

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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CONSIDER THE FLOWERS OF THE FIELD

Matthew 6 : 28

Monday being my day off, I have taken the opportunity to catch up on some sketching. It is very true, and I learned this a long time ago, that you never really see something or someone until you attempt to draw it or them. Many of us take people, buildings, trees and sheep etc. as part of the landscape of life. We are often too busy going somewhere or doing some job to take time out, stop, look and appreciate what we are seeing. And in this part of God's creation there is so much to see and give thanks for

You don't have to be any kind of artist to get pleasure out of observing light shining through green leaves against a blue sky. You don't have to be a trained sculptor to see something intriguing and delightful in the gnarled shape of an ancient tree trunk. To appreciate the texture of an old church wall, run your fingers over the stone and observe how many shades of colour you can see within the weathered Kentish rag. Or consider the flowers of the field - each one a masterpiece.

These observations may only take a moment. But with so much pain and hurt flowing through the world it can only be of positive good to store up a mental supply of beautiful and tranquil images. How we so often take for granted the precious gift of our senses.

Denys Gower

Hearing Dogs for the Deaf

We are grateful to everyone who supported the coffee morning, visitors, donors and helpers. The £365 realised is a great help towards the £2,500 needed to train a 10th Hearing Dog from this part of Kent. This amount includes the post-coffee-morning sale of plants. Thank you all. Sylvia Whittle

RADIO KENT

A new channel has opened to spread the fame of West Farleigh throughout the world. Your editor has been asked to chat for a minute or two on the Barbara Sturgeon programme on Radio Kent. The first of these epic occasions will be on Wednesday, 3 July. Listen out from 11am. There may be other spots at roughly monthly intervals provided I don't make too much of an ass of myself. The problem is that nothing much ever happens in West Farleigh but at least, on this first day, I'll have the barbecue and the JJJs to talk about. If anyone knows of anything worth mentioning on the radio, please let your editor know on 813461.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN

between 3 and 16

There will be a Three Js open morning on Sunday, 7 July between 9.30 & 10.30am at the church. Bring your Mums, Dads and friends and see what the Three Js get up to. Coffee and biscuits provided.

ALSO ON SUNDAY, 7 JULY -

Don't forget the barbecue at Fox Pitt, the home of Michael and Belinda Devenish. It all starts at 12.30 and for £5.50 (£4 OAPs or £3.50 under 12s) you get a good meal with wine or a soft drink and good company in a lovely spot. There will be a raffle and a cake and produce stall (for both of which, gifts gratefully received) and a marquee in case it's wet.

Get your tickets from Belinda on 820348, Huw on 812222 or Tony on 728252. Bring a chair if you can. Proceeds to the church.

THE CONCERT

by the Dotling Singers in the church on Saturday, 8 June, was a major event in the village. The programme was an attractive one and the choir were well rehearsed. The songs were skilfully arranged and well presented. Philip Moore played some fine music on the organ and demonstrated how a few of the organ stops worked. But the outstanding feature was the friendly atmosphere and the happy way in which performers and audience blended together, an atmosphere made more homely by the welcome refreshments and wine in the interval.

THE COLLECTION for Barnardos amounted to £40. Sue O'Donnell thanks all who gave to this worthy charity.

SPORTS REPORT

SERVICES FOR JULY
IN ALL THREE CHURCHES

West Farleigh

July 5 The service arranged for this evening has had to be POSTPONED.
7 0800 BCP HC
0930 JJJ
14 1115 Family Service on the Green.- church if wet
21 0930 ASB HC
28 1045 Coffee in church
1115 Family Service

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July 4 0930 ASB HC
2000 See of Prayer for Healing
7 0945 Family Service
1830 ASB HC
11 0930 ASB HC
14 0800 BCP HC
0945 Children's Church
1830 BCP EP
18 0930 ASB HC
21 0945 Children's Church
1830 ASB HC
25 0930 ASB HC
28 0800 BCP HC
0945 Children's Church
1830 BCP EP

Wateringbury

July 7 0930 BCP MP
14 0930 ASB HC
21 0800 BCP HC
1115 Family Service
28 0930 ASB HC

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

I am very willing to bring Holy Communion to anyone who cannot share in public worship. Please contact me, Readers or Churchwardens. Denys Phone 812494

Cheers, Tel

West Farleigh cricketers have started their league campaign winning one but losing two. Our two defeats came at the hands of Bearsted and Linton Park but our victory against Marden was by far the most exciting. Farleigh having scored 234 - easily their best so far - Marden then started well, keeping up the scoring rate but losing the odd wicket, but it came to an extremely tight finish, Farleigh winning by just one run. We also had a good fixture, non league, v Underriver which we lost. Still, we enjoy it.

Farleigh football AGM will be held on Tuesday, 9 July, 8pm at the Bull. Anyone interested in playing, you would be more than welcome to come along.

Ton-Up Club May Draw

£10 Jim Patch £5 Mrs P Bissenden £5 J Martin

Evergreens

Tuesday, 9 July, we are going to Mrs Marshall's beautiful house and garden in Staplehurst where we have been a couple of times before.

THANK YOU From the Rector

Thank you to those friends who were able to share in the Induction Service on 6th June at Wateringbury Church. It was good that all three of our churches were represented and were involved with the service. Our thanks also to Bishop Brian of Tonbridge and our Archdeacon Judith Rose for their words of encouragement and support. Eileen joins me in thanking those who were kind enough to send us cards and messages of good will.

Denys Gower

THE DALMATIAN IN THE HOLLOW

In the June edition of Life-Line details were drafted of a dreadful dog which, despite desperate discouragement by distraught dwellers in the Hollow, deliberately deposited his droppings there. A Dalmatian deemed to be the delinquent was described but your editor didn't discern that Denys's dog was a Dalmatian. But Denys's dog definitely didn't do it. Denys dwells in a different district and his dog doesn't dream of despoiling the Hollow. Doubtless the dog that did it is a denizen of a distant domain who designated the Hollow a decent dropping dump. Your editor deeply deplores the distress done to Denys and didn't desire disgrace to descend upon his dog.

Deeply in the dog house - JDP

DANCING ON THE GREEN

Sunday, 23 June, saw a colourful display of dancing by a large international team from all over Europe dressed in their national costumes. It was a very pleasant occasion and was followed by several parties having picnics on the grass. It was specially nice to see our Village Green being used for such a gentle and civilised purpose.

JULY CRICKET FIXTURES

6th	Headcorn	(L) Home	2pm	13th	Hollingbourne	(L) Home	2pm
20th	Rumwood	(L) Away	2pm	27th	Neopham	(L) Away	2pm