

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

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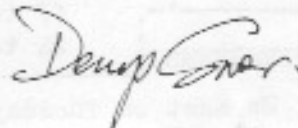
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MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS

As I put these words together in mid October the leaves on the trees are beginning to change colour and fall to earth. Today is a damp kind of day hiding behind a curtain of grey drizzle. It almost seems like November already. November the month of Remembrance. All Saints, All Souls and Remembrance Sunday follow each other in quick succession. For some of us remembrance is a time for tears, a time when the old unanswered questions come around again. For some it is a time to remember fallen comrades from Normandy to Northern Ireland. And there are still a few men left whose memories reach back to the waterlogged trenches of Flanders.

I agree that we cannot live in the past. Too many people, including some Christians, find a refuge in "all our yesterdays" instead of making the most of "the day that the Lord has given". But the past does live in us. Many of us have within ourselves a storehouse of old friends and familiar faces, unfading scenes of golden days that come back to us and warm our hearts as dull November encircles us with its gloom and dampness.

We were fortunate enough to have a holiday in Kos this year. I shall carry the memory of clear blue skies above deep blue seas and sand coloured hills bathed in sunshine well into November and beyond. The land had the smell of a familiar straw hat and that memory lingers too. Let's treasure these golden insights of memory as we give thanks for God's gifts of friendship past and present.



THE CHURCH ORGAN

The new organ was installed in the church on Monday, 26 October. It is a splendid looking instrument known as the Cathedral. It is encased in oak and it produces a sound equal to the finest church organ in the land. Philip Moore will be playing it for the first time at a service on Sunday, 1st November, which is All Saints Day, the Patronal Sunday of our All Saints Church. The service starts at 1115.

In the New Year Philip will be showing the organ off in a special demonstration to illustrate its full potential on 9th January, but more about that later. An inaugural concert is planned for May by the organist from Rochester Cathedral.

Fund raising is still proceeding. The leaflet distributed with the October Life-Line offered parts of the organ "for sale". So far, only two notes and two stops have been snapped up and there are plenty more available. More fund raising events are planned and we have some way to go to clear debts and make the organ all ours.

BONFIRE AND BARBECUE

The Delta Group (the new club for 13 to 18 year olds) is hosting a Bonfire Evening at Ramblers, the home of Jeremy and Janice Lawrence, in Shinglebarn Lane on Saturday, 7th November 7 to 9pm. There will be NO fireworks but there WILL be lots of fun and games. Admission free. Suitable for all ages. Come and join us.

A QUIZ NIGHT

Once again at the White House but in the pub this time so it is only for those old enough to go into a pub.

THE DATE

Friday, 13th November, lucky for some, 7.30 for 8pm. £3 a head including after quiz refreshments. Maximum SIX per table.

TICKETS

From the White House - 820520 or Val Barnwell - 820602

All proceeds to the organ fund - see above.

PLAN EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS

And come on the carol singing pub crawl, 16th December, starting at the Tickled Trout at 7.30 then on to the Good Intent and finishing at the White House. Collection for a charity to be announced.

ON THE DAY AFTER THE QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday, 14 Nov, come to Smith's Hall for the Christmas Craft Fair from 10 to 12 noon by kind permission of Stephen and Sandra Norman. There you will find hand made cards, accoupage, pictures, plaques, plants, preserves, cakes and local crafts. It is even hoped to run a tombola. It will cost you nothing to go in and you will find all your friends eager to share a friendly word or gossip. This is an annual social event to help our church and all are invited to take part. Bake a cake for the cake stall then come and sample others' cooking. Donate pieces for the gifts, plants and bric-a-brac stalls. Bring your gifts to Smith's Hall at 10 on the day or ring Jane Stewart on 812562. If you require a lift, phone Joyce Morgan on 726251.

SPORTS REPORT

West Farleigh's 1st XI have continued their fine start to the season. Our highlight came at the start of the month when we played Cherry Tree in the Challenge Cup. After drawing 2 - 2 a e t, we finally won a thrilling match 8 - 7 on penalties. Next came Oakwood in the Kent Junior Cup and in a very tight game we unluckily lost 1 - 0. Then back to league action away to high flying Eccles. After making all the play early on we failed to convert chances and lost 3 - 1. Finally on a rain soaked pitch we entertained Knoxbridge and, despite many goal scoring opportunities, most of them Farleigh's, the game finished, surprisingly, 0 - 0.

Farleigh 2nd XI have found this season hard going but we have finally got our first win. We started off playing Dog & Gun in the Challenge Cup and in a ding dong game finished 4 - 4 a e t but went down 3 - 0 on penalties. We lost to Yalding in the league 3 - 2 but our first, long awaited win came against Knoxbridge, 3 - 0.

Our presentation evening was held at the Bull. The winners were Phil Curtis (best fielder), Les Watkins (best cricketer), Terry Baines (most improved cricketer), Martin Bromley (best footballer), Grant Webb (clubman of the year).

Our Race Night will be on Saturday, 4 December, Hunton Village Hall 7.30, £5 including fish & chips.
Cheers
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FIFTH SUNDAY, DELTA DAY

Instead of an 8am Holy Communion Service the new Delta Group will be leading a Family Service, 10.45 for 1115. Come and support our young people.

BABIES & TODDLERS GROUP

We now meet in All Saints Church, West Farleigh, on Wednesdays 1.30 to 3pm during term time.

If you are at home with a young child, come and join us. Enquiries to Nickie Ranson, 817453, or Helen Swan, 814445.

TON - UP CLUB

September £10 Mrs G Martin
£5 T Walsh
£5 R Oldfield

October £10 R Wells
£5 M Baggott
£5 Mrs G Baggott

**SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER
IN ALL THREE CHURCHES**

West Farleigh

Nov 1 1115 HC Alt Service Book
Patronal Festival
8 10.45 Act of Remembrance
15 0930 HC Alt Service Book
22 1115 Natins Hugh Grainger
29 10.45 Coffee in church
1115 Family Service
Led by Delta Group

Teston

Nov 1 09.45 Family Service
5 0930 HC Alt Service Book
8 10.45 Act of Remembrance
Rev. Brian Stevenson
1830 HC Alt Service Book
12 0930 HC Alt Service Book
15 09.45 Children's Church
1830 HC Alt Service Book
19 0930 HC Alt Service Book
22 0800 HC Bk Common Prayer
09.45 Children's Church
1830 Evensong
26 0930 HC Alt Service Book
29 09.45 Children's Church
1830 Advent Carol Service

Wateringbury

Nov 1 0930 HC Bk Common Prayer
2 2000 All Souls Eucharist
for departed *
8 0800 HC Bk Common Prayer
10.45 Act of Remembrance
15 0800 HC Bk Common Prayer
1115 Family Service
22 0930 HC Alt Service Book
29 0930 HC Bk Common Prayer

Morning Prayer Tues to Fri 0830
3 to 6 Nov West Farleigh
10 to 13 Nov Wateringbury
17 to 20 Nov Teston
24 to 27 West Farleigh

EVERGREENS

We meet on Tuesday, 10 November at Appledore, Charlton Lane, the home of Helen & David Swan. Come and listen to some songs from the past and enjoy an afternoon tea. If you would like more information or a lift, phone Helen on 814445.

WAITING FOR THE BUS

A new bus is planned to run from Coxheath to West Farleigh via Dean Street on Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays, three times a week. No starting date published yet.

* If you would like the name of a loved one read out please let the Rector know.