

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

## Welcome to West Farleigh's own

# LIFELINE

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## FLOWERS AND SUNFLOWERS

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, West Farleigh was visited by Peter Mountford and Jim Buttress who judged our efforts for this years South and South East in Bloom competition.

We produced a presentation for them detailing our route round the village with pictures and updates to address each of their marking criteria. We stopped at focal points along the way to meet people who had contributed to the team effort.

We informed the judges about the sunflower competition in the village and explained our planting theme at the public areas was to always try to include some sunflowers.

The criteria of judging are Horticultural, Environmental and Community, however we won't find out our result until September. We have had a core group of 14 people this year and I'm sure we will gain high marks in the community section.

## Tallest Sunflower



The West Farleigh in Bloom Sunflower competition has had **a grand total of 30 households enter this summer**, including 1 international entry from a resident's relative in Perth! The Bloom team have been thrilled by the participation and have very much enjoyed seeing the displays around the village - thank-you to everyone who took part.

Of all the flowers, we had 9 entrants over 2 meters tall. 8 year old Holly French of The Hollow, grew the variety Pikes Peak which grew to 2.74 meters. Most other entries were the "Giant" variety. Huge congratulations to her. She was the proud recipient of a trophy and a prize donation from our local pubs.

## Best Sunflower display

John Fenlon, the head gardener at Smiths Hall, toured the village and inspected all the Sunflower displays. The prize has been awarded to Gabby King's display around the telegraph pole in Charlton Lane. Well done Gabby we have all enjoyed watching them grow!

**Deadline for August issue of LIFELINE: 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

## Upcoming Events:

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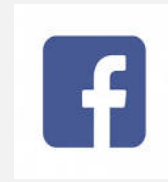
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You will amazed what goes on.

## Pastoral Newsletter

We are privileged to live in a lovely part of Kent, with countryside surrounding most of the benefice. As we enjoy the blue skies of summer and look forward to a holiday, or a break from school, or maybe an opportunity to relax in our surroundings, we are grateful for the beauty of nature, and for those who care for it.



However, this privilege comes at a cost. Access to the area is either through Maidstone town centre, or across one of three one-way mediaeval bridges at East Farleigh, Teston or Yalding, and along roads which were not designed to carry the volume of traffic that exists in 2018. As more homes are built (and this is not a political point but simply an observation) that infrastructure becomes more strained. So investment is needed to improve things. At the moment Hunton Hill is closed, Teston bridge has weekend works going on, Linton Hill has gas works and it is almost as if we are cut off from the rest of the area. It is disconcerting, inconvenient, stressful and worrying to some.

Jesus said that if we are to follow his teaching, to show love and goodwill to our neighbour, we must abide in him. He is the vine, and we are the branches. We need to invest in the infrastructure of the Christian life. This simply means praying, reading the bible, and being in Christian fellowship with others. Without that relationship life is disconcerting, inconvenient, stressful and worrying. May God grant you his peace and joy during the summer season and always.

Many blessings,

Peter Callway

Rector

## Services at All Saints

Sunday 5th August	8.00 am	Holy Communion (Traditional)
Sunday 12th August	9.30 am	Morning Prayer (Modern)
Sunday 26th August	9.30 am	Holy Communion (Modern)

## Our Ministry Team

Rev Peter Callway, Rector: 01622 747570 Call for Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals, not Fridays  
Rev David Jones, Hon. Associate Rector 01622 741474. Not Fridays  
Rev Eileen Doyle, Associate Rector 01622 204241. Not Mondays and Tuesdays  
Becky Parnham, Children and Families Worker 07949 646885

## Little Angels on holiday until Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept...

If you are looking after a baby or an under 5, come down to All Saints Church 1pm to 2.30pm on Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Sept and meet other mums and toddlers. Mums, Dads, Grans, Grandads, carers – you will all be warmly welcomed. For more information contact Becky on 07949 646865.

## RIDE AND STRIDE

On Saturday 8th September walkers and riders all over Kent visit as many churches as they can to raise funds for their local church and for others in Kent. **Last year's 3 man team is looking for new members**, young and old! It's a fun day out and you get offered a lot of cake. Please contact Sue O'Donnell on 01622 727852 or email [sueodonnell@talktalk.net](mailto:sueodonnell@talktalk.net) for a sponsorship form. Or perhaps you could spare an hour or two on the day to sit at the church signing the riders and striders in and offering them refreshments? Again Sue would love to hear from you. and remember **HALF** the money you raise will go to the church of your choice. (We hope you choose All Saints, West Farleigh!)

## WEST FARLEIGH BUSINESS WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD



Jewelultra has had its head office in Ewell Lane since 2005. They manufacture and distribute a comprehensive range of specialised chemicals, principally to the motor, industrial and janitorial industries. Their research laboratory and factory are in Loughborough, Leicestershire. We recognize the name in the village as they sponsor the Sports Club and the name Diamondbrite can be seen around the village on the Cricket Covers and the football hut.

They have won the KEiBA (**Kent Excellence in Business Award**) in the Exporter of the Year category.



Their market is now worldwide. Export Sales are the fastest growing sector of the business. The success is attention to detail. They find out exactly what the clients require and go the extra mile to develop and market it. In India, rats were eating the electrics on new cars. Jewelultra's research team found that rats do not like peppermint and eucalyptus flavours, so a chemical spray, containing these flavours, was developed to treat the underside of new cars! The judges commented "that they were not afraid of new markets and develops its products to meet their customers' requirements in the local market. The continued investment and customer focus is evident throughout."

John Boseley CEO and Neil Simmonds Global Export Sales Manager, pictured above, are very proud of their success.

### Note for your Diary! Lets Get Quizzical??

On **Saturday 8th September** there will be a **Quiz with Fish 'N' Chip Supper at All Saints Church**, (7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start). Pete Hards will be your Quiz Master with Den O'Donnell his glamorous assistant! Pete's quizzes are always entertaining and with a fish supper (good for the brain), the company of friends and a few drinks it should be a fun evening. All proceeds will go towards the church building repairs. Tickets cost £10 and are available from Sue O'Donnell on 01622 727852.

### MONTHLY LITTER PICK



The next litter pick will take place on Sunday, 5th August when we will be meeting on the Green at 9 am to organise the teams and the safety vehicles. After approximately an hour litter picking we will then be rewarded with drinks and bacon butties as a thank you. You can contact either Tel on 815267 or Brian on 812341 or via [brianc@hotmail.com](mailto:brianc@hotmail.com) or merely turn up on the day. It would be great to see you.

## View from the Garden by Jon Fenlon

I imagine most of you will be watering your pots regularly to keep them going over this long dry spell we are having. Don't forget to add some liquid feed in there as well to give your plants the nutrients to really perform. If you are watering plants in beds, remember a short quick water is not that helpful. It will allow weeds to grow, encourage shallow roots, and evaporate on hot days before it's done any good. A long soak is needed for water to penetrate down through the soil to where the plant really needs it.

The lawns are looking a bit sorry for themselves at the moment but never fear - they will return with the rain. I would suggest you don't feed them in the drought. Raise the cutting height of your lawn mower to avoid over stressing the grass even more.

Dead heading will also be at the top of your list to keep your flowers going for longer. When dead heading also consider what you would like to collect seed from or would like to let spread naturally by self seeding where it is. Some plants also fruit have attractive seed pods that you can put in a display in the winter, for example rose hips and echinops. Some perennials will need cutting back to keep them tidy such as geraniums.



If you have a wisteria in your garden that has now finished flowering you can cut off the long straggly growth back to five leaves. This is generally needed when a wisteria is near paths windows or doors. The main prune will not be done until later.

August is the time to cut down your long grass / perennial meadows. Cutting now will help disperse all of the seed that is currently in the flower pods. This is done by strimming it all down at the base then using a pitch fork to move and turn the cut long grass. I have had this method work well over a number of years. It especially helps getting yellow rattle to spread quicker.

Most importantly enjoy your garden however big or small, maintained or jungle. Sit outside and just take it all in!

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## Farleigh Feathers by Ray Morris

### Some you see and some you don't

This is the time of year when some bird species can appear unexpectedly in gardens while others seem to disappear completely. Young birds have increased by large numbers, although only about a quarter will survive long enough to breed next spring.

Many young leave the area in which they were hatched to find new and suitable habitat elsewhere, while both adults and young of migrant species start to head south for their wintering areas. So almost anything could turn up. Your garden could be home to gangs of juvenile starlings foraging for leatherjackets (the larvae of daddy longlegs) on the lawn. They may be noisy and unruly, but they are good for your lawn as the leatherjackets eat the grass roots and damage it.

Meanwhile gatherings of sparrows could be enjoying communal dustbaths in our parched vegetable plots. Native thrushes and finches abound in the countryside, while migrant warblers and wheatears from the north pass through, and can be seen in local fields and hedgerows. As small birds migrate at night, migrants are often seen resting and feeding up in the early mornings. On the other hand, most adults of resident species are silent and hiding themselves away as they go through their annual moult. Replacing flight feathers means their flying is less effective, so they keep a low profile to avoid predators. For a short period too it makes them look a total mess, with feathers missing and others looking totally ragged, until their new plumage is complete. Moulting creates a huge energy demand so moulting birds exercise as little as possible to divert valuable food resources to feather production.

Keep an eye on your local speckly brown young robins and blackbirds as they gradually change from (the not so) 'ugly ducklings' into 'swans'. And dull brown young starlings are slowly morphing into the iridescent, sparkling birds that mass in winter murmurations.



While all this is going on, if you are lucky enough to have a tawny owl or a little owl breeding nearby, you may catch a glimpse of an immature youngster parked on a post to await its next feed. This is a good time of year to see owls because the young are often stationary and visible for long periods, while the adults are active in the early mornings and late afternoons hunting for, and supplying, additional food for them. Little owls are diurnal as well as nocturnal and it's always a good idea to look out for them on fence posts, or atop old barns and farm buildings. Even in winter, they can be seen soaking up the warmth on a sunny day. Barn owls (the white ones) prefer to hunt around dawn and dusk and have regular circuits they fly around each day, so if you are lucky you may see them floating silently along a grassy field margin or over a tussocky field. A word of warning though: if you come across a young owl seemingly abandoned, it won't be! Adults will know where it is and be visiting to feed it, so best to leave it be. This is especially the case if it happens to be a tawny owl chick, as the parents can be very protective and will attack an intruder. A pioneering, but unwary, bird photographer lost an eye at a tawny owl's nest.

Ray Morris

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## THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER WANTS YOUR VIEWS

### 'How safe do you feel where you live?'

That is the one of the key questions Matthew Scott, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent, is asking residents this summer.

Mr Scott said: 'I set Kent Police's priorities based on the things people tell me matter to them. My Annual Policing Survey is a key way in which I get to hear what you think about your police force. I want to know what you think Kent Police does well and what it could do better.'

'I'm responsible for ensuring Kent Police provides an effective and efficient service so I'm asking you, plain and simple, to rate how safe you feel in your community and also what to extent you think you get value for money.'

Mr Scott added: 'I've had a tremendous response from those I've met at big public events like the Kent County Show and the Kent Police Open Day so far this summer but I want as many people as possible to take the opportunity to have their say. Based on the results of last year's survey, I took the decision to put more money into recruiting up to 200 more police officers, so your views really can make a difference.'

The survey, which only takes a couple of minutes to complete, is available at [www.kent-pcc.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.kent-pcc.gov.uk/consultations). A hard-copy leaflet, and a large print version, are also available on request.

Questions about people's gender, where they live, age and ethnicity have been included to enable the PCC to spot trends among different communities.



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## View from the Scoreboard by Terry Baines



### CRICKET

Another entertaining run of results for both our sides last month. Our 1st XI started with a close defeat against Sunnocke but thumped Linton Park the following week, then another loss versus Fodecombe but rallied again beating close rivals Pembury. Finally Cudham and another terrific game we managed 126 and we had Cudham all out for 109. Our fine season continues.

Our 2nd XI started with a win against Outwood but then lost to Otford. Hadlow followed and another convincing victory (88 and W/F 89-1). Finally Eynsford, having been set a target of 179 we just came up short 22 runs behind. Once again overall having a great season.



### FOOTBALL

Now that the World Cup is over we can concentrate on our football ambitions. We've already played a friendly losing narrowly 4-3 to a good Aylesford side and in another close encounter we narrowly lost to Hollands and Blair 3-1.

We have also started training twice a week, Tuesday and Thursday evenings on the ground. If you would like to join in you would be more than welcome.

Our long awaited Ringstedt tour to Germany is 27-30 July. 30 years ago in 1988 we started our friendship, lets hope it continues for many more. Full report in next issue if I survive!!.



### CLUB NEWS

Join our village BBQ at the Football Hut on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August, 1pm onwards. Please bring your own food and drink. We're aiming for a good village social where locals can meet each other, hopefully watch the sun go down and have a good time!

PS. If you have your own BBQ, it could be helpful.

### TON UP WINNERS FOR MAY:

89 Terry Baines £30

119 Ann Sawtell £20

99 Keith Dalton £10

**Yours in sport,  
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Our meeting on Wednesday was quieter than normal due to the World Cup but we still enjoyed ourselves with our speaker Gwen Godwin. Not only did she get us moving using our arms and legs, she also tested our vocals with many good songs to join in with that we all knew. The next day we played petanque at the local pub, it was very competitive, and well done to our winners. On Saturday we had a wonderful Prom night with a very good live band Pete & Co, there was plenty of food and wine, much singing and dancing. If you would like to join in with our activities, such as walking, ten pin bowling, darts, art or crafts, whilst making new friends, then why not come and join us at the Farleighs' WI, Forge Lane, East Farleigh, on the second Wednesday in the month, 7 for 7.30, we would make you very welcome. If you want further information please contact Pam 0162272633

### EVERGREENS

We enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea in the gardens of Smiths Hall. (One of the cooler days). Thanks to Stephen Norman for allowing us to enjoy his amazing garden. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the trip to the Big Cat Sanctuary. It was just too hot to take elderly people out in the midday sun. We hope to visit at a later date.

On 14th August we will be having tea in West Farleigh Church (it will be cool), and on 28th we will be having lunch in the WI Hall. If you would like to join us ring Helen 814445 or Terry 814561. We can arrange transport.

## VILLAGE EVENTS

### DATE AND TIME

### EVENT AND VENUE

**Sun 5th August**

10am – 1pm

**East Farleigh Farmers Market**

Go along for all their wonderful fruit veg meat and all their other goodies. Enjoy a tea or coffee and excellent refreshments.

**Sat 8th September**

7 for 7.30

**Quiz Night**

Quiz night in the church. Questions for all abilities!! Even if you cant answer the questions you can enjoy the Fish and Chip Supper! Bring a table full or join in with others on the night.

**Sun 23rd September**

9.30

**HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Everyone is welcome to celebrate Harvest in West Farleigh Church. Please bring non perishable gifts.

**Sat 29th September**

7.30

**HARVEST SUPPER**

The Annual Harvest Supper will be held in the church. Pete and Co will be playing and songs from the past. You will know them all, so sing along! Watch this space for tickets sales info.

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