

Life-Line

The given-away Monthly News Sheet for West Farleigh

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

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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

This really is the September 1995 issue of Life-Line. Last month's, which should, of course, have been August, was headed September. It was not a deliberate mistake put in to mark the silly season, though certain unscrupulous villagers have suggested that your editor might try and get away with it as such. No, it was an editorial bloomer and I apologise. It won't happen again - at least I hope it won't. I trust that my mistake will not lead some bewildered readers to believe they have been cheated out of

August.

But Life-Line is different this month in another way. It is a different shape. The paper which has been used until now, foolscap size, is no longer readily available so we have gone on to the new size, A4. It is a little bit smaller, though I didn't realize how much smaller until I measured it. We lose about seven square inches a side, about 72 words. So from now on let brevity be the soul of wit. And no more silly mistakes with wasted space later to explain them away.

THE RIGHT TO REPLY

I wrote an article for the July Life-Line entitled 'Identity Kit' in which I commented on how various people are recognised by what they wear - the policeman and the parson being two prime examples. I was pleasantly surprised by several people's comments about this matter of identity. At least two policeman friends were shaken if not stirred by my letter and one of them replied at great length explaining matters of modern police deployment. However, I still believe a visible policeman in a crowded high street gives people a sense of security and order in this trouble-ridden age. It may not be high tech but it helps to hold the community together and that cannot be calculated on an accountant's computer.

I have had to eat my words about dog collars - I write this during the heat wave. Mine has often been removed as the temperature has soared. My point remains and several people around the Benefice have agreed that this symbol of identity (like the policeman's helmet) does help folk to relate to someone in a special kind of way. What really came out of the article was, whether one agreed with it or not, we all have the right and the freedom of reply - the freedom to air our views - and you can't calculate that on a computer either. Can you?

THE SEPTEMBER SOCIAL WHIRL

Don't forget the two important social events this month, namely, the open air tea party on Sunday, 10th and the harvest supper on Saturday, 23rd.

The tea party will be on the cricket field starting at two in the afternoon. Come prepared for a game of rounders and bring plenty of money to spend on tea, cakes, the raffle and all the things on offer on the produce stall. Remember also that gifts of raffle prizes are always welcome and so are things to sell on the stall. The cricket pavilion is handy to retire to if it rains, though that seems pretty unlikely if the drought continues.

The harvest supper should be good fun and good value. £3.50 each and £2.50 for under twelves. For this you get turkey and ham and salads followed by apple pie and cream, coffee, cheese & biscuits, wine or a soft drink with the meal and a bar with wine, beer, lager, orange or coke. Vegetarians will be catered for. The doors of Nettlestead Village Hall open at 6.45 and the meal will be served at 7.15. Entertainment will be by the WI concert party then, finally, a sing-song from 10 to 10.30. Tickets from Hugh Grainger, David and Helen Swan and others. So far as anyone is aware there are no forged or black market tickets about. Come along, let your hair down and meet all your friends.

Ton-Up Club July draw

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| £10 | Reg Oldfield | July Summer bonus |
| £5 | Maurice Raggott | £20 Mrs D Brown |
| £5 | Tom Underdown | |

EVERGREENS

Because of holidays, lack of transport and one thing and another, September's meeting has been postponed until October.

SPORTS REPORT

West Farleigh's cricketers played three games in August without a victory but once again made a game of each one of them. September will see an end to this interesting season.

West Farleigh's football players, having survived the Ringstedt tour, have gone straight into a series of friendly matches and only lost one out of six games; only hope this will continue when the league season starts (16 Sept). We are still interested in any local players wishing to join our club. Be in touch next month when our new league campaign will be under way.

Cheers

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PS. Anybody with any spare water, please empty on to football pitch. It would make life a lot easier!

THE P.C.

The next Parish Council meeting will be at the Tickled Trout at 7.30 on Monday, 4 September. It will not be boring. The bar will be open both before and after the meeting in order, some say, both to prepare for and recover from the meeting itself. You can come and sit in the public gallery and keep an eye on things. You will be among friends. Your editor usually attends these meetings to pick up any tit bits worthy of putting in Life-Line or, since he became West Farleigh correspondent, the KM.

Cyril Baggott died on Sunday morning, 27 August, after a brave, long struggle against cancer. He will be sadly missed by May and their family. Cyril and May came to West Farleigh 40 years ago. Some say that Cyril had the finest collection of computer games in Kent. Funeral at West Farleigh church 3.30pm on Friday, 1 September with burial in the churchyard.

THE CHIMNEY STACK MAN

Several householders have been pestered by a character who has called and tried to persuade them that their chimney stack is in imminent danger of falling down and needs repair. He then quotes a very high price for the job but reduces the quote drastically if you dispute it. In one case he descended by rapid steps from £150 to £50 in about 30 seconds. So far as is known he hasn't yet succeeded in getting any work around West Farleigh. If it were nearer Christmas and he had a white beard and a red suit, one might be persuaded that he was doing a safety check prior to going on his rounds. But his transport is a white van and not a reindeer in sight and instead of greeting you with a "Ho Ho Ho" he tends to get abusive when you don't give him any work.

THE BUSY CHURCH

This is the season for weddings in West Farleigh. Saturday, 2 September, brings two on the same day. The following Saturday there is only one wedding but this is the day of the sponsored cycle ride and cyclists will be coming and going all day. It is a good thing that our Vicar, Denys, is back from his holiday on time to send these young people happily on their way. Life-Line wishes each couple joy and prosperity in their future lives together.

Talking of the sponsored cycle ride - you still have time to get your sponsorship forms from Margaret Frazer on 743055.

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER IN ALL THREE CHURCHES

West Farleigh

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| Sept | 3 | 0800 BCP HC |
| | 7 | 2000 Service of prayer for healing |
| | 10 | 1045 Coffee in church |
| | | 1115 Family Service |
| | | Holy Cross Sunday |
| | 17 | 0930 ASB HC |
| | 24 | 0930 JJJ |
| | | 1115 BCP MP |

Teston

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| Sept | 3 | 1830 ASB HC |
| | 5 | 0930 ASB HC |
| | 10 | 0800 BCP HC |
| | | 0945 Children's church |
| | | 1830 BCP EP |
| | 12 | 0930 ASB HC |
| | 17 | 0945 Children's church |
| | | 1830 ASB HC |
| | 19 | 0930 ASB HC |
| | 24 | 0800 BCP HC |
| | | 0945 Children's Church |
| | | 1830 BCP EP |
| | 26 | 0930 ASB HC |

Wateringbury

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| Sept | 3 | 0930 BCP MP |
| | 10 | 0930 ASB HC |
| | 17 | 0800 BCP HC |
| | | 1115 Family Service |
| | 24 | 0930 ASB HC |

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

Morning Prayer 0830 Tues to Fri
29 Aug - 1 Sep Teston
5 - 8 Sep West Farleigh
12 - 15 Sep Wateringbury
19 - 22 Sep Teston
26 - 29 Sep West Farleigh
Rev. Denys Gower 01622 812494

Stop press. Ten-Up August draw
£10 Roy Beoney £5 Alf Board
£5 Richard Forrest