

GRAPEVINE

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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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Summer organ recital

An exciting musical event is taking place in Hunton this summer. Celebrated International Organist D'Arcy Trinkwon will be giving a recital in St Mary's Church. Mr Trinkwon, whose sublime mastery of the organ is not to be missed, will be playing at Hunton Church on Saturday, July 9th at 7.30 pm.

He will be playing a selection of organ music by composers including Bach, Mozart, Mendelssohn and Dubois. The summer evening of music will include wine and refreshments.

Tickets will be available nearer the time. Save the date!

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.

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Punching above their weight Is it a coincidence that blue tits - characterised by their small size, yellow below and bright blue above - are known for 'punching above their weight'? These small birds, weighing around just ten grams, are noted for standing their ground when interfered with. In days gone by when almost all small boys would spend their Whitsun school holiday looking for birds' nests, they treated 'Billy Biter' with respect. Female blue tits are noted for sitting tight on their eggs when someone lifts the lid of a nest box to peer in - those little boys interfered at their peril. When I'm handling one for ringing, if I want to avoid the pain (and I do mean pain, not just discomfort) of their harmless-looking little bill clamped on the tiny flap of skin between my fingers in a vice-like grip, I treat them with the same respect I treat bigger birds.

They travel too. It's easy to be fooled by 'your' pair of blue tits that return every year to the box on the old apple tree. But where do their ten-or-so chicks that eventually fledge (in a good year) go? It seems the intrepid ones can go a long way. We recently retrapped a young bird in Marden that had been ringed as a chick six months before in a nest box in Guildford, Surrey fifty miles away. Some even make the journey from Eastern Europe to the UK. To the Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory to be precise, where a blue tit originally ringed in Lithuania was recently retrapped. A thousand miles is a long way on wings only sixty millimetres long.


An old country name for blue tits was titmouse, an allusion to its mouse-like antics foraging among branches and hanging on garden feeders. But make no mistake, this diminutive ball of feathers is known for tenaciously standing its ground. Even if the bigger, dominant great tit, that usually occupies a neighbouring niche in the garden habitat, eyes-up the smaller bird's territory, it can't acquire it without determined resistance from its smaller cousin. Those of us who remember it will note the similarity to the Cold War film, *The Mouse That Roars*.

So what are the prospects for this chirpy garden dweller? When nature hits them with a severe winter, and their population suffers, they bounce back as soon as the weather improves. Fortunately, during hard times, people have a habit of throwing them a lifeline with food and safe places to weather the storm. The good news is, they always bounce back.

Ray Morris



(credit Darren E Nicholls)

East Farleigh Church Services April 2022			 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	Morning Worship <i>Lorna Faulkner</i>	
17 th	9:30am	Communion (with West Farleigh) <i>Lorna Faulkner</i>	

"To be hopeful in bad times is not just foolishly romantic. It is based on the fact that human history is a history not only of cruelty, but also of compassion, sacrifice, courage, kindness. What we choose to emphasize in this complex history will determine our lives. If we see only the worst, it destroys our capacity to do something. If we remember those times and places—and there are so many—where people have behaved magnificently, this gives us the energy to act, and at least the possibility of sending this spinning top of a world in a different direction."

These are the words of Howard Zinn. An American historian, playwright, philosopher, activist and WWII veteran. I came across his words when wondering what on earth I could write to you about the hope of Spring and the joy of Easter at this time of turmoil and fear in the world.

I confess I have felt deeply hopeless in recent weeks, watching the news unfold - war, violence, domination, the hunger for power... causing depths of human suffering most of us can't begin to imagine. In our farm communities around the benefice, we have those among us whose families are being directly touched by the horror of war. It is easy to feel utterly hopeless, utterly useless, in the face of what we see.

In the church at this time, we are anticipating the glorious celebration of Easter - a festival of freedom and new beginnings. The triumph of Light over darkness. Life over death. Hope over despair. It may seem counter-intuitive somehow, to celebrate such a triumph when the world is in crisis.

So, let me encourage you with some words from Jesus in John's Gospel.

'In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.'

On the cross, Jesus carried the weight of the darkness of the world on his shoulders. A weight that none of us could bear.

In his Resurrection, we find hope for life beyond the darkness of the cross. Hope that there is a better way for humanity. A way that we might learn to reflect the God in whose image we have been made.

So, as we acknowledge the awfulness of what is wrong in this world of ours, let us also look for what is magnificent. Let's remember the magnificent things of the past; the places and people who have fractured the darkness through history. And let's look out for – and join in with - the magnificent things that are happening now; the people and communities and organisations that are fracturing today's darkness with the light of Hope.

May you and your families know deep and abiding Hope in your hearts and homes this Eastertime.

Lorna Faulkner

BULLET POINT SUMMARY ARISING FROM EAST FARLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE OLD SCHOOL HALL, LOWER ROAD ON TUESDAY 1ST MARCH 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 Wednesday 2nd of March around 05:05 in Forge Lane. Somebody took items without permission. Crime Report No. 46/39743/22 - Posted 06/03/2022
- Village Speedwatch - URGENT:** A new Speedwatch Co-ordinator is needed. If a new Co-ordinator is not found, this village will lose its Speedwatch Scheme. The Co-ordinator's role involves holding the EFPC Speedwatch equipment, collection of data and managing a team of volunteers (**more volunteers always welcome**). It was reported that East Farleigh was a pilot area for "Speedwatch" and the first one in Kent so it would be a real loss if this scheme was unable to continue.
Please let the Clerk know if you can help. Thank you.
Separately, the Police Village Speedwatch Scheme will also continue for the next 3 months.
- The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations/Queen's Green Canopy Tree Planting initiative:**
 - (i) **The main event 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 event for this special occasion on **Saturday 4th June from 1pm to 5pm.**
 - (iii) Woodland Trust free saplings already ordered will be planted around the village to mark the occasion. There will be some saplings available at the main event for villages to take away for planting with a form to complete to show the location of the planted tree. **If you are interested in helping to plant these trees, please contact the Clerk.**
- Highways:**
 - (i) Another Highways Working Group (HWG) meeting is scheduled to "brainstorm" ideas to alleviate the problem of HGV's and speeding in the village.
 - (ii) The Highways Public Consultation will be printed and hand-delivered to all households in East Farleigh, alongside being publicised on the EFPC Website, FB page and NextDoor social media.
- 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/
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:

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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 5th April 2022 at 7.00pm in the Old School Hall, Lower Road, East Farleigh

THE FARLEIGHS W.I. – March 2022

What a lovely evening we had at the March meeting when Lotties Loft gave us a wonderful fashion show. with some of our ladies enjoying modelling the clothes.

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

Why not come along to our **Wednesday 13th April** meeting when a Met Police Officer will be giving us a talk Spam and Cyber Crime – something we should all be aware of.. 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 for 7pm start Everyone is welcome so bring your partners and friends – 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@wkwfi.org.uk

Diane Scott- President.

The Farleighs W.I Hall – Forge Lane 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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