

# Life-Line

The FREE  
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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## Christmas Fair

'TIS the season to be jolly - even if the weather doesn't make you feel that way!

Now that the clocks have changed, it's only a matter of time before Christmas will be upon us - time to start thinking about all those gifts you need to buy.

Why not pop into the church on Saturday, November 13, when the village Christmas Fair will be taking place and snap up a few bargains? Pretty hand-made cards, pictures, plants and an array of other country goodies will be on sale, along with refreshments and cakes, from 10am to 12 noon. There's a raffle and tombola and, for the first time this year, the chance to see Santa in his grotto!

Gifts or items for the cake stall, raffle or tombola will be much appreciated. Bring along on the day or ring Jane Stewart (812562) to arrange collection.

OLD CHRISTMAS CARDS are required by the Campaigners. Please hand to any Campaigner or ring one of the leaders - Helen (814445) Sue & Tony (728252) or Nick (813597).

## NOVEMBER REFLECTIONS by Denys Gower

THE poet Thomas Hood summed up this month in these words:

*"No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,*

*No comfortable feel in any member,*

*No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,*

*No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no lids*

*NOVEMBER!"*

This month is indeed the doorway to Winter and the days can sometimes be grey and bleak. It is the month when the poppies remind us to offer Prayers of Thanks for those who gave their tomorrow for our today. A month for reflection, a pause before the Christmas festival, the last of the 20th century, comes upon us. It is the month when the season of Ad-

vent begins. The word Advent means both coming and arrival and it has come to mark the preparation for the coming of Christ. We prepare to meet Him in two ways, first as the babe of Bethlehem, and also in His second coming at the end of time, the time of judgement. Also involved is the commemoration of the Ministry of John the Baptist, as the preparer of the way for Jesus.

At this season, vestments and hangings in churches are purple or blue, the colours of penitence. But warmth, cheerfulness and healthful ease will still have their places in our services. November is a time for reflection and preparation, whether we enter a church or not.

## Flowers and Music

THANKS to a lot of hard work, the Flower Festival was a great success. Many thanks to all who cleaned the Church, arranged flowers, played the organ and helped in a variety of ways, acting as stewards and making tea. The Church looked marvellous and visitors were most appreciative.

Special thanks to Peter Bonnert who played to a full house on the Saturday evening. The Church made a profit of £600, after making a £200 donation to the Maidstone Hospital League of Friends (Peter and Brenda Bonnert's chosen charity.)

## POPPY APPEAL

If anyone has a short time to spare to help collect for the annual Poppy Appeal, Maureen Chandler would like to hear from you. Even if it's only for half an hour, or to cover part of your road, every little helps. Contact her on 727446. Many thanks!

## ART SHOW

at

The Farleighs WI Hall

Forge Lane

East Farleigh

Sunday, November 14

11am-4pm

ADMISSION FREE

Refreshments

## BULK WASTE

A bulk waste container will be at The Green on Sunday, November 28 from 10 - 11am.

## CAMPAIGNERS

resume on Thursday November 4 after half-term and will be busy working towards Christmas. Now is a good time to join if you are aged 6-13. Turn up at church at 6.45pm or ring Sue or Tony Walsh on 728252.

## SPORTS REPORT

Mixed results this month for the Farleighs. Our first XI lost 5-1 to Hunton and the 2nd XI lost 5-4 to Senacre (cup matches) but the 1st XI has since beaten Cherry Tree in the cup 4-1 and 7-0 in the league, plus a hard-earned 3-2 v Sutton Valence. The 2nd team beat Barming 3-1 but lost to Lenham 7-1.

At the annual presentation dinner, at the Bull, East Farleigh, Ian Payne, Chris Reed, Ian Prideoux, Paul Edwards and Paul Baines picked up well-deserved silverware. In the ton-up draw, winners were:

£10. No 16, Roy Malthouse;

£5. No 149, Keith Dalton & £5. No 5, David Swan.

The £20 jackpot went to No 116, EP Day.

Although winter draws near and it's a strange time to be thinking of cricket, we do desperately need more players if we are to field two teams next year - so anyone interested, please get in touch.

Finally, our next social event is the Race Night on Saturday November 20 at 7.30pm in Hunton Village Hall. If you would like to join us in having a good time and help the sports club into the bargain, please give me a buzz (M/s 745744). Cheers,

Tel.

**BABY & TODDLER GROUP.** Adrian Payne has very kindly been opening up his home each week for people with young children to meet. Unfortunately, this has not been well supported, although some new friendships have been made. It has been decided that there are probably too few toddlers in the village to support weekly meetings, but, as the chance to meet other parents and children is valuable, we are going to try monthly meetings in different people's homes. Do try to come along if you are at home with babies or young children. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, November 16 from 1.30-3pm at 15 Charlton Lane, (opposite the old people's bungalows) - the home of Sue Shelton. (Tel: 812629). Many thanks for all the past hospitality offered by Adrian, Sue and George.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.** We have a new police contact for non-urgent matters. He is PC Steve Cochrane on 608069. As a reminder, village Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator is Ivor Maskell, who likes to be informed of all crimes in the village, on 727264.

**FARLEIGHS BOROUGH COUNCILLOR** John Williams, has moved to: 4 Forge Row, Dean Street, East Farleigh. ME15 OHS. Tel: 728017.

**PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.** Following the announcement in last month's Lifeline, four people have applied to fill the vacancy. The Parish Council is delighted at the amount of interest and one of the applicants will be co-opted at the December meeting, which takes place at the Church on Monday, December 6, starting at 7.30pm. Anyone else wishing to apply should contact the Clerk, David Swan on 814445.

**APOLOGIES** to those who missed out on their free magnifying glass with last month's Life-Line - there were a few teething troubles with typefaces! But THANKS to Bruce Scott both last time and this for his invaluable help photocopying, as the parish machine is out of action.

## SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

### WEST FARLEIGH

- 7 8.00 BCP Holy Communion
- 14 10.45 Act of Remembrance
- 21 9.30 Holy Communion
- 28 11.15 Family Communion

### TESTON

- 4 9.30 Holy Communion
- 7 9.45 Family Service  
(NCH Gift Service)  
6.30 Holy Communion
- 11 9.30 Holy Communion
- 14 8.00 BCP Holy Communion  
10.45 Act of Remembrance  
(at War Memorial)
- 18 9.30 Holy Communion
- 21 9.45 Children's Church  
6.30 Holy Communion
- 25 9.30 Holy Communion
- 28 8.00 BCP Holy Communion  
9.45 Children's Church  
6.30 Advent Praise

### WATERINGBURY

- 2 20.00 Benefice All Souls Day  
Service with HC
- 7 9.30 Matins
- 14 10.45 Act of Remembrance
- 21 8.00 BCP Holy Communion  
11.15 Family Service  
(Children's Society Gift Service)
- 28 9.30 Holy Communion

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**Morning Prayer, Tuesday to Friday, at 8.30am, as follows:**

- 2-5th West Farleigh
- 9-12th Wateringbury
- 16-19th Teston
- 23-16th West Farleigh

### EVENING ALTERNATIVE

*Takes place at West Farleigh Church on Sunday, November 21st at 6pm. Do come to this lively service, planned with young people in mind but suitable for all ages, if you are prepared for the unexpected! We will be joined by young people from East Farleigh and Coxheath and Bob Burn, curate for Coxheath and Kings Hill, will be speaking.*

**EVERGREENS meet on Tuesday, November 9 at 2.30pm at Tutsham Hall.**

**John & Sue have kindly offered the use of their home before they move. Please ring Helen on 814445 if you need transport.**