

GRAPEVINE

MARCH 2022 EAST FARLEIGH



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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EVERGREENS

At our meeting on the 8th, members were asked to share what they could remember around the time of the Kings death 70 years ago. Some were at school, Others working and some too young for school. This led to interesting conversations around the tea tables. We enjoy a good reminisce! We will be enjoying Fish and chips at our lunch meeting.

If you are retired, do come and join us. We meet in the WI Hall, Forge Lane, East Farleigh. We can collect if you do not drive. On 8th March we will be having afternoon tea and Kettle Bridge Concertinas will be entertaining us. Lunch on 22nd March will be East End Pie and Mash and a good old Cockney Sing Song.

If you would like to join us ring Helen 07710 442971 or 01622 814445 Who can give you more details.

Clive Stevens here, previously of West Farleigh but circumstances now have me living in East Farleigh.

I've recently started my art paintings after several years of retirement in the commercial art field, having spent all my working life as a freelance illustrator. I have now been retired for nine years and wish to resurrect my painting skills with the intention of offering my work to the general public. My only problem is, I live in a tiny alms house cottage and there is absolutely no room to paint and as some of my pieces are 1500 x 1200cms it's just impossible!

With this in mind, I'm looking for someone who can offer me studio space to paint and store canvases. Sadly I cannot afford much as I'm only receiving a state pension, but as soon as the work starts selling I'd be in a better position to rent.

If there's any lovely persons out there who feels they may be able to help me, you can reach me on Facebook...
Clive Stevens Artist or 07521 888447

Thank you.

Cottage vacancy

There is a vacancy in one of the Sir John Franklyn almshouses in Workhouse Lane. The applicant should, ideally, be over 60, of low income and have lived in the East Farleigh, or surrounding villages, for at least two years. They should also be reasonably fit as the cottages do have stairs. The cottages are single person occupancy only as they are quite small.

If you would like to apply or get more information please contact either of the following by Friday 18th March:
Richard Yaxley (Chairman) 01622 744915 or
Hilary Moon (Secretary) 01622 745894

-CONTACTS-

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

Revd. David Jones, Hon Associate Rector
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Unavailable Fridays

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April Grapevine issue deadline – 18th March
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March sees the start of Lent in the churches calendar. Forty days of preparation for Easter and a time when in many ways Christians are asked to consider ‘charging their batteries’. It is a time as we exam our relationship to God in Christ Jesus by look firstly inwards to the things that perhaps have become a habit and a drain on our spiritual journey and then secondly to look outwards to a new journey with God. So, this year Wednesday March 2nd starts Lent, Shrove Tuesday the day before is pancake day or panic day if you’ve forgotten how to make pancake mix.

So, what are your thought now you know? Don’t look on Lent with a negative approach this year. Look at what you feel might improve your spiritual life with God. Don’t simply give up chocolate! Think of something that may improve your lifestyle, something that others may appreciate by you doing or changing or perhaps something that helps other. Above all try to remember that you are doing what you are doing because firstly God loves you and cares about you and secondly that knowledge in important to you and makes your Christian journey more fruitful.

Enjoy Lent, don’t be miserable, don’t run your lifestyle down but be positive so that by Easter Day when we have come out of Lent you will be enjoying things and have a purpose in your lives. As an afterthought I’m showing you the way by giving up writing long letters in the hope that I will use the time more productively and that you won’t waste so much time reading what I’ve written.

Enjoy Lent, David

THE FARLEIGHS W.I. – February 2022

This months Zoom speaker gave us a tour around the London shops – Diane Burstein is a London Blue Badge tour guide who gave a very interesting talk on the history of some of the famous Shops.

The Farleighs W.I are looking for new members to join our friendly group.

Why not come along to our Wednesday 9th March meeting when Lotties Loft will be giving us a Fashion Show. Doors open at 6:15. You will be made very welcome.

On Wednesday 30th March we have an Open Evening when Guy Bartlett will be giving a talk on the History of the Red Arrows. – Doors open 6:30 All Welcome – tickets £3 members and £5 guests – Refreshments included.

**If you would like more information on the W.I or any of our events please e-mail Thefarleighs@wkfwi.org.uk
Diane Scott- President.**

The Farleighs W.I Hall – Forge Lane East Farleigh.

East Farleigh Church Services March 2022



Date	Time	Service
6 th	9:30am	Morning Worship <i>Sue Elliott-Bertie Woodward</i>
20 th	9:30am	Communion

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.)

World Day of Prayer at Coxheath

Friday 4th March 2.00pm (please note the time change for this year)

Our Benefice Churches join together with the Linton Road Free Church for this annual service. The service this year will be held at Holy Trinity, Coxheath. The service is entitled 'I know the plans I have for you' and has been prepared by Christian women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

All are very welcome

Time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Kent <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/kent> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Kent (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

www.walkinginengland.co.uk

john@walkinginengland.co.uk

Pat Wilmshurst Thanksgiving Service

An open invitation is extended by the family to everyone who knew Pat to join them at a Thanksgiving Service for her Life on Monday April 4th at 2pm at Holy Trinity, Coxheath.

Simply for numbers for catering would you please let her daughter Tish Mason, (masontish@gmail.com) know if you are coming.

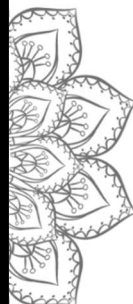
Local Yoga Classes

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 on Tuesday 1st
February 2022 @ 7.00pm IN THE OLD SCHOOL HALL, LOWER ROAD**

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>

- East Farleigh On Thursday 13th of January around 22:26 in The Priory. Somebody tried to damage a boat moored on the river. Crime Report No. 46/10484/22 - Posted 18/01/2022
- East Farleigh On Thursday 13th of January around 22:30 in Station Hill. Somebody smashed a window of a residential property resulting in a small hole in the glass. Crime Report No. 46/9031/22 - Posted 16/01/2022
- East Farleigh On Thursday 13th of January in The Priory. Somebody shot an air gun at a window of a residential property. Crime Report No. 46/8218/22 - Posted 14/01/2022
- East Farleigh 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 04/01/2022
- East Farleigh 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
- East Farleigh 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
- East Farleigh 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

· Public Consultation/Chair's Annual Report: The EFPC Chair's Annual Report will be distributed to households in East Farleigh and will include reference to the Highways Public Consultation. This will include a link to the on-line survey and the EFPC Website. Hard copies will be available from the Clerk if residents do not have internet access. The survey can be accessed using this link - <https://efpc.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/feb-march-2022-survey> or by scanning this QR code –

· Annual Parish Meeting: This will take place on Tuesday 29th March 2022 at 7.30pm. It was Agreed that local organisations be invited as previous years. However, it was noted that there is no longer a Farmers' Market or Gardeners Club. It was also Agreed that space in the Old School Hall is limited and invited attendees only should be admitted bearing in mind that COVID-19 variant Omicron infection rates are still high. The Clerk and Cllr SS will look at streaming the meeting live for other interested in joining the APM. It was also Agreed that, for the same reason, there will be no refreshments served.

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

(i) 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) Local groups and organisations are being encouraged to contribute to the main events for this special occasion over the Bank Holiday weekend.

(iii) Woodland Trust free saplings already ordered 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:

(i) It was reported that vehicles are driving on the grass bank/footpath to avoid road closure on Forge Lane. The matter was reported to Highways/road workers who, informed that the path/bank will repair itself. It was noted that the roadworks have now moved to a different location.

(ii) It was reported that the "Diversion" road sign Lower Road/Dean Street junction is protruding into the road causing an obstruction. Clerk will email Highways to request that road signs be placed with more attention to safety.

(iii) The Highways Working Group and Speedwatch/Police speed check scheme reports were noted. EFPC agreed to continue with the Police Speed check scheme. EFPC are looking for volunteers to be trained and help with the village Speedwatch scheme. Please get in touch with The Clerk if you are interested.

• **Parish Councillors:** 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 contribute to our Village, please contact The Clerk.

All Planning matters can be viewed on-line at [www.https://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications/](https://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications/)

All EFPC Financial Matters are reproduced in the Minutes of all EFPC monthly meetings, published online at www.eastfarleigh-pc.org.uk, Parish Notice Boards and social media.

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: email clerk@eastfarleigh-pc.org.uk

**The next Monthly Parish Council meeting will be held on
Tuesday 1st March 2022 at 7.00pm in the Old School Hall, Lower Road, East Farleigh**

Rambling Bramblings

This year has been a remarkable year for Bramblings. You may have seen one or two on your garden feeders, or a whole flock or two on your walks around the village. You may also have dismissed them as slightly odd-looking chaffinches as they are very closely related.

As closely related species it's not surprising, they behave similarly – in this case their feeding behaviour – as they are both major consumers in winter of seeds generally found on the woodland floor or wherever there



are seed-producing trees, like a tall hedgerow or a scrubby corner of a field. They can even turn up in a disused but overgrown plot of land in an urban area that now grows beer cans and fag packets as well as sycamores and buddleia.

But why Rambling? The species breeds in birch and conifer woodland across northern Europe when its diet is principally insects, like chaffinches. In winter though, as well as eating seeds, it has evolved to specialise in beechmast, seeds of beech trees (possibly to avoid competition with chaffinches). This strategy works well until the beech mast runs out or completely 'fails' as it does periodically. Then the species rambles across Europe looking for it, into northern Africa and India, as far as China and Japan and, even, Marden!

In some areas of the UK now, both species are enjoying the changes brought about by new DEFRA payments to farmers to support wintering farmland birds. These include planting crops for seed that is deliberately left for birds. When the crops run out, as they tend to by January (when natural food has all but disappeared too, supplementary seed is strewn on the ground to keep them going.

This winter has seen a huge influx of Bramblings into the UK, when last year we barely saw any. A farm in Marden has a trail camera set up at one of its supplementary feed sites and this year all the other farmland birds have been heavily outnumbered by these colourful visitors.

They have also been welcome visitors in gardens, so we haven't had to ramble too far to see these beautiful birds.

Ray Morris