

# THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

*Village news, notices and events....*



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## RECTOR'S LETTER – FEBRUARY 2018

### Rector's Ramblings February 2018

For most of us an opportunity to save some money is something we look out for, and it can be even better if somebody else can also benefit from our actions.

Your local church, like the majority of UK churches, is insured through Ecclesiastical Insurance, which insures not only the building, but also the PCC and their legal responsibilities. Ecclesiastical Insurance is different from most insurance companies as it is owned by a charity and it gives a significant amount of its profits to good causes. It has been insuring Anglican churches since 1887 and this year celebrates its 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary. To celebrate this milestone Ecclesiastical Insurance is offering £130 to your local church if you take out a new home insurance policy with them.

So if you like the idea that you might save some money and that you could make a difference of £130 to your local church then contact Ecclesiastical Insurance and quote 'TRUST' 130 and give them the name of your local church. I cannot give any advice as what is best for you and your circumstances and you must make up your own mind.

#### Get a quote

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If you are a cathedral worker, church worker or volunteer, you can save over 25% if you buy contents and buildings insurance together online. Simply enter the discount code DIOP10 when getting a quote online.

But it works for me!

Best wishes,

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Annually in January, the Parish Council has to submit its application for the precept for the next financial year to Northamptonshire County Council. A draft budget had been discussed in November 2017, and following a number of changes to that version, a further budget was presented at January's Parish Council meeting. This was discussed at great length, with the councillors considering possible improvement projects for the village alongside the standard costs involved in maintaining the current level of services.

As has previously been reported, the current street lights are being phased out in the very near future which has made replacement of these more urgent. The Chairman, Cllr Morris, has done extensive research into the options available, providing the village with improved lighting which will also bring reduced cost benefits in the future due to greater efficiency of the lamps. It was therefore decided that the cost of this project should be included in next year's precept. The intention is to replace all street lights throughout the village at a cost of £2,650. The councillors are hopeful of receiving a grant from our County Councillor's Enabling Fund of £2,000, meaning that the parish will need to fund just £650 of the project.

With this project included in the budget, the councillors agreed to apply for a precept of £7,900. This is an increase of 10.5% on the previous year's precept which was £7,150. The £750 increase includes £650 for the lighting project with the balance of £100 spread across various maintenance services such as electricity and grass cutting, where there have been some small increases from the suppliers. The councillors recognised that this seems a significant increase, but bearing in mind the benefits that the improved lighting would bring and the fact that it was a necessity due to the end-of-life situation on the lamps, felt that it was justifiable.

The timing of the Annual Parish Meeting was discussed. It was agreed that this would be moved to later in the month of April to avoid school holidays in order to facilitate greater attendance. The 2018 Annual Parish Meeting will therefore take place on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Further details will follow nearer the date, but the councillors are aiming to change the agenda to make it a more interactive meeting, where less time is spent reading out reports, which will be made available for parishioners to read prior to the meeting. Hopefully this will be seen as a positive move!

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January, Mandy Lowe of the East Midlands Ambulance Service came along to the village hall and presented on all aspects of basic life support along with the use of the village defibrillator. It was an extremely informative, interactive evening, which provided a great insight into how we all can potentially save a life. Mandy's presentation style was relaxed and fun, not an easy achievement with the subject matter, but she certainly gave many people the confidence to step in and make a difference should the situation arise. There was a great turn out, with just under 30 villagers there. It was such a good evening that the Parish Council may look to repeat it at a later date for those who were unable to attend or those who would just like to revisit the training.

Please note that the next Parish Council Meeting will take place on **Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018** at 7.00pm in the village hall, and not Wednesday, which is the usual day.

## VILLAGE NOTICES

- ❖ Coffee, Cake & Chat – Friday 9 February from 10-11am in the Church Vestry. There will be a raffle. Thank you to everyone who supports us, we appreciate it!
- ❖ Church Cleaning – Tuesday 13 February from 8.30am onwards.
- ❖ Fete - The Church Fete will be on Sunday 24 June at Farthinghoe Lodge. Please put the date in your diary!
- ❖ Mothers' Union - The AGM will be held on Wednesday 21 February at 2pm Venue to be arranged.

## A NOTE FROM JOHN DEELEY Farthinghoe Carol Singers

For 72 years we have been visiting local houses to sing and importantly raise money for some really important charities. 2017 was one of our best.

We received a wonderful welcome at all three houses we visited and collected over £800 for our two charities – the Katherine House Hospice and Our Lady of Guadalupe Children's Home for orphans in Nairobi, Kenya.



Northamptonshire Police has relaunched a free message alert system, to help people living and working in Northamptonshire be much better informed about crime and police activity in their local area, and help keep their communities safe.

The messaging service, called Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert (formerly known as Community Connect), has greater functionality than previously, allowing frontline police officers to send alert messages direct from their mobile devices to thousands of local people. They will be able to do this in real-time while they are out and about policing the county.

The alert service is free and simple to activate by registering at [www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk](http://www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk) and is available to anyone living or working in Northamptonshire.

After signing up to the messaging system, people will receive regular alerts from Northamptonshire Police, Neighbourhood Watch and other partner organisations, keeping them up to date and informed about crime and issues relevant to them and the area where they live or work.

Alerts are received either by email, text message or voice message – whichever suits. People will also be given the option of what they want to receive alerts about, and how often – you will only receive messages about topics that you have selected.

Chief Inspector Lara Alexander-Lloyd said: “Our communities play a crucial part in helping us prevent and detect crime and anti-social behaviour. Police officers and PCSOs will be regularly sending out message alerts via Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert, appealing for help, highlighting suspicious activity, offering crime prevention advice, and keeping people up to date about general police work and safety events.

Signing up to the messaging service is really simple and quick. The alert system is completely secure and registration is free. To register with Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert visit [www.Northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk](http://www.Northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk)



**WANTED**

**F.L.O.G**

MISSING SINCE 2017

**GAMES NIGHT**

**23/02/2018**

**8 P M**

**THE FOX**

## FARTHINGHOE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The next Committee meeting will be on 1st February and misses the deadline for the Chronicle so 150 Club winners will be published next month. Many thanks to all those who paid by BACS, the rest of the collections should be completed within the next week.

There has been some more minor vandalism at the Hall and we have had a site meeting with the Police who will be carrying out regular patrols. Any suspicious cars in the carpark at strange times - please note registration numbers and pass them to David Hancock ([dave.hancock7@gmail.com](mailto:dave.hancock7@gmail.com)) as the Police have agreed to follow-up for us.

The school Container for PE equipment has been installed, and access to under stage has been provided for PE benches. The Village Hall storage area can now be completed to allow easier access to tables and chairs. The bar area has been completed and is awaiting the results of the heating upgrade before the sinks are plumbed in and the area becomes fully functional. The next project is to complete a permanent outside BBQ, using the blocks from the old Bar.

The next Village Event will be the Jumble Sale scheduled for Sunday 25 March - please look out for further details both in the next Chronicle and posters around the Village.

### CHURCH HOLIDAY CLUB

Holiday Club 2018, 'Rocky's Plaice' will run from Monday 23rd July each morning for the week at All Saint's Primary School, Croughton. The celebration service will be on Sunday 29th July at Croughton Church at 10am. Please do put the dates in your diary now. If you are able to help at holiday club please contact Carrie O'Regan (01280 702300) or Helen Boswell.



## FARTHINGHOE PAST & PRESENT

Did you guess correctly where this image was taken?



Here's the view today!



(With thanks to Steve Sneath)

## **THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH**

Thanks you Mr Editor for allowing me space to express my thanks for the amazing gifts & books full of comments at my leaving do before Christmas.

I feel so humbled & grateful, not just for the gifts but all the friendship shown to me in my time in the very special village of Farthinghoe!

No doubt will see many of you soon, but do keep enjoying a beer or two at The Fox

Tom xx

## BENEFICE WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

### Sunday 4 February - 2nd before Lent

Aynho	11am Communion
Evenley	6pm Taize
<b>Farthinghoe</b>	<b>9:30am SBCP Communion</b>
Hinton	11am Morning Worship

### Sunday 11 February - Sunday before Lent

Aynho	11am Communion
Croughton	9:30am Communion
Evenley	11am Communion
<b>Farthinghoe</b>	<b>10am Family Worship</b>
Hinton	6pm BCP Evensong

### Ash Wednesday - 14 February

10am Said Communion      Aynho

### Sunday 18 February - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

**10am Communion at Farthinghoe**

### Sunday 25 February - Lent 2

Aynho	11am Communion
Croughton	9:30am Communion
Evenley	9:30am Family Worship
<b>Farthinghoe</b>	<b>6pm BCP Evensong</b>
Hinton	11am Communion CW

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