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Welcome to West Farleigh's own

LIFELINE

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CONGRATULATIONS! 100 YEARS OLD!



Brenda Helen Day

On the 14th of November Brenda will be 100 years old. She was born in the Howard Nursing Home in Maidstone and lived at Little Randolph's at Biddenden. She attended Lady's College in Goudhurst and stayed as Assistant Matron for a year. She then went on to look after two sets of twins.

During the war she joined the WAAF and was stationed at Stanmore. She was a plotter. Yes, one of those young ladies with long poles who pushed markers across a large chart!

She married Roland Levett Day on 11th April 1942. They moved to Elphicks Farm in Hunton in 1946. Where they farmed for

50 years. They had 3 children. Robert, Simon and Diana. She has 5 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. She was a keen tennis player and played Bowls for Hunton and Kent. They left Elphicks and came to live in Ridgeley Charlton Lane in 1993. Brenda has lived on her own since Roland died in 2011.

Lifeline send her congratulations and birthday wishes for a splendid 100 years.

West Farleigh Fireworks 4th November

Gates open 6.00. Lots to see and do. It is bigger and better this year. Go along and enjoy all on offer. Food, drink, guy competition, stilt walkers, Samba Band and two new bands playing before and after the Fireworks. Stay on and enjoy the music and a drink, up to 10 pm.

You can buy your discounted tickets up to midnight on the 1st November on www.westfarleighsportsclub.com and click on Fireworks link. Or ring 01622 720810. **NB** you **MUST** collect your tickets prior to the event. Tickets will not be left on the gate.

PS. Numbers permitting, tickets may be bought on the gate up to 7.30. Gates close to vehicles at 7.45. Please walk or car share. Limited parking, to preserve pasture. **NO fireworks inc sparklers, Glass bottles or alcohol allowed.**

Deadline for December/January issue 19th November

The editors would like your copy before the deadline if possible!



Upcoming Events

Coming up

October 29

Good Intent Halloween

October 30

Tickled Trout All Hallows Fun day

November 1

Tickled Trout Ladies Night

13 November

Remembrance Service West Farleigh Church

Note: the next litter pick will be on December 4

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New on the website

November gardening tips
Chris Stockwell's recipes

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Pastoral newsletter

November has become the traditional time for remembrance with All Souls, All Saints Day and Remembrance Sunday in the month. This is also the month in which, with the issuing of the Christmas stamps, for the last 50 years my thoughts turn to my Christmas letter and the events of the past year.

Ever since I got married, 50 years ago this year, this has become a regular yearly event and I get down the calendar and look back over the year. It's always an interesting time.

This year has turned up one interesting fact. I have four grandchildren and the oldest has just gone to university, the next to secondary school, the third to kindergarten and the youngest to preschool. To quote a certain Prime Minister of the past, 'Education, education, education and education!'



But there are other events/happens which are recorded. Not all happy memories but in the main the memories are good. As I reflect on the year I remember an email I received about some good news which someone wanted to share and it ended with the words 'God is good!' Looking at the events of the year could I actually say 'God is good' to some of the events? My answer was 'no'. Ought we to be considering God as being 'good' or 'bad'? We know that God wants the best for us and in that sense he is 'good'. But ought we to look on God in that way? If we do, then aren't we on the road to disappointment when the news isn't good?

In psalm 46 the writer describes God as 'being with us, an ever present help in trouble' perhaps that is how I want to look on God. A God who is faithful. A God who is with us at all times and in all situations. The songwriter, Brian Dierksen wrote these words of his experience of God.

Faithful one, so unchanging	You are my rock in times of trouble
Ageless one, you're my rock of peace	You lit me up when I fall down
Lord of all I depend on you	All through the storm
I call out to you, again and again	Your love is the anchor
I call out to you, again and again	My hope is You alone

I hope that as you look back on the year's event you too can find the truth that the event of the year marks the faithfulness of God in your journey and through all that happens we can see the 'goodness' of God in our lives to help us through those dark and difficult times.

David Jones

The Coxheath Benefice has a thriving **Mothers' Union**. In October we welcomed three new members Anne Cooke, Pat Crawford and Val Farrant. If you would like to know more about our branch please contact Rev. Eileen 01622 20424

Services at All Saints

Sunday 6 th Nov	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 13 th Nov	10.45 a.m.	Remembrance Service
Sunday 20 th Nov	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (trad)
Sunday 27 th Nov	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (mod)

All Saints Church is available for hire – for more information, please ring 01622 820305

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

Around the Village

Welcome to

Nic and Rob, who moved into Homewinds, Charlton Lane in September, both are public sector workers, based in Maidstone. Originally from Medway, they are happy to live in West Farleigh to be near family and work. Nic enjoys cooking and craft and is looking forward to making and trying Jill Morgan's Cardamom Cake, featured in last month's Lifeline. Rob enjoys cycling.

When time permits they are keen to explore and join in with village activities, but shift work and refurbishing their house is taking up all their time at the moment.

Pete and Fizz who moved into Goulston Cottages from Loose. Fizz, a former dental nurse is now Deputy Manager of the Chequers in Loose and Pete is a collector of classic cars. They have a bouncy black Labrador, George.

Evacuation to West Farleigh

The editors have received an email from Brenda Thomas:

I am 84 yrs old now and living in Surrey, so beginning to reminisce about 'the old days'!! My sister and I were evacuated from London to West Farleigh at the beginning of the war ?1939-40. We were 'chosen' by the couple who ran the Post Office at the time, and the only clear picture I have in my mind is being allowed to weigh out a few sweets, and helping with the hop picking!!

Being 3&1/2 years older than me, and being very clever, my sister, I think, attended a Blue Coat school, but I must have enjoyed the little village school.

I wonder if any of your 'oldies' still in residence, have any memories of this particular time? We were so grateful to be kept safe by you all until our poor very worried parents found jobs and a home for us all in the safety of Bonnie Scotland.

It seems from looking at a photo, Brenda thinks she lived at Dove Cottage. The names Mr and Mrs Dove sound familiar to her, we are yet to find out which school locally accepted the evacuated Bluecoat school.

Can anyone add anything to this story? Can you remember evacuees? Email or ring the editors

Dove Cottage

Dove Cottage was built in the early eighteenth Century, it appears on a plan of Smiths Hall. It was then called Smith's Cottage.

It was put up for auction along with many other properties in the village in 1911 by the FitzHerberts, the then owners of the Smiths Hall Estate by which time it was called Ivy Cottage and being used as the Post Office. Mr H Wilding was the tenant and probably the Postmaster.



There is a hand written note on the catalogue indicating that Thomas Dove bought Ivy Cottage and 2 cottages on the Green. These are probably the two cottages that have been turned into Rose Cottage. Thomas Dove was living in one of these cottages at the time of the sale. It is interesting as these two cottages later became the village shop and post office.

Roly Philpott who had lived in the village all his life, was sure that it was called Dove's Cottage because it belonged to the Dove family.

This looks as if it could be right.

A more comprehensive history can be found on www.thefarleighs.co.uk

November birds by Ray Morris

Last month saw winter visitors arriving from Scandinavia – like redwings seen in a Farleigh garden – while it was still possible to see summer visitors like this chiffchaff, below, fattening-up on aphids before leaving for Africa.



November, especially if the temperature drops suddenly, will see increasing numbers of birds taking advantage of our garden feeders as their natural food supply begins to dwindle, their ranks swollen by the many juveniles hatched this year. However, only a quarter of these youngsters are destined to survive the winter. Disease and hunger exact the greatest toll, but inexperienced birds also fall prey to predators. It's not always what you want to see, but the visit of the incredibly fast and agile sparrowhawk is nearly always over in the blink of eye as it snatches a bird from a feeder or the ground and flies off – the prey may, of course, be a sick or elderly bird

with slow reactions. In addition to the daily predations of local cats, I've twice been visited by these spectacular birds in the last few days. The male (a third smaller than the mainly brown female) is a beautiful mixture of slate-blue and russet, with a piercing yellow eye.

There is clear scientific evidence that sparrowhawks are not the cause of declines in songbird numbers. In fact, they suffer the same problems as all other birds: two thirds of those that fledge die in their first year, and a third of adults die each year too. If it survives to breed, its expected lifespan is only 2.7 years. Most youngsters die of starvation because they can't catch enough food.

As sparrowhawks like to surprise their prey it's a good idea to move your feeders around the garden so hawks can't always nip round a familiar corner to grab their victim. But if you have several feeders, dominant great tits, for example, will monopolise the safest ones (close to a bush for cover) forcing younger inexperienced birds to use the ones furthest away from it!

A fuller and more illustrated version of the article can be found on www.thefarleighs.co.uk

View from the Scoreboard

Football

After a good first month of the season, Farleigh has found last month a lot tougher, especially the 2nd team. Firstly, our 1st XI started with a fine 6-1 victory over Deal, but this was followed by defeats against Eccles 2-1 and Larkfield 3-0, gladly the following week we had a great 3-0 win over a good Rusthall side in the Tunbridge Wells cup. Sadly, we ended with a disappointing 1-0 defeat at home to Snodland.

At least our 1st XI had a couple of victories, our 2nd XI have had a terrible month losing all five of their fixtures, these came against Eccles 3-1, Seal 3-2 in the Tun/Wells cup, 5-2 against Parkwood, Lenham 5-0 and finally 2-1 away to Ditton. It can only get better next month! Lastly, it doesn't get any better! Our Vets lost their only fixture at home to Inter Viagra 8-3!



Club News

Our lucky Ten-Up winners for October were:

£30 James Beck

£20 Lucas Shilling

£10 Greta Botten

Yours in sport – Tel (815267)

Lest We Forget

West Farleigh's memorial to those who died in the first and second world war is in the church on the North Wall. For those who have not seen it, here are the names of those on the plaques.



1914-1918

John W Bowen
E Christopher Philpott
A Charles Wilding
Roland S Fletcher
Sydney Skelton

Arthur H Link
Herbert J Underhill
Wilfred Chaney
Walter Selves

William H Thorburn
Alfred W Covis
George S Reffell
Frederick W Webb

E John Bringloe
L John Page
A Bernard Wright
Horace W Fletcher

1939-1945

Robert Glasscock

Edward J Minton

Charles Vincent

Service of Remembrance on **Sunday 13th November at 10.45**, at West Farleigh Church, 10.45. It is hoped that Jim Patch will read the Immortal Words. Look on the website, to find out about his war. He must be one of the few villagers alive who fought in the last war. www.thefarleighs.com

Do come along and remember the sacrifice they made for us.



A WORTHLESS LIFE
poem written by
Amelia Kirk-Brown age
13.

The ball is in our possession,
We race it down the court.
Trying to get a goal up,
As the score is nought, nought.
But then our winger blunders,
And the ball's the other teams.
We try our best to take them down,
But they're too good it seems.
The ball races down the pitch,
And ends up in our goal.
We try to get our score back up,
But time has taken its toll.

Another shot fired, another teammate dead,
The cannons boom and thunder,
And the sand is a dirty red.
It's like our lives our worthless,
We are just a weapon of war.
They carry on firing,
Right where the line tore.

We're not killing enemies,
We're fighting fellow men.
Just for the sake of a piece of land,
Or England's noble name.
But we're the ones who suffered,
The ones who fought for you.
So next time you say "life is bad",
Just think of us.



A View from the Garden by Lee Brayshaw

NIPPY NOVEMBER

November will give us a few frosty mornings and signs that winter is on its way! As we start to clear our gardens and have more bonfires and with bonfire night on the 5th, spare a thought for our hedgehogs looking for a place to hibernate at this time of year.

The best advice is to build your bonfire as close to the time you want to light it, giving less time for them to find the pile and 'move in'.



LEAVES

You are probably already getting bored of all the falling leaves but in my experience it is far better to keep them cleared regularly. It keeps the garden tidy and prevents them getting clogged to the ground which then can become a mammoth job to clear.

GREENHOUSE



The greenhouse by now will have finished cropping and possibly you may have tomatoes hanging on which you could make green tomato chutney before you give the greenhouse a winter clear and clean.

A good tip is after a good clear out you could use a diluted solution of Jeyes fluid to sterilise paths and work benches etc. (follow directions on the product)

Any green tomatoes can be made into chutney. Your greenhouse will now need a good clean, you could use a diluted solution of Jeyes fluid to sterilise paths and work benches etc (follow directions on the product)

MORE TENDER PERRENIALS

Now you have a nice clean greenhouse it's time to bring in any tender perennials you may have. I overwinter bananas, cannas, daturas, and oleanders. I will give my greenhouse a double protection with bubble wrap which should be enough to keep them going over the winter.

BORDERS

You may have already planted your spring flowering bulbs but if not there is still time this month.

You may decide if you haven't already to cut your herbaceous borders down. I leave mine until December as the cold frosty mornings can give a beautiful display.

As long as the ground is not waterlogged or frozen you can continue to plant herbaceous plants, shrubs, deciduous trees and roses.

ROSES

Large shrub roses or tall hybrid T's can be lightly pruned now just to get some weight from the tops. Roses are shallow rooting and can get wind rock and become very loose in the soil which they don't like at all.

Roses too can still be ordered and planted now. Most mail order companies start sending out orders from November until March/April but the earlier you get them in the better!

EASY GINGERBREAD RECIPE FOR HALLOWE'EN AND BONFIRE NIGHT

12oz SR Flour

2tbsp Black Treacle

1 teacup milk

6oz Sugar

1tsp mixed spice

4oz soft margarine

1 egg

Cream marg and sugar, add other ingredients, fold in. Put in greased roasting dish approx. 12in x 9in. Needs to be deeper than a tray bake tin. Or two loaf tins. Cook on medium heat gas 5 or 160 fan. Cook for 45 mins. Test with metal skewer in thickest part. Will come out clean when cooked. Keeps well. Best cooked a few days before you want to eat it!

Enjoy

Local organisations and information



Our Annual Show at the October meeting resulted in Daphne Springett being the overall winner. She keeps the coveted trophy for the coming year. The Farleighs' Choir entertained us with songs from the musicals and a lively evening was had by all.

If you would like to see what the WI is all about, do come along as a guest. Contact Diane on 814476. The meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month 7 for 7.30.

There is a WISH meeting on Wed 30th November, **OPEN TO ALL**, Men and women. £3 for guests to include refreshments.

Evergreens

The members enjoyed a trip to Bodium Castle, with a cream tea in the Wharf Café. The sun shone and the leaves were just on the turn, a lovely journey there and back.! We are always grateful to those members and helpers who are happy to drive.

At the November meeting on Tuesday 8th November, 2.30 in the WI Hall East Farleigh, we have a representative of **Pets As Therapy** coming to explain their role. Julie will also be there with cards, wrapping paper etc for Christmas.

If you would like to come and require a lift ring Helen on 814445.

Guests welcome. All meeting end with afternoon tea. The cakes are mouthwatering!

WI Christmas Table Top Sale



November 12th 12 pm in the WI Hall East Farleigh. There will be cards, gifts, cakes, jams and marmalade, soaps, knitted scarves and teddies, decorations, homeware and much, much more! Refreshments available. If you would like a table to sell your wares, £10 for charities, £15 for others. Ring Jacky on 01622 236421.

All profits will go towards the refurbishment of the WI Hall.



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Events

Date and time

Event and venue

October

Hallowe'en at The Good Intent

Saturday 29th

Spooky goings on at The Good Intent.

They are collecting warm scarves hats etc. for the Homeless. Also essential toiletries e.g. toothbrushes, toothpaste. No food, thank you.

Please take any donation to pub before 29th as Angels funeral directors will be collecting them at the party.

November

Friday 4th

West Farleigh Fireworks

6.30 onwards

Gates open at 6.30 Fireworks at 8. Samba band before and music after the fireworks. Tickets from www.farleighevents.com.

Saturday 12th

Table top sale for Christmas

From 12pm

Gifts, cards, decorations, cakes, jams, craft, soaps and more....

Hosted by the WI, in the WI Hall Forge Lane East Farleigh.

Refreshments will be available.

Sunday 13th

Service of Remembrance

10.45am

Everyone is welcome to come along to West Farleigh Church to remember the fallen.

Wednesday 16th

Wateringbury History Society

8pm

James Preston will be talking about Malting and Malthouses in Kent. Guest welcome at Wateringbury Village Hall.

Saturday 26th

Men's Breakfast

9am

The Benefice Men's Group have invited Brian Walpole, a former Concorde pilot to speak. Do join them for this interesting talk.

Venue to be advised. See Events on website www.thefarleighs.co.uk.

Sunday 27th

Heart of Kent Hospice "Light up a Life"

4.30

In the Hospice Garden at Preston Hall. Parking is in Sainsbury's car park Disabled parking can be booked on 01622 790195

Litter Picking

There will be No litter picking in November. To be resumed in December.

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