

"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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ANY ONE FOR CRICKET ?

PRESIDENT'S XI VERSUS THE "BEST OF THE REST"

The Annual Village Cricket Match will take place on Friday 22nd June.

Play starts at 6pm. The match will take place on West Farleigh's beautiful cricket ground. If the sun shines - and it will! - come along for a relaxed sociable evening.

The president (Stephen Norman) will field a team to take on the Sports Club.

There will be a Barbecue and a bar.

And there will be a Raffle. If you have anything to donate as a prize, contact the editors, who will tell you what to do with it, in a very nice way!

CHILDE ROLANDE

in concert

**All Saints Church, West Farleigh.
7.30 Saturday 30th June.**



CHILDE ROLANDE is an electric folk band. Their music is different but easy listening. The acoustics in the church will make them sound great.

Do come along to an evening of music and sociability. Bring your friends for an interesting evening.

There will be a wine bar and light refreshments. Tickets £8 from editor@thefarleighs.co.uk

We encourage you to support these events. Everyone works very hard to make them a success and all profits will go to the repairs to the tower

Deadline for July issue of LIFELINE: 20th June 2018



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Do look at our website and look at weekly activities.

You will be amazed what goes on.

Pastoral Newsletter

"June is bustin' out all over; All over the meadow and the hill!; Buds're bustin' outa bushes" Goes the song from Carousel! I love this time of year, when the days are longer and the weather is warmer. I do hope we are seeing fine weather as we enter the season of World Custard Pie Championships, fêtes and fairs in our villages. Of the many things that have happened in June, the first ever game of cricket played at Lord's took place in 1814. Our village greens will once again be enjoying the crack of leather on willow, as the cricket season gets into full swing. It is a funny game though. The fielding positions are complicated enough. Although they become clearer with explanations. For example: "Slips" are there to take advantage of slips (mistakes) by the batsman. "Point" was coined from the phrase "near the point (direction of the face) of the bat", and "Gully" stems from the literal meaning of the word 'gully', which is 'a narrow channel' - the gap between Slips and Point.



I'm sure you are all aware of the rules of the game too? You have two sides, one out in the field and one in. Each man that's in the side that's in goes out, and when he's out he comes in and the next man goes in until he's out. When they are all out, the side that's out comes in and the side that's been in goes out and tries to get those coming in, out. Sometimes you get men still in and not out. When a man goes out to go in, the men who are out try to get him out, and when he is out he goes in and the next man in goes out and goes in. There are two men called umpires who stay out all the time and they decide when the men who are in are out. When both sides have been in and all the men have been out, and both sides have been out twice after all the men have been in, including those who are not out, that is the end of the game. Maybe old – but still amusing!

The Christian faith can be a bit like that too. What are the rules, if any? How are we meant to behave? Why are there funny names for the festivals and the parts of the church? Fundamentally, there is one simple rule, and a couple of commands that Jesus said were important. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" is called the Golden Rule, and "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind and strength, and love your neighbour as yourself" are the commands. Simple to understand – not so easy to do!

Many blessings.

Peter Callway
Rector

Services at All Saints

Sunday 3rd June	8.00 am	Holy Communion (Traditional)
Sunday 10th June	9.30 am	Morning Prayer (Modern)
Sunday 24th June	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

Are you looking after a baby or and under 5? Are you about on Friday lunchtime from 1pm - 2.30 pm? Come on down to All Saints Church 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

PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

At the Parish Council meeting on the 21st May, Bruce Scott was reelected as Chairman. Geoff Martin will be vice-chairman. Mick Merritt declined to continue as vice chairman, having done the job for many years.

We were told that the Highways contractors were coming to repair the surface on Ewell Lane, which broke up very soon after being applied. The Council were not happy with the type of surface that had been applied as it is not up to a standard suitable for the amount of traffic on the lane.

A white line is to be painted in Teston Lane on the approach to the bridge, West Farleigh side. This will encourage traffic to wait further back so they can be seen from the other side of the bridge. It is hoped that this will avoid confrontations.

A request for "Slow down for horses" signs to be put up, has been received. This is to be considered when the dangerous areas have been pointed out. However, there was concern that the village might be overrun with signs!

Eight people are now signed up for Speed Watch. The parish is to borrow the equipment from Coxheath for a trail period. Sites have yet to be confirmed by Highways. It is hoped that this will slow down the traffic at strategic places in the village. More volunteers would be welcome. Email Mags zakmags@gmail.com who is masterminding the initiative.

Concern was expressed about the volume of traffic that will come through the village, when Hunton Hill is closed, to replace a water main. Lorries meeting each other by the Thatched House will prove interesting. Keep an eye on The Farleighs Facebook page for updates on road closures.

Parish Council Coffee Morning



Saturday 16th June 10-12 at the Good Intent. Come along and meet your councillors and your neighbours and enjoy a coffee and a delicious piece of cake!

Litter Pick



The monthly litter pick will take place on Sunday 3rd June.

Meet on the Green at 9 am. Equipment provided. A sociable activity with coffee and bacon sandwiches. More information from Terry Baines 815267 Or Brian Cushing 812341.

The efforts of the Litter Pickers is greatly appreciated by the residents of the village, who realise that most, if not all the litter, comes from those passing through the village.



It was the first time we had run the event in the rain! Our visitors arrived and wandered around the stalls and activities with umbrellas and "rain, what rain?" attitude. Fantastic. A great afternoon was had by all. Thank you to all those who volunteered to make it such a great success, we raised £2,500



Open Church and Plant Sale



As the plant sale could not be held at Smiths Hall this year, it was felt that something extra was needed to attract buyers to the Church! A display was put up with items of interest about the village and the church. Some visitors were interested to see how their property was described in a 1911 Auction catalogue of the Smiths Hall Estate. Very few houses had bathrooms and had to share a well for water. Some houses had been oast houses and a fruit packing shed.

Bob's playing was great, we even had dancing in the aisle by a small girl! The choir sounded lovely, they appreciate the acoustics in the church.

The teas and proper coffee were welcome and the cakes were a great success. Thanks to Jill Morgan's skill at baking. No doubt inherited from her mother Joyce Morgan, who was the cake queen in earlier times. A profit of £365 was made on the cake stall.

There were more donated plants than usual and a selection from Bijou nursery to choose from. Sunflower plants were sold and hopefully will be planted where they can be enjoyed by all the village and will grow tall and strong for the competition. A profit of £195 was made on the plants.

This brings the total profit to £560. A great total and an enjoyable day but very hard work. Thanks to all those who helped, especially Mags Zak, who went the extra mile! Well done everyone!



Rosey

It's that time of year when the garden is growing quicker than you can keep up with it. All of the newly designed beds have been planted now the frosts have passed and everything needs a good watering to get it established. The weeds are trying their best to take over so use a hoe on a warm dry day to knock them back, or, if you have the time, a hand fork is best to remove them all completely.

Go around your garden and fill any gaps with annuals or even sow some poppies direct. Poppies can flower in as little as 8 weeks. When going through the borders make sure to check tall plants and top heavy plants for staking - dahlias especially as their flowers can be so big they get top heavy as soon as they bloom.



Roses are out and doing what they do best. Keep on top of the dead heading to encourage repeat flowers and tie in any new long young shoots to avoid them being broken in the wind. We had a restoration prune on our roses over last winter and mulched the rose garden. This has had a great effect on reducing the amount of black spot we have without using any chemicals.

Even this time of year pruning still needs to be done. It's time to prune spring flowering shrubs once they have finished flowering. Lilacs can be pruned and they will regrow over the rest of the year producing fresh shoots which will flower next year.

If you would like some wallflowers next year now is the time to sow the seed these biennials will perform for you in the spring. Are you a fan of hanging baskets? Now is the time to put them out on display. Keep on top of the watering and feed them once a week to help get a great display.



The kitchen garden is now very productive and earning its place in the garden. Fresh salad from your own garden is great, everybody should give it a go. Keep watching your onions and garlic that you planted last year. As the leaves begin to go yellow, you know it's time to harvest and reap the rewards from your crop.

At Smiths Hall, last summer, I planted a banana tree in the sunken garden and am happy to say it survived the winter wrapped up and is now growing well. Smiths Hall NGS open day is on the 1st of July please come and visit and support this good cause. I hope everyone's sunflowers are doing well for West Farleigh in Bloom.

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Farleigh Feathers by Ray Morris

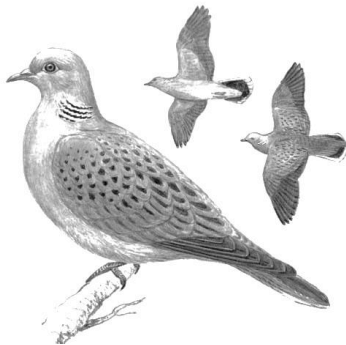
“Look at the birds of the air;

... they do not sow or reap ... and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.” Matthew 6:25.

And for the next couple of months He will also do His best to ensure the newly-fledged birds you find on the ground are fed – apart from those a sparrowhawk may take to feed its own young! It's that time of year again when small birds are often found, apparently abandoned by their parents, and people have a natural urge to rescue them. But there is no need, as their parents will almost certainly find them when they arrive with food. The youngsters may not stay where they were left, but they don't travel far and their contact calls are quickly located by their returning parent. It is not usually hunger that kills baby birds, but cars and, especially, cats, so only pick them up and move them to a safe place (preferably in a bush or tree) if they are in danger of either of these. If a fledgling is genuinely abandoned and starving – and this could be because its parents have been killed, it is sickly, or the parents simply can't find enough food for such a large brood, a natural predator will take it – part of the natural order of things.



Five of the three nestboxes in East Farleigh churchyard have blue tits in them. It hasn't been possible to count the eggs and chicks yet because the female has been sitting tight when I've inspected the boxes to check progress, but in early June the first youngsters will emerge and park themselves around the trees and gravestones. If they stay in the churchyard it won't be cars they have to worry about: it could be a local sparrowhawk (our heavenly Father feeds them too!) or it could be the local moggie. If you have a cat, keeping it indoors early in the morning could save quite a few baby birds as they generally leave the nest at this time.



Elsewhere, turtle doves have returned from Central Africa to breed in the area. This beautiful dove (or pigeon – the names are interchangeable, depending on whether or not we humans like them) has declined by 91% since 1995. The stretch of Kent from Yalding to Ashford has been declared a Turtle Dove Friendly Zone where farmers are being encouraged to leave weedy patches, or even provide additional seeds for them, in May and June. This will help them raise the maximum six young they are capable of producing to keep their numbers up. They only produce a clutch of two eggs, so they need three successful broods before they return to Africa. If you see, or hear the gentle purring of one of these gentle doves please let me know via The Farleighs website.

See Ray's article in full colour on www.thefarleighs.co.uk

View from the Scoreboard by Terry Baines



FOOTBALL

Plenty of goals involved in our final 1st XI fixtures of the season. Unfortunately, most of them were in our own net! We were defeated in three of the four remaining games, finally losing 6-1 to Rochester, 3-2 against Burgess Hodgson, and a 2-1 home defeat versus Wateringbury. However, our victory was a remarkable 9-1 scoreline over lowly New Romney. So although not the run of results we would have hoped for to end, we secured another safe position in the league and hopefully enough to build upon for next season.

Our second XI had already secured promotion and were largely playing for pride and unfortunately could not overcome a Seal side that in total have beaten us four times this season. Our latest two defeats last month were 3-2 in a semifinal and a 5-0 league defeat. We also drew with Horsmonden 1-1 and a victory over Woodland 3-1. Let's hope our new adventure in Division Three will be just as successful and that we will do better against Seal!!



CRICKET

Our 1st XI started this year's campaign at home to Fordecombe and we came away with a victory. The game the following week against Pembury was abandoned due to rain and finally Cudham and another victory, so a good start. Our newly formed 2nd XI started brilliantly beating Luddesdown but unfortunately could not continue, as we lost to Pembury the following week.

Finally, Cudham when we lost by 4 wickets. Still overall an encouraging start to the season. Long may it continue.

More new players required. A friendly bunch-do come along and have a go.

Club news

Lucky ton-up winners last month were:

No 2 Helen Swan £30

No 33 Paul Baines £20

No 153 Bill Emptage £10

**Yours in sport,
Tel (815267)**



The meeting held this month was our yearly AGM during which the members decide who they want on the Committee for the following year and who they would like to be President. Although this was not exciting, it is essential to keep the WI legal. Our secretary Margaret Perkins stood down as she had done the job for the last 9 years. She was thanked for her hard work and dedication. Unfortunately, no one was prepared to step and take on the secretary job. To solve the problem our current President stood down, so as to take on the secretarial role and the vice president agreed to take on the job as President for the next year. To lighten the evening, many of the members had taken along baby photos, all black and white (that shows our age).

We then went on to debate the resolution to be presented at the National AGM, MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS. It was agreed unanimously that this should be proposed at the AGM. Although many organisations are raising awareness of Mental Health, it was felt that the WI nationally had a lot of clout and could add to the debate.

We have a lot of events in the future. Firstly our WISH meeting on the 30th May at 7.30pm at WI Hall with speaker Stephen Harmer from Hadlow College talking about the history of gardens. All welcome including husbands, guests £3. At the next meeting, we have an in house auction please bring anything you wish to donate to the WI for auctioning. The Prom evening with live band Pete and Co tickets £8 from Jacky 01622 236421 on 14th July at the WI Hall. We always welcome new members please come to the meeting held on the second Wednesday in the month at 7.30 or if you wish further information then please contact Pam on 01622 726337.



Evergreens

The Evergreens enjoyed a trip on the Kentish Lady along the Medway to Teston Lock. Fish and chips were served on the boat.

Our June meetings will be Tuesday 12th, a trip to Scotney Castle for a cream tea.

On 28th June we will be having lunch in the WI hall at 12.30. We hope that Sharona will tell us about some basic First Aid.

If you would like to join us, ring Helen 01622 814445v or Terry 01622 814561. We can give you more information and organize transport if required.

Events

Date and time

Event and venue

Sunday 3rd June
10-1

East Farleigh Farmers Market in the Old School Hall

Saturday 16th June
10-12

Parish Council Coffee Morning

Come and enjoy coffee and cake with your councilors and neighbours.

Friday 22nd June
6pm

VILLAGE CRICKET MATCH

Played on West Farleighs own picturesque Cricket Ground

Saturday 23rd June
1-5

East Farleigh Fete De La Musique

The energetic and vibrant Old School Samba Band will be opening the fete at 1pm, followed by an engaging afternoon of music from local bands and entertainment for everyone. Stalls and Games, Hot Food, Beer and Pimms Tent, WI Tea, Tombola, Crockery Smash, Coconut Shy, Bouncy Castle, Pony rides and much more. East Farleigh Recreation Ground, Vicarage Lane (behind the school). Due to local regulations, dogs are not allowed.

Saturday 30th June

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