



EAST FARLEIGH

PARISH COUNCIL

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GENERAL UPDATE

We are delighted to share the exciting news that due to our decision to include advertising, we can now afford to maintain home delivered copies of the newsletter so that they are accessible to everyone. We hope this arrangement will be sustainable for the foreseeable future.

COUNCILLORS

The Parish Council extends a warm welcome to Theresa, our new member, who joins us following the resignation of Paul. We typically convene for Parish Council meetings every other month. In certain circumstances, there may be extraordinary additional meetings, and these will be promptly publicised on our website, Facebook page, and the Next-door app.

We currently have vacancies for the Parish Council so please contact our clerk if you are interested in joining us.

We are pleased to announce that, for the second year, we have not raised the precept (the Parish Council part of your Council Tax).

REMEMBRANCE DAY MEMORIAL

On Sunday 12th November, East Farleigh Parish Council in collaboration with Saint Mary's Church and members of the community remembered those who fought for our freedom. We served refreshments afterwards in the church. We organise this service every year and everyone is welcome to attend.



CAROLS BY THE CHRISTMAS TREE

On Saturday, December 9th, East Farleigh Parish Council along with the church was delighted to invite community members to join us at Saint Mary's Churchyard for a festive evening of carols, complimentary mulled wine, and mince pies. The Christmas lights adorning the tree and lining the churchyard path created a truly enchanting atmosphere. This annual event is one that we host with open arms, extending a warm welcome to everyone in the community to join in the festive celebrations.

RECREATION GROUND

We have recently replaced the worn signs in the recreation and playground with improved versions, displaying updated and accurate information.

HIGHWAYS

The East Farleigh Highway working group updates:

Gallants lane - The reduced speed limit of 30 mph will soon be installed from Heath Road to Wilsons lane.

Dean Street - Video cameras have recently been sited in two locations over a 3 days period. The intention is that they record evidence of any delay and damage caused by heavy goods vehicles. Such footage will then be presented to KCC highways together with a request to put in place measures that alleviate the problem.

Workhouse Lane - The introduction of a 30 mph speed limit has been agreed by KCC highways in principle. This will be discussed at the May Parish Council Meeting.

Lower Road - An additional road narrows sign will be installed in the section approaching Farleigh Forge Garage. Currently there is only one leading towards West Farleigh.

Heath Road - Approval has been agreed to implement the siting of a 40 mph speed sign, in both directions approaching the junction with Dean Street. This should improve safety on this section as currently no speed limit exists.

We are pleased to let you know that the police are now back conducting speed checks in the village.

CHARITY

East Farleigh Parish Council make various charitable donations yearly. This year we have made donations to:

Farleigh's WI £100
First East Farleigh Brownies £100
Kent Air Ambulance £100
Porchlight £100
East Farleigh Pre-School £100
Dandelion Time £100
Heart of Kent Hospice £100
Kenward Trust £ 50
Blackthorn Trust £ 50
Evergreens £ 50
We Are Beams £100

We were recently contacted by a charity called **Wishing Hearts** which we thought might be of interest to some members of the community. *Wishing Hearts are a Maidstone-based charity currently providing 'Wishes' for older people across Kent!* More details: <https://www.wishinghearts.co.uk/wishes>

THE BULL INN EAST FARLEIGH

We are delighted to share the exciting news that The Bull Inn has reopened its doors! The removal of the shutters from the windows signals a fresh beginning.

GIRLGUIDING- 1ST EAST FARLEIGH BROWNIES

Volunteer with Girlguiding- it's totally flexible and there's no commitment too small. You can volunteer in group or use your skills behind the scenes, you don't need any guiding experience and everyone is welcome! girlguiding.org.uk/volunteer
Contact: 1stEastFarleighBrownies@gmail.com

A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL

We all take pride in our wonderful village, and together we can make it even better by keeping it clean and litter-free. While our maintenance company does their part with weekly litter picking, we believe that every little effort counts towards maintaining the beauty of our surrounding. That's why we're encouraging everyone to pitch in! If you spot any litter during your walks or outings, please take a moment to pick it up and dispose of it properly. Your small actions can make a big difference in preserving the charm and cleanliness of our village.

Please can we remind everyone to not park on pavements throughout the village.

UPCOMING EVENTS

EAST FARLEIGH PARISH MEETINGS

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month (there is no meeting in August)

We welcome anyone to attend our meetings. If you would like any matters to be raised in our meetings, then please email our clerk directly on clerk@eastfarleigh-pc.org.uk



Our meetings are held at 6.30pm at East Farleigh Primary School, Vicarage Ln, East Farleigh, Maidstone ME15 0LY

MAY ELECTIONS

The Maidstone Borough Council, PCC, Borough & Parish elections will be held on Thursday 2 May 2024. Please visit our website to view the timetable of proceedings. www.eastfarleigh-pc.org.uk/election-information

D DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY

East Farleigh Parish Council is eager to actively participate in commemorating the 80th anniversary of D-Day. As a symbolic gesture, we are unable to host a traditional beacon lighting ceremony. Therefore, we have kindly requested the church's support in leaving a light on as a beacon of hope and remembrance. This central point in our community will serve as a poignant symbol, uniting us in honouring the sacrifices made during this historic event. The anniversary is on Thursday 6th June and the light will be lit from 9.15pm.

SPRING UPDATE FROM BLACKTHORN TRUST

While Blackthorn Trust is a lovely place to visit all year round, the gardens are particularly lovely during the spring and summer months. Blackthorn Trust's café, charity shop and plant nursery are all open to the public between 10am and 3pm, Monday to Friday. Blackthorn Trust is located in St Andrews Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME16 9AN.

Jewellery workshop: Friday 12th April

Summer Open Day- Saturday 8th June

Visit their website for more info: website: www.blackthorn.org.uk

UPCOMING EVENTS CONT.

EAST FARLEIGH FETE

Save the date! The annual summer fete is set to take place on Saturday, June 29th, at the East Farleigh Recreation Ground from 12 pm to 4 pm. We have lots of exciting plans this year with live music, line dancing, an obstacle course, bouncy castle, face painting, many fun exciting games, an exotic animal encounter, BBQ & bar to name a few!

Children only Competition! We will be holding a competition for the children and invite all to make an Olympic torch and bring it with you on the day for a parade and even prizes for the best made!

The Fete Committee is actively seeking volunteers to assist with both the planning process and on the day of the event. Whether you'd like to oversee a game, sell raffle tickets, or manage the bar, your support is invaluable. If you're interested in contributing in any capacity, please reach out to Adam on **07711318714**

Additionally, if you're keen on having a stall at the fete, Adam is the point of contact for that as well. Feel free to get in touch and be part of this exciting event!

Dogs are not allowed on the Rec ground so please leave them at home.

WI

The Farleighs W.I are looking for new members to join our Group, we are very fortunate to have our own W.I hall in Forge Lane, East Farleigh and meet on 2nd Wednesday each month.

So, why not come along and join us for coffee and cake and meet the lovely sociable women that make up our group? You will be made very welcome – our meetings start at 7pm with refreshments followed by a quick update with what's going on, and there's plenty to suit everyone.

Craft, Art, Darts Bowling, Lunch club, Walking group, School reading group and a whole host of on-line training available for free to members.

In addition to all of this we hold Monthly Catch-up meetings, bring your lunch and we supply the tea and coffee - why not come and join us for coffee on Monday 25th March or Monday 29th April and meet new friends?

If you would like more information on the W.I or any of our events please e-mail Thefarleighs@wkwfwi.org.uk

USEFUL INFORMATION

DEFIBRILLATORS

East Farleigh has two Defibrillators – they are located at the following locations:

1. Old School Hall on wall at the end of the alley between the Hall and the adjacent house.
2. Gallants Lane near Crittenden Bungalows in a BT phone box

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. They are checked weekly to ensure that they remain in full working order. There are also other defibrillators on private property around the village which are available for use. Please check the website- thecircuit.uk

FLOOD PLAN

EFPC have a Flood Plan Policy (recently updated) and this can be viewed on the EFPC Website via the following link:

<https://eastfarleigh-pc.org.uk/documents/flood-plan-updated-may-2023>

PLANNING MATTERS

All Planning matters can be viewed on-line at

[www.https://pa.midkent.gov.uk/onlineapplications/](https://pa.midkent.gov.uk/onlineapplications/) or in the Minutes of EFPC meetings www.eastfarleigh-pc.org.uk

CONTACTS

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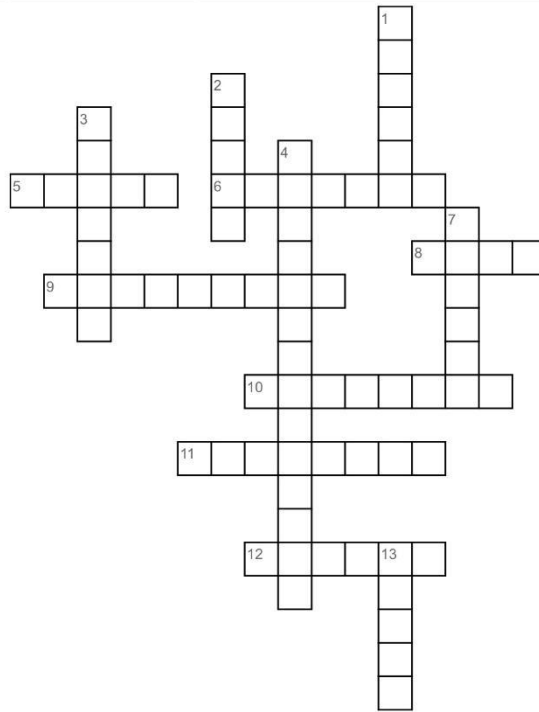
Please send all enquiries to our clerk- clerk@eastfarleigh-pc.org.uk

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Across

- 5 70's prime minister
- 6 Another word for chivalrous
- 8 Head of a university
- 9 Victorian abode for the poor
- 10 Rhymes with rocket
- 11 Where a clergyman might live
- 12 Polly put it on

Down

- 1 60's prime minister
- 2 A blacksmith needs one of these
- 3 Where trains leave from
- 4 Almost a popular TV series
- 7 Ouch for the first time
- 13 Opposite of higher

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Landscaping, Garden Maintenance, Tree Surgery & Outdoor Furniture



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Fitted Bathroom & Wet Room



General Builders



Conservatories & Orangeries



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