

GRAPEVINE

OCTOBER 2021

EAST FARLEIGH



THE FARLEIGHS W.I. – September 2021 UPDATE

Our Members and Visitors enjoyed a relaxing art demonstration at our September meeting, when artist Allen Colledge shared hints and tips on Watercolour painting inspiring future budding artists.

Later this month we have the **Macmillan Coffee** morning in the hall 23rd September 12 noon to 2:30, please come along and raise funds for this very worthwhile charity.

On Wednesday 29th September we have an Open Evening at 6:30pm, our speaker will be enlightening us on **The Mysteries of Crop Circles**. This meeting is open to everyone so come along bring your partner or friend and enjoy the talk with refreshments for £3 for members and £5 guests.

Lastly, we have a **Sing along with Fish and Chip Supper** planned for October 16th October, if you would like to come along, please contact TheFarleighs@wkwfi.org.uk for tickets.

Next Month is our annual competition evening when members have the chance to display their talents in Baking, craft, photography, floristry and verse. The overall winner gets to keep the coveted plaque for a year. It's not compulsory to take part and you can just come along for a friendly chatter and catch up on the news. 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 TheFarleighs@wkwfi.org.uk for further details.

Diane Scott – President.

Remembering Sunday – October 31st 2021

In times past we used to hold a special service each year to remember those whose services the Ministry Team had conducted over the previous two years. Last year because of Covid-19 restrictions we were unable to hold such a service but we did have an afternoon when people could come and sit quietly in church to remember, light a candle and names were scrolled on the screen in the church.

We have decided to repeat this event in 2021 and so on **Sunday October 31st from 2.30pm to 4.30pm All Saint's West** Farleigh will be open for people to come and to remember and to light a candle. Invitations will be sent to those relatives whose families we have details of and if anyone else would like to come or would like their relatives or friends name listed would they please contact Rev David Jones 01622 741474 or davidjones.coxheath@gmail.com by Thursday October 28th at the latest please.

-CONTACTS-

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Thanksgivings, Weddings & Funerals
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Revd. Lorna Faulkner
Assistant Curate
01622 439304

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01622 741474
Unavailable Fridays

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November Grapevine issue deadline – 18th October
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Children & Families Worker
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*Wedding - 18th September
Martin Birkby and Annabel Eldridge
God Bless Martin and Annabel as they start their married lives together*

The purple world of the blackcap

September and October is the peak period for blackcaps passing through gardens and along straggly hedgerows – which landowners will hopefully leave intact for as long as possible so the birds and insects can make full use of the food they contain. How do I know this? Well, I could refer to the scientists at the BTO who spend their time studying birds but, as we all know, we're tired of experts. It's easier to observe that other icon of modern Britain, the shiny car on the drive – or even the washing line.


Just as the scientists now track the movements of birds in much the same way Tesco tracks its trollies, by fitting them with a tag that is picked up by a receiver as they fly over it on key migration routes, savvy non-expert Brits can track them by searching the droppings on their car for the tell-tale purple deposits of blackcaps. This species is now one of our commonest summer birds, their loud song provides the background to spring's dawn chorus and continues into mid-summer as they have several broods when breeding conditions are good.

They are also migrants. For eons they have bred in northern and central Europe taking advantage of the longer daylight hours to gather their insect prey, migrating back to the Mediterranean climate of Iberia and north Africa for the winter. However, some of them now stay in Britain for winter (climate warming) and some of the central European population too now come here to take a chance on our increasingly mild climate and the abundance of food available during short winter days (garden bird feeders).

This avian commuting is fuelled by berries – principally elder and bramble – hence their dependence on untidy hedges and patches of scrub. When these are exhausted the inconspicuous, but hugely important for wildlife, ivy berries come into their own.

So why not take a break from regular car-washing, strictly in the interests of science of course, by allowing the droppings to accumulate. Sit back, relax, then check on the proportion of purple amongst them. The Farleighs' own Archimedes – but in an armchair, not a bath.

Ray Morris

East Farleigh Church Services October 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	
3 rd	9:30am	<i>Morning Worship Harvest</i> <i>Becky Parnham</i> <i>Bertie Woodward</i>	
19 th	9:30am	Holy Communion Lorna Faulkner	

This October it feels a bit like we're playing a waiting game – our country has begun to return to a more regular pattern of life, there are no longer restrictions on meeting and visiting friends and family; schools are returning to a more usual pattern of education; clubs and activities are re-opening but we're all holding our breath to see if it remains this way or whether everything will need to come to a halt again.

It is quite possible that this October school holiday will give us a clear indicator as to how robust the current situation is and whether there will need to be closures or restrictions on our movements again.

There is a feeling of fragility to our interactions that didn't exist before the pandemic, that feeling that life can change in an instant in ways that we have no control over. As this feeling arises from a place of fear it is easy for us to become inward looking, thinking only about how things are affecting us and what we want to do. It takes courage to look out from our personal situations and emotions to see what is going on around us, to see how our neighbours are affected by our actions and to think about what we are doing to benefit others.

Personally I have held onto the anchor of my faith in an unchanging God who knows how difficult it is to be human because they've walked in our shoes. No matter what chaos and tumult is going on in life around us there is still this one thing that never changes – God's love for us, no matter who we are and what we do.

So while we wait to see what, if any, further disruption this pandemic will bring to our lives we can step out daily knowing that somethings hold firm no matter what happens and that even when we feel fear we can find courage to look outside ourselves if our anchor is true.

Becky Parnham

**BULLET POINT SUMMARY ARISING FROM EAST FARLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
IN THE OLD SCHOOL HALL, LOWER ROAD on Tuesday 14th September 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-Sept 2021

Information provided by: PSCO Megal MacLeod

Crimes of note: None

Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note:

- X2 RTC
- X1 Abandoned Vehicle

Good Work: Regular Patrols of East Farleigh and liaison with residents

For more information about policing in your area, visit; www.kent.police.uk or To report a non-urgent crime online, visit; www.kent.police.uk/contactus

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), Notice Boards and other social media. Alternatively, all planning information can be found on the MBC Planning portal <https://pa.midkent.gov.uk>.
- **August 2021 Meeting of the Parish Council:** The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd August 2021 were approved as a true and accurate record.
- **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the EFPC Meeting held on 3rd August 2021:**
It was noted that even though the matter has been reported, the Forge Lane footpath has still not been cut.
- **Parish Councillors' / Residents Matters:**
- A resident contacted the Clerk re Speeding in Dean Street. The Clerk replied accordingly.
 - i) The Bull Inn: Several complaints were made to the Parish Council about a recent evening event and EFPC stated that it was private matter. Any noise complaints should be raised with the police.
 - ii) Booking system – Tip/Waste disposal: It was unanimously AGREED that EFPC support the booking system although it was reported that the “by-product” of this is more fly tipping. It was unanimously AGREED that EFPC recommend continuing with the booking system but put more resources into monitoring traffic and fly tipping.
- **Remembrance Day:** Remembrance Sunday falls on 14th November this year. It was AGREED that the Clerk should order the usual Poppy Wreath for EFPC Council members to place on the Memorial at the Remembrance Day Service at East Farleigh Parish Church.
EFPC wished to thank the Rev Peter Callways for his dedication and service to the East Farleigh Parish, residents and Diocese and wish him well in his retirement. Cllr Richard Webb will investigate who his replacement will be.
- **Finance:** All finance items are printed/ published in the approved Minutes of all EFPC Meetings and can be viewed on the EFPC Website.
 - i) 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
 - ii) It was noted that the External Auditors report has been received along with the Certificate of Conclusion. It was reported that all is in order and there were no advisories.

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- **Diffusion Tubes/Air Quality Monitoring:** MBC Cllr Richard Webb agreed to chase for current data.
- **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) Public Rights of Way (PROW): Everyone is 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>.
 - 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).
- **EFPC Village Car Park:** It was unanimously AGREED that the Car Park opening/closing times will remain as 7am to 7pm throughout the winter months.
- **Highways:** The Highways Working Group report was received.

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 5th October 2021 at 7.00pm in the Old School Hall, Lower Road, East
Farleigh.**




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:
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