

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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HI-TEC & HUMANITY

There is a story of a university lecturer who was very fond of golf. On one occasion he decided that it was too fine a day to be enclosed within a lecture room and the golf course seemed a much better option. He had recorded his next lecture so he set up a tape player in the lecture room with a note for the students to switch it on and take notes.

After a couple of hours on the golf course the lecturer decided he ought to put in an appearance at the lecture to see how the students were getting on. When he opened the door he was surprised to see that the room was empty - except that where each student should have been sitting a cassette recorder was recording his words.

A tall story but it poses the question, "Are machines taking over?" Bank transactions can be done without any human contact. Are we in danger of losing the human touch in the normal transactions of life? And are we becoming more like robots?

When I was very young I heard a radio play about robots taking over the work of human beings. This developed so that the human race became redundant. The robots evolved to become more and more human and in the end two of them fell in love! I have no idea if they produced a set of little robots.

Let's hold on to our humanity. A smile, a joke and a handshake or a hug will still be needed however clever we become in the future.

Denys

Rev'd Denys Gower 01622 812494.

HEARING DOGS for the DEAF are most grateful for £110 donated in memory of Maria Gibb. This sum will go towards the training of the 14th Hearing Dog from the local account.

Sylvia Whittle

SOME IDIOT has dug holes all over the cricket ground, even on the square itself. It looks as if he had a metal detector and was prospecting. Such thoughtless acts of vandalism can not be tolerated and the offender deserves severe punishment and his nasty little detector should be confiscated. Surely no West Farleigh resident could be responsible but if any reader has any useful information, please pass it on to the Sports Club.

THE BARBECUE LUNCH at Court Lodge on 6 July raised £360 for the church. Very many thanks to all helpers and supporters.

EVERGREENS AT Ridgely, Charlton Lane, the home of Roly and Brenda Day, on 12 August.

COLLECTION for Barnardos in Lower Road came to £27.80.
Thanks to all kind donors.

POPPY DAY

Help is needed for the 1997 Royal British Legion poppy appeal. In 1995 after many years of stalwart service Mrs Vera Smith retired from the job of organising the appeal in West Farleigh. Last year there was a collection in the church and the pubs only. This year so that EVERYONE in the village has the chance to make a donation a new organiser is needed.

The team of collectors is thought to be still in place and it just needs someone with a little time to spare once a year to make sure this worthwhile charity is properly supported in West Farleigh.

If you can help please contact Jim Patch on 813461 or David Swan on 814445 or the Legion's Branch organiser, Mrs E Baker on 744179.

VILLAGE TRANSPORT

For some time various parish councils have been discussing the possibility of running a small bus across the south of Maidstone from, say, Boughton Monchelsea to the hospital via Linton, Coxheath and the Farleighs to provide new, direct public transport links for shopping, the doctors, East Farleigh station and so on with something like a 90 minute frequency. But to make it worthwhile it would have to be used and before going any further your Parish Council would like to know what you think of the idea and whether you would use the service.

Please drop a line to David Swan at Appledore, Charlton Lane, ME15 0NL, to let the Council know what you think. If the response is poor no further action will be taken.

DON'T FORGET the open air family service on the Green on Sunday, 10th August at 10.30 which will be as lively and friendly as these services always are. If it rains we'll go down to the church.

SPORTS REPORT

West Farleigh cricketers have continued to play entertaining cricket but unfortunately without any luck or success. Four games this month v Headcorn Hollingbourne, Rumwood and Meopham. All were close (except Headcorn!) but not a win amongst them. Just the one win so far this season. Let's hope we can at least double this come next month.

Our friends from Ringstedt visit us for the weekend 1st to 4th August. The match kicks off at noon on Saturday. Also, it's not too late if you want to come to our Friday night dance at Tutsham. Ring me if you're interested on 745744.

Metal detecting is not permitted on our cricket ground! Somebody using a metal detector dug over 50 holes on the outfield and the square. If anyone knows who it was we would like to educate him. Tel

A CAR was set on fire about six o'clock on Sunday morning, 27 July, in the orchard just off the Green. What with this and the holes in the cricket ground, West Farleigh seems to be getting more crime prone. It is not possible to say that if we had a Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator this sort of thing wouldn't happen but it would help.

Please, is there anyone out there willing to take on the job? Ring your editor on 813461 or David Swan on 814445 if you would like to render us all this public service.

PUBLIC SERVICE of another kind was given a boost when Sister Jackie Hill of the Church Army, a youth leader, visited our own youth leaders, Helen and Alison Swan, Sue O'Donnell and Tony Walsh to pass on some of her ideas. The village should be grateful to these good folk who give up their time to guide our young people through the dangerous jungle of our modern life.

TON-UP CLUB

May	£10	Mrs C Baggott	June	£10	Mrs J Britcher
	£5	Mr Andrews		£5	Grant Wells
	£5	Roy Malthouse		£5	J Britcher
July	£10	Brian Roberts	£20	Summer Bonus	
	£5	Alan Godfrey		Jinha Britcher	
	£5	Jan Morris			

CRICKET FIXTURES

Aug.	2	Sheldwich	(L)	Home	2.00
	9	Staplehurst	(L)	Away	2.00
	16	Shipbourne	(L)	Home	2.00
	23	Harrietsham	(L)	Away	2.00
	25	Headingley			
		Old School		Home	2.30
	30	Milsted	(L)	Home	1.30

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

The Parish Church Council, at all its meetings, have to talk about ways of raising funds because, in spite of an improvement in the Church of England's financial position, parishes still have to be self supporting. Donations by covenant are important and so are our social events. Ideas are sought and volunteers to run events will be eagerly welcomed!

**SERVICES FOR AUGUST
IN ALL THREE CHURCHES**

West Farleigh

Aug	3	0800	HC Bk Common Prayer
		0915	JJJ Children's Club
	10	1030	Family Sce. Open Air On the Green
	17	0930	HC Alt Service Book
	24	0915	JJJ Children's Club
		1045	Coffee in church
		1115	Family Service
	31	0800	HC Bk Common Prayer
		0915	JJJ Children's Club

Teston

Aug	3	0945	Family Service
		1830	HC Alt Service Book
	10	0800	HC Bk Common Prayer
		1830	Evensong Bk Cmmn Prayr
	17	1830	HC Alt Service Book
	21	0930	HC Alt Service Book
	24	0800	HC Bk Common Prayer
		1830	Evensong Bk Cmmn Prayr
	28	0930	HC Alt Service Book
	31	1830	Songs of Praise and Complin

Wateringbury

Aug	3	0930	Matins Bk Common Prayr
	10	0930	HC Alt Service Book
	17	0800	HC Book Common Prayer
		1115	Family Service
	24	0930	HC Alt Service Book
	31	0930	HC Bk Common Prayer

Morning Prayer Tues to Fri 0830
19 - 22 Aug Wateringbury
26 - 29 Aug Teston
2 - 5 Sept West Farleigh

HARVEST SUPPER

This most popular of village social events is coming round again, organised by Hugh Grainger. The date will be 13 September and the place, as usual, Nettlestead Village Hall. Preliminary arrangements have been made, a committee formed and more info will be given in September's Life-Line.