

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

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THE MODEL LIFE STYLE

It's a phrase that often appears in the media - Role Model. Do you have a Role Model or are you a completely self made woman or man? Before attempting to answer that, think back over your life and recall anyone who may have had a strong influence in your experience of living. There are some folk who deliberately set out to become a kind of photo-copy of someone they admire. Others pick up attitudes and ideas from teachers, youth leaders, employers, colleagues, politicians, entertainers etc. Their life styles and their manners or lack of them may attract us or provide us with reasons for not dancing to their particular tunes.

Understatement does not usually appear in the characteristics of most role models. Florence Nightingale, Baden Powell, Mother Teresa, Princess Diana, Lenny Henry, David Beckham might feature in the top ten for some people. All these people knew how to use the media to promote their image. It was through ruthless self promotion that Florence Nightingale changed the world of nursing and made it into a respectable profession. And Diana and Mother Teresa both appreciated the value of a photo call.

Jesus also attracted a good deal of publicity with his life style and his ministry. Would he have used the media and modern methods of mass communication to get HIS message across? We shall never know. Whether we darken the doorway of a church or not, we shall never find a more challenging role model than Him.

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ORGAN RECITAL

The inaugural concert to show off our new organ will be on Saturday, 22 May at 7.30pm in the church. The organist from Rochester Cathedral, Roger Sayer, will be playing works by Bach, Mozart, Vaughan Williams, Boellman, Franck, Vierne, Whitlock, Wely and Durufle. This is a tickets only concert and you are advised to book early from Joyce Morgan on 726251 or Val Grainger on 820305, price £7.50. Wine and soft drinks will be on sale in the interval.

THE PLANT SALE

The Annual Plant and Produce Fayre, i.e. the Plant Sale, is once again upon us. It will be on Sunday, 16 May, starting at 2pm and will be held once again at Tutsham, a long standing item on the church's calendar of fund raising events.

In the morning you will be able to take coffee at 10.45 in the Tutsham garden followed by an open air family service at 1115.

At the Plant Sale there will be teas, a cake stall, a children's corner, two raffles and gardening bits like rocks and manure for sale. And you get all this for £1 entrance or 50p if you are under 12 or an OAP. Bring your contributions of plants, cakes and items for a raffle and tombola as early as you can.

BECAUSE of an excellent response to the recent police letter about Neighbourhood Watch, a meeting on the subject will be held at the Good Intent on Tuesday, 25 May at 7.30. EVERYBODY WELCOME.

EVERGREENS MONDAY 17 May. We have been invited to a festival of Wedding Flowers in Marden church then to tea at the Gatehouse, Chainhurst, courtesy of Sarah and Robert Day. There will be a collection for the Air Ambulance. Transport will be organised. All pensioners welcome - just ring Helen on 814445 or Irene Dyer on 812268.

This month Life-Line gets the millennium itch. If there are children in the house please tear off this strip and follow the instructions on it:-

SPORTS REPORT

West Farleigh's 1st XI disappointing run of results continued this month. That meant we've finished bottom of the table but to our credit we kept battling to the end and with a slice of luck here and there the situation could have been a lot different. For the record, we lost to Knoxbridge 4 - 1, Ditton 2 - 1, Cherry Tree 4 - 3 and finally another 4 - 3 defeat v Eccles.

Our 2nd XI are also at the wrong end of the table but our fate is not yet sealed as we play our crucial last game next Saturday, 1st May, against Senacre away. We have also come so close in games that we should not have found ourselves in this perilous position. Our results were defeats v Yalding 2 - 1, Larkfield 2 - 1, our Tun/Wells semi-final loss to Frant 4 - 3 but draws v Knoxbridge 4 - 4 (after being 3 - 0 up) and a 2 - 2 scoreline v top of the table Safeway have combined into this nerve jangling finaly.

Our cricket XI have just started and a reminder if there is anyone willing to help with our teas, please get in touch.

Many thanks to all those who helped and supported our Wine & Wisdom evening. We are holding a boot fayre on Sunday, 27 June in the field by Teston Bridge. If you would like a pitch, please let me know.

Cheers Tel

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Adrian Payne very kindly opens up his house most Tuesday afternoons from 1.30 to 3.30. If you have a baby or toddler you will be made most welcome. To find out more, ring Adrian on 812616.

CAMPAIGNERS

The Inters group had an expedition to the Swell Millstream and the old flax mill. Their campaign for this term is "The Countryside Around Us". We had a very interesting evening and are eager to go back because we didn't have time to see the secret tunnel. Many thanks to Jim Patch and to Bruce Scott and his family for letting us roam over their land, telling us about the history of the water and supplying us with fizzy drinks and biscuits.

Note from Bruce Scott and Jim Patch:- A really attractive bunch of children. Come back any time.

BUS SERVICE

KCC think they might run the Coxheath bus on Saturdays. Any reaction

COME

TO THE Family Service for the young & the young at heart on 30 May with coffee at 10.45.

SERVICES FOR MAY
IN ALL THREE CHURCHES

West Farleigh

May	2	0800	HC Book Common Prayer
	9	1115	Family Service. Thanks-giving for Baptism
	13	2000	HC Alt Service Book Ascension Day
	16	At Tutsham Farm	
		10.45	Coffee in the garden
		1115	Family Service
	23	1115	Matins
	30	10.45	Coffee in church
		1115	Family Service for the young at heart

Teston

May	2	09.45	Family Service
		1030	HC Alt Service Book
	6	0930	HC Alt Service Book
	9	0800	HC Book Common Prayer
		09.45	Children's Church
		1830	Evensong
	13	0930	HC Alt Service Book
	16	09.45	Children's Church
		1830	HC Alt Service Book
	20	0930	HC Alt Service Book
	23	0800	HC Book Common Prayer
		09.45	Children's Church
		1830	Evensong
	27	0930	HC Alt Service Book
	30	09.45	Children's Church
		1830	Songs of Praise

Wateringbury

May	2	0930	Matins
	9	0930	HC Alt Service Book
			Manor Farm Old Road
	16	0800	HC Book Common Prayer
		1115	Family Service
	23	0930	HC Alt Service Book
	30	0930	HC Book Common Prayer

Morning Prayer Tuesday to Friday 0830
4 to 7 May West Farleigh
11 to 14 May Wateringbury
18 to 21 May Teston
25 to 28 May West Farleigh