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OUR DAILY BREAD

In a changing world some things stay the same. As I write these words the cereal harvest is almost all safely gathered in. In August, September and October the landscape along the Medway Valley turns to a golden hue, a much gentler colour than the harsh, un-English yellow of the rape seed fields of early summer. The Church plays its part in the seasons cycle and harvest hymns are sung once again and prayers of thanks are offered for the fruits of God's creation and those who bring us our daily bread are remembered with gratitude.

On the altars of our three churches every Harvest Festival may be seen bread in some form alongside a bunch of grapes. They remind us of course of the bread and wine of the Eucharist, the Holy Communion. They also remind us how very fortunate we are in this part of God's world that our prayer for daily bread is answered abundantly. Take hold of a piece of bread and read this prayer:-

Be gentle when you touch bread.
Let it not lie, un-cared for, unwanted.
So often bread is taken for granted.
There is such beauty in bread -
Beauty of sun and soil,
Beauty of patient toil.
Wind and rain have caressed it,
Christ often blessed it.
Be gentle when you touch bread.
Anon.

Denys Gower

A BOOK OF RECIPES

Before Frances was taken ill she prepared a few recipes from her extensive repertoire to form the nucleus of a cookery book of Village Fare. The enterprise was brought to a sudden halt by her stroke but the recipes have been preserved and await collating and adding to before being moulded into a workable form for publication.

Val Grainger has undertaken this work but requires lots more ideas to make a worth while book. Please send your favourite recipes - anything from pies to pickles - and see your name immortalised in print in what could turn out to be a best seller book of culinary delights.

Frances's condition has not altered. She is still lying helpless at home but keeping cheerful and the visiting nurses are doing a great job.

EVERGREENS The next meeting will be at Mill House, Tutsham Farm, the home of Stuart and Irene Dyer, on Tuesday, 13th October.

HEARING IN CHURCH There is now a loop system installed so that people with hearing aids can connect up and hear what's going on. The organ? Well, it's hoped it will be in place by the end of October.

FUND RAISING

Two events worthy of entries in the record book took place at the back end of September. The first, on the 25th, was an open air quiz at the White House. It raised £144, which included £40 from special sessions of the Pick a Diocese draw (see earlier Life-Lines). There were 46 people taking part in this floodlit event which went to ten quiz rounds with an interval. The weather could not have been better and it was about as warm as a September evening could ever be. Grateful thanks are due to Jan for ample refreshments, to Simon and Jill for the questions and to all those connected with the organisation.

The Boot Fair on Sunday the 27th was a new venture for West Farleigh and raised £420. It was held in a splendid spot for such an

event, the River Field being very visible from the road and no doubt a number of passing motorists were attracted by the activity. There were two tea bars, both of which contributed, generously, 20% of their takings to the funds. Stall holders (if that's the right term) were satisfied at getting rid of the unwanted contents of their lofts. The weather was fine after heavy rain the previous night but the ground had dried out so that there were no problems with stuck cars. The informal service held in the field was simple and sincere. Thanks are due to John Day for the use of the field and to Sue Day who did particularly well with her West Farleigh table displaying hidden treasures from all over the village. And thanks, of course, to the organisers

SPORTS REPORT

Cricket News. To round up our cricket season we played our last game at home to Bearsted. Having been put in to bat, Bearsted could only manage 86 all out and Farleigh reached their target with seven wickets in hand.

To sum up, a much better season all round, thanks to the committee, especially Paul Baines for captaining the side as well as being groundsman.

Farleigh's footballers have started again. Our 1st XI have begun really well, gaining a good 2 - 2 draw at home to Headcorn and last Saturday an excellent 2 - 1 away win v Borough Green in the Sevenoaks Cup. While all this was going on I think our 2nd XI must have been on the beer as we have not started at all well, losing to Barming 5 - 0 and West Malling 4 - 0. Hopefully when we dry out we'll start playing.

Club News. Our annual Race Night will be on 14th November, Hunton Village Hall. Anyone interested please get in touch.

Cheers Tel

AFTER Terry had written the above report the sad news came in of the sudden death of Mrs Fermor, the respected President of the Club for many years.

The sympathy of all Club members and that of all readers of Life-Line goes out to her family.

DELTA

The Maxi Js are meeting this term under new management! They will be known in future as the

DELTA GROUP

Delta Groups are the part of Campaigners for 13 to 18 year olds. Delta groups are peer led with adult mentors. There will be study group meetings and many social functions. All young people are welcome to join in. The study groups are not compulsory but the social functions may be!

The first meeting of the group is Wednesday 7th October, 8pm to 9.30pm at Appledore, Charlton Lane.

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TODDLER GROUP

The village has many young children and babies and it would be great if they could get together with their parents, child minders or nannies.

An informal meeting has been arranged for Monday, 12th October, 2pm at West Farleigh All Saints Church to discuss where, when and how often. Do come along if you are interested. If you are interested but unable to come along at that time, please ring:-

Helen Swan, 814445
or
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THAT CONCERT

This edition of Life-Line is the first one in which it has been possible to report the Shirley Bassey concert at Barham Court on Bank Holiday Monday, 31 August, though this seems ancient history now. Despite the misgivings of certain parties, there was little disruption of our rural calm and, in fact, certain other parties enjoyed the show for nothing from vantage points around the Tutsham area. There was quite a gathering on the river bank on the Warren and the rhubarb field provided a grandstand view which was second to none. The powerful amplifier did a great job helped by a favourable wind and more folk enjoyed the concert than the organisers knew about. She can come again!

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER IN ALL THREE CHURCHES

West Farleigh

Oct	4	0800	HC Bk Common Prayer
	11	1045	Coffee in church
		1115	Harvest Festival Rev Noel Beattie Industrial Chaplain
	18	0930	HC Alt Service Book
	25	1045	Coffee in church
		1115	Family HC

Teston

Oct	4	0945	Harvest Festival
		1830	HC Alt Service Book
	8	0930	HC Alt Service Book
	11	0800	HC Bk Common Prayer
		0945	Children's Church
		1830	Evensong
	15	0930	HC Alt Service Book
	18	0945	Children's Church
		1830	HC Alt Service Book
	22	0930	HC Alt Service Book
	25	0800	HC Bk Common Prayer
		0945	Children's Church
		1830	Evensong
	29	0930	HC Alt Service Book

Wateringbury

Oct	4	0930	Matins
	11	0930	HC Alt Service Book
	18	0800	HC Bk Common Prayer
		1115	Family Service
	25	0930	HC Alt Service Book

Morning Prayer Tues to Fri 0830
13 to 16 Oct West Farleigh
20 to 23 Oct Wateringbury
27 to 30 Oct Teston

My thanks to Revd Brian Pearson and those who have been covering the services during my holiday.

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