



Where there/s smoke – there’s a BBQ!

Whilst there is still time for anyone to declare themselves “open” I am delighted to able to confirm the nine gardens - and their very generous owners, that have agreed to participate and support the Farleigh Hospice Open Gardens Fund raising event on Sunday, 14 June 2014.

1	Lord & Lady Rayleigh	`Terling Place`
2	David & Vanessa Dennis	`Meriden` New Road, Terling
3	Sylvia & Roy Rich	`Elmhurst` Fairstead
4	Wendy Morrisey	`Gorecroft` Gambles Green
5	Noel & Lorna Larwill	`Oakrights Hall` Terling
6	Irene & Dennis Dawson	`Viner Cottages` Owls Hill Terling
7	Alison & Paul Harrison	`Terling Fields` Terling
8	Gary Cousins	Hull Lane Terling
9	Anne Fitzgerald	`Takliwa` Gambles Green

Especial and grateful thanks to Lord and Lady Rayleigh who have not only agreed to open their lovely gardens once again – but to support the event in many other and helpful ways. These include allowing Bromwell Leaze to be used as a central Car Park, provide in response to popular demand the fabulous `Poppy Express` and which will enable those less able to enjoy even the farthest flung of our lovely gardens – as well as those simply wanting to enjoy a unique ride through the lovely

leafy lanes and which knits our fantastic communities together. Already Sandy McGinnis and `Terling Tots` have offered to help decorate the trailer – would anyone else be willing to help?

Grateful thanks also to our fantastic church All Saints Event's Committee comprising Sarah McNamara, Lizzie Twin, Chris Barnes, Sarah White, Finola Smith and Annette Hurst who have again agreed to support this event with very welcome refreshments served from in and around All Saints. Also immense thanks also to our wonderful team of campanologists who have once again offered to ring an quarter peal to announce the start of the event. One of the highlights of our Open Gardens events to date has been the traditional singing and country dancing demonstration carried out by our very own and very talented Terling C of E Primary (Voluntary Aided) School pupils. Once again – and in spite of losing the wonderfully supportive deputy head Julie Spencer-Smith to a full and well deserved headship in Devon, we will be delighted to see and hear the pride of our village on full X-Factor show on Church Green!

Away from Church Green , plans are in hand to organising a Duck Race along the lovely meandering River Ter. A real obstacle course – and a challenge we hope many of our visitors - and members of our community will want to take part in. This will kick off – or rather float off at 2.00 pm – and finish when the last duck paddles across the finishing line by the bridge along The Dismals. Big prizes will be on offer!

Mrs Devenish will also be running her Country Crafts stall on Church Green – anyone else wanting to set up a stall or promote a village club or a cause please get in touch via e-mail as soon as possible. Also on Church Green we are hoping to emulate last years wonderful display of Classic and Antique cars – so if anyone knows anyone owning such a vehicle, please encourage them to join in - they will enjoy a wonderful day!. Again an e-mail (details at the bottom) would be very helpful so we can make adequate provision.

Mean while at Fairstead, plans are afoot to once again open St Mary's – one of our treasures – with an exhibition detailing the history of this very lovely and ancient church.

As in previous years, I am seeking a donor willing to meet the £50 cost of hiring the Village Hall toilets. In addition it would be really helpful if we could also club together in some way to meet the cost of "hiring" the St John's Ambulance team – that provided much needed and welcome support to several people last year. Alternatively the cost of providing these essential services will have to be deducted from the sum we would have wanted to donate to Farleigh Hospice.

Next month I will confirm what's going on in each of the gardens – and confirm the timetable for the day.

Meanwhile, anyone who would like to help make this event another great community success or just discuss details, can contact me on 233 473 or >harrison.panda@gmail.com<

Thank you & best wishes

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