

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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NOVEMBER PEOPLE

One thing we cannot choose in this life is our date of birth. If your birthday falls in November like mine, do you sometimes wish that you had made your appearance on earth in a more cheerful and sunny month like May, June or July? Does the time of the year in which we are born affect our personalities and our outlook on life, I wonder? If so, then we November people must be a pretty grey lot.

Well, that's not strictly true for I believe that Ken Dodd shares my date of birth and, whether he turns off or leaves you laughing like a drain, he can hardly be called a grey man.

Bram Stoker, the author of Dracula, was a November birthday boy. His most successful story has been a gift to the film industry and brought fame to such actors as Bela Lugosi, Lon Chaney, Christopher Lee and John Carradine, who really got their teeth into the part!

Gone with the Wind was the only book that Margaret Mitchell ever wrote. In its first year the book was an instant success; in the first six months it sold a million copies and it is still selling today, 250,000 in the United States alone every year. The film version with Clark Gable and Vivian Leigh was then the most expensive film ever made and for 25 years the most popular. Even now, a cinema in Atlanta screens it twice daily all year round. Margaret was no grey lady!

Then there is Dr. Christiaan Barnard, the South African surgeon. He's a November man. On 3rd December 1967 he made medical history by performing the first successful heart transplant in a human being, a man who brought hope to thousands of people he would never meet.

I hope you will find time to share in the solemn acts of remembrance this month. I hope also you will give thanks for the variety of human personality represented by these November people. It's not such a grey month after all.

Denys

Revd Denys Gower, 01622 812494

DOMESTIC AND PERSONAL ASSISTANTS

are needed in the village
for temporary and permanent situations

Do you have a few hours to spare each week?
Are you cheerful, friendly and hard working?
Would you like some extra money?
Phone Helen on 814445 for further information.

FESTIVE FAIR

By the time you read this, Christmas will be about seven weeks away.

You might not have turned your thoughts to cards and presents yet - so now's your chance.

The village Christmas Fair is being held nice and early this year on Saturday, 22nd November, so that you can get the pick of local crafts and gifts for your families and friends.

Thanks to the hospitality of Sandra and Stephen Norman, the fair will take place in the elegant surroundings of Smiths Hall, Lower Road, from 10am to 12 noon.

There will be the usual array of gifts, preserves, plants, cards, cakes, wood carvings and crafts as well as refreshments and a raffle.

We have been promised some appropriate period music, so it should be a superb morning. Come along and soak up the atmosphere - and help raise funds for our village church.

Donations for any of the stalls will be most welcome, as will be offers of help. Offers to Jane Stewart on 812562.

XMAS CHEER ...

If the idea of a couple of hours without the children to get on with your Christmas shopping sounds appealing, help is at hand.

Here in West Farleigh we have our very own KCC-Registered child-minder who would be happy to look after your little ones for a few hours in the run-up to Christmas so that Santa Claus can start filling up his stockings in peace ...

For further details, ring Jackie on 725298.

EVERGREENS After last month's unfortunate cancellation we all go to Ridgely, Charlton Lane, home of Roly and Brenda Day, on Tuesday, 11 November. Frances is much better now, thank you.

EVENING ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

at COXHEATH church

Sunday 9th November 6.00pm

These Evening Alternatives are services of praise and worship especially for young people and those who like a more relaxed, informal and lively style of worship. They are a joint venture for West Farleigh, East Farleigh and Coxheath.

You will be especially welcome and are invited to stay for a coffee and a chat afterwards.

SPORTS REPORT

As per usual Farleigh's footballers had a mixed bag of results this month. On the first Saturday both teams failed to hit the back of the net, the 1st XI being thumped 6 - 0 to Cherry Tree whilst the 2nd XI went down 2 - 0 away to East Malling. Next, and on a very wet day best suited to ducks and Farleigh footballers, we had a brace of victories, our 1st team beating Shepway 1 - 0 in the Kent Junior Cup and the 2nds playing really well had a terrific 4 - 2 win v Celtic in the League. Finally this month a win and a defeat, our 1st team going down 4 - 1 to high flying Ditton whilst our 2nd XI struggled to overcome Div 5 team Mack Multiples in the Kent Junior Cup 2 - 1.

A very successful Race Night was held last Friday; many thanks to all those who helped and supported what was a very enjoyable evening.

The following day the sports club travelled to Rickmansworth to compete in our first Dragon Boat triathlon which consisted of running a mile, cycling 2½ miles and paddling a boat 3 miles. A very enjoyable and successful day, our gallant lads and lasses finishing in a very creditable 4th place. We may have finished higher if brother Paul hadn't gone sight seeing on the bike ride! Let's hope next year's event will be as popular and maybe improve our position.

(Just for the record, there were only 4 teams entered) Our next event, Barn Dance saturday 6 December East Farleigh WI Hall £4 ticket. Book early.

Cheers, Tel 745744

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER
IN ALL THREE CHURCHES

West Farleigh

Nov 2 Patronal Festival
0800 HC Bk Common Prayer
0915 JJJ Children's Club
9 1045 Remembrance Service
16 0930 HC Alt Service Book
23 1115 Matins. Bk Common Prayer

30 0800 HC Bk Common Prayer
0915 JJJ Children's Club

Teston

Nov 2 0945 Family Service
1830 HC Alt Service Book
Commemoration of All Souls
9 1045 Remembrance Service
1830 Evensong Bk Cmn Prayer
13 0930 HC Alt Service Book
16 0945 Children's Church
1830 In Cathedral
Confirmation Service
20 0930 HC Alt Service Book
23 0800 HC Book Cmn Prayer
1830 Evensong Bk Cmn Prayer
27 0930 HC Alt Service Book
30 0945 Children's Church
1830 Advent Readings & Crls

Wateringbury

Nov 2 0930 Matins Bk cmmn Prayer
9 1045 Remembrance Service
16 0800 HC Book Cmmn Prayer
1115 Family Sce. Baptism
23 0930 HC Alt Service Book
0930 HC Book Cmmn Prayer
1630 Advent Carols
Morning Prayer Tues to Fri 0830
11 to 14 Nov West Farleigh
18 to 21 Nov Wateringbury
25 to 28 Nov Teston

CAMPAIGNERS ARE COMING!

Plans are afoot to revitalise the 3 Js MIDIs (5 to 11 year olds). It is hoped to transform them into Campaigners to start in January 1998.

Campaigners is a large organisation with 600 groups throughout the country catering for a full range of youth activities for 5 to 18 year olds. They provide the help, support & back-up to enable us to deliver a structured but variable programme that will entertain as well as extend the children's knowledge and abilities. There will be games, badge work, physical rec. etc. with songs of praise & prayers, all packed into 1½ hour sessions midweek probably from 7 to 8.30pm. Want to know more? Contact Helen Swan on 814445 or Tony Walsh on 728252.

TON UP

	August	October
£10	Sarah Baggott	£10 Mrs J Creighton
£5	Zoe Martin	£5 Brian Aiston
£5	Mrs D Brown	£5 Jack Martin
	September	Autumn Jackpot
£10	Neil Creighton	
£5	Godfrey Reid Marr	£20 Alan Probert
£5	E P Day	

COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS

This will be at Teston Church at 6.30pm on Sunday, 2nd November. If you would like a loved-one's name read out during the service, please write in block letters or type the name or names and hand them to Helen Swan (814445). Please come along to share in this service and you will be most welcome.