

# 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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## CHILDHOOD - "WE PASS THIS WAY BUT ONCE"

"If anything good can come out of this, it may be that the publicity can teach people how horrible youngsters and sometimes adults can be to each other." These are the words of the Derby and South Derbyshire coroner, spoken after a little girl had taken her own life. She was driven to this act by being tormented at school and treated like "a little slave" at home. In that "home" she was pelted with eggs and margarine. What a sad and miserable life she must have experienced.

There is this streak in our human nature that comes out in some people - a streak of cruelty that manifests itself in some domestic situations. I often find myself praying for children who are misused and abused, children led into pornography, crime and drugs. I had a reasonable childhood, apart from being somewhat disturbed by the 2nd World War, and I hope you can say the same. But for some people childhood is like a passage through Hell and, if they survive, they enter adulthood as wounded and bitter men and women.

When I take the Assembly at Watringbury School or officiate at our Family Services or lead a service of baptism I give thanks for all the happy and healthy children who are present at these events. But I also often pray for those thousands of children in the world like Kelly Yeomans who found her childhood too heavy a cross to bear. Will you take a moment of your time and pray for the children of the world or for a child near you? Denys Gower

## BICYCLE RE-CYCLED

At the Parish Council meeting on Monday, 24 August, it was revealed that one of the bicycles so thoughtfully supplied by East and West Farleigh for the use of the Parish Constables had been removed from the lock-up where it was stored. The culprits turned out to be the police themselves who wanted to exhibit the bike and had pinched it using a key which they should have handed over when the Parish Constables departed. After that the bike disappeared but then enter one WPC Annette Franklin, a new appointee to the post of Community Co-ordinator. She phoned David Swan (after the Council meeting) to introduce herself, was informed about the disappearing bike, and phoned again within the hour to say that the bike was reclining in the police bike shed. Mystery solved, end of story. It looks as if PC Franklin will prove an asset to police liaison and the village.

## STILL WAITING

It had been made known that, at the above mentioned Parish Council meeting, officials would be present to tell the people about progress in the plans for the Teston bit of the Maidstone River Park. But it didn't happen. Someone phoned to say that there was nothing special to report and they'd like to put off their visit to the next Council meeting.

Nothing new on Barming Bridge either. St. Helen's Lane retains its peace.

EVERGREENS - Under new management - will meet this month at Ridgley, Charlton Lane, the home of Brenda and Roly Day. If you are retired and enjoy a cup of tea, a piece of cake and a chat, come and join us. If you would like to know more or need a lift, please ring

Helen Swan on 814445

## THE ORGAN

Work on the organ is proceeding rapidly. The old one has now been removed and is being stored in case any enthusiast wants spare parts. The space where the old console was will be filled by a wooden screen but the design has to be approved by the church architects. It should be fitted in the next few weeks. Work on the sound system is due to start on 2nd September and the new organ should be installed the following week.

But there is a loan of £7,400 to pay off with interest so please support the fund-raising events. More of these are planned for the autumn and in next month's Life-Line will be details of how you can "buy" your own part of the new organ or have the name of a friend or relative recorded on a small plaque. Also, when you go to the pub, have a go at the Pick a Diocese draw. The White House is ahead of the other two in this, so regulars rally.

## SPORTS REPORT

Farleigh cricketers have done well this month but, with a little more luck, would have had far more success. After Marden had been rained off we travelled to Horamonden. We batted first, scored 178 but the home side got the required runs with 5 wickets and three overs remaining. Next we entertained Rumwood at home. We again batted first and amassed a very creditable 212 while our opponents were bowled out for about 100 runs short which assured us of our third win this season. Finally this month we went to Leeds. On a small ground Leeds scored 248. Farleigh in reply scored 218, just 30 runs short, a fine effort in a very good game. Our final game is against Bearsted.

Football news. Our globe trotting footballers travelled again to see our friends in Ringstedt and a great time was had by all. Plenty of beer, girls, more beer and more girls and that was just on the plane going over! Many thanks to all concerned, especially Peter Baggott and Ian Payne in making the week-end one of the best ever. Cheers, Tel

**BOOT FAIR** Sunday, 27 September 9am to 1pm, Boot Fair in River Field by Teston Bridge.

All contributions towards a village Boot Table to Sue Day. Also as many cakes as you can bake for a cake stall also to Sue Day on 812650.

Bookings for pitches to Huw Evans, please, 812222.

There will be a short, informal service at 10 o'clock. If you can spare a few minutes you will be very welcome.

### BAPTISMS

During August we were delighted to welcome:- George Payne, son of Adrian and Sue of Wyngarth Farm; Oliver Martin, son of Geoff and Candy, Tutsham Cotts; Emily and Sarah Hunter, twin daughters of Bob & Jane; Alicia Stewart, daughter of James & Jackie, St Helens La.

### CAMPAIGNERS

The new term starts Thursday, 10th September. If you are between 5 and 11 and like to play games and have fun, come along between 6.45 and 8.15pm, Thursdays in the church.

### FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

Quiz Nights on 25 October and 13 November at the White House. The first one will be in the garden, weather permitting, so children are invited. £2 a head including light refreshments provided by Jan. Tickets and further information from Val Grainger on 820305.

A Promises Auction on 21 November in the East, Tutsham, with hot supper and bar. Details later but offers of promises will be gratefully received by Sue Day on 812650.

### THE RECTOR ANNOUNCES

I shall be away from 15 to 17 September and again from 23 September to 9 October for our holiday break. The Revd Brian Pearson will be covering some of the services during my absence. He may be contacted on 01732 848462 should you require a priest. For pastoral matters, please contact Helen Swan on 814445. For church matters, contact John Day on 812650.

Denys Gower, The Rectory, Teston. 01622 812494

Life-Line wishes Denys and Eileen a happy and relaxing holiday.

Christie Morgan reports that the Barnardos collection in Lower Road raised £40.78.

## SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER IN ALL THREE CHURCHES

### West Farleigh

Sept	6	0800 HC Bk Common Prayer
	13	1045 Coffee in church 1115 Family Service with Jaqui Hill, Children's Dir.
	20	0930 HC Alt Service Book
	27	1115 Matins. Hugh Grainger

### Teston

Sept	3	0930 HC Alt Service Book
	4	1000 Service of dedication for Flower Festival
	6	1830 HC Alt Service Book with Archdeacon Judith Rose
	10	0930 HC Alt Service Book
	13	0945 Children's Church 1830 Evening Prayer
	20	0945 Children's Church 1830 HC Alt Service Book
	27	0800 HC Bk Common Prayer Rev. Brian Pearson 1830 Evening Prayer Dawn Page

### Wateringbury

Sept	6	0930 Matins
	13	0930 HC Alt Service Book
	20	0800 HC Bk Common Prayer 1115 Family Service
	27	0930 HC Alt Service Book Rev. Brian Pearson

Morning Prayer Tues to Fri 0830

1 to 4 Sept Wateringbury

8 to 11 Sept Teston

13 to 16 Oct West Farleigh