

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

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IDENTITY KIT

During my National Service I knew a corporal in our Regimental Police who was so keen to display his identity that he had his stripes sewn on his pyjama sleeve. Perhaps he needed to remind himself of who he was when he looked in the mirror in the morning.

There are times when we need to identify someone when we need assistance. A policeman or woman is easily spotted in a crowded high street - a rare sight in Maidstone, not so rare in Paddock Wood - why is this? Uniforms, badges and special clothes help us to identify people and link them to a trade or profession. A clergy person is identified by the "dog collar". Yet I have noticed that at meetings of one sort or another the dog collar is less visible than it once was. Open necks or ties seem to be favoured by some of my friends. This is fine on the "day off" but I have this old fashioned idea that we (the clergy) need to be visible (like policemen) in public life.

Yes, I know it is only a piece of plastic worn by unworthy persons like yours truly, but it does perhaps remind the casual observer that "the church" is not for Sundays only and can be identified in the world. What do you think?

Yours in faith,

Denys

Revd Denys Gower, 01622 812494

STOP IT - OR ELSE!

The hard-won privilege of using the footpath between Kettle Lane and Charlton Lane is being, not so much abused, as flogged to death. Stiles can be tiresome obstacles in a footpath, especially if your dog is elderly and not able to negotiate such obstructions as of old, but it is a bit anti-social to break down the fence. Further breakages could lead to the closure of the path.

However, the land owners are being asked to remove a small section of fence to make life a little easier.

Ton-Up Club

May

- £10 George Baines
- £5 Les Snitherman
- £5 Jack Martin

June

- £10 Jane Martin
- £5 Christine Back
- £5 Dave Luckhurst.

I HOPE this Life-Line reaches you in time to remind you about the barbecue at Fox Pitt on Sunday, 2 July at 12.30pm. Ticket £5 (OAPs £4, under 12s £3) from Belinda on 820348 or Tony Walsh on 728252 if you are in time. If not, at the gate. Bring your friends and a chair. Gifts welcome for raffle prizes and the cake and produce stall.

Hearing Dogs for the Deaf

Thanks to all who made the coffee morning such a success, visitors, donors and helpers. Total £330 which takes us on the way to training the NINTH hearing dog from the Maidstone Account.

Sylvia Whittle

EVERGREENS are off on a ride by steam train on the Kent and East Sussex Railway. 10th July is the date. Set off for Tenterden from the Green at 2pm.

Plenty of cars available.

Tea will be served on the train.

VERY FISHY

To add to the list of con men who trick their way into your house to steal things, the Police now warn us to look out for dishonest fish salesmen. These characters turn up in a van with a genuine sounding name on the side and knock on your door with fish for sale. When the housewife shows interest and wants to see what is on offer, the salesman, all helpful and anxious to please, says he will bring it in to show her. Once inside, the chap has a good look round and decides what is worth stealing. A few nights later, the house is broken into.

This is very hard on the honest man trying to scratch a living by selling fish door to door. So, how do you tell the difference between an honest tradesman and a villain?

The only advice from the Police is that you can trust only those you know. Don't let any strangers in the house and if you are in any way suspicious ring 999 for the police.

ALISON'S DAY

On Sunday, 9 July, the church service will be preceded by coffee and biscuits at 10.45. Then, at 11.15, Alison Swan takes over. She is going to run the Family Service, a service with a difference, she says. And, knowing Alison, it will be very different. How different you will only know if you come and find out. There will be something for everyone and you can expect just about anything from Alison whose idea of "different" is to call the Sunday School the Living Jesus Jubilee.

SPORTS REPORT

Farleigh's young and not so young inexperienced cricketers, after the first few indifferent games rallied round last month and produced some useful performances. A rain-affected game away v Bearsted was the first game this season which we didn't lose. We drew and that was the outcome the following week v a very sociable Underriver side. Next came our first (hopefully not our last) victory away v Marden in which Paul Beck's 98 on his debut ensured our win. Our last game this month resulted in our only defeat v Linton Park. We look forward to another month's cricket hoping the enjoyment will continue. You would be more than welcome to come and watch.

On to football, believe it or not, Farleigh have entered the five-a-side league at Maidstone Leisure Centre. Our first two games have been a 9 - 5 win and an 8 - 8 draw. Next time we'll have a goal keeper!

Our friends from Germany arrive on 21 July so lock up your daughters and beware of the Germans as well. Our football match will be at 1200 on Saturday, 22nd down on the ground. Please come and support us. Also remember the World Championship Lawn Mower Race. Please contact me if you would like to take part.

Be in touch next month providing I survive the week-end.

Cheers, Tel

Rubbish Disposal

There will be a "freighter" lorry on the Green on Friday, 18 August from 9.45 to 11.45 for your bulk rubbish. Same again on Saturday, 30 Sept. Also, don't forget you can order a special collection of bulk rubbish from your home if you ring 602462.

THE ANNUAL SPONSORED BIKE RIDE in aid of Kent churches will be on Saturday, 9 September. You can cycle or walk as you please, visiting as many churches in the Maidstone area as you can. You get people to sponsor you at so much per church visited. The money you collect will be divided between the Friends of Kent Churches and your own church. It is a fun event and you can enjoy yourself. Get your sponsorship form from Margaret Frazer on 743055.

THE VILLAGE REJOICES at the completion of the footway along Lower Road on the way up to the Tickled Trout. What a relief to get rid of those traffic lights!

SERVICES FOR JULY
IN ALL THREE CHURCHESWest Farleigh

July	2	0800	BCP HC
		0930	JJJ
	9	1045	Coffee in church
		1115	Family Service Alison Swan
	16	0930	ASB HC
	23	1045	Coffee in church
		1115	Family Service
	30	0800	BCP HC

Teston

July	2	0945	Family Service
		1830	ASB HC
	4	0930	ASB HC Rev Ellmore
	9	0800	BCP HC
		0945	Children's church
		1830	BCP EP
	11	0930	ASB HC
	13	2000	See of prayer for healing
	16	0945	Children's church
		1830	ASB HC
	18	0930	ASB HC
	23	0800	BCP HC
		0945	Children's church
		1830	BCP EP
	25	0930	ASB HC St. James the Apostle
	30	0945	Children's church
		1115	ASB HC
		1830	Songs of Praise

Wateringbury

July	2	0930	BCP MP
	9	0930	ASB HC
	16	0800	BCP HC
		1115	Family Service
	23	0930	ASB HC
		1830	BCP EP
	30	0930	BCP HC

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

Morning Prayer 0830 Tues to Fri
ASB shorter form

4 - 7 July No morning prayer
11 - 14 July Wateringbury
18 - 21 July Teston
25 - 28 July West Farleigh

The service of prayer for healing this month is at Teston Church, a service based upon one of the Burrswood services, is a quiet and gentle service including prayers, silence, a short address, gentle music and the laying on of hands for those who require it. If you have not yet shared in this service why not come along on Tuesday, 13 July. You will be most welcome.