

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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BISHOP MEETS HIS MATCH

Sunday, 7th July, was one of those Sundays when the ability to be in three places at once would have been an advantage. After morning Eucharists at West Farleigh and Wateringbury, it was off to the grand BBQ at Fox Pitts, always a delicious occasion, thanks to Belinda Devenish and her helpers. Just time to do justice to the strawberries, then back over the river to the cricket field at Wateringbury. Barry Fisher (former Churchwarden and eternal optimist) organised a match between the Rector's team and the Churchwardens' team. The Rector, being something of a heretic when it comes to the game of cricket, laid devious plans and sent up enthusiastic prayers that Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali might make a great appearance on the hallowed turf.

I was just about to deliver another six balls somewhere vaguely in the direction of the batsman when Bishop Michael arrived to take my place. However, such divine intervention and the Bishop's unsporting ability to bowl with left and right arms did not save the day for the Rector's eleven.

Cricket or no cricket, I had to head for Teston and leave them to it. I was at the 6.30pm Eucharist when it happened. Bob Edmunds took a plumb (or plumber's) catch off the Bishop in a most athletic way, so I'm told.

I wonder if the Archbishop of Canterbury plays cricket?

Denys

CLOGS ON

Ever considered clog dancing? Well, why not?! Kettle Bridge Clogs are looking for new members who wish to take part in this ancient and colourful part of Britain's heritage. It gets you fit and you visit some of the best parts of Kent. Six weeks free tuition in a friendly atmosphere will set you on your way. Absolute beginners or experienced dancers are all welcome. If you play an instrument (particularly brass) the band would love to hear from you. Our team comprises female dancers and male/female musicians. For further details, phone Sandy on 721778.

TEA PARTY & CHURCH OPEN DAY

Last year's tea party was a great success and now it is proposed to have another one. It will be on Sunday, 8th September, starting at 2pm on the cricket field (by kind permission of Don Goodwin and the Sports Club). The pavilion will be available in case of rain. Tea and lots of home made cakes will be on sale as will all sorts of goodies on the stall where Joyce Morgan will be in command. Joyce would be very grateful for gifts of cakes and produce for her stall and Val Barnwell, who is running the raffle, would be similarly grateful for gifts of prizes. For more energetic souls there will be a game of rounders (West Farleigh rules) on the Court Lodge field (by kind permission of Huw Evans) run, I think, by Tony Walsh.

Our lovely church will be open with the organ playing and someone on hand to explain some of its long history.

Come for a cup of tea and a gossip if nothing else. All prophets to the church!

EVERGREENS
Tuesday, 13 August
at Mill Cottage

August Cricket Fixtures

3rd	Sheldwich (L)	Away	2pm
10th	Staplehurst (L)	Home	2pm
17th	Farleigh Bull	Home	1.30pm
24th	Harrietsham (L)	Home	2pm
26th	Headingley Old School	Home	1.30pm
31st	Milsted (L)	Home	1.30pm

Ton-Up Club July Draw

£10	Roy Beeney		
£5	Martin Bromley	£5	George Reffell
£20	Summer Bonus	Mike Baines	

SPORTS REPORT

West Farleigh cricketers have progressed well this month, winning two out of their three league games. The defeat was at home v high flying Headcorn who scored 199 for 7, though Farleigh were only ten runs behind at 189 for 4. Hollingbourne came next, again at home. The visitors batted first and obtained a very creditable 217 for 9. But Farleigh is made of different stuff this season and we reached our target with the loss of only six wickets, thanks mainly to a great 135 N.O. by Paul Edwards. Finally we travelled to Rumwood on a very hot afternoon. We were surprised to be put in to bat and we introduced a new up and coming young cricketer Terry Baines and he ended up 63 N.O. with Farleigh amassing 183. After a good start - 80 with no wicket - Rumwood crumbled and ended up 46 runs short, thanks to a magnificent bowling performance by Mark Palmer, 8 for 35

Farleigh footballers travel to Ringstedt in Germany this week. Let's hope our usual good time will continue. Full report next month.

Date for your diary. Barn Dance 14 Sept. Please support your club. Ring for details on 745744.

Cheers
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THE BARBECUE on Sunday, 7 July, at Fox Pitt was another happy occasion and it made £239 for the church. There was the usual smooth co-operation between all the helpers to whom grateful thanks are due. But we thank especially Belinda and Michael Devenish for the use of their delightful garden and their devoted work and organising skill.

THE ANNUAL SPONSORED BIKE RIDE in aid of Kent churches will be on Saturday 14 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.

TWO EVENTS in Teston are worthy of note. The first is the Kite Festival over the week-end of 10/11 August on the picnic site. Some of the kites are mind boggling. The second is the Flower Festival, centred round the church and the Green with stalls, an art exhibition and refreshments in the village hall. From Friday, 30 Aug to Sunday, 1 Sept, 10am to 6pm.

REMEMBER that the JJJ Children's Sunday Club is having a break until Sunday 29 September when their NEW SEASON starts.

But before that, the nice room which has been created for them at the foot of the church tower, is going to be dedicated by our Archdeacon Judith Rose at a special service at 8pm on Tuesday, 10 September. All are welcome.

SERVICES FOR AUGUST IN ALL THREE CHURCHES

West Farleigh

Aug	4	0800	BCP HC
	11	1045	Coffee in church
		1115	Family Service
	18	0930	ASB HC
		1500	Baptisms
	25	1115	BCP MP

Teston

Aug	1	0800	ASB HC
	4	0945	Family Service with Baptisms
		1830	ASB HC
	8	0930	ASB HC
	11	0800	BCP HC
		1830	BCP EP
	15	0930	ASB HC
	18	1830	ASB HC
	25	0800	BCP HC
		1830	BCP EP

Wateringbury

Aug	1	2000	Service of Prayer for Healing
	4	0930	BCP MP
	11	0930	ASB HC
	18	0800	BCP HC
		1115	Family Service
	25	0930	ASB HC

Key: BCP = Bk of Common Prayer
ASB = Alternative See Bk.
HC = Holy Communion
MP = Morning Prayer
EP = Evening Prayer

If you have been on holiday, I hope it was a good one. If you are going on holiday, have a happy and relaxing time. Spare a prayer for those who will not have a holiday this year and count your blessings.

Denys Gower, Rector.
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Morning Prayer, shorter form, ASB said at the following places, 8.30

Tues	30 July	-	Fri	2 Aug	W Farleigh
"	6 Aug	-	"	9 Aug	Water'bury
"	13 Aug	-	"	16 Aug	Teston

THE BARNARDOS collection was divided this year. In addition to the £40 announced in July's Life-Line, £70 was collected from Lower Road. Thanks to all.