

# GRAPEVINE

## AUGUST 2022 EAST FARLEIGH

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<https://countryeye.co.uk/>



*Country Eye is a free App for people living and working in the rural community in Kent; it records and disseminates information using smartphone technology. It was designed to help communities and residents in Kent to receive information and to report issues quickly and efficiently. The Country Eye team analyse the information and disseminate it as appropriate. This may include email, text or broadcast to other subscriber's smartphones.*

**The Country Eye app identifies the following Categories;**

Animal, Wildlife Crime – Hare Coursing, Poaching, Suspicious Behaviour

Aviation – Low Flying Aircraft, Unusual Activity, Suspicious Behaviour

Farm Crime- Arson, Suspicious Behaviour, Trespass

Fly Tipping

Heritage Crime – Metal Detecting, Night Hawking, Off-Roading, Suspicious Behaviour

Kent Fire & Rescue – Hydrant Reporting and Water Reservoirs/Storage on Farms

Maritime – Suspicious Vessels, Vehicles, Behaviour

Potholes and other KCC Highways issues.

HGV Watch

Unlike messaging using Social Media groups, the integrity of information from Country Eye has been accepted as evidential by the Crown Prosecution Service. The App is also GDPR compliant.

**Country Eye has links to the following Agencies:**

Kent Police, Kent Fire & Rescue Service, K.C.C Intelligence Unit, Special Branch, The 13 Borough/District Councils in Kent, Kent Heritage Watch, Kent Neighbourhood Watch, Kent Wildlife Trust, HGV Watch

**Sign up is simple; the system requires a contact number, email address and postcode. Personal preferences can be set to enable the location finder and the users chosen radius of information.**

Recording information is intuitive; click the camera icon, take an image, identify the exact location, fill in the type of crime, whether you have a crime number, and any other useful information. The time and date will be automatically recorded.

As at February 2020, the App has over 4800 subscribers and has reported over 5,000 submissions to various agencies resulting in some 20 arrests.

Country Eye's ease of use, its connectivity with a wide range of public agencies and services and its compliance with CPS evidence, has proved to be very successful since it went live in 2016.

Given its proven positive results and outcomes it is proposed to develop and enhance the Country Eye app enabling residents of Kent to report a wider range of issues along with receiving up to date information such as location defibrillators etc.

Although the app is only used in Kent at present, it can easily be programmed to work anywhere.

**Duration of project:** Ongoing since 2017

**What worked well?** 5000 reports so far and assisting in approximately 20 arrests

**How did you overcome any challenges?** Persistence against dark forces of inertia

**How did you cover any costs?** Funding has been from various agencies and charities

<https://countryeye.co.uk/>

**Force Area:** Kent

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*9th July - Wedding of Adam Peter Buchan and Emma Louise Russel  
God Bless Adam and Emma on their Marriage*

*28th July - A Celebration of the Life of Jennifer Christine Stuart Fermor  
Our thought and Prayers are with Don and all Jenny's Family and Friends*

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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.

## **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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East Farleigh Church Services August 2022			 <b>Details of weekly Church service at 11:00 Sunday mornings:</b>  <b>Computer, tablet or smartphone:</b> <a href="http://bit.ly/UnitedBenefice">http://bit.ly/UnitedBenefice</a>  <b>By 'phone</b> <b>Dial 0203 051 2874</b> <b>Enter 185124308#</b> <b>Enter #</b> <b>(Cost of a call is standard cost to a geographic number.)</b>
Date	Time	Service	
7 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Morning Worship <i>Sue Elliott</i>	
21 <sup>st</sup>	9:30am	Communion <i>David Jones</i>	

Dear friends,

Following on from David's excellent Pastoral Letter last month about memories, good or bad, and the first record his sister bought, *Magic Moments* by Perry Como, I can remember that my Mum loved Buddy Holly and I memorized the words to lots of his songs by the time I was five! The headline in 1959 was of his death in an aeroplane crash at the age of 22. No doubt his early death deprived us of many more toe-tapping songs.

I am actually on holiday in France as I write this but we are not detached from what is going on in the world. The main headlines at the moment are the assassination of Shinzo Abe, Japan's former Prime Minister; and, earlier in the week, yet another mass shooting in the US. These are the sort of memories that we would rather not have. Cameron Norrie got himself into the Wimbledon semi-final – that's a better memory.

I cannot, however, avoid the elephant in the room news that Boris has resigned. For all the good or bad that he may have done politically I cannot ignore the fact that our Prime Minister has been found wanting in the truth and honesty department!

My daily notes *UCB Word for Today*, on the very day of the resignation had the title 'Control your tongue' and the Bible reference Proverbs 23:16 'My inmost being will rejoice when your lips speak what is right.' I don't know how long ago the notes were written but how relevant they were for this day!

There is another reference from Proverbs that I would like to share with you. It is Proverbs 22:20-22 'Have I not written for you sayings of counsel and knowledge, teaching you to be honest and to speak the truth so that you bring back truthful reports to those you serve?'

Who do we serve; our families, friends, acquaintances, neighbours, our God? Whether we are the Prime Minister or anyone else, let truthfulness and honesty be the 'Order! Order!' of the day.

I am now going to do what David suggested - sit in the sunshine and dream – with the Pyrénées on the horizon. À bientôt!

Blessings, in Jesus' name,  
Sue – Pastoral Assistant

**BULLET POINT SUMMARY ARISING FROM EAST FARLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE OLD SCHOOL HALL, LOWER ROAD ON TUESDAY 5TH JULY 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:>

**East Farleigh**

On Thursday 30th of June between 00:01 and 02:00 in Victoria Court. Somebody damaged a window of a residential property.

Crime Report No. 46/125577/22 - Posted 01/07/2022

**East Farleigh**

On Monday 20th of June around 04:23 in Lower Road. Somebody has stolen lead from a roof.

Crime Report No. 46/118998/22 - Posted 24/06/2022

**Village Speedwatch:** Unfortunately, because of lack of volunteers or a Coordinator, the village Speedwatch Scheme has had to be suspended indefinitely. However, Operation Scarecrow will continue with deployment of random police speed checks.

**Any other IMPORTANT/URGENT matters Councillors wish to raise NOT otherwise covered in the Agenda;**

- Lorry damage to footpath opp. St Helens on Lower Road – it was agreed that this is possibly the result of the VOL application. EFPC will urgently follow up on this matter when dealing with the VOL re Lower Gallants.
- Residents' emails/complaints re The Bull Inn: There have been very many complaints about the overwhelming noise pollution from outside speakers, music, waste management, closing of the car park causing parking problems in the village and animal management issues. It was agreed that EFPC will urgently escalate these issues. Councillors also recommend that residents make official complaints where necessary to the relevant MBC department/s.

Noise: <https://maidstone.gov.uk/home/other-services/community-protection/tier-2-primary-areas/noise>

Other issues: (it will require setting up a login with MBC, if you do not already have one):

<https://maidstone.gov.uk/home/other-services/community-protection/tier-2-primary-areas/noise>

Alternatively, you may email the following group with any other community issues:

[CommunityProtection@maidstone.gov.uk](mailto:CommunityProtection@maidstone.gov.uk)

Please Note: When emailing the Community Protection Group, also copy your email to the Lead Member for Communities & Public Engagement and MBC Borough Councillor, Cllr Lottie Parfitt-Reid:

[LottieParfittReid@Maidstone.gov.uk](mailto:LottieParfittReid@Maidstone.gov.uk)

- Vicarage Lane “wildflower” verges: It was reported that there had been complaints about the overgrown verges and Pearsons had been instructed to cut back. However, it was agreed that maybe Pearsons had cut back “too hard” in various areas. The Clerk is to instruct Pearsons to only clear the pathways for access by pedestrians, wheelchair users and prams but to leave as much wildflower borders as possible.
- It was agreed that the Clerk will publish a notice asking residents to also report any community/village issues direct to the KCC/MBC department/s as necessary (including nuisance parking) – please see the EFPC website: <https://eastfarleigh-pc.org.uk>

**Highways:** It was agreed that the Clerk is to prepare a Public Information Notice to inform residents of the “CountryEye” app where reports can be made of fly-tipping and unsuitable HGVs using the village roads/lanes

<https://countryeye.co.uk> or visit the EFPC Website: <https://eastfarleigh-pc.org.uk>

**PROW:** KM39(KM338) Fault reported Ref: 220563013 – now resolved.

**Parish Councillors:** East Farleigh Parish Council are entitled to 9 Councillor seats, at the time of going to press, there are 2 (TWO) seats available. EFPC need a full compliment of Councillors to make an impact on matters involving the village and its residents. If you feel you are able to help and make a difference 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/) or in the Minutes of EFPC meetings [www.eastfarleigh-pc.org.uk](https://www.eastfarleigh-pc.org.uk)

All EFPC **Financial Matters** are reproduced in the Minutes of all EFPC monthly meetings, published online at [www.eastfarleigh-pc.org.uk](https://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](mailto:clerk@eastfarleigh-pc.org.uk)***

**Next EFPC Meeting:** Traditionally, there is no EFPC meeting in August. However, if a meeting is required to discuss any **URGENT** matters, the date will be Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022 @ 7.00pm in the Old School Hall, Lower Road. Otherwise, the next EFPC monthly meeting will be Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7pm in the Old School Hall.



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## Local Yoga Classes

Thursday 6.30pm  
Beginners Yoga

Thursday 7.30pm  
Yin Yoga

Friday 9.15am  
Morning Yoga Flow

Sunday 10am  
Slow Flow Yoga

Contact Katie to book:  
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**EAST FARLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICE**

Please be reminded that we encourage residents and all members of the village to report any issues to the relevant MBC/KCC departments or Borough & County Councillors.

The Parish Council work hard on your behalf and when Parish Councillors are reporting village problems, it helps to have information corroborated by contact from residents to the relevant department/s.

- **FOR HGV/LORRIES AND FLY TIPPING ISSUES:**

If any member of the public has sight of fly-tipping or unsuitable HGVs on any village roads, the incident can be reported on the Country Eye app:

<https://countryeye.co.uk> (available on android or apple).

A photo is required and as much detail as possible including location. This gets reported immediately to the right KCC group.

- **FOR PROBLEMS ON PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY:**

There is a dedicated KCC site to report any issues: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/environment-waste-and-planning/public-rights-of-way>

- **PROBLEMS WITH ROADS/HIGHWAYS:**

There is a dedicated KCC site to report any issues: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>

- **OTHER ISSUES (ie NOISE):**

This can be reported via the following MBC link (it will require setting up a login with MBC, if you do not already have one):

<https://maidstone.gov.uk/home/other-services/community-protection/tier-2-primary-areas/noise>

**ALTERNATIVELY, YOU MAY EMAIL THE FOLLOWING GROUP WITH ANY OTHER COMMUNITY ISSUES:**

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Thank you.