

# GRAPEVINE

OCTOBER 2022  
EAST FARLEIGH

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## 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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Come along to **Evergreens** at the WI Hall on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. We have interesting speakers and amazing afternoon tea. Cakes are to die for! Lunches are pretty good too.

11 <sup>TH</sup> OCT	2.30	Chair Exercises with Catherine
25 <sup>TH</sup> OCT	12.30	Pie and Mash
8 <sup>TH</sup> NOV	2.30	Roman Industry in the Farleighs'
22 <sup>ND</sup> NOV	12.30	Lasagne
1 <sup>ST</sup> DEC		<b>Brick Lane Christmas outing (a Thursday)</b>
13 <sup>TH</sup> DEC	2.30	Christmas Tea Carols
27 <sup>TH</sup>		NO MEETING

Do come along, you will be made welcome. Call Helen for more info 07710 442071

If you need transport ring Katie 07891267850 we are happy to help

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*1st September Funeral Service in the Church for Julia Sibley  
Julia's daughter Catherine her family and friends are in our thoughts and Prayers*

*20th September Burial of Ashes - Henrietta Florence Osborne  
Our thoughts and Prayers are with Henrietta's family and friend*

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I'm writing this while the country is in a period of mourning for her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, but by the time you get to read it she will be buried and the country will be returned to whatever we consider to be normal.

Hopefully we'll have got into the habit of referring to Charles as King, rather than the 'pri...king' that we're managing at the moment. We'll have begun to see how he plans to rule, not only as the constitutional head of the country but as the supreme head of the church of England.

I don't know how long it will take the royal mint to begin to issue new coins with the kings face on, or how quickly the post office will issue stamps featuring King Charles but I think this time of readjustment will take a while to settle down, for us all to forget habits of decades and to confidently sing God save the King, especially as all these things don't tend to effect our lives on a daily basis.

But we are human, and we are nothing if not adaptable!


I'm sure that when Lorna wrote her letter last month she had no idea how much of an adventure and a month of change this September would be!

But October continues as a month of new beginnings for us here in the benefice as we look forward to welcoming Lorna into the permanent position as our new rector on the 17<sup>th</sup> of the month. In the past month she (and her family) will have moved into their new home and begun to work out what life in the rectory will look like. I'm sure they will receive much support, prayer and encouragement in this new chapter.

So October, for us here in the Unite Benefice of Coxheath, East Farleigh, Hunton, Linton and West Farleigh, will continue to be a time of change and adjustment, but one that we will embrace wholeheartedly, looking forward with positivity and trusting in our faith to help us when worries and anxieties threaten to overwhelm us. Following the example our late Queen set us which seems to me to be the most fitting tribute we can give.

God bless,

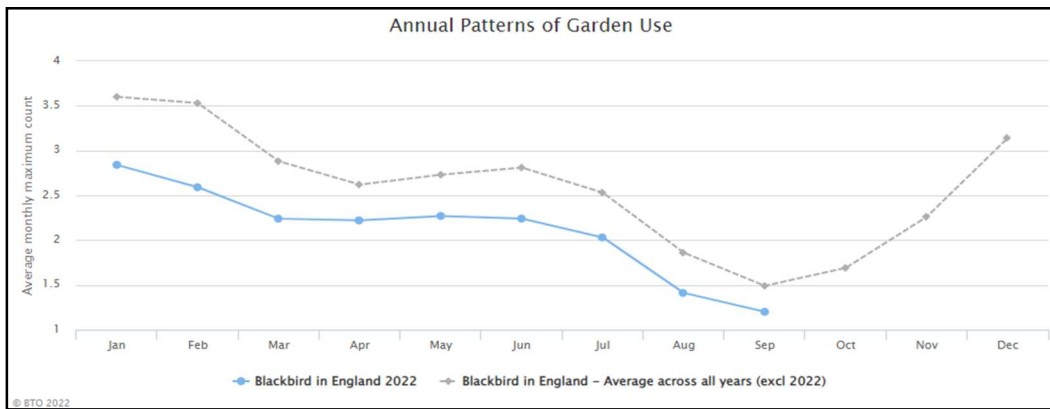
Becky

<b>East Farleigh Church Services October 2022</b>			 <b>Details of weekly Church service at 11:00</b> <b>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>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Service</b>	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b><i>Morning Worship (Harvest)</i></b>	
<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b><i>Communion</i></b>	

### Rifling raspberries

As a birdwatcher, one of the most frequently asked questions directed at me at this time of the year is “Where have all the birds gone? My garden’s empty!”. The standard response is always twofold: there is plenty of food for birds in the wider countryside, so they aren’t so dependent on gardens, and many of them are moulting all their feathers so they make themselves scarce – and safe from sparrowhawks – by skulking out of sight in the shrubbery.

Just to prove the accuracy of my wise words, data from more than 22,000 garden birdwatchers who participate in the British Trust for Ornithology’s (BTO) [Garden Birdwatch](#) survey for one of our commonest garden birds, the blackbird, is shown in this graph.



As I’m writing this in the middle of September, it appears this year’s sightings have been consistently below the average for the previous twenty-six years. This could be explained by two things. The most obvious reason this year is the extreme heat we’ve experienced which has baked the ground and made it harder for blackbirds to find the worms they need to feed their young, so many fewer chicks survived.

Could the second reason be that gardens are becoming less nature-friendly? There are many reasons this might be the case: understandably, the average size is possibly getting smaller to accommodate more new houses per hectare and more front gardens are disappearing under concrete for cars. Another could be the perverse proliferation of plastic lawns. Why move to the country and cover your tiny part of it with plastic, then be persuaded to pay a small fortune for chemicals to clean it of dog, cat and fox (but sadly not many bird) droppings?

Back to blackbirds. The graph suggests I might have just one in my garden. But I am regularly counting four or five, some mornings. Again, the explanation for this could be twofold. The heat that probably contributed to fewer chicks fledging also ripened wild berries earlier – there certainly appear fewer than usual about in my neck of the woods. And, if they do need to turn to my garden for an easy meal, they have my crop of autumn-fruiting raspberries awaiting them. All the hard work carting bowls of dirty washing-up water out to the vegetable garden paid a handsome dividend in tomatoes, courgettes, and French beans – and now in raspberries. And in their egalitarian world the blackbirds are making off with their share!

I should be pleased. And yet? I know.

I’ll put in plastic raspberries!

**Ray Morris**



**BULLET POINT SUMMARY ARISING FROM EAST FARLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE OLD SCHOOL HALL, LOWER ROAD ON ON Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 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**

Between 16:00 on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> of September and 09:00 on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of September in Station Hill. Somebody stole the catalytic converter from a Lexus parked in the road.  
Crime Report No. 46/181051/22 - Posted 18/09/2022

• **East Farleigh**

Between 16:00 on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> of September and 07:30 on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> of September in Gallants Lane. Somebody damaged a Honda parked in the road with paint.  
Crime Report No. 46/178097/22 - Posted 13/09/2022

• **East Farleigh**

Between 18:00 on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of September and 15:00 on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> of September in Vicarage Lane. Somebody stole both number plates from a Seat Arona parked in the road.  
Crime Report No. 46/175235/22 - Posted 09/09/2022

• **East Farleigh**

Between 22:00 on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of September and 09:30 on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of September in Lower Road. Somebody stole both number plates from a Volvo V70 parked in the road.  
Crime Report No. 46/173893/22 - Posted 08/09/2022

**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 and the next deployment dates were noted.

**Councillor Tasks/Volunteers:** It was proposed and agreed that parishioners/ex-Councillors/volunteers will be asked to help carry out various tasks on behalf of EFPC namely, checking on village maintenance, planning matters and Speedwatch.

**Issues Raised:**

- Water Leak on Forge Lane – The clerk is to chase this as a matter of urgency.
- EF Lock/Bridge – Dangerous activity (jumping from bridge and lock into the river) during the spell of extremely hot weather was reported to the police.

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

- **EFPC are obtaining quotes to refurbish/upgrade the Play Area on the Recreation Ground, Vicarage Lane.**

**Highways:** Residents are reminded that there is a Public Information Notice on the EFPC Website 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>

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

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***If you need any help or information, please contact:***

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***the Parish Clerk, Desiree Home: 07999 414712: email [clerk@eastfarleigh-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@eastfarleigh-pc.org.uk)***

**Next EFPC Meeting: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7pm in the Old School Hall, Lower Road.**

## THE FARLEIGHS W.I SEPTEMBER 2022

At the September meeting we saw everyone up dancing with Melody Dunn, this was a very enjoyable evening  
October meeting is our annual competition night when member enter various categories to try to win the coveted trophy for overall winner – categories this year are a Sunset/sunrise Photo, a bookmark for the Craft entry Flowers in a jam jar, Baking a Swiss roll and a humorous Poem on current affairs. This is a really sociable evening and a time to catch up with everything being planned for the future.

**Dates for your Diary** - Thursday 29th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning starts 12’oclock. Please come along and support our fund raising efforts.

Our Open meeting when everyone is welcome to join us on Wednesday 30th November 7pm .Tony Harris – speaker and comedian will be giving his view of the sinking of the Titanic W.I members -£6. Guests £7 to include refreshments – to reserve tickets please email [Thefarleighs@wkwfi.org.uk](mailto:Thefarleighs@wkwfi.org.uk)

If are interested in meeting others, like craft or art, darts , walking or just talking- come and join us for a free taster session – you have nothing to lose and who knows you may find you would like to join the other 200,000 women who are the W.I If would like more information on the W.I or any of our events please e-mail [Thefarleighs@wkwfi.org.uk](mailto:Thefarleighs@wkwfi.org.uk)

**Diane Scott- President.**

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



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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

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