

GRAPEVINE

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EAST FARLEIGH



Farewell to the Farleighs Farmers' Market

After much soul-searching and considerable effort to find new stallholders to boost our market, both Rebecca and I have decided that we must finally admit defeat and call time!

The market has been running for over 10 years and at one point we had up to 15 stalls, so it is sad we can no longer make it work.

We have donated thousands of pounds to local charities over this period and our biggest disappointment is that we will be no longer able to continue with this support.

Any money remaining in the Market Accounts will, of course, form our final gifts to one or two charities.

We have enjoyed hosting the event since 2011 and thank you all for your custom!

THE FARLEIGHS W.I. – October 2021 UPDATE

Our annual competition meeting this month was a lively and fun evening which was enjoyed by all including 4 guests. Two members from neighbouring Barming W.I. acted as judges.

Following a visit to the Strictly costume makers by some of our members Wendy and Margaret gave an overview of how the costumes were made and fitted – they even had the chance to try on some of the ball gowns.

We also had a game of handbag bingo – you would be surprised as to just how much a handbag can hold!

Our next meeting on Wednesday 10th November we have an assistance dog coming with his owners.

If you would like to join us, you are welcome to come as a guest to see exactly what it's all about. We meet at 6:15 for 6:30 start at the W.I hall, Forge Lane, East Farleigh thefarleighs@wkfwi.org.uk
Hopefully we will see some more new faces.

Diane Scott- President.

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Obituary - Louisa Hill

Louisa (Lou) passed away on Saturday 9th October at the age of 101
Her funeral is on Thursday 28th October at 2:15pm in St Peter's Kineton Warwick
God Bless Lou, our thoughts and Prayers are with Louisa's family and friends

Burial of Ashes - Saturday 23rd October, Yvonne Matilda Cooper, " Tilly "
The family and friends of Tilly are in our thoughts and Prayers

Macbeth or Milne?

Symbol of evil or a loveable ditherer? Whatever your view of the owl, and we are talking tawny here, for some of us early winter is a time of interrupted sleep on account of their hooting. A time to light the fire and curl up with a good book. Whatever your volume of choice, if there is an owl in it, it won't be a bland character: a harbinger of doom or a symbol of wisdom because of their human-like face.

But why are the tawnies calling in many parts of the village at the moment? Those parts, that is, still blessed with mature trees (oaks are good ones) providing holes where a rotten branch has split from the bole and there is deep leaf litter on the ground for the mice they feed on.


It's the age-old activity of reproduction. First, it's time for this year's young to leave home (their home territory, that is) and set up their own. Reason? A given territory will only support a finite number of owls. It also prevents inbreeding, thus keeping the gene pool swirling to help the species evolve to survive in a changing environment. Thus, the twit-twooing is the female (who calls 'keewick') and the 'whooping' male advertising their presence to warn off other adults, including their own offspring, to maintain ownership of their bit of the woodland.

They need to stay put because, contrary to popular belief, owls can't see in the dark. They can see better than us, but no animal can perceive light where there is none. They must learn the layout of their bit of the wood to make the most of what they can see of it. That way they can navigate around it. But pinpointing a brown mouse in brown leaf-litter on a moonless night is a tall order. So, owls have evolved excellent three-dimensional hearing. Their satellite dish faces help direct sound into their super-sensitive ears which, unlike ours, are asymmetric – one side is higher than the other. This allows them to hear with astounding accuracy so they can gauge the distance as well as left/right positioning of their prey.

Rain and wind, therefore, are problems for them. Hunting becomes difficult. They have to fall back on their spacial knowledge. If they can't maintain ownership and learn the layout of their territory, they aren't able to feed themselves or their young. After a windy, wet winter, they may not have fed well enough to be in breeding condition anyway, so won't bother even to attempt it.

With a typical lifespan of four years, a missed breeding season is not catastrophic; with luck they'll get another chance. Meanwhile, they probably adopt Wol's advice to Pooh, "Come inside, we'll see if tea and buns can make the world a better place."

Ray Morris

East Farleigh Church Services November 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	
6 th	9:30	Morning Worship <i>Bertie Woodward</i> <i>Lorna Faulkner</i>	
20 th	9:30	Communion <i>Loran Faulkner</i>	

Dear All

I'm fed up! Every day I switch on the news there's something else that is in short supply. This morning it was bricklayers, yesterday it was Christmas not coming this year! Steel now on the danger list, the list grows each day and the gloom increases. What a world we are living in!

Someone once said to me the purpose of a good pastoral letter is to bring comfort to those who feel challenge and to challenge those who feel comfortable. To bring a smile to those who find life difficult and to annoy those who think life is easy. So here goes. Decide how you feel, read what follows and then think again about how you feel.

'Hasten, O God, to save me; O Lord, come quickly to help me.' So writes the author of Psalm 70 who may have been the same writer of Psalm 69 who opens his psalm with the word 'Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck. I sink in the miry depths, where there is no foothold.' Do you sometime feel a bit like that? I do if I spend too long watching or listening to the news. Everything seems to be falling apart and the future grim. There are times throughout our lives where perhaps personally we feel low, confused and life isn't good.

One of the things I quickly learnt was that being told to buck up or there's plenty of people worse off than you had little positive effect on our feelings. In fact it can make things worse at times. We need to realize that we can't always buck up. When our situation on the face of it seems dire, we actually need to be told that it is 'all right' to feel as we do. To shout at the world and dwell in the 'miry depths, where there is no foothold' or to feel that we are sinking up to our neck. The shout for help is real and valid. It is moments like this that we need to hold on to our faith, to recognize God exists even if at that moment we have no knowledge of that love and presence in our lives. I have a few friends who I seldom see or hear from but when I do we continue as though we never had a break, there is a feeling of a real friend who although we seldom see each other knows us and is caring for us. That is what I feel God is like. Always there, always ready to respond when we seek him but never imposing himself on us. Sometimes he doesn't seem to be near us or with us. Don't feel guilty when you feel low and don't know where or to whom to turn to. The writer of Psalms 69 and 70 found that in their despair and in their need, God was there and in the end they knew and were able to say 'You are my help and deliverer. O Lord, do not delay.' And knew his renewed presence with them. May that be the truth you find in the confusion of the time we live in today.

David

**BULLET POINT SUMMARY ARISING FROM EAST FARLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
IN THE OLD SCHOOL HALL, LOWER ROAD on Tuesday 5th October 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.
- Cllr John Wilson has stood down as Chairman to EFPC, although he remains a Councillor and, Cllr Alexandra Fullwood was nominated and voted in as Chair. Cllr Steve Shearman was nominated and voted in as Vice-Chair.
- It was unanimously AGREED to Co-opt Gina Ashcroft (GA) as an EFPC Councillor to fill one of the two remaining vacancies for Parish Councillors.
- It was reported that a vehicle is constantly parked at the bottom of Station Hill near to the EF Bridge causing an obstruction and reducing visibility of traffic coming over the bridge. The Highways Working Group (HWG) will investigate this matter.
- It was AGREED that Cllr GA will undertake responsibility for the monthly Vicarage Lane Play Area checks.
- HWG Report: It was reported that following further traffic surveys, Gallants Lane, Vicarage Lane and Forge Lane warrant a speed limit of 30mph. The Parish Council are to initiate a Village Consultation to support the speed enforcement signage. Following a meeting with KCC Highways, the HWG also reported that a further traffic survey will be carried out in Dean Street.
- Remembrance Day is on Sunday 14th November at 10.45am at the Memorial in the East Farleigh Parish Churchyard and will be conducted by the Church Warden, George Moore, as the Rev. Callways has now retired. EFPC Councillors will lay a poppy wreath and read names on the Roll of Honour as in previous years.

If you need any help or information, please contact: Cllr Alex Fullwood (Chair) 07944 482804,
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**The next Monthly Parish Council meeting will be held on
Tuesday 2nd November 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:
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