

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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THE NAME GAME

One of the most delicate decisions in family life concerns the choosing of names for a new baby. The question of giving the offspring a name that has been passed down the generations or to break with family tradition and upset some of our nearest and dearest is a fairly common experience. Should we choose a name that pleases those who already have such a name or should we be greatly daring and have a name that has never appeared in the family's records?

My mother was persuaded by the midwife to spell my name Denys because she had read a book called *The Cloister and the Hearth* in which a soldier of that name appeared. How did you come to choose your child's name and why did your parents bless you with your name? What does your name mean to you?

In one of my former parishes I baptised a little girl with the name Angel. I wonder if the parents were being a little optimistic. Another lady wanted to call her child Dakota, "After an American State". I said, "No, after an aeroplane." She answered, "We'll probably call him Dak."

In this country not many people call their boy-child Jesus. Well, that's not strictly true. Jesus is the Greek form of the Hebrew name Joshua, meaning "the Lord saves" and Joshua is a popular name now.

If you are in the business of choosing names, remember it's a name you won't have to live with in the playground or the working world, but your child will! Our names are the most personal possessions we have.

Yours in faith Denys

Rev'd Denys Gower. 01622 812494.

EVERGREENS. Mill Cottage, Tuesday 10 September.

THE ANNUAL SPONSORED BIKE RIDE round Kent churches will be on Saturday, 14 September. Get sponsored per church visited and half the money will go to the Friends of Kent Churches and half to your own church. Sponsorship forms from Margaret Frazer on 743055 or pick one up in church.

PLEASE COME to the village open air tea party on Sunday, 8 September, 2pm to 5pm, on the cricket field. The church will be open and the organ playing and someone on hand to show you round. Work off your Sunday lunch in a game of rounders organised by Tony Walsh. Joyce Morgan will be running the cakes and produce stall and will welcome gifts of anything saleable and eatable. Gifts of prizes for the raffle also welcome - deliver to Val Barnwell. Retreat to the cricket pavilion if wet. All proceeds to the church.

JJJ

With the completion of the den at the foot of the church tower for the use of young people, this is a reminder of the new things to be provided there. New members are always welcome to the JJJ.

Pre-school age - MINI 3Js. At 9.30 and 11.15 services there will be a facility for pre-school children in the Tower Room.

5 to 11s - MIDI 3Js. Meet in the Tower Room 9.15 to 10.30 on the first and last Sundays in the month.

12 to 16s - MAXI 3Js. Meet at Appledore (Charlton Lane) 6.30 to 8pm on the first and last Thursdays in the month.

N.B. All pre-school-age 3Js already attending will be allowed to continue on a Sunday morning at MIDIs.

September programme

8th - MINIs in Tower Room
15th - ditto
22nd - ditto
26th - MAXIs at Appledore
29th - MIDIs in church

REMEMBER to keep an eye out at all future events for DOTTY, our newest 3Js member - but be careful - she's VERY SHY.

There will be Evening Alternative services of Praise and Worship in October and December. Dates will be in Life-Line.

ANY QUESTIONS, please do not hesitate to contact Alison on 01732 847005 or 0589 129653.

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THREE BITS OF PUB NEWS

1. The Good Intent Pat and Di have left. They handed over to Linda and Derek on Thursday, 29 August, and went off to Coxheath and semi-retirement. The "semi" bit means they are retiring from the licenced trade but at the moment they are not thinking much beyond a place to live. They won't be moving out of the area when they buy a place because they have family here. They have enjoyed their eleven years in West Farleigh and thank all their friends and customers who have given them help and support.

As a farewell gesture, Pat and Di have had a nice tarmac surface put on the lane which spans the Green in front of the pub. This is a generous act of good will and the village is very grateful. It is good to see the back of all those pot holes. We wish Pat and Di all good fortune in the future and extend a hearty welcome to their successors, Linda and Derek.

2. The Tickled Trout New landlords here too. They are David and Rita who come from The Horseshoes in Dene Street. They are encouraging the bar side of the business so that customers who come in just for the beer will not have a menu thrust in their hands. Restaurant prices are lower and, indeed, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, pensioners will enjoy a special lunch menu for £3.95. There will be a "loyalty card". You get your card marked when you use the restaurant and, when it is full, you get a free meal. Sounds good.

3. The White House (Not the White Horse as it appeared in the Kent Messenger). A party of 30 are departing on Sunday, 8 September, to play petanque in Wimeraux, France. No doubt this will be just as convivial an affair as the visit from Wimeraux earlier this year. We wish them joy and bon voyage. The White House is the only pub in West Farleigh which is NOT changing hands and the old welcome will be the same as ever.

WEST FARLEIGH FOOTBALL TOUR to Ringstedt, Germany, started Friday, 2nd August '96. Our largest ever squad, 17 of us, made the hazardous journey along the M25 to Gatwick where we just had time for breakfast and a beer or two. On arrival in Bremen and with only one suitcase missing, we were met by our German hosts and, while having a few beers, we were mistaken, quite understandably, for the English national team by some school children and there followed a lengthy photo session. Later we enjoyed a B-B-Q and more beer. Saturday morning was lost through lack of sleep but we woke up in time to play our football which was thirsty work and needed some beer. Saturday night brought a street party and a disco. This brought on a thirst and the beer kept flowing. Sunday morning was spent dreaming then at lunch time we walked round the village (more beer), played a few silly games (more beer) and ended the day at a Greek restaurant - lots of beer. On Monday we had to leave for Farleigh so before we left we had a beer. A great tour was enjoyed by all. Our thanks to Peter Baggott, Ian Payne and Matt Smith for making it go so smoothly. And, by the way, we won the football!

Cheers
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SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER
IN ALL THREE CHURCHES

West Farleigh

Sept 1 0800 BCP HC
8 1045 Coffee in church
1115 Family Service
10 2000 See of Thanksgvg
Dedication of Tower Room.
Archdeacon Judith Rose
15 0930 ASB HC
22 1045 Coffee in church
1115 Family Service
26 1830 MAXI JJJ at Appledore
29 0800 BCP HC
0930 MIDI JJJ

Teston

Sept 1 1830 ASB HC
5 0930 ASB HC
2000 See of Prayer for
Healing
8 0800 BCP HC
0945 Children's church
12 0930 ASB HC
15 0945 Children's church
1830 ASB HC
19 0930 ASB HC
22 0800 BCP HC
0945 Children's church
1830 BCP MP
26 0930 ASB HC
29 0945 Children's church
1830 Songs of Praise
Compline

Wateringbury

Sept 1 0930 BCP MP
8 0930 ASB HC
15 0800 BCP HC
1115 Family Service
22 0930 ASB HC
29 0930 BCP HC

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

Morning Prayer Tues to Fri 0830
3 - 6 Sept West Farleigh
10 - 13 Sept Wateringbury
17 - 20 Sept Teston
24 - 27 Sept West Farleigh

Holy Communion at home. The most under-used part of my ministry is taking Communion to people house-bound through age, illness or frailty. Please contact me. The Denomination does not matter.
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