

# 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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## PAUSE FOR PRAYER

Diane Hayes, our Churchwarden at Teston, Jim Patch, PCC Secretary at West Farleigh, and Sue Blade, our Evangelist based at Waterringbury, have all been interviewed by Barbara Sturgeon on Radio Kent. Diane happened to mention in one of her sessions that the Parish Priest produced a "Pause for Prayer" sheet every month. This seemed to intrigue Barbara, especially as 9 September was the day I had marked out for prayer for all who worked at Radio Kent.

"Why us?", asked Barbara on the live telephone broadcast. I replied, "Surely the media needs all the prayer it can get these days!" It's easy to pray for doctors, nurses and teachers - the so-called "caring professions" (that's a phrase I don't care for as it infers that other people don't care). Our Pause for Prayer attempts to throw the net of prayer over a much wider field of human experience. Undertakers, refuse collectors and long distance lorry drivers are in need of prayer just as much as priests, doctors and social workers. We all need each other's prayers.

I also believe that nearly everyone prays. When there is a bereavement; when the job is going wrong; when we are frightened or when we are feeling on top of the world, then, whether we admit to it or not, prayer flows out of us.

Denys

Rev Denys Gower, 01622 812494

## PATHFINDER NEWS

You have probably noticed the posh new sign posts indicating the Medway Valley Walk. The blurb which has been published about it describes it as a continuous path from Tonbridge to Rochester going through classically beautiful Kent landscape. That means our own home territory and we can be proud of it. A special guide book is to be issued. The Medway River Project has also been putting up little waymark signs on the footpaths but have you noticed the deliberate mistake? The sign should read, among other things, "Working for your Countryside" but they missed out the "r" from "countryside". Only a pedantic old ex-civil servant would notice such a thing. - like your editor.

## MARGARET FRAZIER IS LEAVING

Margaret was born in West Farleigh and, although she has lived in Boughton Monchelsea for a long time, she has been a leading figure in West Farleigh affairs for as long as anyone can remember. She has run the choir and the singing in church has always been led by her beautiful voice. When special church events required the amalgamation of the choirs of Teston and Waterringbury with our own, she has co-ordinated and rehearsed them. She has run things like the Christmas fair, the summer tea party and the sponsored cycle ride and she could be relied on for support and practical help in every other church activity.

Now she is leaving to go and live in the Lake District. Her last service with us will be the Harvest Festival on 13 October. She will be sorely missed but she goes with our love and good wishes. There will be a collection so that we can make her a presentation to remember us by. All contributions, please, to John Day on 812650, David Swan on 814445 or your editor on 813461.

EVERGREENS Mill Cottage Tues 8 October.

## OBITUARY

Freda Broad of Witches Wood, Teston, died on 6 September. Although she had always lived on the other side of the Medway, Freda had an affinity for West Farleigh where her husband is buried. She would have enjoyed the fact that her funeral co-incided with the sponsored cycle ride. Ron Barker thanks the District Nurses and all Freda's friends for their tremendous help.

## THE EVENING ALTERNATIVE

A service with all the freshness of youth will explode in the church on 27 October at 6.30 in the evening. Alison Swan will co-ordinate and will answer your questions if you ring on 01732 847005 or 0589 129653. But come along anyway.

IT'S THAT BRIDGE AGAIN

A couple of weeks ago your editor put a paragraph in the Kent Messenger about the wooden bridge at Barming. Since then Councillor Paul Oldham has come up with an up-date. He says that Maidstone Borough Council has deleted Barming Bridge from the River Park Scheme lottery millenium fund application as the Kent County Council is unable to commit itself to expenditure on the project.

I wonder what the Bridge Preservation Society will say about that.

SPORTS REPORT

West Farleigh's footballers are once again up and running but many changes in personnel throughout the summer will put a strain on both teams' resources. Hopefully we will be all the stronger for it. A few 2nd team players from last year are now up in the 1st team which meant new faces have been brought in to bolster the 2nd XI.

Farleigh 1st XI kicked off with a difficult home fixture v high flying M.P.E. After a first half with many chances for both teams, Farleigh found themselves 3 - 0 down which became the final result. Snodland came next, again at home. Farleigh turned on the style in the first half and raced into a 2 - 0 lead. The visitors replied by scoring once in the 2nd half but Farleigh deservedly ran out 2 - 1 winners.

Farleigh new look 2nd XI entertained last season's Div 5 winners Snodland Nomads at Larkfield. After an even first half we were unlucky to go into the break 1 - 0 down, then struggled in the 2nd half and went down 4 - 1.

Question. What has Manchester Utd and West Farleigh got in common? Yes, we both play attractive football but that's not the right answer. Both teams have foreign imports. Farleigh's first ever import is from Ringstedt and he played for our 2nd team on Saturday. We entertained Leeds, drawing 2 - 2 while our 1st team lost 3 - 2 away to Ditton.

Diary date - Race Night Hunton Village Hall, 1st Nov.

Cheers, Tel

THE HIGHLIGHT of the White House visit to Wimereux was the marvelous welcome and hospitality given by the French. We lost the petanque match but that didn't matter. The entente cordiale received a tremendous boost.

WITH ANY LUCK your editor will be doing another stint on BBC Radio Kent on Wed, 23 October. Listen about 11am. Let me know in good time if there's anything you would like aired.

DO THE ORANGE FLOODLIGHTS on Barham Court annoy you? If so, you are not alone. Environmentalists would call it light pollution.

THE SMALL TREES on the Green are to be released from their restrictive guards by courtesy of Roly Day, to whom many thanks. Similarly, the guards round the young trees in the park adjacent to Charlton Lane, which were the subject of adverse comment from the Men of the Trees, are to be removed at the instigation of Stephen Norman. Many thanks again.

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER  
IN ALL THREE CHURCHES

West Farleigh

Oct 6 0800 BCP HC  
0915 JJJ  
13 1045 Coffee in church  
1115 Harvest Festival  
Family Service  
20 0930 ASB HC  
27 0915 JJJ  
1115 BCP MP Hugh Grainger  
1830 Evening Alternative

Teston

Oct 3 0930 ASB HC  
6 0945 Harvest Festival  
Family Service  
1830 ASB HC  
10 0930 ASB HC  
13 0800 BCP HC  
0945 Children's church  
1830 BCP EP  
17 0930 ASB HC  
20 0945 Children's church  
1500 Baptism  
1830 ASB HC  
24 0930 ASB HC  
27 0800 BCP HC  
0945 Children's church  
1830 BCP EP  
31 0930 ASB HC

Wateringbury

Oct 3 2000 Service of prayer  
for healing  
6 0930 BCP MP  
13 0930 ASB HC  
16 2000 Dedication Sce for  
Confirmation Candts  
20 0800 BCP HC  
1115 Harvest Festival  
Family Service  
1630 BCP EP  
23 2000 Authorization of  
Edna Craig & Pam Rink as  
Pastoral Saaistants  
27 0930 ASB 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

1 - 4 Oct Wateringbury  
8 - 11 Oct Teston  
15 - 18 Oct West Farleigh  
22 - 25 Oct Wateringbury  
29 - 31 Oct Teston  
(NOT Friday 1 Nov)