

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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TO BE A PILGRIM IN '97

It was Monday and my "Rest day" so I decided to go to Bewl Water and walk around the reservoir. The route is about 13 miles and for the most part follows the shape of the lake. It is a path that twists and turns, up hill and down and at every bend in the track a new vista opens up across the vast expanse of water. I took William, my Dalmatian, along for company and he had a great time dashing in and out of the water on the end of a long lead and picking all sorts of interesting scents.

It had been many years since I had walked the full route so it was a kind of personal pilgrimage, a sentimental journey to refresh my memory of days past when I had shared the company of other walkers at one of my previous churches on such a venture.

Some of us from this part of Kent will be joining in a different kind of pilgrimage on Monday Bank Holiday, 26 May. We will be meeting up with the National Pilgrimage celebrating Saint Augustine and Saint Columba, destination Aylesford Priory. If you would like to share in this venture, then we meet at Waterringbury Railway Station car park. We set off at 2.30 pm and follow the river through Maidstone and on into Aylesford. Children must be in the care of adults. Stout footwear is recommended. Come and join in this celebration of pilgrimage - have fun in the name of the Lord.

Denys

Revd Denys Gower 01622 812494

ARTHUR MORRIS at the White House will be hosting another party - about 50, he thinks - from Wimereux, France, on Sunday, 4th May, to play petanque. I hope this Life-Line reaches you in time. They should arrive about 9.30 and stay until about 6.00. The bar stays open all day. Perhaps there will be some discussion about twinning with Wimereux and with Ringstedt and a few more friendship links forged with our near neighbours across the Channel.

EVERGREENS

This month we shall be the guests of David and Helen Swan at Appledore, near the Green. In June we're having another trip on the steam train out of Tenterden with tea and scones like we did two years ago.

THERE ARE THREE SHEETS to Life-Line this month. One of the two extra ones includes a letter and a referendum (a very popular word these days) about a possible joint village hall with East Farleigh. Please read the letter carefully and complete the questionnaire and return it to David Swan because it is an important matter for the village which will affect the lives of residents for generations to come.

The other sheet is advertising matter for two fund raising events, the Quiz and the Plant Sale. Your editor offers apologies to the hard working distribution staff for the extra handling involved.

SPECIAL CONSTABLES

Parish Councillors have been puzzled at their last couple of meetings because our Parish Constables have failed to turn up. The answer was revealed recently when a message from Maidstone Police Station announced that they had resigned. This was not because of some internal police dispute but each man had his own personal reason for resigning - moving away, increased pressure of work and so on.

So we have been left without Parish Constables and the mountain bikes we bought them are languishing in their lock-up with no-one to ride them.

More volunteers are now required. About the only restriction is age - must be between 18 and 55 and you have to give at least four hours a week. You get proper training and a uniform and a lot of job satisfaction. Full information will be gladly given by Sergeant Bennett on 01622 608022. He is the new recruiting officer and will fire you with his enthusiasm.

ACCIDENT

Another pile-up in Lower Road on 15 April underlines the need for some kind of new traffic control at the junction with Teston Lane. One hopes our new County Councillor will take this on board and carry on the good work started by Wilf Shilling.

SPORTS REPORT

West Farleigh 1st XI have picked up some useful points this month in their fight to avoid relegation. Fellow strugglers Shepway Eagles came first and three much needed points, winning 4 - 0. After a week off came a dreaded "double header" (two games in one afternoon) v Loose Rangers; we lost the first 3 - 0 but we did improve and deservedly managed a 2 - 2 draw in the second. Finally, after having another Saturday off we played top-of-the-table Cherry Tree. In the first half we took a surprise 1 - 0 lead only for our opponents to draw level just before H/T. A Guy Wilson goal mid way through the second made it 2 - 1 and only an equalising goal three minutes from time prevented a major upset, drawing 2 - 2.

Our 2nd XI, in their quest to conquer the 4th Div championship, and two cup competitions, have had a disappointing month. Needing to win all our remaining league matches, we started well, beating lowly Leeds 4 - 0 and Oaktree Eagles 1 - 0 but came unstuck v Malgo, only drawing 2 - 2, thus losing the chance of winning the League. Still, with two games left, three more points would ensure promotion in 2nd place.

Our semi-final v 3rd Div club Lashings in the Benevolent Cup was a one sided affair and we deservedly lost 5 - 0. Finally came our much awaited challenge Group C cup final v East Malling. Martin Bromley broke the deadlock after 20 minutes, only for our opponents to draw level before H/T. After the break we were awarded a penalty which Martin Hazelwood converted. Then, after missing good chances, 10 mins from time disaster happened. We conceded a very disputed penalty which they scored and with minutes left another disputed free kick enabled East Malling to seal a 3 - 2 scoreline.

Many thanks to all our supporters who braved the wet weather. See you next month to report the first games of the cricket season. We would like to see some new members joining for cricket. Ring 745744 or 720810.

Cheers, Tel

Jane Stewart says HELP preserve my sanity!

Housebound mum desperately needs an occasional baby sitter (average once a month) - preferably an older person, confident with babies.

Tel: Jane Stewart on 812562.

MOLLIE UNDERDOWN, astonished at the sight of a daffodil turned pink by chemical spray, wrote this in admiration:- The Defiant Daffodil

I won't give in
No matter how much poison they pour in.

My flowers are a different hue
I'm orange pink - out of cue.

I've defied the enemy and set myself free
To be pink all over, a rarity.

SERVICES FOR MAY
IN ALL THREE CHURCHESWest Farleigh

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| May | 4 | 0800 | BCP HC |
| | | 0915 | JJJ |
| | 11 | 1045 | Coffee in church |
| | | 1115 | Family Service |
| | | 1800 | Evening Alternative* |
| | 18 | 1000 | Short family type HC at Tutsham Farm |
| | 25 | 0915 | JJJ |
| | | 1115 | BCP MP |

Teston

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| May | 1 | 0930 | ASB HC |
| | | 2000 | Healing Service |
| | 4 | 0945 | Family Service |
| | | 1830 | ASB HC |
| | 8 | 0930 | ASB HC |
| | 11 | 0800 | BCP HC |
| | | 0945 | Children's Church |
| | | 1830 | BCP EP |
| | 15 | 0930 | ASB HC |
| | 18 | 0945 | Children's Church |
| | | 1830 | ASB HC |
| | 22 | 0930 | ASB HC |
| | 25 | 0800 | BCP HC |
| | | 0945 | Children's Church |
| | | 1830 | BCP EP |
| | 29 | 0930 | ASB HC |

Wateringbury

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

Morning Prayer Tues to Fri 0830
29 April - 2 May Wateringbury
6 - 9 May Teston
13 - 16 May West Farleigh
20 - 23 May Wateringbury
27 - 30 May Teston

* Evening Alternative. As a completely new venture, this will be at Holy Trinity, Coxheath. In July it will be in East Farleigh church, then in September in West Farleigh.