

# GRAPEVINE

## SEPTEMBER 2021

### EAST FARLEIGH

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#### THE FARLEIGHS W.I. – AUGUST 2021 UPDATE

The Farleighs W.I meeting for August was a lively affair with plenty to discuss for the coming months. Friends were reunited over coffee and biscuits and some of our craft team demonstrated the art of Kumihimo – which is the traditional Japanese artform of making braids or cords. After a little practice everyone started making progress – hopefully the finished braids will be displayed for our next meeting on September 8th at the new start time of 6:30 at The W.I Hall, Forge Lane, East Farleigh. ME15 0HG.

If you would like to make new friends, learn something different or want to know more, then come along and see if the W.I is for you – contact [thefarleighswihall@gmail.com](mailto:thefarleighswihall@gmail.com) for further details.

Diane Scott – President



**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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*31st July. Service of Thanksgiving for the life of John Frederick Wallis.  
The family and friends of John are in our thoughts and Prayers.*

*7<sup>th</sup> August Wedding. Lee Prebble and Kelly Johnson. Best wishes to Lee and Kelly.*

*15th August Service of Thanksgiving for the relationship of Marjorie Clark & William Stephenson.  
God Bless Marjorie & William.*

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## Two birds, no words

Two birds, both willow warblers. Ringed on the same day, but 500 miles apart. One on the Isle of Arran, where it probably bred, the other in one of our village scrub patches as it stopped to rest and feed on its migration to central Africa

As this is only a small bird (about 8g in weight – a tad more than three to a 20p coin) it wears out two sets of feathers each year flying to Africa and back. It feeds on small insects like aphids in the treetops, so is not always easy to see. But its liquid, cascading song is commonplace in the north where most of the UK population now breeds. Like many other summer migrants, their breeding range is steadily moving north for a variety of reasons. Not least of these is the disappearance of scrubland like that where the bird on the left was ringed. Scrub can still be found in villages around Maidstone, although it's often considered 'waste ground' by planners and developers and is targeted for housing.



There was plenty of it about in the time of Gilbert White, a Hampshire parson who wrote 'The Natural History of Selborne'. Selborne is worth a visit as Captain Oates of "I'm just going outside, I may be some time" fame was born there and has museums to both. One of White's many claims to fame in an age before telescopes and David Attenborough documentaries was to identify the willow warbler as a different species from the almost identical looking wood warbler and chiffchaff. Up to then they had all been known as willow wrens.

Our remaining scrubby areas, therefore, be they an overgrown orchard, or an overlooked plot of land of the edge of our village, are high quality habitat for flora and fauna. But change is on the way - not just to meet our greed for land, but because of the climate emergency. If willow warblers fly the thousands of miles to Africa only to find their wintering quarters destroyed, they won't be coming back here - but we can be sure the destruction will be driving the local human population in our direction.

The latest IPCC report on the climate emergency was frightening. It was a "wake up call for humanity" said the Prime Minister, who appears to have promptly turned over and gone back to sleep. Imagine a village with no birdsong. We still need it - if only to cover up the snoring of politicians.

Ray Morris

## East Farleigh Church Services September 2021



**Details of weekly Church service at  
11:00 Sunday mornings:**

**Computer, tablet or smartphone:**  
<http://bit.ly/UnitedBenefice>

**By 'phone**  
**Dial 0203 051 2874**  
**Enter 185124308#**  
**Enter #**  
**(Cost of a call is standard cost to a  
geographic number.)**

Date	Time	Service
5 <sup>TH</sup>	9:30am	Service of the Word <i>Lorna Faulkner</i>
		Holy Communion <i>Peter Callway</i>
19 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Holy Communion <i>Lorna Faulkner</i> <i>Bertie Woodward</i>

As they part, Romeo says to Juliet "Parting is such sweet sorrow". The sorrow comes from the departure but the sweetness from the fact that they will meet again. As Alison and I depart after eight years of serving here in the benefice, we do so with the same sentiments. Parting is difficult as we leave behind new friends and situations which have sustained us in our ministry here. We leave with the regret of things left unfinished, of having had a year and a half of pandemic which has suppressed the life of worship. However, we leave with joy as we look back on our life of ministry here and see individuals who have grown in their discipleship, in their love of Jesus. We see the benefice more closely aligned perhaps than when we arrived, and we see the potential for a continued development of the life of faith amongst the believers in these five villages. We look back with joy at the fellowship we have enjoyed with so many people and in the knowledge that we are just 10 minutes away and able to maintain friendships formed (but no church talk please if we meet up!)

As we head into retirement, we do so encouraged by the God who sustains us and the knowledge that new horizons await. For us, sure, but for you all here too. Our prayer is for a vibrant life of worship that sees even more cross benefice support and collaboration, and for a new Rector who will build upon the sure foundation of faith that is here.

Two of my favourite Bible verses spring to mind as this final Pastoral letter draws to a close. Isaiah 40:3: "those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint" and Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." May they be true for each and every one of us.

Many blessings.

Peter Callway, Rector (retired)

## Evergreens

**The September meeting on the 14th will be a celebration of 40 years of Evergreens.**

**The first meeting was held in Court Lodge, courtesy of Sue Morlock. The meeting will be in West Farleigh Church at 2.30. Marian Greensill will be playing the organ.**

**Evergreens is open to anyone who is retired and lives in East or West Farleigh. Meetings are usually held at the WI Hall East Farleigh. If you would like to join us, we would be pleased to hear from you.**

**Please ring Helen 814445 or Ann 814561 for more information. We have afternoon tea on the 2nd Tuesday and lunch on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Activities, speakers and outings are arranged when Covid permit.**

**BULLET POINT SUMMARY ARISING FROM EAST FARLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
IN THE OLD SCHOOL HALL, LOWER ROAD on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2021 @ 7.00pm**

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

**Police Report East Farleigh – July 2021**

No PCSO Report for July 2021

**Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note:** Information taken from [www.e-watch.com](http://www.e-watch.com)

- Between 18:00 on Sunday 4th of July and 07:30 on Monday 5th of July in Dean Street. Somebody has broken into a vehicle.
- Between 19:00 on Wednesday 2nd of June and 10:30 on Thursday 3rd of June in The Priory. Somebody broke into a cabin at a residential property and stole a TV and a computer monitor.

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

- In line with the Government Guidelines for lifting COVID restrictions, the Parish Council Monthly Meetings have resumed in the Old School Hall (OSH), Lower Road. Anyone attending will be kindly asked to continue to wear masks when indoors, sanitise hands on entry to the hall (or re-entry if leaving and returning). Toilet facilities are limited and are included in the Risk Assessment carried out by the Owners of the hall. There is limited parking availability and limited seating space in the Old School Hall.
- It was AGREED that the Open Forum at the beginning of Parish Council Meetings will be reinstated in line with the lifting of COVID restrictions (see EFPC Agenda for details).

**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 ([www.eastfarleigh-pc.org.uk](http://www.eastfarleigh-pc.org.uk)), Notice Boards and other social media. Alternatively, all planning information can be found on the MBC Planning portal <https://pa.midkent.gov.uk>.
- **July 2021 Meeting of the Parish Council:** The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th July 2021 were approved as a true and accurate record.
- **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the EFPC Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021:** None.
- **Parish Councillors' Matters:**
  - i) The Clerk reported attending an on-line workshop regards "Cyber Security" and circulated the leaflet "The Good Councillors Guide to Cyber Security".
  - ii) A resident had raised concerns about an HGV incident in Dean Street that had become an abusive situation. Police were called and it was agreed that this was the appropriate action to take in such circumstances. It was also noted that all KCC Highways HGV signs in Dean Street are advisory and not regulatory. However, EFPC Highways Working Group (HWG) are actively pursuing ways to deal with traffic/lorries in the village and the "Lorry Watch Scheme" is still ongoing. There will be a meeting between KCC Highways and EFPC HWG.
- **The Mayor's Court of Survey "Swan Upping":** The Mayor, Cllr Fay Gooch, will be greeted at East Farleigh Lock by EFPC Chairman, Cllr John Wilson, his wife and The Clerk to EFPC and other Councillors. The Clerk's young granddaughter will present The Mayor with a presentation basket of flowers.
- **Finance:** All finance items are printed/ published in the approved Minutes of all EFPC Meetings and can be viewed on the EFPC Website. This month's payments were approved. Other Financial matters and accounts 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)
- **Air Quality Monitoring;**
  - i) The Clerk is to chase MBC for data from the Diffusion Tubes.
- ii) It was AGREED that there should be further signs on Station Hill "Turn off Engines when stationary" to limit emissions. However, it was also noted that some newer cars do have "Stop/Start" engines. It was AGREED to investigate whether extra signage can be funded by KCC Highways (HWG will take this forward to their meeting with Highways).

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- **Vicarage Lane Play Area/Rec Ground:** Some playground equipment repairs have been completed. EFPC to carry out regular monitoring alongside the monthly MBC inspection and weekly Pearsons inspections to make sure the Play Area and Rec Ground is tidy, safe and secure.
- **Speedwatch/Operation Scarecrow;** Speedwatch is ongoing and new dates for the Police speed check scheme (Operation Scarecrow) will be made available to the Council Members.
- **Footpaths:**
  - i) EFPC Councillors will continue regular walks of allocated PROW Footpaths in the village to ensure that public rights of way are clear and useable. However, everyone was reminded that any problems can be reported directly via the KCC website <https://www.kent.gov.uk/environment-waste-and-planning/public-rights-of-way/report-a-problem-on-a-right-of-way>. Councillors will report to the Clerk who will produce a "Footpath Report" for each meeting.
  - ii) It was noted that any problems with pavements or paths (NOT PROW) that come under the jurisdiction of KCC Highways can be reported direct to KCC via <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem> (this includes but not limited to; overgrowth, obstruction to pavements or highways, potholes etc).
- **Correspondence:** The Clerk is to ask Cllr Simon Webb to investigate the problem of not having a regular PCSO presence in the village.
- **Absences:** The East Farleigh Parish Council office will be closed from 1pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August until Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021 (includes Bank Holiday) because of The Clerk's Annual Leave. (Normal office hours are Mons-Thurs, 9am until 1pm)

## COVID-19 UPDATES

For further information on COVID (lifting of restrictions) and travel, please see the following Government website link: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

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

**The next Monthly Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.00pm in the Old School Hall, Lower Road, East Farleigh (please note change of date).**

## Farmers Market

We are sorry to have to report that we have had real difficulties since the Farmers' Market re-opened in June. Several stallholders have let us down at the last minute and this has resulted in customers being disappointed, which is the last thing we want.

Our average number of stalls prior to Covid was around 12, but we are now struggling to get 5! This is barely sufficient to pay the hall hire and leaves nothing for charity.

With this in mind we have decided to pause the market with immediate effect to give us time to think, plan and recruit. We regret that this has happened to but hope you understand and will bear with us.

Please check The Farleighs Farmers Market Facebook page for further updates.

## 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)

