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MORE HASTE

Having spent many years in the screen printing industry before entering "full time" ministry, I have great sympathy for those folk who are rushed off their feet in their places of work. Racing the clock to meet deadlines and at the same time producing a quality product can be a nerve stretching and exacting experience. It was during those years that I came across this piece of writing by Toki Miyashina, a Japanese Lady. She called it "Psalm 23 for Busy People".

The Lord is my pace setter, I shall not rush. He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals. He provides me with images of stillness which restore my serenity. He leads me in the way of efficiency through calmness of mind and His guidance is peace. Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day I will not fret for He is here. His timelessness, His all-importance will keep me in balance. He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of activity by anointing my mind with His oils of tranquillity. My cup of joyous energy overflows. Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours for I shall walk in the pace of my Lord and dwell in His house for ever.

For many people the advice contained in this verse is wistful thinking and there are others with too much time on their hands. But even Jesus needed to take time out from His busy life of teaching, healing and preaching. "But Jesus withdrew to lonely places and prayer" (Luke 5:16). Not a bad example to follow - even for five minutes a day.

Yours in faith

Denys

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EVERGREENS Appledore, Charlton Lane
Tuesday, 12 July.

FLOWER ARRANGERS WANTED

Volunteers are required for church flower arranging. To many this sounds an awesome chore but really no expert skills are necessary. Amateurs are eagerly sought and several blank dates are available on the rota. Any offers please, especially in August and October, to John Day on 812650.

Skips on the Green

Sunday, 14 August

Thursday, 29 Sept

SIMILARLY:-

Frances and Jim Patch thank all those good people who have given their support during Frances's recent (and on-going) illness. Fifty get-well cards & loads of kind messages have all helped towards a speedy & (it is hoped) complete recovery

PLEASE COME

To the barbecue at Fox Pitt, the home of Michael and Belinda Devenish, on Sunday, 3 July, starting at 12.30. Tickets £5 from Belinda (820348) or Tony Walsh (728252). OAPs £4, under 12s £3. Wine or a soft drink included. Extra drinks for sale. In the marquee if it's wet. Cake and produce stall, raffle and pony rides. Bring a chair. Gifts for raffle prizes and the stall welcome. If you want a lift, ring 813461.

THE VILLAGE SIGN

At the time of writing, the final preparations are being made for putting up the village sign on the Green. A family service on the Green at 11.15 including the dedication of the sign is planned for Sunday, 10 July. This will be a UNIQUE occasion in West Farleigh (we've never had a sign before) so please come along and see history in the making. In church if it's wet.

THERE HAS BEEN A CERTAIN AMOUNT

of hoo hah lately about the marquee which is part of the assets of the Village Hall Fund. Without commenting about this, Life-Line now informs the citizens of West Farleigh that the marquee is for sale. Tenders are invited from parishioners or parish organisations by sealed bid to be in by 31 July. It is thus hoped that the marquee will remain in the village, will cease to be the responsibility of the Parish Council and will be rented out at the discretion of the new owner. Tenders are to be submitted to the Parish Clerk, David Swan, Appledore, Charlton Lane.

MESSAGE FROM HUGH GAININGER

Valeria and I wish to tell you how grateful we are for the support, goodwill and prayers by so many people during my recent illness. There is no doubt that the compassion shown by so many in all kinds of ways helped us both through a very difficult time. I am happy to say that I am now well advanced on the road to recovery and hope to be in circulation again soon.

HEARING DOGS FOR THE DEAF

We thank all who supported our coffee morning at Green Acre by coming, bringing and buying, cake making, giving plants and by sending donations and all the helpers. The pleasant occasion resulted in £441 for Hearing Dogs. May I remind you that the official Hearing Dogs shop and plants are always available at Green Acre and enquiries are welcome. Telephone 812315.

Sylvia Whittle.

FOOTBALL REPORT

Just one day after our return from Ringstedt, Germany, and I have to put pen to paper - not an easy task in normal times but when your head is still dazed, it's harder still.

Plenty to drink, plenty to eat, good company plus a little football. What more could you want? We managed a very creditable 2-2 draw; two up at one stage through Martin Bromley and Martyn Brinklow but the beer finally took its toll and we conceded two late goals. The weather was perfect (except for football). We had a boat trip on Saturday and an interesting "swim" on Sunday plus two or three barbecues. It is difficult to say any one week-end has been the best but this one must have been there or thereabouts.

Training for next season will start soon. Any locals wanting to get involved, please give me a call. Barn dance on 16 July. Phone 745744.

Cheers Tel

BARMING BRIDGE was shut on 21 June and will remain so for three weeks from that date.

DANCERS/MUSICIANS NEEDED.

A local Morris side, Kettle Bridge Clogs, urgently needs new dancers. Beginners are welcome. It is a great way to get fit and have a good social life. We dance the traditional dances of England plus some written by the side, dancing locally and at National festivals and abroad. Practice is at St. Nicholas Hall, Poplar Grove on Tuesdays at 8.15pm. Barn Dance at Coxheath Village Hall 24 Sept. Phone Sandy on 721778, Val on 727147, Barbara on 862820.

WITH THIS ISSUE OF LIFE-LINE there is a Police pamphlet about Neighbourhood Watch but in addition to the information contained therein, the Police are anxious to let it be known that they are reorganising the policing of rural areas by installing Community Policing Units. They would like to recruit special constables to be known as Parish Constables who will be given full training and a uniform. If you are between 18 and 55 and would like to serve, phone 690055 and ask for the Area Support Manager, Mrs Val Peachy.

Cricket Fixtures for July

2nd Headcorn, Away. 2nd XI Home. 9th Hollingbourne, Away
9th 2nd XI Home. 16th Rumwood, Home. 2nd XI, Away. 23rd Meopham, Home.
30th Sheldwich, Home.

TESTON are pioneering a FLEX-IT auction on Sat, 9 July in their church at 3pm. 50 lots will be up for bids including a sailing lesson, a golf lesson, a ten week course in French or German, your dinner

AN OWL took up residence in the church. How it got in baffled the best brains in the village. It couldn't get out and, despite a gallant rescue from high up on a window ledge, the poor thing died. Ah

SERVICES FOR JULY IN ALL THREE CHURCHES

West Farleigh

July	3	0800	BCP HC
		0930	JJJ
	10	1115	Family Service. On the Green if fine
	17	0930	ASB HC
	24	0930	JJJ
		1115	BCP MP
	31	1830	BCP EP

Teston

July	3	0945	Family Service
		1830	ASB HC
	7	2000	Service for healing
	10	0800	BCP HC
		0945	Children's church
		1830	BCP HC
	17	0945	Children's church
		1830	ASB HC
	19	0930	ASB HC
	24	0800	BCP HC
		1830	BCP EP
	31	1830	Songs of Praise

Wateringbury

July	3	0930	BCP MP
	5	0930	ASB HC
	10	0930	ASB HC
	17	0800	BCP HC
		1115	Family Service
	24	0930	ASB HC
		1830	BCP EP
	25	1100	End of Year School Service
	26	0930	ASB HC
	31	0930	BCP HC

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

MP in the week, Tuesday to Friday

5th to 8th July	West Farleigh
12th to 15th July	Wateringbury
19th to 22nd July	Teston
26th to 29th July	West Farleigh

Please let me know if anyone would like me to visit. I also offer Holy Communion at home to those no longer able to get to church.
Denys Gower