

GRAPEVINE

DECEMBER 2021 EAST FARLEIGH



THE FARLEIGHS W.I. – November 2021

We had a lovely meeting with Pat and Hazel dog training giving us a demonstration of what can be achieved with good training to help with assistance. Hazel also offers agility training and shared some very useful tips on recall which a number of our members were having issues with.

It was very opportune that they were our speakers that day as members of the walking group had found 3 abandoned puppies and taken them to Coxheath Vets where Hazel works. So, we were able to get an update on their condition. Thankfully all puppies were fine and have already been rehomed.

Plans for our December meeting were discussed – this will be a party for members only. Yes- we will be having a Pantomime together with games and Secret Santa. We will also be having Christmas lunch at the Walnut Tree East Farleigh.

Our January and February meetings will be via Zoom with speakers as normal but hopefully avoiding driving on icy roads and keeping safe. Sign in details will be sent ahead of the meetings.

The Farleighs W.I would welcome new members who are looking to become part of a group who enjoy and share many different and diverse hobbies – we are not all Jam and Jerusalem. If you would like more information on the W.I please e-mail Thefarlighs@wkwfi.org.uk

Diane Scott- President.



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Burial of Ashes - 16th November - Malcolm Henry Colpitts
Burial in the Churchyard - 16th November - Una Veronica Colpitts
Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family and friends

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas... The glorious familiarity of the Season.

The shops are laden with sparkly tat and/or classy Scandinavian style decorations a-plenty. Christmas music echoes through shopping centres and we all sing along, never seeming to tire of it.

In our house, even though my children are way past the magical childhood years, there are things we have to do, and times we have to do them, and ways in which they have to be done. The kids still open advent calendars in the morning (a shocking departure from my own childhood when we did them last thing before bed! I have never truly reconciled with this new pattern...) and then, in the evenings we still pin the felt nativity characters, one by one, day by day, on to the stable scene my sister made for us years ago.

In the churches we are preparing again for Christingles and Carol services and Children's services and Midnight Communion...

All this, every year, because of one moment, over 2000 years ago. One single, never-going-back-now moment. A moment to change all time and history. The moment that the God of Heaven broke the silence and entered this world.

What was invisible to was now to become visible, as a tiny baby was born.


And he is here still. Among the baubles and fairy lights, in the glow of the candles and the warmth of mulled wine, the sharing of gifts and the raising of glasses.

If we take just a moment. To look a little longer; a little closer; a little deeper. We might catch a glimpse of him...

'Come and behold him! Born, the King of Angels!'

As you behold him this Christmas, may you see the invisible become visible, and may you know the heart-filling, peace-bringing presence of Jesus in your world – may God bless you all,

Lorna

East Farleigh Church Services December 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 th	9:30am	Morning Worship <i>Bertie Woodward</i> <i>Sue Elliott</i>	
19 th	9:30am	Carols and Communion <i>David Jones</i>	
24 th	4:00pm	Christingle <i>Lorna Faulkner</i> <i>Becky Parnham</i>	

Christmas over-eating – but not for birds!

It's an understandable human trait that at the time of year when days are shortest and the weather at its coldest (remember those days?) we should eat plenty to keep warm and Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus. Prior to Christianity it was simply to celebrate the return of longer days and the renewal of the plant growth that keeps us alive. So it continues, and in many village households the garden birds enjoy the spin-offs from sympathetic humans.

The birds look puffed-up (they are, it traps heat like a duvet*) and cold (probably not, because they are puffed-up) and they are hungry. Their hunger is driven by the demand for calories to store as body fat to be burnt through long nights to keep themselves alive. Our natural response, therefore, is to feed them.

Except in the hardest of weather many garden birds will find enough to survive with out our help. This is especially the case in an untidy garden where vegetation hasn't been cleared away and burnt (although if it's been composted and put back on the borders or vegetable plot, thrushes, dunnocks and other ground feeders will find it full of nourishing invertebrates) and where the leaves haven't all been swept up and disposed of at the local household recycling centre. Jays have been busier than usual this year burying the few acorns they can find (it's been a poor year for oaks), with additional chestnuts to make up for the shortfall, in soft lawns (another reason for not having plastic ones).

Feeding garden birds is now big business (£250m and 150,000 tonnes per year, according to The Telegraph) but is it good for the birds? For some species a definite 'yes', but for reasons too complex for this short piece, for others it's a probable 'no'. But whatever the science tells us, we (including me) will almost certainly continue doing it. But feeding unsuitable food, in unsanitary feeders, is the worst of both worlds. So a few Yuletide dos and don'ts.

It has to be CLEAN to be safe, so clean feeders weekly, getting rid of old or uneaten food. If you wouldn't eat the food from dirty containers in a restaurant with all sorts of nasties on the ground under the table – neither should the birds! Don't store food for too long, peanuts particularly as they develop poisons that can kill birds – so buy them fresh from reputable sources.

Avoid salt and milk in scraps as birds cannot deal with these. Fat is very good (lots of calories) but oil isn't (it can damage plumage). Never feed desiccated coconut (it swells up inside and kills them) – fresh is fine though.

Clean water is important too, so change it regularly and clean the birdbath.

And don't forget to put the turkey carcass out to be picked clean!

*Did you know duvet is the name the French use for the eider duck? Go figure!

Ray Morris

**BULLET POINT SUMMARY ARISING FROM EAST FARLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
IN THE OLD SCHOOL HALL, LOWER ROAD on Tuesday 2nd November 2021 @ 7.00pm**

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

There was no PCSO report for this month.

The following crimes were reported on-line www.e-watch.co:

Sunday 10th of October around 21:00 in Lower Road. Somebody damaged barriers outside of a pub. The police are continuing their enquires.

Crime Report No. 46/201153/21 - Posted 12/10/2021

Between 18:00 on Thursday 7th of October and 08:00 on Friday 8th of October in Pleasant Valley Lane. Somebody stole a silver Range Rover, J7***, from the road.

Crime Report No. 46/200147/21 - Posted 12/10/2021

Between 18:00 on Wednesday 6th of October and 07:00 on Thursday 7th of October in Vicarage Lane. Somebody cut fencing at the rear of a school and entered the grounds. They do not appear to have tried the buildings.

Crime Report No. 46/197574/21 - Posted 08/10/2021

- **Footpath EF Primary School/Vicarage Lane:** EFPC requested that the resident raising the issue email the Clerk and the issue will be added to the Agenda for the next meeting.
- **Signage on The Triangle:** It was stated that EFPC own The Triangle (junction Station Hill/Lower Road) and the EFPC signage policy is that no commercial/personal signage of any kind should be placed at this location.
- **Station Hill parking:** It was confirmed that there are no legal parking restrictions at the bottom of Station Hill.
- **Queens Green Canopy:** It was AGREED that this be added to the Agenda for the next meeting. Cllr AF also reported receiving 100 FREE saplings to plant in the village under the Queen's Green Canopy grant process. It was further AGREED that EFPC will plan a "tree planting" event to mark the Queens Platinum Jubilee/Queen's Green Canopy.
It was reported that Beacons will be lit on 2nd June 2022 to mark the occasion and EFPC recommended that local Scouts/Brownies and other village groups be encouraged to take part in this special event.
- **Fete Committee/Xmas Tree:** It was AGREED that the Fete Committee should go ahead and make arrangements for the village Xmas Tree/Xmas celebrations (carols & refreshments) as usual/previous years
- **Highways Working Group (HWG):** The HWG monthly report was received. It was AGREED that there will be leaflet drop prepared by the HWG regards Public Consultation on reduced speed limits on certain roads as per discussed at the HWG meeting with KCC Highways. HWG will co-ordinate the public consultation.
- **Speedwatch Monthly Report and "Operation Scarecrow":** Report received. It was unanimously AGREED to approve budget for continuation of Operation Scarecrow.

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- **Communications:** The Grapevine - It was AGREED to ask the Editor if there can be a limited number of paper copies produced for parishioners to pick up from a designated place (such as EF Primary School or Church) as not all residents have access to on-line copies. It was further AGREED to see if EFPC FB can post onto other pages/groups FB page/s.
- **Remembrance Day Service Sunday 14th November 2021 @ 10.45am:** The Clerk will circulate information to Councillors and Roll of Honour to read out at the service. The Clerk reported that the EFPC usual Poppy Wreath has been received.

If you need any help or information, please contact: Cllr Alex Fullwood (Chair) 07944 482804, Cllr Steve Shearman (Vice-Chair) 07774 841808 or the Parish Clerk, Desiree Home: 07999 414712 or email clerk@eastfarleigh-pc.org.uk

The next Monthly Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th December 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)

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URGENT APPEAL FOR A NEW GRAPEVINE EDITOR

We are looking for a new editor or editors to take over the Grapevine each month and hopefully aim to create a much better and exciting publication for all its readers!

The physical making of the Grapevine is extremely easy if you have basic IT skills and it doesn't take up much time at all. We are looking to source more news, articles and pictures to bring it up to a decent standard for printing each month.

If you are interested and would be kind enough to help, please contact me and I can provide more details about what it entails.

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