

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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THE FARLEIGHS W.I OCTOBER 2022

Our October Competition meeting was a great success, with over 20 members entering various categories for judging by our colleagues from Barming W.I.

The overall winner this year was Helen Swan who was presented with the trophy by the President-Well Done Helen,

The Macmillan Coffee Morning raised a fantastic £195.45 – many thanks to all the bakers and those that supported and donated to this very worthy cause,

9th November meeting we have author James Lee giving a talk on his recent book – Licking the Taliban's Flip-Flop. James is an amusing speaker which should prove to make an enjoyable evening.

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

Our December Christmas Party plans are underway – Please note The December meeting is a MEMBERS ONLY affair.

If are interested in meeting others, like craft or art, darts, walking or just talking- come and join us for a free taster session in November– 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

Diane Scott- President.

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

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December Grapevine issue deadline – 18th November
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Dear fellow readers


The period round the end of October and early November for me has always been the month of Remembering beginning with All Saints, All Souls, Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday and of course Guy Fawkes – ‘remember, remember the 5th of November...’. Not all famous for the right reason. As an aside, I met my future wife for the first time on November 6th.

I went to a secondary school in Greenwich founded in 1677 by a man named John Roan. Each year we went to the local church where his name is inscribed on the list of benefactors to the Borough to honour our founder in the annual Founders Day Service. He gave the funds to education 15 boys in the Borough and today educates 1,115 students. There we sang the school song in memory of the great man and also read the reading from Ecclesiasticus, a book in the Jerusalem Bible, a copy of which was given to me by the Bishop at my Ordination. It reads ‘Let us praise illustrious men, our ancestors in their successive generations.’ And goes on to say, ‘While others left no memory, and disappeared as though they had not existed’ It always struck me as I listened to the reading, who were these people who ‘disappeared’? Who were these people who left ‘no memory’? Over the years since I have come to realise that these are the people we meet every day, our parents, our family, our children, our friends, those in our neighbourhood in our community who by the way they live, encourage, and inspire us. Their names aren’t emblazed in lights. These are people known to us personally and not in the public gaze.

When someone dies it is customary to say good things about their lives and rightly so but in doing so those people must have had an effect on many on their journey in this world. What will they say about us I often wonder, what will they say about me? Remembrance ought to encourage us to look at our own lives and how we live and interact with others. What do we learn from those ‘silent people’ we knew and loved? Remembrance isn’t simply looking back and having fond or inspired memories. It should be looking forward to take from those memories things that will improve our own lives and the lives of those around us. My school song ends with the question about the future. ‘What can we give her (England) for our Founder’s sake? The answer given in the next line – ‘Ourselves we give to England till John Roan shall wake.’

So, this year as we remember let us reflect on those we have loved, shared our lives with and encouraged us, and say, ‘thank you’ and to move on to fill our lives with the things and thoughts that motivated them and pray that we will bring to our world what they gave us.

David Jones

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| East Farleigh Church Services November 2022 | | |  | Details of weekly Church service at 11:00 | |
| Date | Time | Service | | 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.) | |
| 6 th | 9:30am | Morning Worship <i>David Jones</i> | | | |
| 20 th | 9:30am | Communion <i>Lorna Faulkner</i> | | | |

Bird Brained

An expression commonly used as a sneering insult. Mistakenly, of course, because despite knowing the answers to everything, we highly intelligent humans are only just beginning to scratch the surface when it comes to what animals instinctively know and can do.

This is a time of year when ornithologists are constantly reminded of this. What prompted me to reflect on it was the local sighting of a [Ring Ouzel](#) this last week in October. No, it isn't an imaginary creature from Winnie the Pooh. It's also called the Mountain Blackbird because it looks pretty much like our garden visitor and is very closely related to it, being one of the six thrush species native to the UK. It was seen within a few hundred metres of the other five species: [blackbird](#), [song thrush](#) and [mistle thrush](#), plus [redwing](#) and [fieldfare](#). The latter two are only here in the winter (they breed across Scandinavia) and the ring ouzel is only here in the summer, spending its winter months in North Africa's Atlas Mountains. So, it's not often you get to see them all at the same time.



The puzzle is not so much why birds migrate around the globe twice a year: they do it because their summer location provides a better chance of having young that survive and pass on their genes – ie. where there is enough insect food available and enough daylight for them to catch it and feed it to them.

But how do they know when and how to get there? Length of day tells them when. How, is basically the position of sun and stars in the sky, and the earth's magnetic field. Simple. Or perhaps not quite so simple, as birds are now thought to use quantum particles, which the [Robin, for example, detects with its right eye \(not, note, with its left\)](#). I'll stop here because much of this science is beyond most of the human population's understanding – certainly mine!

But for the next few months you will certainly see the impact of this when you're walking around the local farmland and orchards, and even in your garden if you are lucky. The fieldfares and redwings have all managed to fly here from northern Europe – usually at night, using senses that we don't possess, or even understand!

Just enjoy them while you can. Bear in mind though, that if your friendly garden robin is cocking its head to look at you, it may not be in the expectation of food – it might be examining your 'particles'...

Always remember - although we share the same planet, we live in different worlds.

Ray Morris

BULLET POINT SUMMARY ARISING FROM EAST FARLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE OLD SCHOOL HALL, LOWER ROAD ON Tuesday 4th October 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

There were no reported crimes for East Farleigh on e-watch.co.uk as at date of publishing.

REMEMBRANCE DAY: SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2022 @ 10.30AM – At The Memorial, East Farleigh Parish Church, Lower Road.

There will be refreshments served in the Church afterwards. Please support your village and join us for the Service.

Councillor Tasks/Volunteers:

- Those present at the EFPC October meeting voted unanimously to Co-opt Deborah Abbott to East Farleigh Parish Council and welcomed her to the Parish Council. There are two other vacancies so, if you can help and want to contribute to your village, please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk.
- **It was noted that volunteers or residents enlisted to help or assist in EFPC matters MUST report direct to EFPC and not liaise with contractors etc on behalf of EFPC without Parish Council Agreement. All must report direct to Council at the monthly Parish Council meetings.**

Issues Raised:

- Water Leak on Forge Lane – The Clerk has been in continuous contact with SE Water to rectify the problem. The first leak has now been repaired. The Clerk notified SE Water about a second leak with a request that this be sorted as a matter of urgency.
- The matter of an overgrown hedge outside a property on Forge Lane has also been reported.

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

- EFPC are “pushing forward” with obtaining grants and quotes for the refurbishment of the Play Area on The Recreation Ground, Vicarage Lane.
- The Clerk informed the Parish Council that she will be retiring at the end of February 2023 but will stay in position until a replacement is found and further, that the successor is competent in Clerk/RFO matters relating to East Farleigh. If you would like to apply for this position, please email clerk@eastfarleigh-pc.org.uk for further information.

Defibrillators:

- East Farleigh has two Defibrillators
These are located at the top of Gallants Lane in the old red phone box (now converted to house the defibrillator) and the second one is at the bottom of the alleyway between the Old School Hall and the cottage.
It was also noted that the EF Primary School has a defibrillator, but this is only accessible when the school is open.
The village defibrillators are registered with The Circuit which alerts the emergency services when the defibrillators are utilised.

Village Speedwatch:

- Operation Scarecrow will continue with deployment of random police speed checks. This has proved successful, and tickets/warnings have been issued by the Police. If you feel you can help with the Village Speed Watch Scheme, please contact the Clerk via email (clerk@eastfarleigh-pc.org.uk).

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

Next EFPC Meeting: Tuesday 1st November 2022 at 7pm in the Old School Hall, Lower Road.



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Friday 9.15am
Morning Yoga Flow

Sunday 10am
Slow Flow Yoga

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