

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....



Hello, we are the Communication Ambassadors from Farthinghoe Primary School and we would like to tell you a bit about this amazing school.

The topic that the whole school will be looking at this term is 'Dinosaurs and Fossils'.

EYFS and Key Stage 1 have enjoyed reading 'Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs' series of books and used them for inspiration for their literacy lessons. The children have written their own short story adventures for Harry. Creatively they have been busy making a dinosaur cave where they may find a dinosaur at the end of their dinosaur hunt...

Key Stage 2 have enjoyed the start of the topic and completed some stunning charcoal pictures of fossils. We have also completed a timeline showing the different plants and creatures that were around during the different periods. We are also continuing to enjoy our weekly swimming lessons at Brackley Pool and Years 3, 4 and 5 are all learning to play the clarinet.

Farthinghoe School has some budding palaeontologists in the making with us having the opportunity to excavate some model dinosaurs from plaster of paris.

Everyone at Farthinghoe School would like to thank you for your continued interest and support and hope that you all have a happy new year.

Lottie, Pippa and Amelie

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RECTOR'S LETTER – FEBRUARY 2017

Last month we looked back to give thanks for the past year and to look forward to the year to come and reflect on what God might be asking of us. At the Midnight Service Shemil, our Curate, shared the news that for him the future was in his new appointment as Chaplain at Oxford Brooke University. This means he will be leaving us on 12 March, earlier than anticipated, but we pray that God will bless him in this new service. More details of Shemil's leaving will appear in next month's newsletters.

For the parishes, life will go on much as usual. In March we will start our preparations for Easter with our Lenten observances. Lent has traditionally been a time of self-examination, prayer and preparation. In our parishes we will be holding our Lent Cuppa and Chat or Bible study groups, where we explore, share and encourage each other in our faith. These groups are for everybody, you cannot know too much or too little, you don't have to have come before or to know your bible, everybody will find a warm welcome. If you have any questions this is a place to start looking for answers.

As part of my preparation I have been given a book called *Dethroning Mammon* written by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. I haven't read it all yet, but the first couple of chapters have already started to raise a few questions. In the book Justin, who had a career in industry, reflects on the role that money and wealth has on our world images. He reflects that we give value only to those things that we can see. One of the phrases that struck me was a quote from Archbishop Helder Camara who said, "when I feed the poor they call me a saint; when I ask why they are poor, they call me a Communist". The quote reflects the difference between the seen and unseen. Justin reflects that we need to see the world through Jesus' eyes to value people and.

Justin then goes on to suggest that we value what we can measure. That if we can measure a person's wealth, then we value them, and furthermore he suggests that what we can measure then can control us. He looks at the power of economics and our financial system, and the way that our lives become controlled by it. Inflation, depression, sales figures, profit, loss, living wage, interest rates, the best deals, Martin's bargains... This can be quite a challenging thought and certainly gives me something to think about.

This is also the time of year when we begin to think about the structure of the church, namely the PCC or Parochial Church Council. These are elected members of the church congregations who have a role in running the church with the Church Wardens. PCC members serve for three years and Church Wardens are elected on an annual basis. For the correct running of the church these structures need 2 Church Wardens and six PCC members. The members will be elected in March and April, but now is a good time to think who do you want to represent you in the coming year, or maybe could you be the representative for others? What value do we put on service, or those who have served us? And, importantly what value do you put on serving others?

God Bless you all, Revd Simon Dommett



In January, the parish council submits its application for the precept for the 2017-2018 financial year. The councillors have been considering the draft budget at the last two meetings, looking at expenditure for the current financial year and calculating the funds needed to maintain the parish going forward.

Last year saw a not-insignificant increase to the precept, which was referenced in the Chairman's report at the Annual Parish Meeting. This year, the councillors have elected that the precept request should remain at £7,150, which means that we are pleased to report the parish council element of your council tax will not be increased for the next financial year.

Whilst this is clearly good news, it is anticipated that inflationary increases in future financial years may well be necessary, particularly if improvements to street lighting and other areas within the village are to be instigated.

After an incredible amount of time and tenacious pursuing by Councillor John Grant, the speed restrictions are now in place on New Road and Clarks Lane. This will hopefully make access to the village playpark a great deal safer for the children and their parents. Our thanks go to Councillor Grant for all he has done to make this happen.

John is now turning his attention to similar speed issues along the Cockley Road, in particular past the school and the village hall. In December, he was joined in the village by Helen Howard of Highways to look at the problem. Helen made some initial suggestions, which she was taking back as considerations and John will remain in contact to push for a solution.

Parking in the village remains high on the council's priorities and will form a standing agenda item going forward. Leaflets with recommendations on considerate parking will shortly be hitting all doorsteps and the councillors appeal to you all to take heed of the advice and make our roads and access around the village as safe as possible.

The next Parish Council meeting will be Wednesday, 8th February 2017 at 7.00pm in the Beasley Room at the Village Hall. Public time will be from 7.00pm to 7.15pm.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Committee is looking to improve the Hall so that it is a facility the Village wants to use. Our most ambitious project is to provide a large storage area at the bar end of the room which will continue across the whole width of the room. The present bar - a real 1960's icon, will be demolished and a pop up bar be built at the far end, away from the front door.

So how will we achieve this? Dave-Handy Hancock has volunteered to lead on this - his labour will be free. Ryan Jones has also volunteered his labour. Any volunteers from the village will be very much appreciated, so we can get the job done as quickly as possible.

If you have carpentry skills, fabulous! Otherwise, just the willingness to help out sometimes will be fantastic. (Dave is currently rebuilding our bathroom and you need his Handy Hancock time in the village - so the sooner we get this done, the better!)

Please contact Dave on dave.hancock7@gmail.com or tel 01295 711345

To pay for the materials, we are giving the 150 Club a big revival.

Numbers participating had dwindled recently. This is a win-win for both members and the village hall. For £12 a year per person, numbers are entered into a monthly draw. The first number drawn wins £25 and the next two, £10 each. The money will be brought round to you in cash, by Stephen Bunce, our treasurer. What's to lose!!

If you haven't yet been approached to renew your number or become a new member, then please contact either Diane Jones on 07526588755 or Wendy Hancock on wendy.gainford@gmail.com or 01295 711345

January 150 Club Winners

£25 - Sue Abbis -Stubbs

£10 - Paul Hunter

£10 - Bob Osborne

The Committee has plenty of other events planned for 2017 – and opportunities for people to get involved – so watch this space over the coming months!

Village Hall Committee: Pip Clayton (Chair), Dave Hancock (Clerk) Stephen Bunce (Treasurer) Ryan Jones, Beste Bragg, Lisa Wenmouth, Wendy Hancock



CAN YOU VOLUNTEER FOR KATHARINE HOUSE?

Our volunteers are a vital part of the work we do for people and families facing life-limiting illnesses in our community. They help us with everything from catering to complementary therapies, and they save us around £400,000 every year. We're always looking for volunteers to help us, and we'd love to hear from you if you have

some time to spare.

Volunteer roles include:

Catering Assistants - Kitchen Assistants – Receptionists - Complementary Therapists - Patient Drivers - Shop Volunteers - General Day Hospice - Ward Clerks - Gardeners

For more information please contact Joanna Morris, Volunteer Co-ordinator on 01295 811866 email volunteering@khh.org.uk, or visit www.khh.org.uk/volunteering

SAVE THE DATE: MIDNIGHT WALK 2017

Our 11th Midnight Walk will be taking place on Saturday 24 June 2017. If you'd like to take part or volunteer, please save the date in your diary! You can sign up on our website at www.khh.org.uk.

KNITTING PATTERNS BOOKLET NOW AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD

If you'd like to knit some knitted novelties for our Easter Knits campaign, you can now download the Easter Knitting Patterns booklet directly from our website – www.khh.org.uk/easter-knitting

UPCOMING EVENTS

Remember you can keep up to date with all our events and everything that's happening at the Hospice, as well as buy tickets to our events and donate to Katharine House by visiting our website: www.khh.org.uk



Wednesday Night Fixed Price Menu

2 courses £15 3 courses £17.50

including a drink

See menu for details

Friday Morning Coffee

From 11am enjoy a slice of yummy fresh cake,
with a great coffee

Friday Evening Happy Hours

Discounts on many of our drinks

Now 5.00-7.00pm and 9.30 to 11.00pm

Valentine's Day Dinner

Tuesday 14th February

Choose from our big menu, with
romantic specials, candles, table flowers
& even a packet of love hearts

Early Booking Advised

Mother's Day Lunch

Sunday 26th March

We are serving from noon to early
evening, a special Sunday lunch for all the
family, with a little gift for all the mums

The Fox Farthinghoe

Baker Street Farthinghoe NN13 5PH

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See all our menus & offers on our website

www.foxfarthinghoe.co.uk

VILLAGE NOTICES

- Coffee, Cake & Chat – Friday 10 February 10-11.15am in the Church Vestry. It was lovely to see so many of you come to the January event when the weather was so awful! Well done!
- Church Cleaning – Tuesday 14 February from 8.30am onwards.
- Mothers' Union - The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 February at 2pm at 1, Church Cottages, Thenford.

Ivy Healey

Mrs Ivy Healey, who lived in Farthinghoe for many years, passed away peacefully at Evelyn Wright House, Daventry, on Thursday 19 January 2017. The funeral will take place on Tuesday 7 February at 1.15pm at The Counties Crematorium, Towcester Road, Milton Malsor, NN4 9RN

Rest in Peace.

FARTHINGHOE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Farthinghoe School is looking for a volunteer to join the Governing Body. School governors bring perspectives from ordinary life and work with the staff and the local authority to help secure the best possible education for the children in our school. They carry out a number of duties including managing the budget and monitoring the school's aims and policies. If you would like to know more, please telephone us on 01295 710406

WELCOME TO MY OPEN HOUSE

Jane Atkins
'Bankfields', 6, Seven sisters Close, Farthinghoe
01295 711620

17th March 2017

10.00am ~ 12.00 Noon / 2.00 ~ 4.00pm / 7.00 ~ 9.00pm

In Support Of
the eve appeal

Phoenix Cards - Red Raffle
Lucky Dip - Bring & Buy

Local Crafts - Refreshments
Wood Turning Demonstrations
Gel Manicures by Appointment

In the UK alone, there are over 21,000 women who are sadly given the news that they've been diagnosed with a form of gynaecological cancer. This equates to 55 women being diagnosed, and sadly, 21 women losing their battle each day. The Eve appeal funds ground breaking gynaecological cancer research focused on developing effective methods of prediction, detection, treatment and cure that will help save women's lives.

Look forward to welcoming you on the day



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COMPOST CORNER – FEBRUARY

I have been perplexed recently by the thought that possibly I had slipped into a 6 month time warp when I heard on the news that there was great panic sweeping the land because of a shortage of courgettes. What? Courgettes

in demand in January? Has the world gone mad? Who in their right mind would pine for that icon of summer provenance when the temperatures outside are barely creeping above zero? Is everyone so insulated in their overheated homes that the thought of a rich warm stew, thick with root vegetables, makes them break out into a sweat and reach for the iceberg lettuce?



However, it allowed me to feel very smug as I picked my curly kale leaves, lifted my leeks, and dug for parsnips and Jerusalem artichokes on the allotment while the supermarkets were grovelling their apologies for failing to source, from hundreds of miles away, some out-of-season, artificially forced, tasteless, watery and anaemic salad vegetables.

You, too, could be as smug as I was; there are a few allotment plots vacant at the moment so you need never have to rely on the supermarkets again. Just ask Ruth Dashwood or Arthur, or anyone to pass on the message to them, and a plot can be yours for the princely sum of £12 per year. You can then have as many courgettes as you want (in fact, I think they only come in gluts) but **ONLY IN THE SUMMER!**

Mrs. Trellis

BENEFICE WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

5 February - 4th before Lent

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

12 February - 3rd before Lent

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

19 February - Benefice Sunday

Farthinghoe	10am Communion
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26 February – Sunday before Lent

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



LIMES FARM

EVENT CATERING SERVICE

WHY NOT LET
LIMES FARM TAKE
THE STRESS OUT
OF CATERING FOR
YOUR NEXT EVENT?


"EVERYONE COMMENTED
ON THE DELICIOUS BREAD
AND TASTY FILLINGS FOR
THE SANDWICHES AND
HOW FRESH THEY WERE -
IT WAS SO NICE TO HAVE
HOMEMADE. THE LOVELY
SPREAD REALLY MADE OUR
CELEBRATION SPECIAL!"

Debbie & Family

We provide event catering for local businesses and for your special occasion. So whether it's a birthday party, christening, office party or even a wedding, we can help.

We have a wealth of experience in catering for many different events and the Limes Farm Catering Team can tailor our menus to your exacting requirements. We also provide help, advice and creative ideas to make your event just that little bit extra special.

We only use the finest ingredients, sourced locally wherever possible, including from our own farm. All the food is freshly prepared and brought to your venue on the day to set everything up ready for you. And we can even stay on to serve your guests if you would like this additional service.



Call the Limes Farm Catering Team on 01295 711 229 to discuss
your requirements or email intouch@limesfarm.com

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