was led by Alison Swan and by Sue Blade of Wateringbury. There were games and join-in action songs led by a rock band, the words being projected on to a screen. The food, provided by various generous donors, soon went and at the end of the evening everyone departed happy and looking forward to next year's party.

TWO DATES

Monday 6 June is the date for the next Parish Council meeting. It will be held at the Tickled Trout at 8pm and is open to all residents of the village. Among the wide ranging subjects to be discussed is the new village sign which is due to be put up on the Green. It is hoped that a service will be held on the Green on Sunday, 10 July at 11.15am for the dedication of the sign.

THE PLANT SALE on 15 May at Tutsham was a great success. It was a lovely day and people came from far and wide. Plants and lively talk were exchanged. Tea and cakes were consumed. The money rolled in and the church finished up something like £620 better off. The plant sale is the year's main fund raising effort for the church and grateful thanks are due to John and Sue Day for hosting the event and to all the dedicated stall holders and organisers and all the good people who came and gave their support.

HEARING DOGS FOR THE DEAF COFFEE MORNING

All will be welcome at a coffee morning at Green Acre, Lower Road, West Farleigh, on Wednesday, 15th June 10.30 to 12.30. Plants, Bring and Buy, Cakes, Hearing Dogs Shop. Coffee & biscuits 50p.

Ellie Bernhardt reports that the Save the Children collection came to £60.42. Thanks to all who contributed.

SPORTS REPORT

Our end of season presentation evening was held at the Bull, East Farleigh. Winner of the 1st XI Player's Player of the season was our hard working mid fielder Matt Smith and the 2nd XI award went to keeper Neil King.

West Farleigh's first ever 2nd XI cricket team was launched this month combining a lot of What-Can-I-Do-Now-On-A-Saturday footballers and some much welcomed local players.

Bearstead became our first match. Skipper Paul Baines won the toss and put Bearstead in to bat. Using seven bowlers, Farleigh kept their batsmen on their toes and not to say Farleigh's wicket keeper but Bearstead reached 184 for 5. After a marvelous tea we attempted to reach their target but unfortunately with little success, being a mere 100 runs short at 78 all out. Still, a very enjoyable day and hope the remaining games will be as good as this one.

We're off to Germany on 24th June so a full report in next month's issue.

Cheers Tel

Cricket Fixtures

June 11 Underriver Home 2.30
18 Linton Park (IL) Home 2.00
25 Horton Kirby(IL) Away 2.00 2nd XI Home

KM Evening League

June 7 Offham Home 6.00
21 Snodland Home 6.00

STEPPING STONES HOUSE GROUP

Friendly, informal meetings with music and discussion on a wide range of topics with Bible study and prayer.

Dates for June:

Tues 7th. "The leaders of tomorrow are the children of today". What are we doing to encourage the growth of their faith and what do they want from the church today? Young faces welcome. 8pm onwards at Appledore, Charlton Lane, West Farleigh, opp Good Intent.

Tues 21st. Bible study, the Gospel of Mark. Come and join us while we contemplate on the life of Jesus and its relevance for us all today. From 8pm at Glenside, 288 Old Road, Wateringbury.

For further information contact Helen Swan on 814445 or Jan Faggetter on 812842.

Evergreens. Mill House. 14th June

WHEN ONE IS MISSING

Xvxn though my typewriter is an old modxl, it works wxll xnoxgh xxcept for onx of its kxys. I havx wishxd many timxs that it workxd pxrfxctly. It is trxu that thxrx arx 45 kxys that function, but just onx kxy makxs all thx diffxrxnox. So thx next timx you think you arx only onx pxrson and that your xffort is not

SERVICES FOR JUNE IN ALL THREE CHURCHES

West Farleigh

June 5 0800 BCP HC
0930 JJJ
12 10.5 Coffee in church
1115 Fam See Baptisms
19 0930 ASB HC
26 0930 JJJ
1115BCP/ASB MP

Teston

June 5 0945 Family See
1830 ASB HC
7 0930 ASB HC
12 0800 BCP HC
0945 Children's church
1830 BCP EP
19 0945 Children's church
1830 ASB HC
26 0800 BCP HC
0945 Children's church
1830 BCP EP
28 0930 St. Peter the
Apostle ASB HC

Wateringbury

June 5 0930 BCP MP
12 0930 ASB HC Rev Andrew
Daunton-Fear
Presch & celebrate
14 0800 See for healing
19 0800 BCP HC
1115 Family See
21 0930 ASB HC
24 0800 ASB HC Birth of
St John the Baptist
26 0930 ASB HC
1830 BCP EP

Key: BCP = Book of Common Prayer
ASB = Alternative See Book
JJJ = Young people's See
HC = Holy Communion
MP = Morning Prayer
EP = Evening Prayer

This month's SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR HEALING will be held at St John's, Wateringbury, at 8pm on Tuesday, 14 June. In future this service will take place on the 1st Thursday of the month whenever possible. This is a very quiet and gentle act of worship with some music, silence, a short address and the laying on of hands for those who wish to come forward. If you wish to make special prayers for someone who is unwell or finding life difficult, this service is for you. You do not have to be confirmed or a member of the Church of England to share in this service. You will be most welcome.

Denys Gower