

"Some sort of periodical is an essential life-line in a village such as ours"

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A PROPHECY THROUGH THE POST

In my mail recently I received a letter, copies of which have been sent to Ministers all over the country. The letter is headed "Earthquake in the City: A Prophetic Warning". Briefly the letter concerns a prophecy of judgement received by one Paul Slennett, described as a Christian bookseller. He prophesies a great earthquake which will signal a major financial collapse in the City. I quote a portion of the letter, "My judgement that has been withheld for so long must now be unleashed on your nation in order that my church repent and lead this nation in repentance ... My children, repent now ... already the day of my return draws near and you must not be found wanting ..."

Mr Slennett appears to have a low opinion of our friends across the channel. He goes on, "In regard to Europe, come out of her, my dear children, for she will align herself with the Beast and the False Prophet ..." You may not be too surprised to learn that the letter ends by urging us to buy a book written by Mr Slennett and his co-author. I presume they would like us to purchase it before the earthquake; we'd have other things on our minds after! I will hold on to my £4.99

I do not dismiss Mr Slennett's prophecy too lightly - his hot line may be in better working order than mine. But earthquakes with all their attendant horror and destruction have never made us treat each other better in the long run. Frightening folk into the Kingdom (and out of Europe) seems to me a far cry from the life and teachings of Jesus. What do you think?

Denys

Rev. Denys Gower, 01622 812494.

Ton-Up Club

March 1997

£10 Helena Baines
£5 Zoe Martin
£5 Trevor Fermor

EVERGREENS

Mill Cottage
Tuesday
8th April
Rain or shine

THE MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting on 3rd March went off more or less according to plan. There was good news and bad news. The bad news was that Wilf Shilling, who has been our County Councillor for eight years, will not be seeking re-election on 1st May. He reckons that at 84 he has had enough of council work and is going to direct his far from 84-like energy elsewhere. The good news was that a committee is to be set up to consider twinning with Ringstedt over a game of football and Arthur Morris of the White House didn't see why Wimareux shouldn't get in on the act over a game of petanque. This would, one supposes, make it a tripletting. Some chaps from the Kent Association of Twinning Organisations spoke about the proposal and said that the great advantage of twinning was the friendships it fostered between families in the different countries. Nearer home, there was some talk about improving the traffic control at the well known danger spots in the village but there was gloom at the knowledge of financial shortages in this respect. There was discussion about the administration of the village charities, mainly with a view to distributing the work load more evenly. The Community Centre Fund which is now, of course, a charity was revealed to contain £11,209.14. A National Savings investment had been found for the bulk of this amount at an interest rate of 5.2%. It was also pointed out that the Parish Council remains willing to be involved in any future discussions about a joint Farleighs Community Centre but no decisions would be made without public consultations in West Farleigh.

THANKS FROM THE RECTORY

Thank you to those of you who expressed your concern regarding my car accident in March. David Swan came along like a passing angel and alerted the ambulance service to my predicament. My thanks to him and to the Good Lord who sent him my way. Thank you also to those kind people who have offered me lifts around the Benefice during this difficult time. It is much appreciated.

Denys

The ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING WILL BE IN THE CHURCH on Tuesday, 29 April at 8pm. David Swan is standing down as Churchwarden and a new one is required and the membership of the Parochial Church Council must be determined.

SPORTS REPORT

Farleigh 1st XI have had two games v Larkfield, both in the League. In our away game, after conceding two goals in the first five minutes (!), we rallied round and, come half time, it was still the same score. After the break we turned the game around and finished the game with a very creditable 2 - 2 draw. Next, our home fixture and I'm pleased to say we carried on where we left off and secured our first win since Christmas, 4 - 2. In our League game v Staplehurst at home we unluckily lost 2 - 1.

Our 2nd XI have had an excellent month with only one disappointing result. This occurred in our first match v South Celtic in the Tun/Wells cup; 2 - 0 up then 3 - 2 up we eventually were unlucky to lose 4 - 3 after extra time. Next a tricky League game against The Dog and Gun but played well and took our chances, winning impressively 6 - 0. The following week came our long awaited encounter v Hunton in the semi-final of the Challenge Cup. After a mostly uneventful first half it came to life 10 minutes before the break when Hunton went ahead and Martin Bromley immediately cancelled the difference. After half time we made it 3 - 1 but our opponents got one back and we hung on to reach our first ever Challenge Cup final (April 26 Eccles v East Malling). Finally came another cup game (Bendovent) v undefeated Maid Snooker Club from Div 3. A terrific team performance earned a 2 - 2 draw after extra time. Penalties followed and we amazingly won 9 - 8!

We want cricket players for the new season, also someone to mow our outfield or become our scorer (free tea included). Our Wine & Wisdom Night is on Saturday, 12 April, Hunton Village Hall. Teams of six, £5 a head, sausages, chips, bottle of wine. All welcome.

Cheers, Tel. 01622 745744

SUSAN & ADRIAN PAYNE proudly announce the birth of their son George on 2nd March. WORK HAS STARTED on the new play equipment on the Green. Progress is slow but seems to be fairly steady.

SUE GOODALL who lives in Holly Villas is looking for a young mother who would like a Nannie but, like herself, can't afford one on her own. Sue wonders whether there is someone who would be willing to share a Nannie with her and also share the expenses. Ring Sue on 817841 to discuss it.

The recent LIFEBOAT collection in the village brought in £142.65. Many thanks to all concerned who gave to this very worthy cause. ANOTHER VISIT from our friends in Wimereux, France, to play Petanque at the White House 4 May.

A FAVOURITE SPOT for the illegal dumping of rubbish is Small Profits Lane. If you spot any large rubbish dumped here or anywhere else, phone the Council on 602162 and they will take it away. The same goes for any bulky rubbish you might want to get rid of from home. The service is free.

SERVICES FOR APRIL
IN ALL THREE CHURCHES

West Farleigh

Apr 6 0800 BCP HC
0915 JJJ
13 1045 Coffee in church
1115 Family Service
20 0930 ASB HC
27 0915 JJJ
1045 Coffee in church
1115 Family Service

Teston

Apr 3 0930 ASB HC
6 0945 Family Service
1830 ASB HC
10 0930 ASB HC
13 0800 BCP HC
0945 Children's church
1830 BCP EP
17 0930 ASB MP (No HC)
20 0945 Children's church
1830 ASB HC
24 0930 ASB HC
27 0800 BCP HC
0945 Children's church
1830 BCP EP
May 1 2000 Service of Prayer
for Healing

Wateringbury

Apr 6 0930 BCP MP
13 0930 ASB HC
20 0800 BCP HC
1115 Family Service
27 0930 ASB HC

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

Morning Prayer Tues to Fri 0830
8 - 11 April Wateringbury
15 - 18 April Teston
22 - 25 April West Farleigh
29 April - 2 May Wateringbury

The Rector is always ready to take Holy Communion to anyone (not just Anglicans) unable to attend public worship. He is also glad to visit anyone who might appreciate a chat.
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