

GRAPEVINE

FEBRUARY 2022

EAST FARLEIGH



THE FARLEIGHS W.I. – JANUARY 2022

Our January Zoom meetings gave us the chance to catch up on events over Christmas – most members had disrupted festivities due to covid within the family .

A vote took place to ascertain which of the five resolutions proposed by National we would like to put forward – the majority of votes cast were in favour of –‘Tackling Digital Exclusion’ Our votes will be added to other W.I’s in the Region and the final votes totalled and adopted at the National AGM in July. Our speaker for the evening- Shelia Farmer gave an interesting talk on ‘What women wore’ from Eve to the present day, with illustrations of how fabric and clothing had evolved over time.

Next month (9th February) our Zoom speaker is Diane Burstein giving a talk on ‘From markets to Malls’ an historic romp through the history of London’s shops – which sounds really interesting.

Face to Face meetings will resume as normal at 6:30 on 9th March when we would welcome any visitors or new members to join us and find out more about our W.I

The Farleighs W.I would welcome new members who are looking to become part of a friendly 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 Thefarleighs@wkwfwi.org.uk

Diane Scott- President.

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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Baptism - 9th January - Finley George Buckingham
God Bless Finley as we welcome him into the Lords family

February – The month of love and romance - or so the shops will have us believe! February 14th in the Anglican calendar is indeed the day of commemoration for Saint Valentine of Rome, and St Valentine of Terni. But very little is known about either of these men. There are many speculative stories that involve priests defying the emperors laws and marrying couples in secret, or of Valentine falling in love with his jailer's daughter and writing her a letter but nobody really knows.

It appears that we actually owe more to the writer Geoffrey Chaucer for our modern day obsession of sending cards and gifts to our loved ones. He wrote a poem in 1382; entitled 'Parliament of Fowls' to commemorate the engagement of King Richard II to Anne of Bohemia; which was about birds choosing their mates at this time of year. By the 1400's this had translated into February 14th becoming an annual celebration of love, with lavish celebrations being recorded as happening in the courts of France – maybe starting the French reputation as the best lovers too?

Handwritten notes have changed into commercially made greetings cards that you can buy for just about anyone – from your significant other to your favourite pet!

In recent years it has been thought that over 70% of the UK population will celebrate Valentine's day despite it not being a national holiday, spending around £30 per person! However, with the media and commercial establishments pushing this image of the perfect romance onto us it can be a difficult time for those who are on their own or suffering from a relationship breakdown. Feelings of loneliness and worthlessness can increase and even become detrimental to an individual's health.

This is where I believe having a Christian faith can help – we know we are all imperfect individuals, but God loves us anyway. It's not the mushy, romantic type of love that the shops are trying to sell us either, it's a deep, caring, lasting love that costs nothing except time. So the challenge for us in this month of romance is to try to share God's version of love with everyone we meet.

With love to you all, Becky

East Farleigh Church Services February 2022



Date	Time	Service
6 th	9:30am	Morning Worship <i>Lorna Faulkner</i>
20 th	9:30am	Communion <i>David Jones</i>

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.)

My blackbirds – 'A Tail of Two Pretties'

Sorry about the awful pun, but read on anyway and all will become clear!

With the farmer's permission, in September we gleaned a stock of Bramley apples from those left over after the pickers had finished. As we use the best, we throw out the deteriorating ones for the birds who, so far this winter, haven't been seriously challenged by long periods of hard weather. But a large apple in the centre of a potentially attractive garden breeding territory hasn't gone unnoticed by the local blackbirds. Add a fit-looking female and it's a good reason for local males to get excited.

Please note – describing her as fit-looking is not misogyny gone mad. Fit is a genuine biological term used to describe an individual of either sex that appears, to a potential mate, to be in robust health, and with sufficiently good genes with whom to reproduce! Romantic, eh?

Anyway, my female has attracted the amorous intentions of two – it has to be said – pretty males. They circle the apple (and occasionally her, the object of their affections) turn-about-turn, each following the other, in a Charlie Chaplin-like gait. She, meanwhile, assumes a bored demeanour while scoffing the fruit, but is probably surreptitiously sizing them up. Which one, if either, will capture her affection?

Both appear equally attractive from a distance. Equal in size, so probably both British birds and not winter migrants over here from Europe for a milder winter. I'll resist the politicians' ploy of regaling them as our Great British blackbirds because they are probably slightly smaller than their foreign cousins – the further north individuals of a species live, the bigger they are likely to be (according to Bergmann's rule).

Looking more closely though, one appears to have a slightly less depth of yellow on its bill and eye-ring – an indicator of a slightly less-strong immune system. This same bird isn't quite as glossy black either – his wings are a dark brown, rather than glossy black. His tail is the clincher though – the feather ends are worn and tatty, rather than neat and near-pristine like his rival's. He's a young bird, less than year old. Likely to lose out, therefore, to the more mature (and more experienced) contender to father the female's young.

Ray Morris

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



**BULLET POINT SUMMARY ARISING FROM EAST FARLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD**

IN THE OLD SCHOOL HALL, LOWER ROAD on Tuesday 11TH January 2022 @ 7.00pm

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

Crime Report : <https://www.e-watch.co>

- On Sunday 2nd of January between 21:30 and 21:45 in Lower Road. Somebody damaged an ambulance being driven along the road by throwing eggs at it.
Crime Report No. 46/1459/22 - Posted 04/01/2021
- On Wednesday 15th of December around 02:30 in Victoria Court. Somebody smashed a window of a residential property.
Crime Report No. 46/257915/21 - Posted 16/12/2021
- Between 22:00 on Sunday 5th of December and 08:51 on Monday 6th of December in Heath Road. Somebody broke into the garden of a residential property and stole two dogs.
Crime Report No. 46/251584/21 - Posted 07/12/2021
- On Thursday 2nd of December between 16:15 and 18:00 in Heath Road. Somebody tried to break into a residential property.
Crime Report No. 46/249619/21 - Posted 05/12/2021

• **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations/Queen's Green Canopy Tree Planting initiative:**

(i) It was agreed that the FETE COMMITTEE will work closely with/ and be supported by EFPC and other interested local groups & organisations (EF Primary School, WI, Brownies, Scouts etc) on events to take place over the Bank Holiday weekend of 2nd/3rd/4th/5th June to celebrate this extraordinary occasion. It was Agreed that the Fete Committee will take the lead in organising events and contacting local groups. **The main events will replace the Annual Village Fete. If you are interested in taking part or helping out, please contact the Clerk or Cllr Adam Palmer (adam.palmer@eastfarleigh-pc.org.uk Tel: 07711 318714).**

(ii) Cllr Alex Fullwood confirmed that 100 FREE saplings have been ordered from the Woodland Trust which will be planted around the village to mark the occasion. **If you are interested in helping to plant these trees, please contact the Clerk.**

- **Highways:** It was noted that there are continuing parking issues in the village. EFPC has requested that all Villagers be considerate of their parking and to not obstruct or park where it may cause a danger or inconvenience to others – ie at bus stops, on pavements, close to junctions etc. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the local PCSO and request help with such problems.
- **Parish Councillors:** There is still a vacant seat on the Parish Council, and it was agreed that the Clerk should follow procedures to Co-opt a representative in the new year. East Farleigh Parish Council are entitled to 9 Councillor seats, at the time of going to press, there is one seat available.
If you feel you are able to make a contribution to our Village, please contact The Clerk.

All **Planning matters** can be viewed on-line at www.https://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications/ or in the Minutes of EFPC meetings www.eastfarleigh-pc.org.uk

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If you need any help or information, please contact:

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Cllr Steve Shearman (Vice-Chair) 07774 841808 or,

the Parish Clerk, Desiree Home: 07999 414712: email clerk@eastfarleigh-pc.org.uk

The next Monthly Parish Council meeting will be held on

Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 7.00pm in the Old School Hall, Lower Road, East Farleigh