

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....



FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL - ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

18th APRIL 2018

7.30pm

Farthinghoe Village Hall, Cockley Road, Farthinghoe

Please join your councillors for the Annual Parish Meeting to hear what the council has been doing over the past year and plans for the year ahead.

To make the meeting more interactive, reports will be available prior to the meeting on the web page, www.farthinghoeparishcouncil.org, and there will be printed copies available on the night. The Chairman, Mick Morris, will provide a summary of his and other reports before opening the floor to questions. There will be a presentation and slide show from Steve Sneath on the historic picture project and you will have an opportunity to sponsor pictures to be displayed in the hall.

Refreshments will be available after the meeting.

The monthly Parish Council meeting will take place on the same evening from 6.30pm to 7.15pm.

Due to the number of incidents reported at the pedestrian crossing by the school, we are now compiling a list as evidence of the safety issues experienced.

To report incidents, please email traffic@farthinghoeparishcouncil.org or put a note through the Clerk's mailbox at Magnolia Cottage, Main Road, Farthinghoe. Have you signed up for the Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert Service, run by Northamptonshire Police? The service is free and simple to activate by registering at www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk. You will receive regular alerts regarding crime and issues relevant to you and your area, and you can choose what topics to receive alerts about and how often.

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RECTOR'S LETTER – APRIL 2018

In our celebration of Easter we celebrate the most amazing unique event in history. His story, the story of God's love shown in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. During Lent as part of my daily devotion I came across this 'blog' and wanted to share it with you. Happy Easter. Simon

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect..."
(1 Peter 3:15 NIV)

The best thing that anyone can do with their life is to be a witness of Jesus. This means encountering Him – witnessing Him – first-hand for themselves. Then giving witness to Him to others.

The problem is most people haven't witnessed Jesus. Not really. They might think they don't need to because they already know all there is to know. But often this Jesus is the one of story books, a nice man in a white dress; or a cosmic Santa figure you can petition when you really need something; or the human face of an angry God, ready to strike when you don't follow the rules.

The real Jesus is much bigger, much more exciting, and, maybe, much more scary. And He does not want people to know facts about Him, but to witness first-hand His grace, His forgiveness and His love. But how do we help others meet someone who is invisible and does not always talk back? Well, this is where we come in – you and I. We are living witnesses to the God we love. Along with every other Christian – because we are all witnesses. God chooses to show Himself to others through his relationship with each and every one of us. Through what we do, through our choices, actions and priorities, and through our words. Words matter.

Often when we experience something amazing we want others to witness it. We want others to see and enjoy what we have. A Christian is someone who has witnessed God's love in the face of Christ. It has changed our lives, and so we long for it to change every life. Each of us has a different story to tell, a different way in which God's love has brought revolution to our lives. All we do as witnesses is wait for the opportunity and give testimony to that – simply say what we know. No two people witness in the same way, because each of us has witnessed first-hand something unique. Truly the most generous thing we can do in any of our days is simply take the God-given opportunities to witness to the truth of what we have experienced. And let Jesus take it from there.

Today's blog was written by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby

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BYPASS UPDATE: The Government has determined that from 2020/21, all revenue raised from Vehicle Excise Duty in England, will be allocated to a new National Roads Fund (NRF). This means that all revenue raised from Vehicle Excise Duty will be invested directly back into England's roads. A portion of the NRF will be dedicated to supporting the Major Roads Network (MRN)

In February this year, the Government launched a Public Consultation document with further details about their plans for the MRN. This included details of the proposed bidding process as well as potential criteria against which schemes such as bypasses will be assessed. The closing date for response to the Consultation document was 19th March 2018.

Following presentations by Cllrs. John Grant and Mick Morris in November 2016 to Northamptonshire County Council it was determined that Farthinghoe Bypass ranked in the top 3 priorities for Road Development within the County. Obviously, financing of the scheme was going to be a problem with the current financial difficulties in Northamptonshire County Council proving to be a problem. However, we believe that if we can make a viable case to Government we may be successful in securing funding for Farthinghoe Bypass from the National Road Fund, available from Central Government.

The first objective therefore was to respond to the Consultation Document, which unfortunately, currently suggests that the Government will only consider projects in excess of £20 million., Farthinghoe Bypass is estimated to cost in the order of £15 million. So, our second objective is to convince the Government to lower the ceiling of £20 million to £10 million so that Farthinghoe Bypass can be considered for funding.

We have submitted our response to Government and also sought the support of Northamptonshire County Council and our Member of Parliament, Andrea Leadsom. All, of whom, have pointed out that we wish to see the ceiling reduced to £10 million.

We are delighted to receive a very comprehensive copy of a letter of support for Farthinghoe Bypass from our Member of Parliament, the Rt. Hon. Andrea Leadsom. A copy of her 7 page letter will be available for all to see & read at APM on the 18th April.

Her response is really very encouraging & should anyone wish to receive a digital copy or a hard copy before that date, please ask!

We have requested, and await to receive a copy of NCC Highways response, which will also be made available at the APM, if received in time for the APM.

FARTHINGHOE VILLAGE HALL NEWS – MARCH 2018

We have just launched a dedicated Village Hall website farthinghoevillagehall.org which is still being developed but contains useful information and the ability to book the Hall online.

150 Club Draw for March: £25 - 101 Karen Chidwick, £15 - 114 Ruth Dashwood, £10 2 Steve Sneath

There are still some opportunities available with numbers: 19, 35, 36, 41, 44, 46, 60, 118, 146 If any of these sparks a lucky number or you just want to join, please contact Wendy Hancock (wendy.gainford@gmail.com, 01295 711345) if you would like to support the Hall until the end of the year with £9.

The Jumble Sale and Film night have raised over £450 for the Village Hall funds. Thanks to the Events team and Duncan Bragg for helping to make the Events such a success. A real Community spirit around the Jumble sale particularly with help from many supporters - thanks to you all. Look online for the latest film offerings which include food and a parallel childrens show in the Committee room. The next film will be a themed Italian event featuring The Italian Job and Pizza/Pasta/Chorizo in the interval along with an opportunity to dress for the occasion. The film facilities have been upgraded with enhanced sound and a picture which fills the back wall behind the stage.

The next Village Hall Event will be 19th May 2018, themed around the Royal wedding and will include a live Band - watch out for more details over the coming weeks.

The Celebration wall in the Village Hall will be open shortly. If you have something to celebrate, you can provide a picture/certificate in a frame which will be on display for one year for a donation of £5. We already have several candidates ranging from Children's achievements to adult qualifications and hopefully a couple of weddings. Contact Lisa Wenmouth at lisagmiles@hotmail.com or 01295 712510

The Hall upgrade will be continuing in the next couple of months with the opening of the Bar and construction of the outside BBQ. The project to upgrade the heating is progressing and there should be a proposed solution within the next couple of months, allowing both a detailed costing and funding plans to be put in place.

Finally **a request:**

If you have any photographs from the May Day celebration at the Hall a couple of years ago, please let Lisa know on the above number.

VILLAGE NOTICES

- **Mothers Union:** Monday 9 April - The Deanery M.U. are holding a Lady Day service in Farthinghoe Church at 10am. All welcome!
- **Coffee, Cake & Chat:** Friday 13 April from 10-11am in the Church Vestry. Also a raffle!
- **Church Cleaning:** Tuesday 10 April 8.30am onwards. Many hands make light work!
- **Annual Parochial Church Meeting:** Wednesday 25 April at 7pm - Will be held in the Church Vestry
- **Fete:** Sunday 24 June. We need a meeting to organise this event and Tuesday 1 May is a suggestion. Please contact me if you are able to attend!
- **Churchyard Clean-Up:** Many thanks to everyone who turned up on a damp morning and worked very hard! Also thanks in anticipation of the Easter flower arrangers!

Aunt Sally Season 2018: New players wanted!

I hope you have all been nurturing and honing your Aunt Sally skills during the winter because we are now poised ready for the start of the new season. Everyone who played last year will vouch for the great sense of fun and camaraderie enjoyed on Thursday nights, whether it was at The Fox or on an excursion to a new and exciting pub destination.

We play on Thursday evenings from May to the end of August, meeting at The Fox. The games start at 8.30pm so if the match is away, we may gather at 7.30pm to get there in time for a practice at the bar beforehand.

There are 8 players in a side so it is great to have a large pool of people to draw on as not everyone can commit to playing every week.

If you would like to join us in this wonderful pursuit which combines the athleticism of bar skittles with the pin-point accuracy of sharp-shooting, while holding a pint of beer and conversing with companions, please register your interest with me on 07951 755 171 or at Ruth.Brittain@nhs.net or by leaving your name and a contact e-mail/phone number at The Fox.

Thank you!



Feeling
smart
enough
for the
next Fox
Quiz?

Monday
23rd
April
8pm

Book your table at: 01295 713 965
info@foxfarthinghoe.co.uk
Also serving food

Paul Hunter – a village life enjoyed

Paul was born in March 1966 in Hampshire. In 1973 the family moved from Dorset to Farthinghoe to live in Cuporth Cottage, Main Road (now Cherry Cottage). Paul lived with his Mum and Dad, David and Marilyn, and his siblings Darren and Nicola. He attended Farthinghoe Primary School and went on to Magdalen School in Brackley.

As a youngster Paul spent many happy long hours with other kids in the village playing football and cricket in the park, messing around on the farms, building dens, climbing trees and generally being a bit naughty! Back in those days, before computers and mobile phones, a bike was an essential item for a young lad and Paul, Darren and their friends would often be out from dawn until dusk. Paul's family were an integral part of village life before his parents sadly passed away in the late 90s.

Paul left school at 16, and had many jobs over the years, including factory worker at Alcan Aluminium in Banbury, labourer, delivery driver and stonemason. A very sociable, outgoing person, he was well known and well liked in the village. He would often help people out, a handyman, and he was even known to cut the churchyard grass occasionally. Over the years he could be found slaving over a hot barbeque in the pub garden and enjoying a pint at the bar.

He moved to Little Bourton for a couple of years, returning to Farthinghoe in the early 90s when he moved in to No.1 Alms Houses which he lovingly turned into a cosy home, spending much time planting in the garden, tending his allotment and decorating the interior.

After falling ill in July 2017, Paul bravely lived with cancer, before passing away in February of this year. He is much missed by all who knew him & many would have been astounded by his depth of knowledge on almost any subject which you cared to discuss with him.

Jenny Forbes & the trustees of the Charity of Thomas Amphlett would like to add their heartfelt condolences to Nicola and Darren.

Paul lived in the Farthinghoe Almshouses for some 23 years and he is deeply missed. Paul was a wealth of information about the Almshouses and sitting with him in his beautiful garden, I would often ask his advice about their workings and history. He was always popular with the other residents and generous with his time using his unsurpassable carpentry skills in their homes as well as calmly listening to their concerns. Paul had seen many trustees come and go and I feel very proud to have been a trustee whilst he was a resident.

SUN WARNING

We are all used to warnings about staying safe in the sun – but that warning applies to all road users as well as sun worshippers. According to the Department of Transport approximately 4000 accidents on the roads are caused by drivers being blinded by the sun.

Drivers who are blinded by the sun not only have poor visibility but will also have slower reaction time and may even be disorientated.

There are a number of places in the village where the low sun from October to March poses a particular hazard to road users (and pedestrians), so we wanted to advise you to take extra care. Although the precise places change throughout the year and during the course of the morning the following spots (non-exhaustive) have seen some near misses over the winter period:

- A422 as you leave the village towards Brackley – take extra care as traffic turning towards the Airfield can be hidden;
- Traffic turning out of Queen Street onto the A422 should be aware that traffic approaching from Brackley may be obscured by the sun but those heading towards Brackley may not be able to see you.
- Most worrying of all, traffic using the A422 may find they are blinded by the sun as they turn the corner by the school and approach the pedestrian crossing – can we urge all users of the pedestrian crossing to ensure that they have been seen by all approaching traffic and not to rely on the drivers being able to see you or the lights.

We have been lucky so far that there haven't been any accidents but as the A422 gets busier, then the likelihood of an accident will increase. Those who have been blinded have been seriously frightened at how close they have come to hitting either pedestrians or other cars in front of them as even at slow speeds you will be surprised how far you continue to move forward in a split second.

Others have been worried that they are going to be hit from behind by cars only seeing them at the last minute.

On bright mornings even if you aren't being affected by the sun others may be – so take extra care – slow down carefully as you approach known sunny spots, then drive at a constant speed, leave a big distance to the car in front – wear sunglasses and keep your windscreen clear.

John Grant

COMPOST CORNER

Finally the thermometer is creeping upwards into double figures Celsius but not before time. Plans for propagation and procreation have been thwarted for too long by the Beast from the East but now we can catch up with a vengeance. Lois has clearly been doing that in her greenhouse and those glass panes are getting steamed up; I recommend opening a vent when passion gets you started like that.

The Village Hall is looking tidier and more welcoming every time I visit. The newly planted flower beds are getting established and the buds on George Beasley's memorial acer are swelling. Even the new curtains are floral. The Beast from the East may possibly have made its way inside the village hall, or perhaps it was the Pest from the West? A certain Dave Hancock was found at the foot of a ladder, clutching a roll of masking tape, lying in a pool of blood and muttering something about his New Year's resolution to "try something new". He was supposedly "found" in this state by Duncan B; was his New Year's Resolution the same as Dave's?

My own erstwhile magnificent and ever expanding Red Hot Pokers have dwindled this year, becoming spongy and flaccid with no sign of life; is it age? Have they been prodded too much? Will they ever achieve their former glory? I shall restrain myself from fiddling with them in the hope they will plump up and sprout forth.

Don't forget to enjoy World Naked Gardening Day, celebrated every year on the first Saturday in May. I expect the allotments to be crowded.

On the subject of allotments, there are some vacant plots available. At least one of which comes with a well-maintained garden shed, complete with guttering and water butt and a bench from which you can survey the results of your hard work and the bottoms of your fellow gardeners as they are bent over weeding. Anyone interested in renting a plot (£12 a year) please contact Arthur or Ruth.Brittain@nhs.net

Happy gardening!

Mrs. Trellis



BENEFICE WORSHIP IN APRIL

April 1st Easter Day

Aynho	11am Communion
Croughton	9:30am Communion
Evenley	11am Family Worship
Farthinghoe	9:30am Communion
Hinton	11am Communion

April 8th Easter 2

Aynho	11am Communion
Evenley	11am Communion
Farthinghoe	10am Family Worship
Hinton	6pm BCP Evensong

April 15th Easter 3

Aynho	11am Communion
Croughton	9:30am Communion
Evenley	6pm Taize
Farthinghoe	9:30 said Communion
Hinton	11am Communion

April 22nd Easter 4

10am Communion at Evenley

April 29th Easter 5

11am Shared Communion Aynho
followed by shared lunch at Aynho Village Hall

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