

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

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IS ANYONE HAPPY?

LET HIM SING SONGS OF PRAISE

Letter of James 5:13

There are many people who never enter a church building except on special family occasions, who sit down in front of the TV on Sunday evening and switch on Songs of Praise. I rarely have the chance to watch this programme as I am usually at Teston church for the evening service. Hymns and, in recent times, choruses, still touch people's hearts and minds.

Hymns and choruses as we know and sing them were not always part of the church's worship. For two centuries after the Reformation (when the reformed churches removed themselves from the Pope's authority) there was no book of hymns for use in the Church of England. The nearest thing to a hymn was the chanting of a psalm. Today the range of hymns and choruses and the books that contain them is quite enormous. We are spoilt for choice.

I believe it was the great hymn writer Charles Wesley who said, "Why should the Devil have all the best tunes?" William Booth, Founder of the Salvation Army, borrowed the saying.

On Sunday evening, 22 June, at 6.30 at Wateringbury Church, the Deanery Songs of Praise takes place. No TV cameras present but you are warmly invited to be there. Songs of Praise - something old, something new, something specially for you.

Denys Gower

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HEARING DOGS FOR THE DEAF

Sylvia and Pippa hope that this year you will come for a biscuit and a cup of tea or coffee on Wednesday, 18th June, to Green Acre, Lower Road, from 2.30 to 5.00. Entrance 50p. There will be plants for sale, Bring and Buy, and cakes would be welcome for a cake stall. Please come and see the Dogs' Gallery that we have helped to provide. Every dog helps a severely deaf person.

ART SHOW & SALE OF WORK

Phil Clark will be showing examples of his recent work at Ferlags, Vicarage Lane, East Farleigh, from Monday, 16 June to Sunday, 22 June, 10.00 am to 8.00pm. In aid of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Relatives of LES SMITHERMAN thank all kind friends who have offered help, sympathy and flowers at this sad time.

CRICKET FIXTURES - June

7th	Under River	Home	2.30
14th	Marden	(L) Home	2.00
21st	Linton Park	(L) Away	2.00
28th	Horton Kirby	(L) Away	2.00

THE EVERGREENS will be having a trip on the steam train from Tenterden on Tuesday, 10 June. Start from the Green at 1.15pm. Train leaves at 2.30. Tea and scones on board.

LAW & ORDER

Barney is giving up being Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. It was jolly noble of him to take it on in the first place.

So now we have to find a replacement. This is important for keeping the villains out of West Farleigh and a volunteer would be warmly received by the community. You would not be expected to chase the criminals yourself - simply be a focal point for information between the village and the police.

Also, as appeared in May's Life-Line, Special (or, as they are now called - Parish) Constables are required to patrol our village and keep our peace. This is a worth-while public service, unpaid but you get expenses, a uniform, training and a chance to ride those mountain bikes. Ring Sergeant Bennett on 01622 608022 for all the gen.

POSTERS about charity events may be displayed free on the shop window at Teston Post Office any time. Up to A4 size.

COME TO THE GREEN

We waited long enough for the new play equipment for children on the Green but, now we've got it, it would be nice to say thank you for it. Therefore, in spite of a little mild controversy, which is still going on, about where the goal posts should be, there is going to be a family service on the Green at 11.15 on Sunday morning, 22 June, to bless the new apparatus. These open air services have been very successful in the past and, provided the weather holds, this one should be no exception. If it's wet, of course, we'll all go down to the church.

SPORTS REPORT

West Farleigh's eventful season came to a successful close and good news for both teams for different reasons. Our 1st XI, having battled throughout a difficult season with not much luck, needed a result from their last game of the season v Ditton. The final scoreline was 0 - 0 and in the end was just enough to keep them in the premier Div on goal diff.

Farleigh's 2nd XI, after the disappointment of losing the cup final, the week earlier, played champions Hunton in which we needed a victory to secure promotion in 2nd place. I'm pleased to say, after playing some of our best football for a while, finished up 3 - 2 winners. And to complete an extremely successful season, rounded off 5 - 3 winners a week later v East Malling. Here's hoping Div 3 next season will be as enjoyable as Div 4!

Congratulations to our Players' Player of the season award in which both teams had a tie situation.

1st XI Paul Beck and Ian Wratten

2nd XI Ian Payne and Martin Hazelwood.

Farleigh cricketers have started another season, so far without success - but early days! Defeats against Marden and in the League v Leeds and Southborough have all been reasonably close. Here's hoping next month's report will bring our first victory. Cheers

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A VILLAGE HALL OR NOT?

If you haven't returned the questionnaire about the proposed combined East and West Farleigh village hall, please do so before, say, Sunday, 8 June. This is an important matter for the village and it is necessary to know what people think about it before any major steps are taken. The questionnaire form is an easy one to fill up so fill it up and put it through David Swan's door - Appledore in Charlton Lane, just off the Green.

THE PARISH COUNCIL are meeting at the Tickled Trout on Monday, 9 June, at 7.30. They have a full agenda including the proposed joint village hall with East Farleigh (see above). Come and listen and see what makes your village tick.

JOHN ZYGMANT at Teston Post Office has copies of the Registers of Electors of Teston and East and West Farleigh which he keeps available for scrutiny whenever he is open.

SERVICES FOR JUNE IN ALL THREE CHURCHES

West Farleigh

June 1 0800 HC Bk Common Prayer
0915 JJJ Children's Club
8 1045 Coffee in church
1115 Family Service
15 0930 HC Alt. See Book
22 1115 Open air Family See
on the Green. Blessing of
Children's new play eqpt
29 0800 HC Bk Common Prayer

Teston

June 1 0945 Family Service
1830 HC Alt See Book
5 0930 HC Alt See Book
8 0800 HC Bk Common Prayer
0945 Children's Church
1830 Evensong Bk Common Pr
12 0930 HC Alt See Book
15 0945 Children's Church
1830 HC Alt See Book
19 0930 HC Alt See Book
22 0800 HC Bk Common Prayer
0945 Children's Church
No evening service
26 0930 HC Alt See Book
Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali
29 1830 Songs of Praise and
Compline

Wateringbury

June 1 0930 Matins-Bk-Common Pr
8 0930 HC Alt See Book
15 0800 HC Bk Common Prayer
1115 Family Service
22 Patronal Festival
0930 HC Alt See Book
1830 Deanery Songs of Praise
29 0930 HC Bk Common Prayer

Note. HC = Holy Communion

Morning Prayer Tues to Fri 0830

3 - 6 June West Farleigh

10 - 13 June Wateringbury

17 - 20 Teston

24 - 27 West Farleigh

Anyone requiring Holy Communion at home or a visit, please contact me. I'll be glad to have a chat.

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Denys

THE NEXT BROADCAST on Radio Kent by your editor will be on Wednesday 18 June about 11.10 on the Barbara Sturgeon chat show.