

GRAPEVINE

FEBRUARY 2023

EAST FARLEIGH



Friday 3rd March 10.00am

World Day of Prayer at Coxheath

(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 have heard about your faith' and has been prepared by Christian women of Taiwan. All are very welcome and there will be refreshments following the service.

Almshouse vacancy

There is a vacancy for a non-smoking single resident in Peace Cottages Almshouses in West Street, Hunton. Those interested, over the age of 60, preferably with a connection to Hunton or nearby villages should contact Liz Oliver on 01622 820200 or liz.oliver@waitrose.com for an application form. Further criteria will apply.

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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March Grapevine issue deadline – 18th February
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*Baptism 15th January - Bailee Vera Jayne Simmonds
God Bless Bailee as we welcome her into the Lords family*

A Royal Visitor? Not exactly!


Let's kick off 2023 with Kate (no, not HRH) who lucky villagers may have seen feeding alongside chaffinches in their gardens this winter. Kate is an old Kentish name for the Brambling, a close relative of the Chaffinch that breeds way up north in Scandinavia, migrating south in the winter to snow-free areas where it can find food, preferably beech mast but seeds in general will do.

Someone recently contacted me to ask where they could be seen after a previous mention in this newsletter. But therein lies a problem. When bramblings migrate, they have the whole of Europe to choose from. This means one year the UK will have tens of thousands, if not millions. In another we may only have a handful because other parts of Europe have had a better crop of beechmast. Winter 21-22 was a good year, but this winter we've had only a few.



In Marden, many farmers put out additional seed for birds in winter, and trailcams monitor what comes to feed. These two pictures are typical of those we've captured containing bramblings and provide a good comparison of their numbers for last winter (top) and this. The bottom picture also shows a good comparison between brambling (closest to the camera) and the chaffinch behind it.

Ray Morris

East Farleigh Church Services February 2022			 <p>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.)</p>
Date	Time	Service	
5 th	9:30am	Morning Worship <i>Lorna Faulkner</i>	
19 th	9:30am	Communion <i>David Jones</i>	

Dear friends, I am beginning to write this letter on New Years Day. It will be another month before everyone reads it. For some the beginning of a New Year is a time for planning new things, looking forward to new adventures to be had. For others, and especially at the moment, the future is full of worries and fears. Will finances stretch to all that needs to be paid for? Will the mortgage be manageable? Will energy costs go up so much that the choice between heating the home, eating properly or perhaps cancelling a planned holiday, need to be made?

By the time you read this I will have faced the biggest fear I have, one of flying, which I know is the safest form of travel, but fears are often not logical.

As Christians, we believe that, if we turn to Scripture, we can find encouraging words.

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

“Cast all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:7

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.” John 14:27

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Philippians 4:6

Fear does not have to control us any longer. With God we can do anything – even overcome all our fears!

“Hope and fear cannot occupy the same space at the same time. Invite one to stay.” So said the late Maya Angelou, American poet, writer and civil rights activist.

Let us look with hope into the future and support each other through difficult times.

If you would like to talk to someone or have someone pray with/for you then do get in touch with us. I head up the Pastoral Support Team, a committed group of Christians who are very willing to come alongside folk in our village communities and offer support.

Oh, and by the way, I flew to Edinburgh and back. I faced my fear and overcame! Praise the Lord!

Blessings,

Sue Elliott – Pastoral Assistant and member of the Benefice Ministry Team.

<https://unitedbenefice.church/benefice-groups/pastoral-support-team/>

BULLET POINT SUMMARY ARISING FROM EAST FARLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE OLD SCHOOL HALL, LOWER ROAD ON Tuesday 6th December 2022 @ 7.00pm

Please note that these bulletpoints (taken from the minutes) are not yet approved by Council when published in The Grapevine.

East Farleigh Parish Council would like to wish everyone a Happy & Prosperous New Year.

Crime Report <https://www.e-watch.co>:

East Farleigh

Between 00:01 on Sunday 27th of November and 14:13 on Wednesday 30th of November in Lower Road. Somebody broke into a pub and stole various items including a barbeque and a jet washer.

Crime Report No. 46/231381/22 - Posted 04/12/2022

East Farleigh

On Monday 14th of November around 21:45 in Gallants Lane. Two people broke into a garden and drove a quadbike over the lawn.

Crime Report No. 46/222185/22 - Posted 20/11/2022

East Farleigh

Between 18:00 on Wednesday 9th of November and 08:00 on Thursday 10th of November in The Green. Somebody broke into a horse field and stole a pet duck.

Crime Report No. 46/218803/22 - Posted 15/11/2022

East Farleigh

Between 22:00 on Monday 7th of November and 06:42 on Tuesday 8th of November in Victoria Court. Somebody stole a vehicle, B465***, from a driveway.

Crime Report No. 46/216712/22 - Posted 11/11/2022

Councillors:

- EFPC are very pleased to welcome two new Councillors, Cllr Pauline Tranter and Cllr Paul Billanie, who were Co-opted at the December meeting.

Clerk/RFO Vacancy:

- 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.

Other Matters:

- The submission deadline date for the Public Consultation re the Parish Council's scheme to refurbish the East Farleigh recreation ground Play Area in Vicarage Lane is to be extended. Please see the EFPC Website: <https://eastfarleigh-pc.org.uk/2022/11/07/public-consultation-efpc-play-area-vicarage-lane/>
- EFPC are in communication with MBC regards all issues pertaining to The Bull Inn. EFPC have corresponded with MBC, the Lessors and Lessees from the outset of the tenancy of The Bull Inn and are happy to report that matters are now being taken seriously. However, this issue has progressed and, further action is being investigated. If you have any information regarding animal welfare at The Bull Inn, please contact Animal Welfare (MBC) for the attention of either Susan Savage or Emma Watson at AnimalWelfare@Maidstone.gov.uk
- EFPC continue to follow up on residents' reports (emails and letters) to resolve any issues in the village as quickly as possible.
- Some Good News: EFPC have pursued a grant being offered by MBC and, EF Recreation Ground has been awarded the grant by the MTS (Maidstone Tree Planting Scheme). The proposal for tree planting was presented to the meeting by an MBC representative, along with a plan of the area and was approved by all Councillors.

Defibrillators:

- East Farleigh has two Defibrillators – a map of where these are located is available on the EFPC website: <https://eastfarleigh-pc.org.uk/>
The two 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 further 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).

Flood Plan:

- EFPC have a Flood Plan Policy (recently updated) and this can be viewed on the EFPC Website via the following link:
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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> for other links where village issues can be reported direct to the relevant departments.

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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Cllr Steve Shearman (Vice-Chair) 07774 841808 or,

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

Next EFPC Meeting: Tuesday 17th January 2023 at 7pm in the Old School Hall, Lower Road.

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Crime Report <https://www.e-watch.co>:

[There were no crimes to note in East Farleigh this month.](#)

Councillors:

- EFPC are pleased to report that the Parish Council now has a full contingency of Councillors.

Clerk/RFO Vacancy:

- Applications have been received and interviews will be taking place at the end of January 2023.

Other Matters:

- EFPC continue to follow up on residents' reports (emails and letters) to resolve any issues in the village as quickly as possible.
- It was reported that the EF Preschool need to urgently find alternative accommodation as the Old School Hall is now "Under Offer".
- **Some Good News:** EFPC are now fully committed to upgrading the East Farleigh Recreation Ground and Play Area. EFPC acknowledged and accepted with thanks the kind confirmed offer of £1,000 towards the EFPC play area project from the 2023/24 Members Grant by County/Borough Cllr Simon Webb. Four separate quotes have been received for refurbishing the playground.
- **More good news:** The Recreation Ground Charity is in receipt of an MBC grant to plant trees to enhance the area. Alongside these improvements, there are plans to move the football pitch, add new pitch lines and refurbished goal posts.
- Villagers/Parishioners are reminded that dogs are not permitted anywhere on the Recreation Ground unless they are designated "Assistance Dogs".
- The EF Parish Council Budget for 2023/2024 was unanimously agreed/approved by all present at the meeting. and the Precept approved for submission to MBC.

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- The SID's (Speed Indicator Devices) are working satisfactorily and have been redeployed to another site – these are moved on a regular basis to monitor speeds at various village locations.

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East Farleigh Pre-school

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Public Forum Request

East Farleigh Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 17th January 2023

As was raised by Angela Crisp (Pre-school Manager) in the public forum, supported by many staff and parents representing the pre-school, East Farleigh Pre-school has been given notice at the Old School Hall as an offer has been accepted, and will have to vacate at the end of July 2023. The pre-school has been in the village for around 50 years and it is a vital community facility, and give pre-school children a strong foundation for beginning primary school, many of our children go to EF Primary.

The pre-school is appealing to the council, and to the parishioners of East Farleigh, does anyone have a suitable space for them to re-locate to? A hall, a barn, some land, any ideas would be welcome. They have already contacted some of the more obvious places, but initial responses have been negative, either they could not be accommodated, or the venue was not suitable.

If there is any help, support or advice anyone can give then please contact the

pre-school direct: 07586 439018 / 07749 717830

or

email: admin@eastfarleighpreschool.org

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