

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....



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RECTOR'S LETTER – NOVEMBER 2017

November 26th - Crib Blessing: Each year we have continued a tradition of sending 'the Holy Family' on a journey around our villages on their way to 'the stable'. This consists of a set of figures to create the nativity scene which we invite people (young or not so young) to host for a night. And hopefully as they visit that the host will receive a blessing in return. At a Special Benefice Service at 10am At Saint Michael Aynho, with help from the BFC, we will be blessing our Christmas Cribs and figures before they start their journeys around our villages on their way to our Christmas Crib services.

If you would like to host the 'Holy Family' please let me know (Simon 01869 810903) or have a word with your local church wardens or Carrie O'Regan (01280 702300). There will also be lists put up in churches later with more information.. All we ask people to do is arrange to pass the crib onto the next family each day.

'Stir Up Sunday' Sunday 26th November: Another thing we remember is the stirring up of the Christmas pudding or cake. This would take place on **'Stir Up Sunday' Sunday 26th November** which gets its name **not** from the stirring of the pudding but from a prayer used in church that Sunday. "Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that they bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be richly rewarded: through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen"

The Rectory, Croughton Road ,Aynho, OX17 3BD will be hosting its annual open house from 4pm-7pm inviting you to come and 'stir up' our Christmas cake mix and to have a drink and a sausage. Heather and I look forward to seeing you then.

Croughton Christmas Tree Festival - NEW FOR 2017

Running from 10th-17th December

All Saints Church Croughton.

Would you like to decorate a tree as an individual or family or organisation?

6 ft tree loaned for a suggested £5 donation.

To book a Christmas tree and place please contact

Peter Jackson 01869 810023 or Angie Robbins 01869 811445

Full Festival details will be available for the December News Letter

The Christmas Tree Festival will end with a special Christmas Carol Service.

Autumn Cheese and Wine evening

Saturday 25th November

With entertainment

7pm

at Croughton Village Hall

Tickets £10 from Angie Robbins

01869 811445

In aid of All Saints Croughton



Unfortunately, it appears that funding for the initial stages of the bypass has been delayed. Although work was planned on environmental studies, it is pointless to proceed with this until the bypass funding has been approved; the environment changes and therefore these studies would have to be repeated if construction were not to commence within a specific time period.

Councillor Grant has recently had a meeting with Andrea Leadsom and at her request has sent a letter to her at the Houses of Parliament, specifying the exact Parish requirements so that she can investigate other more targeted Central Government funding opportunities relating to the relief of rural towns and villages which are suffering severely with problems caused by substantial increases in HGV traffic.

On a more positive note, we are really pleased to announce that a defibrillator and cabinet have been ordered for the village. We hope to have it installed prior to Christmas, dependent on delivery and installation times.

The defibrillator will be located at the Fox on Baker Street and the plan is to site it near to the village noticeboard.

Councillor Thomas is working on a plan for a first responder list which would be distributed around the village and would include details and contact numbers for those trained in the use of the defibrillator. Included in the cost of the unit is two hours of training; if anyone is interested in attending the training and being included on the first responder list, please contact Pip Clayton by emailing clerk@farthinghoeparishcouncil.org

The Parish Council would like to thank Neil at the Fox for allowing the defibrillator to be sited on the property. A huge thank you also goes to those who spent considerable time organising and running fund raising events, those who attended the events and those who made individual donations to the fund – without all of you, the purchase of this potentially life-saving equipment would not have been possible.

We have been informed that Cockley Road will be closed on 20th November between 9.30am and 3.30pm to allow for road repairs from Abbey Lodge Farm through to the road to Halse.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday, 8th November 2017 at 7pm in the Beasley Room at the Village Hall.

Farthinghoe Parish Council

VILLAGE NOTICES

- ❖ Coffee, Cake & Chat - this will be on Friday 3 November from 10-11am in the Church Vestry. It would be lovely to see you there!
- ❖ Church Cleaning - On Tuesday 14 November from 8.30am. Many hands make light work!



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Are the police and criminal justice service providing the right support for people with mental illness?

This is the question being asked by Stephen Mold, Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner as he launches a Time2Listen mental health consultation.

The consultation is now live at www.time2listennorthants.co.uk - and is focussed on gaining a better understanding of the experience of people with mental illness, ADHD and Autism - and their interactions with the police and criminal justice service in Northamptonshire.

Northamptonshire Police spends more than 20% of its time supporting victims of crime and detainees with mental health needs. Over the next three months, the commissioner wants to hear from local people to get a true picture of how effective the police and the criminal justice services are in supporting people with mental illness and what can be done to improve those interactions.

Stephen Mold said: *"This is a really important consultation. One in four people experience mental illness, and while many have little or no contact with the police, it's vital we take the time to listen and find out if individuals with mental ill health who are in contact - be it through their neighbourhood, as a victim or witness, or someone who has been involved in crime – are receiving the right support from the police and from the wider criminal justice system."*

"I want to hear from as many people as ... this is a real opportunity to learn from people's experiences."

The Time2Listen consultation will hear from people via face to face interviews, telephone conversations, focus groups, workshops and by an online survey. The consultation is also open to parents, carers and loved ones of those with mental illnesses, ADHD and Autism.

The consultation is being led by Helen Cook, Head of Involvement and Communications at the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. She said: *"As well as speaking to people with experience of mental illness, Time2Listen will also consult with professionals and support agencies working within the criminal justice system, such as police officers, probation officers and mental health workers."*

The outcomes and any recommendations from the consultation will be shared with the Northamptonshire Mental Health Criminal Justice Board.

For more information about the Time2Listen consultation visit:
www.time2listennorthants.co.uk



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FARTHINGHOE PAST & PRESENT

Did you guess correctly where the old picture in the October edition was taken? Here's the same view today:



Here's another image, kindly provided by Steve Sneath, for you to guess. The answer will be in next month's edition....



Compost Corner November 2017

I found a dozen naked ladies in my back garden last month.

I shouldn't have been surprised because I had planted 12 corms of *colchicum autumnale* a few weeks earlier. Large pale lilac coloured flowers bloomed briefly on bare stems (hence the name "naked ladies") before flopping over in Brian's windy gusts. Their leaves will not emerge until spring.

I left their vivid orange stigmas intact this year, to allow the plants to get established, with the intention, next year, of harvesting their delicate saffron strands to put in my paella. It was lucky that I paused because it turns out that I had confused *colchicum autumnale*, also known as meadow saffron and as the autumn crocus (although unrelated to the crocus), with *crocus sativus*, a true crocus which flowers in the Autumn and is also called autumn crocus! It is this *crocus sativus* which produces the intensely orange stigmas and styles we know as saffron, that most delicate of spices, and so it is also known as the saffron crocus!

Do botanists have any imagination when it comes to naming plants?

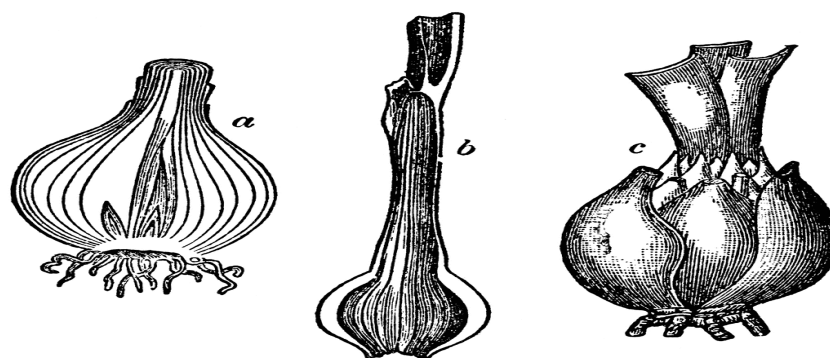
You may have thought that the stamens of those innocent looking naked ladies would have been as harmless as saffron and just as useful. You would be wrong! *Colchicum autumnale* is deadly poisonous! Thanks to its colchicine content, all parts of the plant are toxic when ingested. Although, used wisely and in very small doses, colchicine is employed pharmaceutically in the treatment of gout attacks and one or two other niche indications.

Being lucky to be free, so far, of gout, I am leaving my naked ladies unmolested.

Instead, I will seek out a supply of bulbs of the **real** autumn crocus to plant next year and endeavour not to get them mixed up with their toxic counterfeiters!

Saved by the bell!

Mrs Trellis



Are your loved ones or friends blind or partially sighted?



Wondering what to buy them for Christmas?

Why not visit Northamptonshire Association for the Blind's Sight Centres, located in Kettering and Northampton, to see a range of different gift ideas suitable for someone experiencing sight loss.

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BENEFICE WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER

5th November 5th - All Saints

Aynho	11am Communion
Evenley	6pm Taize Communion
Farthinghoe	9:30am BCP
Hinton	11am Morning Worship

12th November - Remembrance

Aynho	10:15am Act of Remembrance
Croughton	10:50am Act of Remembrance
Evenley	10:45am Act of Remembrance on the Green
Farthinghoe	6pm Act of Remembrance
Hinton	10:50am Act of Remembrance

19 November - Trinity 23

Aynho	11am Communion
Croughton	11:00am Baptism
Evenley	9:30am Family Toy Service
Farthinghoe	6pm BCP Evensong
Hinton	11am Communion BCP

26th November - Christ the King

Aynho	10am Communion with Crib Blessing
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