

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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A TIME TO BE BORN AND A TIME TO DIE

We have no choice as to the month in which we are born any more than most of us are given the choice in the time of year that we leave this life. November can be grey and damp. It can also be a blaze of colour and light as the last shades of autumn give way to the winter months. November - the month of remembrance.

During the months of September and October I was involved with several funerals in our Benefice. Each service was, of course, special to the bereaved family or group of friends concerned. I was especially close to one person's death, as I had been close to him in his life. Malcolm Black, our long serving PCC secretary at Teston, had been sitting next to me on the evening of September 19th at the PCC meeting; an hour or so later he died. In this month of remembrance, as the falling leaves signal the passing of the year, I will remember Eve Black and those other relations and friends whose lives have been touched by bereavement over recent months. If you are able, I invite you to share in these prayers.

On Thursday, 28th November, at 9.30am, our usual service of Holy Communion at Teston will take the form of a Memorial Service. If you have a name of a loved one or friend who has died this year that you would like read out in the service, please contact our Churchwardens or myself. All names typed or in block capitals, please.

November - a time to remember.

Denys Gower

The Rectory, Teston. 01622 812494

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

With Christmas only weeks away, plans are well advanced for the village Christmas Fair, with proceeds going towards All Saints Church.

Mine hosts, Linda and Derek, at the Good Intent have very kindly offered their premises for the fair, which takes place on Saturday November 23rd 10am to 12 noon.

As well as the usual array of cakes, preserves and pickles there will be a host of festive gifts and country crafts on sale - cards, gift wrap, dried flowers, table decorations, unusual wood carvings, herb vinegars & pot plants. The Christmas cards - excellent value @ £2 for a pack of 25 - will also be on sale at the back of the church in the coming weeks, also a limited number of posh cards @70p each with a print of the church in the snow.

There will be a number of fun games for the children while mums and dads browse and partake of refreshments from the bar. If you would like a lift, ring 726251 or 814445.

Donations of suitable items for sale - edible or otherwise - just bring them along on the day or telephone Jane Stewart on 812562.

EVERGREENS Mill House, the home of Stuart and Irene Dyer, Tuesday, 12 November.

Bun Balston is giving us the privilege of hearing her play the piano.

POPPIES

Nobody in the village has volunteered to organise the British Legion poppy collection which Vera Smith did so well for so long. Fortunately the pubs are helping out and poppies will be on sale at the Good Intent, the Tickled Trout and the White House until 11th November. You will also be able to buy them in the church but, unless someone volunteers, there will be no house to house collection this year.

A GOOD EVENING

The Evening Alternative service in church run by Alison Swan on 27th October was a great success. There was a full church and the rock band proved to be a good substitute for the organ. Another one has been promised us before Christmas.

Don't forget that under5s are very well looked after in the nice new room at the foot of the tower during morning services - 11.15 on the 2nd & 4th Sundays in the month & 9.30 on the 3rd Sunday.

MARGARET PRAZER

Thanks all the kind people who subscribed so generously to her parting gifts and who gave her such a lovely send-off at the Harvest Festival. She also says that the last function she organised - the sponsored bike ride - produced the best response ever and she thanks all concerned.

THE PASTORAL TEAM

In order to strengthen links between West Farleigh church and the village, the PCC has created a PASTORAL TEAM. Members of this team so far include the Rector, Denys Cower, the Pastoral Assistant, Helen Swan, and the Lay Reader, Hugh Grainger.

They will be visiting those who have recently moved into West Farleigh, those who have been bereaved and those whose family has had a baptism or wedding in All Saints Church in recent months. If you think you would like to assist in this work, please contact one of the team members or one of the Churchwardens.

FOOTBALL REPORT

The First XI have played just two games this month, both v Shepway Eagles. On the 5th, at Shepway, (Kent Junior Cup) Farleigh showed great spirit and won 3 - 2 A.E.T. (Darren Wenham 2 and Stuart Hatcher). On the 26th, again at Shepway, in the League, we were 1 - 0 up at H/T (Simon Pointer) but later fell away and lost 3 - 1. Farleigh 2nd XI's first game v Hunton turned into a friendly because there was no referee. The following week, again v Hunton, (Kent Junior Cup) Farleigh were 2 - 1 up at H/T (Martin Bromley and Chris Reed) but could not sustain the performance and unluckily lost 3 - 2. Next came the Dog and Gun in the League and our best performance so far this season, winning 4 - 0 (Stuart Hatcher, Gary Brogan and an own goal). For our last game this month we returned to Tun/Wells action and played unknown Harkenbury Res. As holders we wanted to put in a decent effort but gave away two sloppy goals and missed a host of opportunities. At half time we were 2 - 1 down. We equalised but the visitors made it 3 - 2. Then with only two minutes left Martin Bromley sensationally scored to force extra time. On the re-start we remarkably went straight into a 4 - 3 lead and I'm glad to say that's how the game ended.

At our annual club presentation dinner, congratulations to Paul Edwards, Adrian Davies, Godfrey Reid-Marr and myself (!) for picking up trophies. Thanks to Peter Baggott for organising the event.

Friday 1st November our Race Night. 7.30 for 8pm start.
Cheers
Tel

THE LOST CHORD

Are there any bass brass or woodwind players (male or female) who have a couple of hours per week to spare? The band of a local dance group (The Kettle Bridge Clogs) has lost its oompah and needs a replacement player. If you can help out then phone Sandy on 01622 721778.

Ton-Up Club

September draw

£10 George Reffell
£5 Jack Martin
£5 Trevor Fermor

October draw

£10 Jack Martin
£5 Trevor Fermor
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£20 Autumn Bonus Draw - E P Day

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER IN ALL THREE CHURCHES

West Farleigh

Nov 3 0800 BCP HC
0915 JJJ
10 1045 Service of
Remembrance
17 0930 ASB HC
24 0915 JJJ
1045 Coffee in church
1115 Family Service
Alison Swan

Teston

Nov 3 0945 Family Service
1830 ASB HC
10 1045 See of Remembrance
at War Memorial
1830 BCP EP
14 0930 ASB HC
17 0945 Children's church
21 0930 ASB HC
24 0800 BCP HC
0945 Children's church
1830 BCP EP
28 0930 ASB HC Memorial See

Wateringbury

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There will be a CONFIRMATION
SERVICE in Rochester Cathedral
on Sunday 17 November at 6.30pm

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 - 8 Nov No morning Prayer
12 - 15 Nov West Farleigh
19 - 22 Nov Wateringbury
26 - 29 Nov Teston

Please contact me if you would
like me to visit you at home or
would like to receive Holy
Communion at home

The job of replacing the posts
round the Green is nearly done &
very good they look.

Next Parish Council meeting - Tickled Trout 7.30 2 Dec '96.

Next epic broadcast on Radio Kent
by your editor, 20 Nov, 11am.