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Pastoral letter by Becky Parnham

This month we are celebrating the Queen's Platinum jubilee. Given that she's reigned for 70 years, many of us can't imagine what it will be like without a queen as head of state. Some people love the monarchy, some don't and for many there is an air of indifference around the whole Royal Family.

In early drafts of this letter I found myself wanting to say things like 'the Queen must feel....' Or 'the Queen must think....' and that got me thinking about how much we know about, not only public figures but about each other. I don't know the Queen personally; who am I to make assumptions about how she feels or what she thinks? There are times when I can't even work out what my children are thinking let alone someone I have never met!



There are a variety of sayings along the theme of walking a mile in another person's shoes before you comment on their life and choices. But how quick are we to jump to conclusions about someone's decisions or appearance?

Even innocuous sounding comments like 'wow, look at the size of the heels on your shoes, I couldn't walk in those!' can have an effect on the person on the receiving end depending on their mental state, the tone and manner in which the comment is made. There are so many variables. And how much harder must it be for those in the public eye who often have to play to the expectations put upon them rather than show how they actually feel? How difficult must it be to keep smiling and doing your duty rather than reacting with your true emotions?

Recently one of my granddaughters said she wasn't talking to her sister because she'd been told if she didn't have anything nice to say don't say anything at all (there'd been an issue with friends at school). But if only we could all learn that and only say kind things to each other and use our words to build each other up. In his letter to Titus, St Paul writes 'no insults, no fights. God's people should be big hearted and courageous' (*) Surely this is a message we could all get behind, no matter what our beliefs?

So let's all 'engage our brains before speaking' and make sure that the words we use are gracious. Our Queen has been a great example of this over her 70 years as monarch always polite and with an encouraging word for those she meets whilst out and about and whatever you think about her we can all be thankful for that.

Best wishes,

Becky

(*) The Message Bible Translation

Church Services at All Saints

Sunday 12th June 9.30am Holy Communion (Rev Lorna Faulkner)

Sunday 26th June 9.30am Morning Worship (Rev Lorna Faulkner)



LITTLE ANGELS

Toddlers & young children, mums, dads and grandparents all welcome to Little Angels Fridays 1pm – 2.30pm at All Saints.

PARISH COUNCIL: ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the 'Meet and Greet' Annual Parish Meeting were held in the Bramley Barn at Dandelion Time on 16th May.

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, Martin Moy was elected as Chairman for the next year and Jill Morgan was elected as Vice Chairman.

The Big Lunch to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was discussed and it was agreed that it would now start at 1.30pm on 5th June. There will be a Celebration Cake competition for budding Masterchefs and a crown competition for the youngsters. We look forward to seeing the children arriving wearing their crowns. It is also hoped to have some games activities.

It was agreed that the picnic tables on the Green were showing their age and replacements will be discussed at the July meeting.

The majority of the meeting was taken up by a discussion regarding the closure of the permissive footpath between Charlton Lane and Kettle Lane.

There was a speaker for the Annual Parish Meeting about the 20's Plenty Scheme which could lead to reduced speed limits on some roads in the village.

[Editor's note] Subsequent to this meeting, Dandelion Time has offered a long term compromise proposal which it is to be hoped will be satisfactory to all parties namely the creation of an alternative permissive footpath between Kettle Lane and Charlton Lane on the northern borders of its land. Funding will be needed to create this new route, which will be well away from Dandelion's therapy centres. More details in next month's LIFELINE and on thefarleighs Facebook.

PARISH COUNCIL: BIG JUBILEE LUNCH ON THE GREEN



Have you got Sunday 5th June in your diary? If not, why not?!
From 1.30 on the Green - Bring your picnic and a chair or blanket
Celebration Cake Competition - Kids crown competition (under 12s)
Entertainment and games - Free entry - The Good Intent will be open for liquid refreshment. **Come and celebrate with your neighbours.**

WEST FARLEIGH IN BLOOM and ALL SAINTS PLANT SALE

The Plant Sale at the Church raised an amazing £768.70 to be shared equally between All Saints Church and the Farleigh In Bloom Team. So many people donated delicious homemade cakes or had grown plants and seedlings to sell. It was a fantastic effort and a really lovely social occasion offering everyone a chance to bag a bargain and catch up with new and old friends. Thank you everyone for your support - the community spirit here is what makes this village so special!



NEW FACEBOOK thefarleighs GROUP PAGE

thefarleighs Facebook *community* page is very popular BUT it has one great drawback: only the administrators can start a post. Which means a lot of work for them and unreasonable expectations about how quickly - say - a traffic problem will be posted. So your Website Committee has created a new Facebook GROUP page. Anyone can join the group and any member can post (provided they adhere to the Code of Conduct). PLEASE JOIN IT and take advantage of the new freedom. Post away! If you post EVENTS *please put them on the new group page*. To find it, go to the old FB page and click on the link in the PINNED POST, or just click on Groups...it's there!

SPORTS REPORTS

FOOTBALL



WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS! Our 1st XI clinched the **Division 2 title last month, finishing off a tremendous season. But it didn't start too well** last month, when we were defeated 2-0 by Hawkenbury in our cup semi-final. Happily we were back to the league the following week when we needed to win against Lydd to win the title. In a very tight and tense game we found ourselves 3-1 down in the 2nd half. Amazingly we kept going and wound up 4-3 victorious! In our final game, also against Lydd we ended on a high, winning 2-1. Well done to everyone involved!

Meanwhile our 2nd XI had just the one game last month, which we lost 2-0 to Roselands. Our double header against Seal didn't take place because our opponents couldn't field a team so we were awarded all the six points available! [Nice work if you can get it. Ed] Well done also to our 2nd XI for keeping going in what was a difficult season.



CRICKET: Our Season is now well underway. We started with three friendlies and three victories respectively over a Norfolk touring side, East Sutton and Southborough. However we have not started well in the league, losing all four games so far. Our 1st XI have lost to Pembury and narrowly by 5 runs to Betsham. Our 2nd XI have lost to Locksbottom and also Betsham. Let's hope we can soon start picking up better results.

A reminder that the **Village vs. The President's XI** cricket match will be played on Friday 17th June, starting at 6pm. All welcome to this annual event with BBQ and refreshments.



NETBALL: Our girls have just started the summer league, beginning with a terrific 40-38 victory over Vixens, and then another close game, this time narrowly going down 30-25 versus Foxy Wotsits. Early signs all good for a successful season.

Club News: We are always looking for new members to join the club. So if you would like to get involved in the many ways you can, please get in touch. You will be very welcome

Lucky Ton up winners:-

145: Lydia Payne £30 101: Sharon Pearce £20 5: Helen Swan £10

Yours in sport, Tel

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EVERGREENS The Evergreens had a very enjoyable trip on KESR, with a ploughman's lunch on the train. Thanks to our helpers for driving. Also thanks to Parish Council for their grant towards the cost. In June we will be reminiscing and having a celebration tea. We hope to arrange some more outings. We have room for new members, do come and join us. Ring Helen 01622 814445



The Farleighs W.I.

Our May meeting was the annual AGM – we turned what could be a boring meeting into a social gathering with Cheese and Wine followed by cake a tea undispersed with the official business of voting in our committees for the next year.

We also voted in favour of supporting the resolution 'Women and girls with ASD and ADHD under identified- under diagnosed and under supported. If passed by National the WI will campaign to bring about change. Next month's meeting on June 8th will be a Members only JUBILEE party – with entertainment competitions Wine and of course cakes..

If you would like more information on the W.I or any of our events please e-mail thefarleighs@wkwfi.org.uk We are at The Farleighs W.I Hall, Forge Lane, East Farleigh.

Diane Scott- President

A charity appeal from Lorna James:

Dear Neighbours, we live at Ridgely, Charlton Lane and friends of ours in our neighbouring East Farleigh are doing the 3 peaks challenge on July 19th to raise money for a sensory bus for 5 Acre Wood School.

GoFundMe, <https://gofund.me/c6f6036d>.

Even a small donation could help James Jenkinson reach his fundraising goal. And if you can't make a donation, it would be great if you could share the fundraiser to help spread the word, which is this:

James Jenkinson is the proud father of Jack (7) and twins Harry and Jessica (5). He has decided to pull together a team of friends and family to climb the 3 Peaks (Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdonia) in 24 hours, on Saturday 9th July to raise money for a sensory play bus which will be based at Five Acre Wood School.

Both Jack and Harry attend Five Acre Wood School along with Rafi, who is the son of one of the team members, Emily. James wanted to challenge himself and do this for his boys. The funds raised will go to Five Acre Wood School, an outstanding all age (2-19) day district special school for children with profound severe and complex learning difficulties, including autistic spectrum disorder. The School are looking to purchase a double decker bus which will be converted to a play centre with a sensory lights floor. This will enable the children to receive an enriched experience whilst at school. The funds raised will contribute towards the hard standing of the bus, the bus, the design, the conversion and the signage to the exterior. See next page for one example of the designs the school are considering.



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FARLEIGH FEATHERS by Ray Morris

TURTLE DOVE UPDATE – THEY'RE HERE AGAIN!

As Ted Hughes wrote about the return of the swift

*'They've made it again,
Which means the globe's still working,'*

I wrote last month about an ambitious project by Kent Wildlife Trust scientist Dr Kirsty Swinnerton, and Marden Wildlife enthusiasts to track the movements and breeding success of Turtle Doves in this part of Kent. Just to remind you, the species is classed as Globally Threatened by the International Union for the Convention of Nature (IUCN), and Kent holds most of the UK's breeding population. So that we can tell individual birds apart – they look identical – to get an accurate number of breeding pairs, and to follow their movements to find out how they utilise their breeding territory, we need to be able to ring them.

It's an extremely secretive, small dove, whose presence is usually only given away by its gentle purring song from a tall, thick, thorny hedgerow. It must come down to the ground (often in gardens below a bird feeder) to feed on tiny seeds and to drink. This is when they can be carefully trapped, measured (to age and sex them), and ringed with a uniquely numbered metal ring and coloured plastic ones for easy future identification. We are also taking samples of their droppings for laboratory analysis for disease, and any dropped feathers that will be analysed for heavy metals in the environment.

Because they are so wary, the first dove we trapped required an eight-hour wait by a ringer sitting in a camouflaged car – not the most comfortable activity on the hottest day so far this year!



The next challenge is to record sightings of this bird, although conventional wisdom tells us it won't be seen far from its breeding territory in Marden until it starts its migration journey to sub-Saharan Africa in September.

Our scientists would love to find other Turtle Doves in The Farleighs area. So, if you hear one purring, see one in a field, or are lucky enough to have one visiting your garden **PLEASE LET US KNOW**. You can do this by email: turtledove@kentwildlife.org.uk or mardenwildlife@gmail.com

Just let us know where you saw it/them – a postcode will be helpful (or drop a pin on Google Maps) – and it can be added to our database to further this important work.

Seeing the real thing in the summer has to be better than just singing about it at Christmas!

Ray Morris

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| Sun 5 th June 1:30pm – 4.00pm Village Green | THE BIG LUNCH: the Parish Council is hosting a celebratory BIG LUNCH on the Green. Bring your picnic and a chair or blanket. Celebration Cake Competition - Kids crown competition (under 12s) - Entertainment and games - Free entry - The Good Intent will be open for liquid refreshment. |
| Fri 17 th June 6pm – 9pm Cricket Ground | Join the annual VILLAGE BBQ and Cricket Match. Free entry, donations bar and magnificent burgers. Will the President's XI finally defeat the Village XI? Not to be missed. Would you like to play? Text William on 07943209619. |
| Sun 26 th June 11:00am – 5pm Smiths Hall, ME15 OPE | The gardens of Smiths Hall will be open again. Sunken garden, iris beds, old fashioned rose walk, formal rose garden, wildflower meadow, peonies, deep herbaceous borders & woodland walk. Adults £5, children free. Home-made teas. 100% of takings to the NGS charities. |
| Sat 2 nd July 7pm All Saints Church | DR JAZZ RETURNS! The ever popular, everlasting Jazz players from Ryarsh will be back. Tickets £15 now on sale. Search Eventbrite for DR JAZZ RETURNS. |
| Sat 9 th July 7pm St Mary's Church Hunton | ORGAN RECITAL. International Organist D'Arcy Trinkwon will be giving a recital on the wonderful Willis organ. Tickets at £15 will be available from Liz Oliver at liz.oliver@waitrose.com and Sue Scott at sue@cheveneyfarm.co.uk . |

Dandelion Time Open Morning events

These event is a perfect way to learn more about our work supporting vulnerable children & families and how you can get involved. The session will include an educational, professional presentation of our therapeutic methodology, by our CEO, Graham Carpenter, followed by a Q&A session. We then offer a tour around the site with an opportunity to meet our animals! Due to the nature of the presentation we request that all attendees are aged 16 or over.

Friday 29 July 2022 – 9.45 am – 12.00 noon

Saturday 3 September 2022 – 9.45 am – 12.00 noon

Tuesday 4 October 2022 – **VIRTUAL Open Day** – 1pm-2pm

Monday 7 November 2022 – 9.45 am-12.00 noon

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IN THE GARDEN with Sara Cushing

After an arid couple of months, the rainfall midway through May came as a welcome relief to us gardeners! I've rarely known such a dry season, and conditions were not the easiest for planting. Some of my seedlings got totally frazzled and I had to replant peppers and chillis! Waterbutts are now happily filled which means that watering won't be an issue this month, certainly.



June is a lovely time in the garden, borders with summer planting will be starting to fill out. It's so important to keep on top of deadheading. Roses, pelargonium, cosmos, marigolds and sweet peas, the summer bedding, all benefit and give a longer and better display through the season by doing this regularly. Spring-flowering bulbs such as snowdrops can be lifted and split if this hasn't been done already, and if you do lift tulips each year, they can be done now and dried off before storing. I tend to keep mine in and just mulch over, as long as the ground doesn't get too wet over winter, they're just fine!



I cut back hardy geranium, alchemilla and pulmonaria hard to avoid anything seeding off.

Spring flowering shrubs can now be pruned back straight after flowering. Forsythia, flowering currant and mock orange should be taken back to young growth just below the old flower and about a quarter of the old stems should be removed to the base.

Softwood cuttings, such as lavender can be taken now, and exotics can now be planted out as risk of frost has passed.

Hanging baskets and pots should be fed at least fortnightly to keep everything looking its best!



In the Veg Patch

Squash, courgettes, brassica and beans can be planted out now. I always sow a few bean seeds straight into the ground if there is space. Bean seeds can keep for a couple of years if resealed and kept in a dry place, I generally have loads left over in a packet! Outdoor cucumber and tomatoes can be put out as well, though bearing in mind the blight that hit last year, you may consider keeping them under cover...

Salad crops and some early strawberries will be ready to pick now and it is a good time to resow lettuce etc for a second crop.

Happy gardening!

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