

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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THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT or GUIDELINES FOR LIVING

J B Phillips was one of the first people to translate the Bible into modern English. He also produced this tongue in cheek version of part of the Sermon on the Mount:-

Blessed are the pushers for they get on in the world.

Blessed are they who complain for they get their way in the end.

Blessed are the blasé for they never worry over their own sins.

Blessed are the slave drivers for they get results.

Blessed are the trouble makers for they make people notice them.

This made me smile. Then I re-read it and, like someone looking into a dark mirror, I caught a glimpse of a familiar face.

The genuine version of the views of Jesus on setting up the Kingdom of Right Relationships is found in Matthew's Gospel Chapter 5, Vs 1 - 10. Jesus knew we would have a hard time of it attempting to follow his guidelines. But, take heart, his disciples were people like us and they played their parts in setting up that Kingdom. So, blessed are they who hang in there and never give up.

Denis Swar.

HEARING DOGS COFFEE MORNING

Sylvia and Pippa are having another coffee morning in aid of the Hearing Dogs for the Deaf charity on Wednesday, 30 June from 10.30 to 12.30 at their home, Green Acre, on Lower Road, near the old school. It is 50p to go in including coffee and biscuit. Bring and Buy, cakes and lots of plants for sale, especially fuchsias. Poor old Digby, the resident hearing dog, has passed on but his successor, George, will give you a lively welcome.

MAY BAGGOTT DIED on 2nd May and the village filled the church to overflowing at her funeral. The flowers were wonderful and a measure of the love and respect felt for this lovely lady.

CRICKET MATCH, West Farleigh church v Wateringbury church at the Wateringbury ground on Friday, 18 June 6.30pm. Refreshments on sale. Come and enjoy a pleasant summer evening. Good weather guaranteed.

EVERGREENS LAST MONTH VISITED Marden's Festival of Wedding Flowers. Wonderful! June - Appledore, Charlton Lane on the 8th. For a lift, ring Helen on 814445

WITH A FULL CHURCH the village mourned the passing of Margaret Stevens, taken from us at far too young an age. She was a lively figure, well known to most residents and loved by all. Life-Line offers sympathy to Clive and the family.

CHRIS MOLLISON of Charlton Lane, 15 years old, was invited to join a rowing crew from King's School, Rochester, to compete in two events in Belgium and came back with two gold and two silver medals. Chris hopes to row in a future Olympic squad and keeps in strict training.

THERE WILL BE a Parish Council meeting on Monday, 7 June in the church at 7.30pm. Reps from the Sports Club will be there and a discussion is planned about the proposed twinning with Ringstedt in Germany

KETTLE BRIDGE CLOGS are seeking new members, beginners and experienced dancers, and are holding two open evenings at St. Nicholas's Hall, Poplar Grove, on two Tuesdays in July, the 6th and the 13th. Call Sandy on 721778.

TWO EVENTS in JULY deserve an early mention. The first is the annual barbecue on Sunday, 4th July, this time at Court Lodge from 12 to 2.00, cost £6 or, for under 12s, £3. Tickets from Huw, 812222, Val, 820602, Penny, 813597 or Belinda, 820348. Glass of wine or soft drink included. More on sale. Cake and produce stall, raffle. Bring a chair and raffle prizes.

The second event is a new venture, namely, a Revue with local talent followed by a ploughman's supper and a bar open all evening from 7.30 to 11.30. Fun and laughter. Cost £7.50 or £5 for under 12s. Tickets from Janice Lawrence on 820713. Friday, 16th July, W.I. Hall, East Farleigh.

KITS COTY MORRIS DANCERS will be performing for charity at the White House 24 June about 8.30

SPORTS REPORT

Farleigh's cricketers have started another season but early signs are we still need more consistency in our play if we want to challenge the top positions of the league. Before our league games began we played four friendlies, beating Teston and Police Headquarters, but losing to Underriver and Marden. Our first league game v Sheldwich resulted in a narrow defeat, then Hollingbourne followed and another defeat in a game we should have done a lot better. Here's hoping ...

Congratulations to Jess Baines (1st XI) and Chris Reed (2nd XI) for being voted Players' Player of the Year for our 1998/99 season.

Our first ever Boot Fayre will be on Sunday, 27th June by Teston Bridge, opposite Picnic Site. Book a pitch for £5. Please give me a ring on 745744.

Cheers, Tel

TON-UP CLUB

March	£10 M Brinklow	April	£10 P Baines
	£5 Miss B Jones		£5 A Board
	£5 J Botten		£5 Mr Bissenden
May			
	£10 J Martin		
	£5 J Martin		
	£5 M Baines		

THE CAMPAIGNERS are going on an overnight camp on the weekend of 12 & 13 June. Please pray for fine weather!

PLANT SALE

£650.42 was raised. The weather was dry but overcast and windy which probably kept numbers down. However, it was a very enjoyable afternoon with an excellent range of high quality plants for sale. Teas were superb as usual and Ellie's cake was a masterpiece on the theme of a garden ready for planting and plants flourishing.

INAUGURAL CONCERT

After three rehearsals in the church, Roger Sayer provided us with a great evening's entertainment on our new organ. The church looked comfortably full and he showed us the range of the organ's potential with a varied programme of music. Being able to see the organist meant we were able to see the effort that went into the performance. Wine and soft drinks were enjoyed in the interval.

ART SHOW by Phil Clark at Ferlaga, Vicarage Lane, E. Farleigh, 20 - 27 June, 10am to 8pm in aid of Multiple Sclerosis Society.

At the NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH meeting at the Good Intent on 25 June, twelve people turned up and FC Mick Wright gave a talk. Those who attended are now members and we're building on this.
Ivor Maskell 01622 727264.

MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

If you would like me to call on you either for a chat, a prayer or for Home Communion, Please contact me or any of our Lay Ministers - Hugh Grainger, 820305, or Helen Swan, 814445
Denys Gower 812494

RECTOR'S DAY OFF

I keep Monday free for my day off - though urgent pastoral business at any time. All non urgent business from Tuesday onwards, please. Thank you for your very kind co-operation and understanding; it is much appreciated.

SERVICES FOR JUNE IN ALL THREE CHURCHES

West Farleigh

June	6	0800	HC Book Common Prayer
	13	1115	Service of Baptism Rev'd Ellmore
	20	0930	HC Alt Service Book
	27	1045	Coffee in Church
		1115	Family HC

Teston

June	3	0930	HC Alt Service Book
	6	0945	Family Service
		1830	Evensong
	10	0930	HC Alt Service Book
	13	0800	HC Book Common Prayer
		0945	Children's Church
		1830	Evensong
	17	0930	HC Alt Service Book
	20	0945	Children's Church
		1830	HC Alt Service Book
	24	0930	HC Alt Service Book
	27	0800	HC Book Common Prayer
		0945	Children's Church

Wateringbury

June	6	0930	HC Alt Service Book
			Dedication of book of Remembrance and stand
	13	0930	HC Alt Service Book
	20	0800	HC Book Common Prayer
		1115	Family Service
	27		Patronal Festival
		0930	HC Alt Service Book
			Rev'd John le Grys

Coxheath

13	1800	Evening Alternative
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St. Mary's, West Malling

27	1830	Deanery Songs of Praise
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Morning Prayer Tuesday to Friday 0830

1 to 4	June	Wateringbury
8 to 11	June	Teston
16 to 18	June	W Farleigh (not Tues)
22 to 25	June	Wateringbury
29 June to 2 July		Teston