

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

West Farleigh's own

LIFE-LINE

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"Resolve, at the start of any year, to check your lifelines." Anon, 2016

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Illustration of All Saints' after Harold Harbour.

Sunday Cricket a probability?

It seems likely that the "Gentleman's Agreement" that confined cricket on West Farleigh's beautiful ground to weekdays will be revised to allow matches to be played also on Sundays. If so the Sports Club will be able theoretically to double the number of home matches in a season from about 14 to 28. All they have to do then would be to find opponents (and home side) players! West Farleigh has certainly been unusual among Kent villages in that the legendary (if clichéd) thwack of leather on willow has not been heard of a Sunday. It's a sound that fits well with the concept of balmy, leisurely (for the spectators) Sunday afternoons. We note that already in January the mower and roller have been out off Church Lane....

Announcement: "The White House at West Farleigh has been raising money for the

Old Folk Four and Help the Aged (now Age UK) for over three decades and has raised tens of thousands of pounds for local elderly people with their annual Christmas Hamper delivery plus year round support.

Landlady **Jan Morris** and **Arthur** (her late husband) originally took on the challenge to raise both funds and awareness in their community soon after arriving in the pub and the results exceeded all their expectations.

Jan and all her staff who have been involved over the years are extremely grateful for all the hard work and dedication that her customers and friends have put into this brilliant cause. Everyone should be very proud of what they have achieved.

The time has come however to pass the baton on to a new team at a new venue, to bring fresh ideas and faces to continue this important work. The customers of The White House have set the bar very high but know that the new team can rise to the challenge and continue to drive forward this locally vital cause and they wish them every success."

Jan and her friends are indeed to be congratulated on having done so much for "senior citizens" over so many years. They have lightened the lives of many villagers, for which we all have cause to be extremely grateful. We also wish Jan a very happy retirement from this role: job well done! Eds

All Saints Church intends to hold a more adventurous **Mothering Sunday Service** at 11 am on **March 6th** (instead of early Holy Communion) through the participation of the **Little Angels** toddler group that already meets there on Fridays. Other children in the village are also encouraged to come - as indeed is everyone who has, or ever had, a mother. As well as the usual posies, there will be refreshments including the traditional Simnel cake.. The clergy of the Benefice have together devised a new form for the service, which will be aired for the first time that Sunday. Do come along!

Thanks to Sponsors It seems a long time ago now, but the Carol Service at All Saints on December 20th was a huge success, with extra seating failing to prevent "standing room only" at the back of the nave. Thanks are due to the W.I. Choir for a polished performance, and to the Friends for their organisational skills. These showed not least in the provision of Christmas Trees, funded by **The Good Intent, Rookery Estates, Arnold Tarmac and Jewelultra**, to whom the P.C.C. is very grateful. The collection was donated to Demelza House.

Deadline for the next Life-Line is 22nd February 2016

This month's Pastoral Letter comes from Rev. Peter Callway

In the UK a new record has just been achieved in the pay out on the National Lottery – two winning tickets each collecting 33 million pounds. The Euromillions prize for the upcoming weekend draw is estimated at £61 million. The US Powerball lottery jackpot was £1.04 billion sterling. Yes, over a billion pounds. £1,040,000,000. Each of these amounts are astonishing and clearly life changing amounts of money to win. I wonder how many of you reading this buy a ticket regularly? And how you feel each week as the draw is made? The UK National Lottery has been running for 21 years – that's just over 1100 weeks. Is it now a matter of routine? Has the draw lost some of its excitement? I guess so. I occasionally buy a ticket (paradoxically when the prize is at its biggest and so have less chance of winning!) but each time I do, I think about all the good things I could do with that amount of money. I always hope that I'll win, but never expect to.

On all US currency, coins and notes, the motto of the United States is printed or embossed. That motto is "In God we trust" which it is said comes from the words of the Star Spangled Banner "And this be our motto 'In God We Trust'". In a country where church and state are legally separate, it is perhaps surprising to see this still present, and a third legal attempt is currently under way to have it removed. All of this begs the question, in whom do we trust? Our Christian Bible has something to say on the matter. "The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil" (note: not money itself!) from 1 Timothy 6.10. "No one can serve two masters ... you can't serve God and mammon" from Matthew 5.24. These verses give pause for thought about trusting money as the saviour of our problems and issues. The Psalmist writes that we are not to "put our trust in princes, in human beings" because of course they will always let us down eventually. Rather, the writer of Proverbs (probably King Solomon) tells us to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding" (Pr 3.5). It isn't easy to do that, of course, if you are like me and want to solve all your own problems and all those around you. The very next verses in Proverbs suggest that we can do that by simply asking God on a regular basis "in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight" (v6); soaking up the awesomeness of God and "not be impressed with your own wisdom, instead fear the Lord and turn away from evil". And the benefits of placing our trust in God? His peace which goes beyond human understanding. Joy in the face of challenge and difficulty. And a promise of hope for the future.

Many blessings

Peter Callway

Rector

Donald Frederick Goodwin M.B.E. 28th November 1928 – 23rd December 2016 † R.I.P.

The funeral and interment of Don Goodwin was held at a full All Saints Church on January 12th. Don was born in Brentford, West London, the first child of Frederic and Kathleen Goodwin, but, by the time he went to primary school the family had moved to Welling in Kent. Don had a happy childhood and enjoyed school life, excelling in English and History. Subsequently he was awarded a scholarship at Dartford Grammar School. His grandparents worked on a farm in Oxfordshire and Don loved spending summer holidays there. This inspired him to try to become a farmer himself. So when he left school at 16 (with good O Level results) he went to the Kent Farm Institute at Sittingbourne. Don began his working career at a nursery near Chelsfield where he enjoyed cultivating strawberries in particular. In January 1950, at a dance in Bexleyheath, he met Patricia Johnson. They fell in love and were married at Crayford in March 1951. Don's parents had bought a smallholding in Devon. Don and Pat moved there to help, which gave him experience with livestock. However, he preferred growing and moved back to Barming in 1953, and after 2 years was able to rent a farm in East Malling. A dozen years of hard work gave him the capital to buy Court Lodge Farm where they grew apples, pears, raspberries and – his special love - strawberries. He was chairman of the Maidstone branch of the NFU. Then in 1972 he became chairman of the newly formed Kentish Garden group. Through his services to fruit growing he was awarded the M.B.E. in 1983 - naturally a source of great pride to all the family. Don decided to stop farming in about 1995 —after years of enterprise, the increasing paperwork was becoming a chore. From 2005 onwards he gradually became a devoted carer for Pat, who pre-deceased him, as, sadly, did his daughter. Independent always, only recently did he move into a nursing home. There were many other facets to his life. He was a keen motorcyclist, a fan of football and other sports, a lover of classical music, sometimes playing the organ in All Saints (musicianship happily continues to run in the family) and a keen observer of all the wildlife around, to the extent of having owl boxes on his land. As a distinguished village Tree Warden he was responsible for many tree preservation orders and raised the profile of the warden's position, while winning prizes for the village. The Sports Club knew him too as a generous landlord of the cricket field, so close to his house. Villagers will recall him as a strong member of the Parish Council, of which he was Chairman for 11 years. He was always concerned for the welfare of the land, and his valedictory speech on retiring from the Council in May 2007, after 39 years on it, is remembered by many, for its summary of the changes that had taken place while he had dwelt in the village to which he was so attached. As he was buried, the winter aconites nevertheless bloomed profusely in his adjacent garden. Our condolences go to Don's family.

This obituary draws gratefully on Nigel Goodwin's eulogy given at All Saints T.H.

Youth Column

I'm not sure if what I'm about to say is going to be a popular opinion or not, but I feel that it needs to be said. You probably will have heard about the controversy over the Oscars being "too white" this year and that's the viewpoint that I want to challenge. If you look at all the films being nominated for Oscars, there's no denying that the nominees are predominantly white. However, is this necessarily the fault of those in charge of nominating them? It's no secret that most of the options for them to pick from contain predominantly white casts. If these actors do a better job than those from other nationalities, why should they be penalised for this? People in the film industry such as Jada Pinkett Smith and Spike Lee have both decided to boycott the awards ceremony because they believe that there is no diversity, but it is not the fault of the people organising the ceremony. If there should be demonstrations to anyone, it should be to those casting the films, not those who judge what is in front of them! Saying this, in films such as "Steve Jobs" would it really be possible for someone of a different ethnicity to play a man that is white? The Clueless actor of African-American and Mexican descent, Stacey Dash, spoke about the subject in an interview, saying "We have to make up our minds. Either we want to have segregation or integration. And if we don't want segregation, then we need to get rid of channels like BET (Black Entertainment Television) and the BET Awards and the Image Awards where you're only awarded if you're black". I'll be honest, when I first heard about the boycott, I agreed with it. It wasn't until I looked into it further and read her comments that I started to change my mind. The Oscars are being boycotted because there isn't enough diversity, yet there are awards shows dedicated entirely to people from African-American descent. That doesn't scream integration to me. I want to make a point here that I totally believe that the Oscars should have more diversity. However, I think that the controversy over the issue has clouded the fact that those who were nominated for Oscars did an incredible job. For example, Jennifer Lawrence's performance in Joy and Saoirse Ronan's portrayal of Ellis in Brooklyn was incredible. Whilst diversity would be desirable, it should only occur if the actors from other ethnicities match up to the standards set by the actors nominated presently.

Emily Hunter

Broadband or noband?

I'm pretty sure everyone in this village knows what their buffer face looks like, because we pull it all the time. These pictures are taken from my iPad as I try and load a video from YouTube and is a symbol I see at least ten times a day. Whilst the national average download speed is 20.56Mb, a recent speed check result showed me that we receive 2.38Mb. I know that we don't live in the most urban area, but seriously?

In fact, 121 cross-party MPs have said that BT should be forced to sell Openreach because of the catastrophic levels. According to the report titled, "Broadbad", more than five people are receiving unacceptable download speeds (including us!). I'm not sure if it's just me, but I've also been noticing that it's been getting worse rather than better. Maybe it's because I'm watching more and more Netflix, but the amount of buffering that I have to sit through sometimes makes me give up and watch something off the normal TV (gasp!). The Labour shadow culture secretary, Maria Eagle has gone as far as to say that "the UK is now falling behind many of its international competitors when it comes to access to Broadband". Speaking from experience, I would tend to agree, although I understand that people closer to the main towns will receive speeds a lot quicker than here. The main thing I wanted to ask was, does anyone have any more luck than us? Have you checked your broadband speed recently? Any suggestions, anyone?



West Farleigh Parish Council Meeting

Here are extracts from the draft minutes of the meeting held at The Good Intent on Monday 19th January.

Present: Cllrs Scott (Chairman), Merritt, Martin, Johnson, Morgan, Stockwell, Swan, and Mrs A Broadhurst Clerk

POLICE MATTERS: PCSO Judges reported that, from the 9th November to the 10th January, there had been one crime in West Farleigh, which was a theft of a trailer. There is one other crime currently under investigation; however no information can be released at this time. Cllr Scott introduced Adam McKinley, who is the new Community Warden in the area. Adam informed all present that he is covering East & West Farleigh, Linton, Hunton and Coxheath and explained a little about his role within the Community. The Community Warden is there to support the PCSO, but his main role is in social care, assisting vulnerable people in the community and, amongst other things, helping with scamming issues.

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATH MATTERS: Cllr Martin reported on the barriers which have been erected by Kent Highways on Smiths Hill due to a collapsed drain. These are on the bend, where the road is narrow and it is forcing vehicles into oncoming traffic. There are no warning signs in either direction and there has already been one accident and several 'near misses'. This urgently requires additional warning signs. PCSO Judges offered to visit the area after the meeting. Cllr Johnson reported that Teston Lane is flooding due to the drain being blocked. It was noted that flooding is issued further up (past the junction for Mill Lane) as the drain there is also blocked. He reported that water is running down Ewell Lane, crossing the road at several points. The Clerk informed all present that the need for the gulleys to be cleared along this road had already been reported to Kent Highways and she would chase this with them. Cllr Johnson reported various potholes. The Clerk asked for him to forward the location and size of each pothole so that they can be reported online. Cllr Martin informed all present that he had cleared the ivy close to the Tickled Trout which was spreading across the footpath.

Signage in Village Policy: Cllr Scott reported on the draft policy which had been circulated to all Councillors and stated that it was becoming quite a complex document. After brief discussion, it was agreed that the current arrangement of Councillors removing signs when necessary works well and that the policy would only complicate the matter.

Play Area: The Clerk thanked Councillors for installing the new bench in the play area. The Clerk reported that she had spoken to Park Leisure, who had supplied the roundabout. They have quoted £475 to install an inspection hatch which will give access to the bearings in order to be able to grease them regularly. Cllr Merritt stated that there was obviously a design fault with the roundabout, and that the company should be prepared to pay half the cost of installing this access point. The Clerk was asked to contact the company.

Signs for the Village Defibrillator: Cllr Merritt reported that Cllr Stockwell had given him five signs to place around the village to inform residents of where the defibrillator is located. After brief discussion it was agreed that wooden frames with a perspex front should be made for the signs and that one should be placed on the leg of each notice board (x3), one at the Football Club and the other somewhere on Lower Road (either near Church Lane or St Helens Lane).

Individual Councillors Reports : Cllr Swan reported that there had been a reasonable turnout at the recent coffee morning, with the new Community Warden attending. After brief discussion it was agreed that the next one should tie in with Cllr Martin's 'Lambing Day' which is scheduled for Sunday 13th March.

Cllr Swan informed all present that there had recently been a number of fly-tipping issues in West Farleigh and the Community Warden reported that he is able to assist with reporting these if needed. He also explained that there is now an app for smart phones called Country Eye which allows you to take a photo of the fly-tipping and the relevant authority is automatically informed.

Cllr Merritt informed all present that he has taken a resident to Runwood Nursery to purchase an English Oak tree, which will replace the one removed from the Green. The resident has paid for the tree, stakes and delivery charge.

Budget and Precept for 2016/17: The Clerk had previously circulated the budget paperwork to all councillors explaining the effect any increase in precept will have on the annual charge per household. The implications of a cap being introduced for Parish Councils was discussed and it was noted that, if the cap were to be agreed for 2017/18 and Parishes wanted to increase their precept above a 2% rise, this could result in a referendum being called to approve the rise; at an approximate cost of £1,500. The Clerk added that the cost of this referendum would need to be included in the precept increase resulting in an even higher figure being required. The Clerk suggested that £5,000 be ring fenced for the play area and Councillors were in agreement with this. The Clerk also added that the Parish Council had been discussing the possibility of obtaining a meeting room and money would need to be set aside for this project. Cllr Martin stated that the Parish Councillors do everything they can to try to keep costs low for residents and reminded all present that they complete lots of work free of charge (including recently installing the bench which saved the Parish approximately £600) and added that they do not claim Councillor expenses as some other Parishes do. After brief discussion, taking all points raised into consideration, Cllr Stockwell proposed "that the precept for the forthcoming year be set at £17,250, an annual increase of £5.10 per Band D household per year". This was seconded by Cllr Martin, with all in favour.

Transparency Code for smaller parishes The Clerk reported that she had submitted a grant application to help with meeting the requirements of the Code. This had been to cover the cost of setting up the website (Clerk's hours), to purchase a laptop with an Office package and cover some of the cost of the printer. This had now been approved and the Parish Council had been awarded £935.

The Clerk added that, under the Code, smaller Parishes would only have an internal audit from 2017 but a 'one off fee' would be paid to the external audit company to cover any issues that could arise as residents will still have the opportunity to raise queries with them. This fee would cover the Auditor's administration costs.

Cllr Martin proposed that the Clerk purchase a laptop and this was seconded by Cllr Stockwell, with all in favour.

Date of next meeting: The next full Council meeting will be held on **Monday 21st March 2016** at 7.30 pm at The Good Intent

Church Services

West Farleigh All Saints, Church Lane

February 7th	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion Rev. David Jones
February 14th	11.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (mod.) Miss Chris Bostock
February 21st	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (trad.) Rev. David Jones
February 28th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (mod.) Rev. Peter Callway

East Farleigh

February 7th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
February 14th	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11.00 a.m.	Family Service
February 21st	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
February 28th	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

Hunton

February 7th	11.00 a.m.	Family Service
February 14th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
February 21st	11.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
February 28th	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

Coxheath

February 7th	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
February 10th	7.30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday service
February 14th	11.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
February 21st	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
February 28th	11.00 a.m.	Family Service

Linton

February 7th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
February 14th	9.30 a.m.	Family Service
February 21st	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
February 28th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion

Nature Notes: An Unexpected guest.

Our undoubtedly obscure picture shows a bat hanging from the ceiling of our garage. Although we have lived here for over 17 years, last week was the first occasion on which I have found a bat roosting or hibernating in it, in such a position to permit me to examine it closely. Actually, closely as I have been able to look at it, identification is problematic. It is 50 mm long in body and has thick and quite richly coloured brown fur on its back. Its front, and much its head are neatly packaged within its folded wings in classic bat posture. Its feet appear blackish and are delicate but effective in clinging to the reinforcement mesh which shows through our garage's ceiling. The picture does show its pointy ears sticking out well below its head. I have so far been successful in not disturbing the little creature into flight, but it has moved a few yards within the garage, presumably at night, and might even have been out on the hunt for food, winter notwithstanding.

Our commonest bat is the Pipistrelle, of which there are two types. I think this animal, at 50mm, is too big to be one of those. My immediate thought, when I saw the ears, was Long-eared Bat—but they have ears that are truly enormous in relation to the body size. These seem proportionate. As I rule these out, I have to think in terms of the group called *Myotis*. The ears seem to fit those, as does the slight shagginess of the fur. Of the several species of this genus that can be found in England, Natterer's Bat seems the most likely, mainly because it is reported as the most solitary and one of the most likely to be located in mid-winter. Obviously I hope this identification proves to be correct, as it is by no means thought of as common. It's a bit frustrating not being able to handle, examine, and measure such a creature, but I think it's right to be nervous about what impact such an intrusion might have at a time when the bat should be in deep hibernation. Step forward if you think you can help with the identification.

Perhaps I should add a note on our garage. It is in fact the one-time air-raid shelter of the village school, and so has thick walls of brick and a reinforced concrete roof. Designed for 100 infants, I do not know whether it was ever used "for real". Does any mature villager remember it from wartime?. Of course it is modified now, but only takes cars in tandem.

Clergy Contact numbers

Rev. Peter Callway; Rector 01622 747570 Call Peter for Baptisms,

Thanksgivings, Weddings & Funerals. Not available Fridays

Revd. David Jones; Hon. Associate Rector 01622 741474 Not available Fridays

Revd. Eileen Doyle; Associate Rector 01622 204241

Not available Mondays and Tuesdays

Becky Parnham; Children's and Families' Worker 07949 646885

Note also, East Farleigh has a **Compline Service** on 1st Tuesday of the month at 6.45 p.m.

All Saints Church is available for hire.

It offers carpeted space for many activities ranging from children's birthday parties to keep fit classes. It also has a large car park. There are reasonable rates for all, with concessions for West Farleigh residents.

Ring 01622 813019 or 01622 820305 for information.

With Easter being early this year, so are Ash Wednesday (see above) and Shrove Tuesday ("Pancake Day").

Pipistrelles are common here, and Long-eared have (I know) entered local houses, but what bat is this? © Tim Hill



EVERGREENS

The Evergreens enjoyed their post Christmas lunch – a "Boxing Day" meal which easy to prepare but very tasty! The next meeting is on Tuesday 9th Feb 2.30 -4.30. Our local Community Warden will be coming along to explain his role.

Anyone retired is very welcome to join us. We are meeting the WI Hall Forge Lane East Farleigh. If you would like a lift ring Terry 814561.

Helen Swan

The Farleigh's W.I. News and Events: Our January meeting was a very sociable night with a couple of quizzes and a Taste Test whereby members compared branded products to supermarket own brands - the results were surprising and a number of the own brand products proved more popular than the famous ones. When the cost comparisons were revealed many agreed that the high cost of branded goods was not justified. In February our speaker will be telling us "Why must the Show go on" and in March we have a Fashion Show (Bonmarché). In addition to our monthly meetings we have Craft and Art Groups, Lunch club, Walking Group, Darts Team and a very popular Choir. New members are always welcome: why not come along as our guest to see what we are all about? Our members are a friendly and interesting group. The Farleighs W.I. meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. for 7:30 at the WI hall in Forge Lane, East Farleigh. Please contact myself Diane Scott if you require any further information on 01622 814476. Don't forget our hall is available for meetings and parties at very reasonable rates - Karen our booking clerk (01622-920258 pomandzulu@gmail.com) is always happy to help.

Diane Scott

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS

The Parish Council has hosted 3 coffee mornings at the Good Intent. They have been well supported and villagers have been keen to get to know each other, or renew acquaintances. Parish Councillors, borough councillors and the local Community Warden.

LAMBING DAY with COFFEE

Geoff and Candy Martin are kindly opening Smiths Hill Farm (entrance off Hunt Street) farm, so that we can all enjoy the new lambs. This will be on March 13th.

The March Coffee morning will be held at Smiths Hill Farm, to coincide with the lambing day. Tea, coffee and cakes for all from 10-12 at this joint event..

If you would like to go but need a lift, ring Bruce 814476. (Helen will be away).

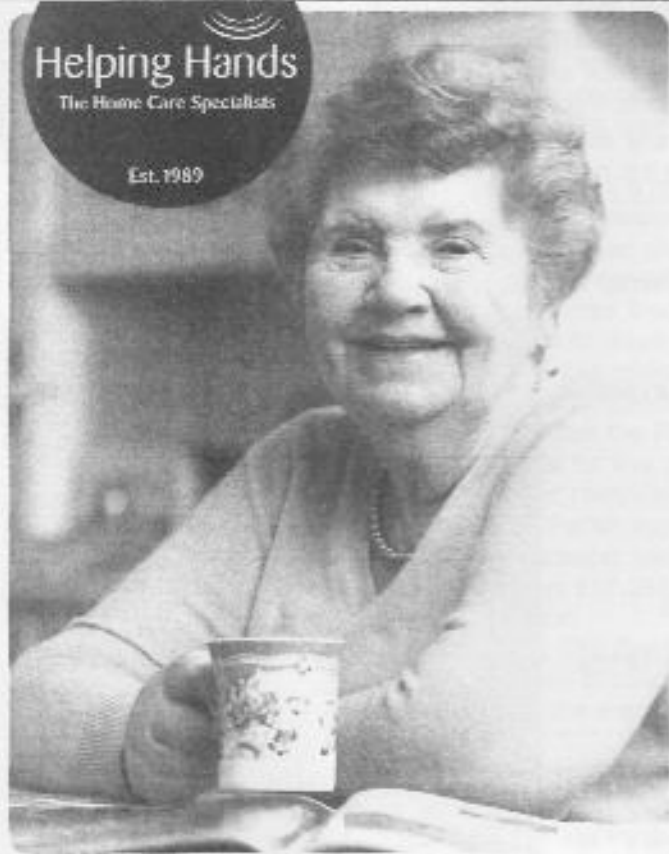
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Sports Report:



FOOTBALL: Good news from our footballers with both teams gaining very encouraging results. Since I last wrote our 1st XI have been unbeaten except for our cup fixture against Larkfield, which we drew 1—1 but then lost on penalties. Our other five matches, all league ones, have produced three victories and two draws. Our wins came against Sharsted (twice), 6—2 and 7—0. Also we won against Borden 2—0. Our 2 draws were with Staplehurst 2—2 and another 2—2 against Gery Hawex (Gravesend).

Our 2nd XI has played three games with two draws and one defeat. Firstly we played well and were unlucky to only draw 0—0 against league leaders Mangravit and a 1—1 score against Ashford Athletic. Finally we lost 4—2 against Borough Green in the cup.

Our Vets have also played 3 games, but unfortunately these were all defeats: 2—0 against S.T.C. Sports and Woolwich (twice) 3—0 and 1—0.

CRICKET: Our cricketers have just started nets at Sutton Valence School at 7 p.m. on Mondays. All are welcome.

Club News: Our Ton up Winners for December were:

£30 Stephen Norman	£20 Beth Pearce	£10 Jim Roberts
Christmas Bonus	£50 Ann Shilling	£25 Ann Ayears
January £30 Zoe Martin	£20 Sian Booth	£10 Terry Baines

Yours in sport

Tel (815267)

Junior Sport: Our U16s have managed 3 matches winning all of them; 4-1 Biddenden; 7-0 Burwash; and 7-3 Smeeth & Brabourne. This has now put them top of the league. After a couple of defeats since the last report our U14s won their first match of the season 3-2 against Bromley Green Colts. The U11s have managed only a couple of matches due to pitch conditions and are maintaining their form.

The U8s have had played a few matches with improving performances and some fantastic catering skills from the mums. The Lambs (Year R & 1) have been turning out in large numbers even in the depths of winter, although the weather has been kind to us on a Saturday morning.

Paul Beck

East Farleigh Farmers Market: We look forward to welcoming you at another successful year of charity fund-raising. In 2015 we donated a total of £842 to The Blackthorn Trust, Porchlight, The Nepal Earthquake appeal, Kenward Trust, Restoring Hands, Restoring Hope, Help a Maidstone Child and Maidstone Samaritans. Thank you to everyone involved in this achievement! Please try and support the February market, even though the weather may be miserable – our stallholders need an income all through the year! Should there be heavy snow, the market might be cancelled, so keep an eye on the weather forecast.

Sue Morris

MARATHON MAN Local runner **Alan King** will be running the 2016 London Marathon on April 24th and hopes to collect much needed funds for the Prostate Cancer Research Centre in the process. He says, "Should any fellow villagers wish to support me by making a donation to this deserving cause, they may do so via my Virgin Money Giving page at this address :-<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/alan-king-SAVMLMBONDS3332016-11274>"

Prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed male cancer, but until quite recently there was little media coverage or public awareness. Thanks to the work of charities like the Prostate Cancer Research Centre its profile has now risen significantly, but the fact remains that patient treatments and outcomes have changed little over the past twenty or so years. The mission of the Prostate Cancer Research Centre is raise funds to undertake research that will improve survival and quality of life of men with prostate cancer. By running, Alan is supporting this mission.

Wateringbury Local History Society: Our next meeting is on Wednesday 17th February, in Wateringbury Village Hall starting at 8.00 pm, when Toni Mount will be telling us about "Richard III A Man of Controversy". Visitors are very welcome.

Janet Hall

Humour. We like this wisecrack of Billy Connolly, "Before you judge a man, walk a mile in his shoes. After that who cares? He's a mile away and you've got his shoes!"

Also, connoisseurs of the famous cricket scoreboard, "Lilley, caught Dilley, bowied Willey" may appreciate the recent English legal case: Boocock v. Blaycock heard by Judge Lowcock. As they say, "What are the chances of that happening, eh?" Or, as one of the Counsels cheekily quipped, "Bit of a cock-up here Your Honour....."

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Almost two months ago, and with little fuss, the revised (40 mph) **speed limit on Lower Road** came into effect, fulfilling the aims of Roy Plommer and others who fought hard to get it into place. The road markings that Highways have put in, especially for the 30 mph stretch in East Farleigh, are quite emphatic and helpful. It may also be the case that the "intimidatory power" of the new railings is making drivers go at slightly lower speeds.