

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....



The May Day celebrations were a great success and enjoyed by all. Huge thanks to all who were involved in making it such fun. Have a look inside for the winners of the races....

Earlier in the month the inaugural village Race Night was held in the Village Hall. A really super evening was had by all, particularly as no knowledge of horses or racing was required...! Everyone threw themselves in, many turning up in fancy dress – we even had a very convincing racing pundit in the form of Dave “McCririck” Clayton.... The event raised a good amount of money to go toward Village Hall funds and we must thank Dave & Pip Clayton and Wendy Hancock for all their efforts in putting it together – and providing such a fun night.

Read about the Beacon Lighting for HM The Queen’s 90th birthday and much more Farthinghoe news inside...

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RECTOR'S LETTER MAY 2016

The Archbishops have written to every serving parish priest in the Church of England expressing their longing “to see a great wave of prayer across our land, throughout the Church of England and many other Churches” from 8th-15th May.

The week of prayer will culminate in ‘Beacon events’ around the country over Pentecost weekend, where people will pray for the renewal of the Holy Spirit and the confidence to share their faith.



In their letter the Archbishops said: “At the heart of our prayers will be words that Jesus himself taught us – ‘Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.’ It is impossible to overstate the life-transforming power of the Lord’s Prayer. It is a prayer that is reassuring enough to be on the lips of the dying and yet dangerous enough to be banned in cinemas. It is famous enough to be spoken each day by billions in hundreds of languages and yet intimate enough to draw us ever closer into friendship with Jesus Christ. It is simple enough to be memorised by small children and yet profound enough to sustain a whole lifetime of prayer. When we pray it with sincerity and with joy, there is no imagining the new ways in which God can use us to his glory.”

The Beacon events will take place in the following places:

- Saturday 14th May St Paul’s Cathedral
- Sunday 15th May, Durham Cathedral, Coventry Cathedral, Winchester Cathedral, St Michael le Belfrey, York , Canterbury Cathedral

Brackley Deanery is responding with a special evening of prayer on Tuesday 17th May, Giving thanks for all that God has done in our 30 deanery churches this past year and asking him to bless our plans for 2016 and beyond. Everybody is invited to come and celebrate with others on the 17th May. In our local churches our worship on 8th May will have the focus of prayer for the coming week. More details will be given out in the Pews News a weekly update,

Just email the.revd.simon@gmail.com with the heading ‘Pews News’ and I will put you on the distribution list. It gives up to date news, events and services and much more. Don’t forget to look at the website www.astiwckvale.co.uk for more details as well.

There will also be a special exhibition called **‘Experience Pentecost’** in All Saints Croughton on Tuesday 17th May from 2-4pm.

If you have a family and wonder what **‘Pizza Praise’** is, then it is for you. It is a fun family time with songs, activities worship and Pizza or Hot dogs. Come along and give it a try.

Simon

Rev Simon Dommett 01869 810903



As it was to be followed by the Annual Parish meeting (APM), the agenda for April's Parish Council meeting was deliberately kept succinct. Essential standing items were covered, such as finances and planning applications, to ensure that councillors would be ready for the APM.

There were 21 members of the public in attendance at the APM, slightly down on the 2015 attendance. Reports were made by:

- The Chairman of the Parish Council, Ross van Geest
- District Councillor, Rebecca Breese
- County Councillor, Ron Sawbridge MBE
- The Safety Community team
- Farthinghoe Church and Almshouses
- Farthinghoe School
- Mothers' Union
- Church Piece allotments
- Farthinghoe Playpark
- Farthinghoe Village hall

All of the reports are available to read on the parish council website.

The Chair then opened the floor to questions, but as none were forthcoming, he declared the meeting closed and invited people to stay for refreshments.

If any of those who attended the meeting have any comments on the format or suggestions on how to make the meeting more interactive, these would be very welcome. Please email clerk@farthinghoeparishcouncil.org.

Dates for your diary:

The next Parish Council meeting will be Wednesday, 11th May 2016 at 7.00pm in the Beasley Room at the Village Hall. As this is the Annual General Meeting, the first business will be to appoint the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer for 2016-2017. This means that public time will be slightly later than usual, although we would suggest that you still attend from 7.00pm to 7.15pm.

Farthinghoe Parish Council

Katharine House Hospice Open Day - Katharine House Hospice Open Day - Friday, 13th May

Katharine House Hospice staff are very pleased to invite you to our very first open day. Come and learn more about what we do; join a scheduled tour, attend a talk by a member of our clinical staff, and enjoy an informal chat with a drink and a cupcake. For further information, please visit khh.org.uk or phone 01295 811 866.

Sign up today for the 10th Midnight Walk – Saturday 25 June

Since the first Midnight Walk in 2007, the event has seen over 5,000 entrants who have raised over £700,000 between them. To celebrate Katharine House Hospice's 25th Anniversary year, we are asking people to wear silver and as many sparkles as possible. Everyone taking part will receive a t-shirt to wear on the night, as well as a medal, drink and a bacon roll after the walk. Early bird entry fee this year is £15 for those who sign up before 30 April, and we ask for a **minimum** of £25 sponsorship from each walker (£50 per family). You can sign up now at www.khh.org.uk, or phone 01295 816 484.



Oxford Artweeks: Katharine House Day Hospice Art Exhibition – 23-27 & 30 May 2016

The Katharine House philosophy has always been to take a holistic approach to patient care, which means more providing more than just medical care to patients and bereavement support to families. A large part of this is the use of art and music therapies to provide physical and psychological support to patients. This May, the Hospice has been chosen to take part in the Oxfordshire Artweeks programme, and artwork created by KHH patients will be on display in the Hospice during the week commencing 23rd May. Why not come along to see the wonderful creations – and the stories behind the artwork?

Dates for your Diary:

Event	Description	Date & Location	Information
Festival of Open Gardens	Open your garden in aid of KHH	Throughout Spring/Summer	Contact Fundraising Office for full list of open gardens for 2016
Oxford Artweeks at KHH	Patient artwork – and the stories behind them – on display at KHH	23-27 & 30 May	See website or contact Fundraising Office 01295 816484
Hospice Open Day	A chance for people in the local community to visit the Hospice and learn more about what we do	13 th May	Contact 01295 816 484 for more information
KHH Midnight Walk	10 th Annual Midnight Walk in aid of KHH	25 th June	Sign up from 10 th March at www.khh.org.uk or phone Fundraising

VILLAGE NOTICES & NEWS

Notices

Church Cleaning: This will take place on Tuesday 17 May from 8.30am onwards. More helpers always welcome.

Coffee morning: On Friday 20 May from 10am - 12noon in the Church Vestry. Bring & Buy and also a raffle. In aid of Church Funds.

Fete: On Sunday 26 June at Farthinghoe Lodge, starting at 12.30pm. There will be lots of stalls and a barbecue.

*** We are in need of a gazebo, or more, in case of inclement weather! And, any help with the Fete would be much appreciated. Please contact any member of the Fete committee if you would like to get involved ***

Results of the May Day Races

Dressing-up race:

1st: Luke Dibble;

2nd: Harry

Wheelbarrow race:

Winners: Mae and Charlie

3-legged race:

Winners: Mae and Charlie

Egg and spoon race:

Winner: Flora

Beacon Lighting

There was a great turnout for the lighting of the beacon to commemorate the Queen's 90th birthday. David Dashwood read a letter sent by Prince Phillip, specifically to be shared at beacon lightings across the country. There was a spontaneous chorus of "Happy Birthday" whilst Ross van Geest lit the beacon, which thankfully caught fire without too much drama. Then, as the beacon began to fade, all gathered sang the national anthem.

Thank you to the Fox for great canapes and fizz beforehand, followed by a very welcome Boeuf Bourguignon to warm those who ventured back after the lighting. Whilst only a few people were able to partake, the food was delicious and it made a very pleasant end to the evening.



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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!”

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Farthinghoe Bus Shelter...

...is in need of some loving tender care!

Mick Morris is kindly coordinating the repainting of the shelter to preserve and generally smarten it up. If anyone would like to volunteer a little bit of time to help it would be much appreciated. Please contact him directly on 07867 545869 or by email on gendiesel@btinternet.com



Steane Special 2016 Summer Sermon Series

Come along and enjoy the beauty of Steane Park and the parish church of St. Peter at one of our Steane Special Summer Sermon Series. Each month we gather to hear a specially invited speaker and enjoy the traditional prayer book worship.

Steane church only has six services a year so this is a wonderful opportunity to visit the church, enjoy worship and hear some excellent speakers.

All services start at 6pm

May 8 th	Rev D. Nicholson (Michlethwaite)
June 12 th	Queens 90 th Birthday Songs of Praise
July 10 th	Peter Braybrooke (<i>chaplain</i>)
August 14 th	Rosie Rushton (<i>Author</i>)
Sept 11 th	Canon Peter Gompertz



COMPOST CORNER

So far this year, the only flowers I have had any success with have been paper flowers. The Village Hall was decorated bounteously from top to toe with paper flowers galore at the May Day celebrations this year and it was transformed into a veritable Athenian lovers' glade.

There was also something else that day which appeared unreal; I thought I caught a glimpse of some low hanging fruit. So early in the year, you ask? Someone has clearly blossomed early and Joel's plums now appear to have a rival. The lovely Dave Clayton had turned up to the show dressed as the Sugar Plum Fairy, complete with tights and a tutu. At least, I think it was a tutu that was poking out from under the overhang.

The Tug-of-War competition was the coup de grace of the day but it almost never happened for want of a good rope. Wendy Hancock was looking for a big one, long enough and thick enough to get a good grip on. Apparently, Dave Hancock, as tools go, normally appears to be well kitted out, hasn't got one good enough for this job. The search was on, and then word went round that David Dorwood had one that he kept coiled up, out of sight. Luckily for us and for the May Day celebrations he got it out for everyone to pull on.

Altogether, as fertility rites go, it wasn't a bad start to the season.

Heave ho!

Mrs Trellis





THE SEARCH IS ON FOR THIS YEAR'S UNSUNG YOUNG HEROES!

The annual awards are organised by Northamptonshire County Council to showcase some of the incredible achievements of young unsung heroes across Northamptonshire.

Last year's winners included a pupil who started a support service for classmates who suffered from bullying and a group of students who distributed food to local homeless shelters and victims of the Nepal earthquake.

Lufuidy Paxi, a business administration apprentice with the British Footwear Association, won the Young Apprentice of the Year category last year.

Lufuidy, who is also an apprentice ambassador and gives talks to schools about the benefits of apprenticeships, said: "The highlight of the night wasn't even winning the award, it was being around so many people that have been recognised as achievers and ambitious people.

"Therefore when my name was called as winner of the Young Apprentice of the Year, I was so shocked. There were so many amazing apprentices that were nominated I felt so privileged to be called the winner."

The awards are run alongside Northamptonshire Newspapers' Education Awards and consist of five categories which are detailed on the website.

The awards are open to young people aged 11 and above, and winners will be announced at a special ceremony on Wednesday 29th June at Wicksteed Park Pavilion.

The deadline for nominations is Tuesday 7th June. Full details about the award categories and how to nominate can be found at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/youthambition.

BENEFICE WORSHIP IN MAY

May 1st - Easter 5

Aynho 11am Communion
Evenley 6pm Taize Worship
Farthinghoe 9:30am SBCP Communion
Hinton 11am Family Worship

May 5th - Ascension

Hinton 10am Said Benefice Communion

May 8th - Easter 6

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

May 15th - Pentecost - Benefice Sunday

Aynho 10am Communion
Aynho 4pm Pizza Praise

May 22nd - Trinity

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

May 29th - Benefice Sunday

Steane 10am Communion

News from The Fox

We now **OPEN ALL DAY** from noon with the bar, lounge and garden open throughout the afternoon.
We serve food at lunch and evening each day, with a changing main menu, lunchtime lighter meals and seasonal specials

Every Wednesday we have our **FIX PRICED EVENING MENU**, giving you two courses and a drink from our special menu for £15, or for three courses and a drink £17.50

Friday night is our **HAPPY HOUR** with some of your favourite drinks reduced plus deals on our sharing platters—all from 5pm to 7pm

SUNDAY LUNCH is a big thing at The Fox! Freshly roasted meats, vegetables and Yorkies, dishes for vegetarians and other family favourites. Served from noon to 4pm with lighter meals available through to 8pm

May at The Fox

There are a couple of bank holidays in the month and we will be serving **FOOD ALL DAY** on both—Monday 2nd and 30 May, from noon to 9pm

At the end of the month we have
LIVE MUSIC & BBQ with CRAIG LIVE

Sunday 29th May from 6pm

We have had Craig play here many times—the human jukebox!
With a bit of lucky weather outside in the garden!

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