Welcome to West Farleigh's own

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TWO EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

5.30pm Fri July 5th VILLAGE CRICKET MATCH & BBQ

11am – 4pm Sunday 14th July GARDEN SAFARI (SEE ABOVE)

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TINA WOODHAMS GARDENING NOTES

Just when you thought you can sit back and relax in your garden, think again! There are as always lots of gardening jobs in July.

Deadhead roses, dahlias and annuals regularly to keep them tidy and encourage repeat flowering throughout the season.

Water pots daily and twice daily if temperatures soar. Morning and evening is best when it is cooler and direct sun will not evaporate the water before it has had chance to drain into the pot. Stand pots on a saucer or tray to reduce water waste. Even if it has rained it is still worth checking that the pots haven't dried out and windy days will also dry out the soil. Feed weekly with a general purpose liquid feed to top up nutrients in the compost and prolong the life of your plants.





In the borders, cut back early flowering perennials such as hardy geraniums, salvia caradonna, alchemilla mollis and dianthus to help ensure a second bloom in late summer or early autumn. Keep on top of the weeding! Hoeing or hand-weeding regularly will minimise any seeds from setting in the ground and allow your plants to grow freely. Edging the lawn around borders prevents the grass from spreading into your beds whilst maintaining their shape.

In the veg plot, in addition to harvesting summer crops you can direct sow root vegetables - carrots, beetroot, radish for an autumn crop along with french and runner

beans and peas

for a final crop this year. Autumn and winter salads can also be sown now together with spring cabbage and perpetual spinach for a winter harvest. Plant out brassica plants - purple sprouting broccoli, calabrese, cabbage and Brussels sprouts.

Think ahead and sow aqueligia, campanula, pansy, foxglove, sweet William and wallflower all for flowering the following year.



Phew! Now you can sit back and enjoy the efforts of all your hard labour!



SUNFLOWERS - TOP TIPS



With the West Farleigh In Bloom annual sunflower competition fast approaching, here's some tips for growing the prize-winner!

Sunflowers enjoy a rich, well-drained soil so add well-rotted manure or garden compost before planting out. This will help the roots to run deep and find plenty or essential nutrients.

Give the plants space to grow to ensure good air circulation, the spacing will depend on the variety of sunflower you are growing, and will help to prevent them from rotting.

Choose a sunny, sheltered spot away from strong winds. Support the plants using robust wooden or metal stakes placed close to the stalk and then attach the stalk to the stake with soft ties such as garden twine to prevent cutting into the plant.

Protect young plants from slugs and snails, home remedies include copper bands, broken eggshells, broken nutshells, ground coffee beans and seaweed.

If you enjoy a cold beer (and are of a legal age) so do slugs! Make a beer trap by burying a pot into the ground and half fill it with beer - the slugs will seek it out and fall into the pot.

Feed your sunflowers! Use diluted liquid fertiliser once a week and once the plant starts flowering feed it with a high potash tomato feed. It's important to pour directly into the ground directly to the root system and not onto the stem as this will cause the sunflower to rot.

Then watch as your sunflower reaches the dizzy heights of success! Happy sunflower growing!

Good Luck

Gabby and Tina

Have you asked to have your Sunflowers measured?

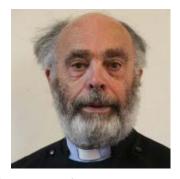
Judging for this year's tallest sunflower competition will take place on **Saturday 10 August**. Nearer the time, would you please let us know if you would like us to measure your sunflower by e-mailing your name and address to bloom@thefarleighs.co.uk or putting a note through the letterbox of Hoppers Corner or No. 1, The Green, Charlton Lane asking us to 'please measure your sunflower'.

There will be two categories this year, one for BIG people and one for smaller ones up to 16 years. Therefore please specify which competition you are entering.



PASTORAL LETTER FROM DAVID JONES

The month of July was always a special month when I was teaching. The school examinations were over, reports were being written, the interhouse cricket, rounders, athletics and swimming events took place and the school seemed to more relaxed However, the truth was probably that the children certainly relaxed but the teachers became a little frazzled with report writing, parents evenings and the changes in teaching rhythm and July seemed to go on for ever. But we had the start of the long summer holiday to look forward to.



Since my retirement some 25 years ago now, July has lost a great deal of that eager forward looking to feeling. We used to hear about how much cheaper holidays were outside school holidays. I never found that true but isn't that true of so many things we look forward to for, when it happens it's never the same as we expected. Sometime better but not always. So for me July was never the holiday month but the time for looking forward, enjoying the bright hot days, the longer evenings and preparing to relax before the start of a new school year in September.

You know we need patters to our lives, times to became busy, times to maintain a steadiness in life and also times to look forward so that our batteries can be recharged.

It's interesting to read the stories of Jesus in the light of his pattern. He seemed to be always surrounded by crowds demanding his attention and then times, we are told, when he went looking for peace and quiet, time to think, time to reflect but above all time to look forward, refreshed, recharged and renewed, ready to move on in his life.

Enjoy July and hopefully we will be prepared for a restful and refreshing August before the cycle continues into the autumn and another year. There's that me back in 'teacher mode' Have a good holiday whenever it comes.

David

This summer our weekly services are going on Safari!

28th July is at Holy Trinity, Coxheath 4th August at East Farleigh, 11th August is at All Saints, West Farleigh, 18th August at St Mary's, Hunton and 25th August at St Nicholas, Linton.

All services have a 10:30 start and will be all age communions.

LITTLE ANGELS

A mother and toddler group in West Farleigh Church 1pm every Friday in term time. From babies to pre-schoolers. Mums, Dads, Grandmothers, Grandfathers and carers all welcome. Coffee for adults, lots of toys and fun for the youngster



OH NO JONAH! - HOLIDAY CLUB



join us for a free day of fun including games, crafts, stories and food at Holy Trinity Coxheath **on August 13th between 9.30am and 3.00pm.** To book your place email: becky.thecat@btopenworld.com

CRICKET: Here are the teams for the President's Cup cricket match on 5th July:

THE VILLAGE:

William Norman (C)

Dom Moger

Sam Faulkner

Tom Osborne

Karim Habibi

Ron Pratley

Will Easterbrook

Marius Van Der Schyff

Jacques Serfontaine

Mick Goodrich

Patrick Davis

EAST KENT INDIAN ORTHODOX:

1 Manoj Mathew (c)

2 Vipin Mathew

3 Anil George

4 Mejo Philip

5 Anoop Thomas

6 Vitiny john

7 Tobin Thomas

8 Abraham Thomas

9 Rofin Francis

10 Boby mathew

11 Abin Babu

12 sojo Jose.

13 Melvin Mathew

(Playing 11 will be declared on

the day of the match)

CANINE CORNER WITH REBECCA: THE LURCHER

Lurchers, are essentially a cross breed, that came to be during the Middle Ages in the UK. During this era it was against the law for commoners to own pure bred sighthounds such as greyhounds. This privilege was only awarded to the nobility and those who owned land, so if common folk were caught owning a hunting dog such as a greyhound, they were essentially admitting guilt to hunting on land that was not theirs.

With this, common folk hatched a cunning plan where they would cross-breed a sighthound with a scruffy farm dog or terrier to hide their lineage under a more scraggly coat. This way commoners could fly under the radar and still "legally" own a dog with the traits of a sighthound which were beneficial for hunting.



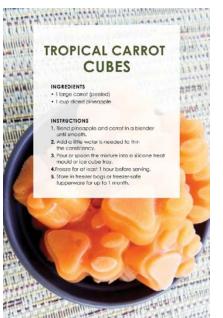


Although the original purpose of the lurcher was made illegal with the <u>Hunting Act of 2004</u>, they are still used by the government and farmers for pest control due to their athletic nature and strong prey drive.

To this day, lurchers are still adored by British and Irish families due to their versatility and family-orientated personality. As they are not a standardised breed, they can be the mix of many different dog lineages, with no two lurchers really being the same in appearance and personality. Commonly though, they are a mix of a sighthound (e.g. greyhound, whippet, saluki) and a pastoral/farm dog or terrier (e.g. border collie, bull terrier), therefore making them brilliantly fast and stealthy, but also great companion and family dogs.

They are however, much to my own experience, a prolific opportunist thief, many a morning have I found Oscar asleep

with balls, bones, biscuit packets (empty of course) and toys that he's collected up during the night haha.



Because of their mixed breeding they are not recognized, as a KC registered pedigree and so cannot be entered into any official shows. But who needs a Cruft's rosette to prove your dogs worth.

COOL FOOD FOR HOT DOGS

Tasty treats to provide enrichment and keep your dog occupied this summer:

Licky mats (rubber mats with grooves available from pet stores), kongs, old olive wood with gnarly grooves or even old plastic cups can be used to stuff with treats and then frozen to keep your dog busy for a while.

Healthy things to stuff inside, all to be given in moderation of course:

- sugar free peanut butter, natural yogurt with fruit ie, blueberries, raspberry or mashed banana.
- Mashed sweet potato or pumpkin purée with cottage cheese, eggs, salmon or canned fish or just plain canned dog meat will provide a great enriching treat.

This week I made large ice cubes from bone broth and liver treats which the dogs really appreciated on a hot day to keep them cool. Or you could try these veggie ones.



THE TICKLED TROUT

Our local, gastro pub, is looking very summery with its jolly flower boxes and floral arrangement round the door! New crockery and glassware has made the inside look as smart as the outside. The marquee has new rugs and furniture to make it a welcoming all weather area.

The menu is new and has been put together by the new chef, Norbert Nelson. Along with the main menu there is a lighter lunch menu, for those walking, cycling or just meeting friends. The bar stock has been enhanced. More local soft drinks are available and it is hoped to, stock more local beers. For those eating, they can enjoy reduced prices on the award-winning Balfour wines.

The beer garden is pleasant sheltered spot to enjoy a cool beer. Might see you there sometime!









GARDEN SAFARI

There are 5 gardens open on Sunday 14th July. 11-4 They are all different.

There is a garden for entertaining.

A plantsman's garden. Yes, they will know what the flowers are!

A cottage garden.

A garden with fruit trees and a jungle!
A bigger garden with mature indigenous trees, a wildlife and wildflower area
And of course, some flower beds and roses.

Do drive or walk round and have a look.

£5 per person (and that gets you a map to show you the way!). Start at All Saints Church where tea, coffee and cake will be on sale.



WELCOME TO OUR VILLAGE

AMY AND JOE WESTGATE

Amy, Joe, Noah and Seth have moved into Rookery Row, with their two dogs, Olly and Oaty. They are enjoying their new home with its wonderful views. Joe was given a pair of binoculars for Father's Day, so he could examine the view more closely! They intend to make this their forever home.

They have moved from Yalding, where Joe is a Parish Councillor and Amy is a school governor.

Amy owns and runs the Village Tea rooms in Yalding by the War Memorial. Both the boys go to Yalding school and will remain there until they go to secondary school.

Joe is the Transport Manager for a company in Gravesend.

Amy is no stranger to West Farleigh as she grew up in the village, with her parents Larry and Brenda Johnson in Smithscroft Cottage.

We welcome them and look forward to seeing them around the village and joining in with village events.



WELCOME TO SCOTT AND DAWN ROFFEY



Scott and Dawn, with their two cats, Louis and Charlie (Norwegian Forest cats) have moved from Sidcup, where Scott has lived for most of his life. Dawn's father was in the army and consequently has lived all over the world. Scott works from home and is a building surveyor and running his own practice, Charterhouse Surveying. Scott enjoys sport, follows Tottenham Hotspur and F1. Dawn loves painting, cooking and gardening, they will be planting up a kitchen garden, as soon as they

They fell in love with the amazing views of the Kent countryside and the less hectic roads (compared with SE London). They have since enjoyed the stunning countryside and have found some great pubs.

They have no regrets about making the move. They are really enjoying the peace and quiet.

FLYING around the FARLEIGHS

Coming to a garden near you

Rats. That's if they are not already there.



We moved to East Farleigh in 1982

and, apart from a young rat found drowned in a bucket of water many years ago, I assumed us to be rat-free. Perhaps this was because I remained in gainful employment until about ten years ago, so spent much of my daily time away from the garden and was unable to see what was going on.

But of late *Rattus norvegicus* has become an increasing part of our daily life. They first materialised after one of the named winter storms a few years ago. My assumption was that one of the locally uprooted trees had destroyed an underground rodent metropolis and the refugees did what refugees do when their cities are destroyed by forces beyond their comprehension, they looked for somewhere relatively safe and where they are unlikely to starve. Welcome to my garden.

The food put out for the birds was an early target. Anything falling to the ground was fair game. An occasional glimpse in daylight told us they were there, but I imagine they turned out in larger numbers to sweep up at night. On reflection, that's probably a useful service they're providing. Food left on the ground is likely to be contaminated with bird droppings from above and, worse still, carrying the regular pathogens - salmonella, e-coli - that can be fatal to birds as well as us. So perhaps not such a problem after all.

Until, that is, our stored apples became a target too. We've always had the occasional mouse in our garage, and an exploratory nibble in an apple or potato is part of the price we pay for the pleasure of living with wildlife. But Ratty was now abusing his welcome as my winter breakfast of Bramley apple stewed with frozen local blackberries was seriously threatened. Rat-sized holes started to appear in rigid plastic containers. Although their antics captured on an infra-red camera provided limited entertainment, and even grudging admiration for their persistence, it had to stop.

The spotless white van on the drive proclaimed the latest and most effective pest control service. Perhaps it has something to do with the fact that Ratty couldn't read it, that the tricks of the trade boasted by the former training manager of a well known pest control company hasn't resulted in poisoned bait being taken, or a hapless corpse found with its tail poking lifeless from a trap in a tube.

It being summer (most weeks) means our garden co-habitant doesn't need to raid the garage now - the Bramleys have long since been eaten, and tinned baked beans are clearly a challenge too far, even for the sharpest of incisors. I've stopped feeding the birds, so there is literally no crumb of comfort there for them. Perhaps the growing fox family being raised in the overgrown patch next door is being nourished with fresh rat meat?

What about the birds though? Feeding birds in gardens is a practice coming under increasing scrutiny by ecologists. There is good scientific evidence that it is beneficial for some species, even in summer. Now, there is equally sound evidence emerging demonstrating that it has a negative impact on others. What to do?



All I can say is that the number of species in my garden appears not to be significantly fewer without my largesse. In summer of course, birdsong coming through open doors and windows helps give away their presence. But is Ratty pushing me down a path to some ornithological enlightenment? Could I even become grateful for him forcing me to rethink what I think I know? Only time will tell.

That assumes, of course, an undiminished supply of stewed blackberry and apple for breakfast. Otherwise, this impartial observer of the ecological interplay between species in my garden will be forced to ask the white van man for a second, more determined visit.



LOCAL TRADES

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Services	Payroll	<u>.com</u>	Jason Hart	934110	payroll.com
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No Muck'in About	cleaning services		Sarah Dunn	634559	@outlook.com
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Heathside Electrical	Electrical	ctrical.co.uk	Sam Sephton	895001	al@gmail.com
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		www.pestpurge.c		07758	richard@pestpur
Pest Purge	Pest Control	<u>o.uk</u>	Richard Lee	615101	ge.co.uk
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SPORTS REPORT BY TEL BAINES

FOOTBALL Its summer!! No football!

NETBALL



The WF girls recorded their first win last month, this came against Red Jets a terrific result coming out winners 41-24. Our other games were not so successful, losing to Attack 48-21 and then two much closer encounters going down 36-31 to Dolphins and finally down 46-42 to Lightning.



CRICKET

Our 1st X! did not have the best of months, losing all three of their fixtures, while the other match was cancelled. We started with Luddesdown losing by 9 wickets. Next we lost to Betsham and finally we went down to Horsmonden, losing heavily by 100 odd runs!

Meanwhile, our 2nd X1 faired slightly better winning one of the three fixtures. It began with a fine victory away to Plaxtol where we won by 70 runs. However the following week, we were chasing just 105 runs but lost by 11 runs. Next came Weald, when we lost by 5 wickets, finally although we started our game versus Stonehouse we had to abandon the game at tea, due to heavy rain.

CLUB NEWS

Lucky ton up winners

76	Alex Baggott	£30
11	Helen Wilson	£20
123	Graham Judge	£10

DON'T FORGET WEST FARLEIGH VERSUS INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH NOT TOO BE MISSED

FRIDAY 5TH JULY 5.30 REFRESHMENTS AND BAR!

! - Yours in sport, Tel

TAKING YOUR PHONE TO THE MATCH? PLEASE SEND PICTURES OF OUR SPORTSMEN IN ACTION TO editor@thefarleighs.co.uk. We can use them.

PS. More sports news on www.westfarleighsportsclub.com/



THE EVERGREENS

BILL HORN, OUR OLDEST MEMBER, celebrated his 100th birthday with us at the June



afternoon meeting. Bill came along with his daughter, son in law and grandson. All the members gave him a card! A representative of the British Legion came along to congratulate Bill on passing 100 years and to thank him for his service in the Army during the Second World War. He was presented with a box of HEROS! Bill served in the African desert repairing and maintaining Army lorries and other vehicles. He was a long way away from the D-Day landings, but doing his bit.

He enjoyed his afternoon tea and was delighted with his birthday cake made by Jill Morgan. Bill had asked her to make it several years ago as he was sure he would make his 100th birthday!

We raised our glasses and wished him, many more birthdays. His goal now is 105.

GO FOR IT BILL!

We will be

travelling to Tenterden on the 9th July for a ride, with a cream tea, on the Kent and East Sussex Railway. Always a good trip out. There is nothing quite like a steam train ride to excite you. The smell, the smoke, the steam and the noise are evocative of the past.

If you would like to join us email Katie O'Connor katieeth66@gmail.com or ring Helen 01622 814445. We can offer lifts to those living in East and West Farleigh. We meet in the WI Hall Forge Lane East Farleigh.





THE FARLEIGHS W.I.

The WI have had a full month of activities once again, including art and craft, darts, walks, lunches and other activities. Our team for the Tickled Trout charity quiz was enhanced by some new team members and we achieved our best score to date despite knowing very few of the answers!

Our monthly meeting saw the introduction of the new committee and we had a lively debate remembering all the activities that members have enjoyed over the years and planning some new exploits for the months to come.

On Saturday 29th June we will have a stall at the East Farleigh summer fete with a selection of delicious homemade cakes and treats. Do come and say hello and find out more about our friendly group.

Our next meeting, on Wednesday 10th July, will see the Farleighs WI celebrate our 105th birthday in true WI style, with a cream tea, a beetle drive and precious time spent among friends.

Our monthly meetings continue to be the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the WI Hall in East Farleigh. We are open to women of all ages and new members are always welcome. Check out our Facebook page, email us at TheFarleighs@wkfwi.org.uk, or just pop into our next meeting where we can guarantee tea, cake and a warm welcome. Lynn Stout

President, The Farleighs WI

If you would like more information on the W.I or any of our events please e-mail thefarleighs@wkfwi.org.uk You will find us at our hall in Forge Lane, East Farleigh.







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