

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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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Even people who have been involved with the Church of England for years find the collection of titles in the Anglican Communion confusing. We have all heard the old chestnut that a canon is a big noise in the church and goes off on Sundays. There will be at least one canon present on Thursday, 6th June at 7.30pm in St. John the Baptist Church, Wateringbury, when my title officially changes from "Priest in Charge" to "Rector". That canon will be Canon Judith Rose, Archdeacon of Tonbridge who also carries the title "Venerable".

The laity (another name for "people") also have their share of different styles. Churchwardens, Readers, Pastoral Assistants, Evangelists, to name but a few. Priests in Charge are appointed where there is some possibility of a change in the grouping of parishes. Such a grouping is known as a Benefice. In our Benefice there is a strong possibility that West Farleigh may be linked into the East Farleigh, Coxheath Benefice at some point in the future. In the meantime the Bishop has decided to make me Rector of the three parishes of Wateringbury, Teston and West Farleigh. The terms rector and vicar are historical left-overs and are merely two different names for the same job.

Having just passed the three year mark since I was licensed as Priest in Charge, I now look forward to a further period of work as your Rector. We are gradually developing a "team ministry" and adapting to the changing scene both in social life and in the way we offer our worship and ministry in our Lord's name. This takes time but we are on the move.

I hope you are able to join us at St. John the Baptist on 6th June at 7.30pm and afterwards at Wateringbury School for refreshments with Bishop Brian. Look forward to seeing you there.

Yours in faith,
Denys

PARISH COUNCIL meeting Monday, 3 June, at the Tickled Trout, 7.30pm. This is a special meeting because there will be a presentation to Peter Day who is retiring from the Council after 50 years, many of them as Chairman. He will be sorely missed.

PLEASE NOTE that Dean Street will be closed from Monday 3 June for 14 days.

ALL ON A SUMMER'S EVE

On Saturday, 8 June, the Detling Singers will be giving a Summer Concert in the church starting at 7.30 with interlude music by Philip Moore on the organ. The tickets are only £4 and that includes wine and refreshments. The music and song will all be light and it will be a very pleasant way to spend a summer evening. Ring for tickets on 814445 or 813461.

A CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

The now traditional coffee morning in aid of Hearing Dogs for the Deaf organised by Sylvia Whittle (assisted by Pippa Wakefield) will be held at Green Acre, Lower Road, on Wednesday, 12 June from 10.30 to 12.30. £1 to come in including coffee and biscuits.

Come and meet the resident Hearing Dog Digby at the Hearing Dog shop, with Bring & Buy, cakes, plants and a poodle dip (it'll be worth coming to find out what that is).

THE BARBECUE

Michael and Belinda Devenish welcome you to their garden at Fox Pitt, Shingle Barn Lane, on Sunday, 7 July from 12.30 for a barbecue. Tickets £5.50 (OAPs £4, under 12s £3.50) from Belinda on 820348, Huw on 812222, Margaret on 729228 or Tony on 728252. Bring a chair. The marquee will give shelter if wet. Gifts for raffle prizes and the cake and produce stall welcome. A good meal with wine and good company is assured.

EVERGREENS Mill House, Tuesday, 11 June.

The late MRS RHODA BROOKS lived in Charlton Lane since 1967.

Pam and Alan Swanborough wish to thank her friends and neighbours for the help and companionship given to Rhoda, particularly in her times of need, making her stay in West Farleigh the happiest years of her life.

Also grateful thanks to Revd Denys Gower for his kind words at the cremation service.

SPORTS REPORT

West Farleigh footballers rounded off what, in the end, was a more than satisfying season.

Our 1st XI who played with some new players, and a new system and throughout the season had some notable injuries, finished a creditable 5th in the Premier Division. Our final two games resulted in a 2 - 2 away scoreline to Larkfield and a fine, albeit slightly lucky 2 - 1 home victory v Blue Eagles. Let's hope, under Skipper Matt Smith's guidance, we can achieve better things next season.

The 2nd XI more than held their own in the 4th Div, finishing a much improved 6th. But our crowning glory had to be our triumph in the Tunbridge Wells Cup and credit to all players, officials and supporters for making it possible. For the record, we lost to Larkfield 3 - 2 in our final game of the season.

It is our turn to visit Ringstedt this August so our lads should be in the right spirit.

Our football AGM will be in July. Anyone interested in playing next season, you would be more than welcome.

From football to cricket and just two friendlies to report - a home defeat v Marden & a draw v Borstal.

Our summer dance will be at Tutsham Farm on 14 June.

We had our end of season presentation evening at the Bull and a good time was had by all. The winners were Matt Stevens, 1st XI, and Ian Payne 2nd XI.

Congratulations to them both. Cheers Tel.

THE PLANT SALE

The Vicar and Churchwardens would like to thank all the many people who contributed to the plant sale on Sunday, 12 May. With a garden full of sunshine and blossom, no one could be excused for not turning up. Many came from neighbouring parishes and we were delighted to see them. Most stalls practically sold out and everyone found something to their liking.

Thank you to everyone and a special thank you to all those who helped. All Saints Church benefitted by £680.

TON UP CLUB

April Draw

£10 Alan Godfrey £5 Deborah Walls £5 Mike Baines
Spring Bonus £20 Joyce Morgan

WE ARE INVITED

to the : A BUNCH OF KEYS
TESTON FETE : has been found in Hunt St.
Saturday, 15 June, 2.30pm : Apply to John Day, 812650

SOCIAL NOTE

There are some among us who walk dogs along Charlton Lane to The Hollow where they let the dogs off the lead. The dogs, full of joy at being released, bound down the slope and leave visiting cards, mostly in the front gardens of Holly Villas. Some owners, God bless them, are quick with the poop scoop but others are not so careful and there are young children about and sheep in adjacent grazing. There is one Dalmatian

There are new bus times on Route 23 from the Good Intent. See the notices on the bus stops for details.

SERVICES FOR JUNE IN ALL THREE CHURCHES

West Farleigh

June 2 0800 BCP HC
0930 JJJ
9 1045 Coffee in Church
1115 Family Service
16 0930 ASB HC
23 1115 BCP MP
30 0800 BCP HC
0930 JJJ

Teston

June 2 0945 Pet Service on
the Green
1830 ASB HC
9 0800 BCP HC
0945 Children's Church
13 0930 ASB HC
16 0945 Children's Church
1830 ASB HC
20 0930 ASB HC
23 0800 BCP HC
0945 Children's Church
1830 BCP EP
27 0930 ASB MP (No Eucharist)
30 0945 Children's Church
1830 Songs of Praise
followed by Compline

Wateringbury

June 2 0930 BCP MP
6 1930 Rector's Induction
with ASB HC. The Bishop
of Tonbridge.
9 0930 ASB HC
16 0800 BCP HC
1115 Family Service
23 0930 ASB HC. Birth of St.
John The Baptist. Preacher
Canon John Armson.
1830 BCP EP
30 0930 BCP HC

Morning Prayer Tues to Fri 0830
4 to 7 June Wateringbury
11 to 14 June Teston
16 to 21 June West Farleigh
25 to 28 June Wateringbury

We are invited to Deanery Songs of Praise at West Malling Sunday, 9th June 6.30pm.

AN INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE GROUP will be dancing on the Green on Sunday, 23 June about lunch time. There will be 70 dancers in national costumes from all over Europe. For more information, ring Jan Bryce on 01732 885048.