

# GRAPEVINE

AUGUST 2021  
EAST FARLEIGH

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## THE FARLEIGHS FARMERS' MARKET

Sunday 1st August in the WI Hall, Forge Lane from 10am to 1pm

Our monthly market is back again and we hope to welcome even more of you this month to browse the food and crafts.

AJ's Greetings Cards; Bexart animal and pet portraits; Cobnut fabric crafts; Pendlewick Candles, melts and diffusers; Fairfield Skincare soaps, hand creams and body butters; Independent Trotters pork products; Kings of Fine Food local cheeses, meats and deli products; Kin Coffee; Amos Country Kitchen hand made jams and chutneys; Pympe Court Farm - local fruit, vegetables, juices and honey.

Each month we donate all stall fee profits after expenses to local charity. Recent donations were all made to Maidstone Food Bank as it seemed especially appropriate.

The hall is laid out to comply with Covid guidelines and we would ask that you continue to wear a mask whilst indoors to protect both stallholders and customers. **Thank you**



**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Bicycle, walk or run around Kent churches.

Sponsorship money raised will be divided equally between the Friends of Kent Churches and the church or chapel of your choice.

Sponsorship forms and more information available from:

**July Salway 01622 727142**

[www.kentrideandstride.co.uk](http://www.kentrideandstride.co.uk)

[www.friendsofkentchurches.co.uk](http://www.friendsofkentchurches.co.uk)

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The first recorded ascent of Ben Nevis was made 250 years ago, on 7th August 1771, by Scottish botanist and artist James Robertson. At 1345 metres (4411 ft), it is the highest mountain in the British Isles. Some 100,000 people now make the climb each year.

Robertson wrote: “A third part of the hill from the summit towards the top is entirely naked, resembling a heap of stones thrown together confusedly. The summit far overtops the surrounding hills.”

Hill climbing was not popular in those days, but the poet John Keats made the ascent in 1818. Scots were not convinced for many years that Ben Nevis was higher than Ben Macdui, in the Cairngorms, but it is in fact more than a hundred feet higher.

The meaning of the mountain's name is uncertain. Ben simply means mountain, and “Nevis” is unclear. Some associate it with the Gaelic word for “vicious”, but it seems at least equally likely that “Nevis” simply relates to snow or clouds.

It is in fact the remains of an ancient volcano that collapsed in on itself. Its summit plateau stretches for over 100 acres and contains the remains of an observatory, which was opened in 1883 and led indirectly to the invention of the cloud chamber.

I did the climb myself back when I was young and fit. Eight hours up and six hours down. I remember distinctly the way that each time we reached a brow, I thought “yes – at last – the peak”, but of course, there was always more to go. The Christian life is like that – just when we think we've got it all together, along comes another hillock to climb. God uses those times to refine us as pure gold, to support us in our climb, to show us his ways and to help us to grow as disciples of Jesus.

Many blessings,

Peter Callway  
Rector

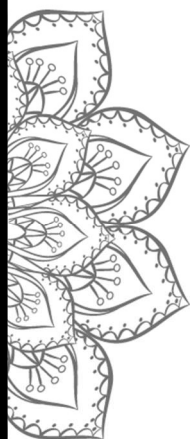
### Local Yoga Classes


Tuesday 9.30am  
Seasonal Yoga Flow (Zoom)

Friday 10.30am  
Seasonal Yoga Flow (In Studio & Zoom)

Tuesday 7.30pm  
Yin Yoga (Zoom)

Book here:  
<https://app.ubindi.com/Katie.Murphy.9020>  
Or contact Katie on:  
07871 678370  
[www.lovebreatheyoga.co.uk](http://www.lovebreatheyoga.co.uk)



East Farleigh Church Services August 2021			 <b>Details of weekly Church service at 10.30 Sunday mornings:</b>  <b>Computer, tablet or smartphone:</b> <a href="http://bit.ly/UnitedBenefice">http://bit.ly/UnitedBenefice</a>  <b>By 'phone</b> <b>Dial 0203 051 2874</b> <b>Enter 185124308#</b> <b>Enter #</b> <b>(Cost of a call is standard cost to a geographic number.)</b>
Date	Time	Service	
15 <sup>TH</sup>	9:30	Holy Communion Peter Callway	
22 <sup>ND</sup>	8:00	Holy Communion Lorna Faulkner	

### A Swift Word About Swifts

But first, how do you know they are swifts and not swallows or martins? At this time of year the hirundines (that's swallows, house martins and sand martins), and swifts, triple or quadruple their numbers with the addition of all this season's offspring. Dozens or even hundreds are often seen perching on overhead wires. If you are lucky enough to witness this you can be absolutely certain of one thing: you are not looking at swifts! They are swallows and/or martins – probably house martins as we have fewer sand martins hereabouts.

The scientific name for the swift is *apus*; this was the bird's Latin name and translates as 'without a foot'. Although swifts do have feet, on the end of very short legs, they are only functional for clinging – onto the side of a rock face or stone building for example. They are not able to perch on a twig or wire. It's not really surprising that a bird that spends its whole life in the air (sleeping and even mating on the wing) has evolved by reducing the size of body parts it hardly uses. Thus, if it were to end up on the ground, the unfortunate bird's legs are too short, and weak, for it to stand on. Without being able to lift itself well clear of the ground by standing, its wings (evolved to be extra long for super efficient flying) have not enough space to flap. Hence the bird would be stranded and quickly fall victim to predators.

For that reason you won't see them on telephone wires, a sort of evolutionary footnote.

Neither will you see them much after the first week or so of August. For a bird that doesn't normally arrive here until around the first week of May, it is one of our shortest-staying summer birds. As soon as it finishes raising its clutch, it is on its way to its winter quarters. Until a few years ago we had no idea where these were – how would we if they don't breed in the winter so spend their time high in the sky? It was the arrival of tiny geolocators (like a little button battery for a watch) small enough for a bird to carry, that we discovered they spend their time circling above central and South Africa interspersed with long flights out into the Atlantic Ocean.

So, one of our best known summer birds (like the cuckoo) is only actually with us for a small fraction of it.

That's no help of course during May, June and July when swallows, martins and swifts are whizzing round above our heads, all with their legs and plates of meat tucked up under them! Although their wings look superficially similar, swept back for speed, the swifts' are significantly longer – making them look truly 'sickle- or scythe-like'. Swallows are more slender and have long tail streamers, those with the longest being males (of course, men showing off again as usual). Although all the species are lighter underneath, that's not a lot of help when you're looking at them above you against a bright sky. A rule of thumb might be that the higher up they are, the more likely they are to be swifts as they are consummate aerial feeders, quite capable of flying several hundred miles in a day in search of insects if the weather is poor. During this time, if they have any, their chicks can become torpid to survive the extended time without food.

But whether they be swifts, swallows or martins, they are there to be marvelled at and enjoyed while they still fly thousands of miles to bring our shared planet alive. They are to be welcomed, as Shakespeare called them, as true guests of summer.

Ray Morris

**BULLET POINT SUMMARY ARISING FROM EAST FARLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD ONLINE via 'ZOOM' Meeting ID 960 0022 1575**

**On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 @ 7.00pm**

Please note that these bullet points (taken from the minutes) are not yet approved by Council when published in The Grapevine.

**Police Report East Farleigh - May 2021**

*No PCSO Report for June 2021 – reports taken from e-watch.co.uk*

- Between 18:00 on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> of July and 07:30 on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of July in Dean Street. Somebody has broken into a vehicle.  
Crime Report No. 46/118578/21 - Posted 09/07/2021
- Between 19:00 on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of June and 10:30 on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> of June in The Priory. Somebody broke into a cabin at a residential property and stole a TV and a computer monitor.  
Crime Report No. 46/94863/21 - Posted 04/06/2021

**Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note:** None reported.

For more information about policing in your area, visit; [www.kent.police.uk](http://www.kent.police.uk)

To report a non-urgent crime online, visit; [www.kent.police.uk/contactus](http://www.kent.police.uk/contactus)

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- Parish Council Monthly Meetings have resumed in the Old School Hall (OSH), Lower Road under the rules for “Business & Activities”. Anyone attending will be required to wear masks when indoors, sanitise hands on entry to the hall (or re-entry if leaving and returning) or as per Government guidelines in the lifting of COVID restrictions. Toilet facilities are limited and are included in the Risk Assessment carried out by the Owners of the hall. Numbers in the OSH will be restricted to allow for social distancing unless otherwise stated by Government guidelines. There will an online link to meetings until restrictions are lifted.

**AGENDA ITEMS & MATTERS RAISED**

- **Review of Planning Matters:** All planning items (incl. planning applications, enforcement issues, planning appeals etc.) can be viewed on the Agendas/Minutes which are published on the East Farleigh Parish Website, Notice Boards and other social media.
- **Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council:** The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 were approved as a true and accurate record.
- **Matters Arising from the Minutes:**
  - i) The planting of a rose bush in memory of Postman, Paul Dunmill, is ongoing . It is noted that a “Cultivation Licence” is required to plant KCC Highways verges. It was AGREED that this will not set a precedent for future requests and, any such requests, will be carefully considered on an individual basis.
  - ii) Cllr DH will investigate additional signs for Station Hill requesting stationery traffic to “Turn off Engines”.
  - iii) Kilnbridge parking issues; ongoing – Clerk will chase for information on this matter.
- **Allocation of Portfolios:**
  - i) Update: It was AGREED that ALL Councillors should be keeping an eye on matters in and around the village (ie site lines/gullies etc) and inform the Clerk or report directly via KCC Fault Report Portal.
- **Parish Councillors' & Residents' Matters:**
  - i) There have been reports from residents regards vegetation overgrowth which is obscuring road signs and blocking paths. The Clerk will report to KCC Highways where appropriate. Also, it is noted that damaged road signs can also be reported via the KCC Fault Report portal.
  - ii) It was AGREED that the persons heading up the Highways Working Group and the Speedwatch/Police speed check scheme should retain the EFPC dedicated email address to carry out matters on behalf of the Parish Council.

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- **Village Car Park/Rec Ground/Play Area:**
  - i) It was reported that all is in good order. The Play Area has been strimmed and Pearsons are gradually completing repair works to the equipment and surrounding play area.
  - ii) It was AGREED that the Container in the Rec Ground needs repainting and that maybe, this is a good project for the EF primary school children. Cllrs to liaise with Headteacher.
- **Highways:**
  - i) The Terms of Reference for the HWG were AGREED.
  - ii) It was AGREED that the Highways Working Group (HWG) will set up another meeting with KCC Highways.
  - iii) EFPC AGREED the continuation of the Police Speed Check scheme, to be reviewed in 3 months time.
- **Footpaths:** It was AGREED that the current report be circulated to Cllrs and that they will add their observations on their allocated routes. Cllrs are to report back to the Clerk in time to prepare an updated report for the next meeting.
- **Communications:**  
It was AGREED that the EFPC Website ([www.eastfarleigh-pc.org.uk](http://www.eastfarleigh-pc.org.uk)) should have a "Members Only" link whereby the Clerk may publish papers for all meetings.
- **Correspondence:** None.
- **Finance:**
  - i) All finance matters were AGREED and APPROVED.
  - ii) The Monthly Financial Reports were presented to Councillors.
  - iii) All monthly Parish Council Financial reports/matters are published within the Minutes of Meetings (EFPC Website, Notice Boards and other social media sites). Other Financial matters can be found on the Parish Website under the heading "Publication Scheme – What we spend and how we spend it" [www.eastfarleigh-pc.org.uk](http://www.eastfarleigh-pc.org.uk)

## **COVID-19 UPDATES**

**For further information on COVID, please see the following Government website link:**

**<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>**

- If you require help, please contact:  
East Farleigh Parish Council Cllr John Wilson (Chairman): 07967 967960  
East Farleigh Parish Council Cllr Alex Fullwood (Vice-Chair) 07944 482804  
East Farleigh Parish Clerk, Desiree: 07999 414712

**The next Monthly Parish Council meeting will be held on**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.00pm in the Old School Hall, to allow for a Summer Recess. However, if needed, a meeting will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August for planning or urgent matters.**

## **Farleigh WI**

The Farleighs had their annual General Meeting which was attended by over 30 members. It was lovely to see so many members back at the hall. We moved the business of the WI through as quick as possible, talking about new events, future plans and giving members the changes that hopefully will be brought in August. We have a new President, and a new committee. This is always exciting as new people have new ideas, which we need to move the WI forward. After we had the best wonderful scones made by one our members, jam and cream, what could be better. We now need new members to join us, there is always something going on, art, craft, walking group, darts, tenpin bowling and more. If you wish to join then please email: [thefarleighswihall@gmail.com](mailto:thefarleighswihall@gmail.com), we will be pleased to hear from you and make you very welcome.

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