

# THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

## **Santa Claus is coming to Farthinghoe!**

Thanks to our friends at Brackley Round Table, Santa will be touring the village on his sleigh on Wednesday 16th December. He'll be starting at 6pm so should get around all the houses before 7pm. You'll hear him coming so please make sure you give him a wave. His helpers will be knocking on your doors collecting for local causes so please give as generously as you can.



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## RECTOR'S LETTER NOVEMBER 2015

Happy Christmas to all our readers, I pray that you may all have a joyful and Christ filled Christmas. Not forgetting that it is Christmas, thankfully we haven't yet got to the stage of wishing people a happy festival, for Christmas is about Christ and the coming of the Christ Child. A child whose parents knew all about the problems of invading forces taking over their country, of massacres on a ruler's whim and the fright of having to flee home and family and seek refuge in a foreign country. Most of this sounds sadly all too familiar today.

Christmas is a time for giving, it started with the giving of the gift of the Christ child, Jesus. Bringing joy not only to his parents, but also a joy for the whole world. Joy in the sense that in his example of self giving and sacrifice, Jesus laid a pattern for humankind to follow. A pattern of looking out and looking up, rather than inward and just thinking about one's self.

A selfish world only cares about itself, its family, its friends, its country. But a caring world thinks about others, it will put the needs of others above the need of self. It will give the shirt of their back, turn the other cheek to find a solution and avoid conflict. The old fashioned word for this might be charity, which talks not of the coin we drop into the carol singer's box, hoping they might move on, but charity meaning love for others. All of the world's major faiths share this common bond of looking out and looking up. This is easily lost in a secular world which looks only to self for the answer and for one's own interest. In recent years surveys of the amount we spend on Christmas gifts vary from £400-£600 per person. I don't know which figure to believe but what I do know is that many, many people will have little or nothing spent on them and no love showed to them. So why not this year, put some charity (love for others) back into Christmas and put a little more than a few coins aside to help others and show them some love.

So may you all find true joy at this time of year and have a Joyful and Christ filled Christmas. And I look forward to seeing you at the many Christmas and carol services this Christmas time.

### Posada or Travelling Cribs



Posada is a Spanish word for 'inn'.

Posada celebrations originated in Mexico where two young people would be chosen to dress up as Mary and Joseph. They would travel around their village telling people about the forthcoming arrival of Jesus, and asking if they would give him a room.

Today we do not send two young children around the village, but we send the nativity figures of the Holy Family to visit your homes, also known as travelling Cribs.

They are looking for somewhere to stay each night in December until Christmas

If you could give them a home for the night please contact me or Shemil

God Bless you all, **Rev. Simon Dommett**

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At November's Parish Council meeting we had a constructive discussion in the open session regarding the proposed expansion of the playground to incorporate a 5 aside football pitch. Concerns were expressed that such an addition could encourage much older children to the playground and increase noise from the playground, which will be looked into.

We mentioned in October's Chronicle that the Council would be looking to hold an exhibition on the potential bypass routes for the village. The draft leaflet from South Northants Council in relation to the bypass exhibition was received and the Chair had drafted a list of suggested changes based on all councillors' input. Farthinghoe Parish Council does not have a view on the proposed routes and so we now await feedback from the questionnaire which has been sent to parishioners along with the outcomes of the exhibitions which are planned.

We agreed that attempts would be made to investigate the possible funding from SNC for enhanced LED lighting on the street lights throughout the village as this was seen as a potentially more economical way of providing community lighting within the village, and this will also be discussed at the upcoming CPRE meeting.

As we mentioned in the November addition, a 30mph limit has now been approved for Clark's Lane and New Road to cover the stretch of road which passes the Playpark. It is not yet clear where the 30mph signs will be positioned nor when the instillation will be completed. Although, we have requested a flashing light indicator or standard playground sign as a minimum to further highlight the playpark to road users, Northants County Council have advised they cannot afford such a sign and that there is no power supply. We therefore intend to invite Steve Barber to attend the January FPC meeting to discuss a self-purchase scheme.

Unusually, the next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in the Beasley Room at the Village Hall.

#### VILLAGE NOTICES

**Mothers' Union:** Deanery Advent Service will be on Wednesday, December 9th, at 2pm. at the Village Hall. All welcome

**Church Cleaning:** This will be on Tuesday, December 15th from 8.30am. Please note earlier time!

**Church Decorating:** We will be decorating the Church for Christmas in the week before the Carol service which is on December 20th. Any help with arranging flowers or foliage will be most welcome!

**Farthinghoe Friends:** will meet at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 8th December, from 2.30 - 4 pm. All welcome. Contact Lin on 711938 for more details.



**FESTIVE CELEBRATION CONCERT:** There are still a few tickets available for Christmas concert- **A Festive Celebration**, on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. This wonderful event will be held in the beautiful church of All Saints, Churchill, OX7 6NU. The evening will be a celebration of Christmas, with seasonal music from the talented Voice Box choir ([www.voiceboxchoir.co.uk](http://www.voiceboxchoir.co.uk)) and festive readings from local celebrities including Jane Booker, Lynn Farleigh, Sue Cook and Paul Greenwood and Claire Nielson. Tickets are £20 each (including refreshments) and we encourage supporters to book early to avoid disappointment. Please download an application form from our website [www.khh.org.uk](http://www.khh.org.uk) or call the Fundraising Department on (01295) 816484 to book your tickets.

**CHRISTMAS BAG PACK DAYS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** As part of our Christmas fundraising, we are holding three supermarket Bag Pack Days and are looking for volunteers to help on the day. Do you have 1.5 hours available to help pack shoppers' bags? We have been offered:

Sainsbury's Banbury store on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

The Co-op, Chipping Norton on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Tesco's Banbury store on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

We have 1.5 hour shifts available from 9.30am – 3.30pm and would be delighted to hear from anyone who'd like to come along and lend a hand. Please call Sarah Brennan on 01295 816484 or email [sarah.brennan@khh.org.uk](mailto:sarah.brennan@khh.org.uk)

**CHRISTMAS KNITTED NOVELTIES:** Our knitted novelties are available from our seven local charity shops, all knitted by our wonderful team of volunteers! Each novelty is filled with a chocolate and sold for £1. Perfect for table decorations or stocking fillers (please note, they do contain nuts), this year we have Santas, snowmen, penguins, robins, Santa hats, Christmas puddings and festive hedgehogs.

**CHRISTMAS QUILT RAFFLE:** Tickets are on sale for our annual Christmas Quilt Raffle, with the chance to win one of two beautiful handmade quilts. The Material Girls Quilting group from Banbury have made a 60" x 60" lilac, blue and white appliqued quilt, whilst an Adderbury supporter has made a brightly coloured children's alphabet quilt in a small single size. Tickets are £1 and can be purchased from KHH reception and any of our seven charity shops.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS :** This year we have 16 beautiful new designs on offer this year, including local scenes and these are now on sale at our 7 charity shops and Hospice reception. Our 2016 Local Scenes calendar is also available, priced at £4.50.

**KHH Lottery:** Our lottery is a vital income source for Katharine House, having raised over £1 million since May 2000. If you're stuck for a Christmas present idea, we have a variety of Lottery Gift Membership solutions. For £1 per week you might get a phone call on a Friday morning from Wendy our Lottery Administrator telling you that you've won £1,000 - Wendy loves making that call! Lottery Office on 01295 816484 or email [lottery@khh.org.uk](mailto:lottery@khh.org.uk).

For fundraising information, please contact Sarah in the Fundraising Department at the Hospice, tel:01295 816484, email: [sarah.brennan@khh.org.uk](mailto:sarah.brennan@khh.org.uk) or visit our website: [www.khh.org.uk](http://www.khh.org.uk)

## Farthinghoe Cocktail Evening – a thank you....

On behalf of Farthinghoe Children's Playpark Committee we would like to thank our friends on the Cocktail Committee: Wendy, Jane, Becky, Nicki, Beste, and all the husbands, for the considerable hard work that went into making the evening such a raging success.

Fantastic, unbelievable! That is all that can be said about the Cocktail evening held in The Fox on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September. Not only were the Cocktails highly imaginative (and alcoholic!), the buffet was most tasty and welcome to soak up the alcohol and the outside facilities highly colourful and warm but, the most exciting part was the happy and generous mood of all the villagers who were able to attend.

It was like the old days when Farthinghoe was happy to get together and have a real knees-up, with old friends able to have a good chat and the young mums who were able to find a baby sitter, and have a good night out for a change. A huge thanks to all the Villagers who made contributions but were unable to attend for one reason or another and to Tom and his colleagues at The Fox, and finally, to all the participants of the Auction which raised so much money. Thank you very much.

The money raised was a fantastic achievement which enables us to complete payment for Stage A and to not be in any debt. We can now look at seeking funding for Phase B, which we hope we will be in a position to implement in Spring next year.

In addition to the major contribution made by the Cocktail Committee, Beste Bragg also came up trumps with a generous contribution from Waitrose. This money will enable us to pay for incidental expenses that have not been planned for.

Our sincere thanks, for raising such a generous financial contribution and for the warm and friendly evening enjoyed by all.

Farthinghoe Children's Playpark Committee



# Christmas at The Fox



We are looking forward to welcoming you to The Fox in December. In the run up to Christmas, we will be open as usual, offering our full menu including many of your favourite dishes, with a few seasonal extras. For groups or if you would like to take advantage of a great fixed price menu, our Christmas Feast Menu is also available to pre booked / pre ordered tables. Other events to look forward to:

## Ladies Nights, every Tuesday & Wednesdays in December

A great 3 course menu for £20—including a glass of wine!

## Friday Night Happy Hour from 5.00pm to 7.00pm

Get the weekend started, with reduced prices on many drinks

## The Village Quiz Night—Sunday 20th December

The quiz of the year

Teams of 4 for £50, to include sausage & mash supper

## Christmas Day

It's time for the family today, so the boss is giving most of us the day off! The bar is open for drinks from 11.30am to 1.30pm, whilst your turkey is cooking!

## Boxing Day

New for this year we will have brunch served from 10.30am and lunch from Noon to 3.00pm. Booking is required.

## New Year's Eve

Normal menu will be served from 6pm to 9pm so if you are off to a party there is a chance to enjoy a meal first, then after 9pm we have some great bar drinks deals, a party play list and bubbly to see the new year in. So it's your choice, just for dinner, just for the party or stay for both—we will look forward to celebrating with you.

## New Year's Day

We are back open for the first day of the year with lunch from noon to 3.00pm.

**The Fox at Farthinghoe**

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## The Masked Christmas Ball

Wow! I am still reeling from a whirlwind weekend of colour, music, good food, great company, games and laughter – plus an amazing community spirit that saw our village hall transformed into a glorious Christmas ballroom.

The hall looked amazing and the glamour continued as masked revellers began to arrive. The fizz flowed and the delicious canapes just kept on coming.

After all had sat and enjoyed a wide variety of “picnic” food, our MC, Dave Clayton, took to the stage

and the games began. Sally Thomas was the worthy winner of Heads and Tails, which was a nice gentle lead in to the more rowdy “Quest”, which saw, amongst other things, perfectly fine socks being bitten to pieces (you had to be there!), men parading around in red lipstick or with bras on their heads before the finale of smartly dressed gentlemen hastily ripping off their finery to turn it inside out and then put it on back to front. Hilarious!

The dance floor was packed all night, the band playing great tunes and the photobooth provided further entertainment – thanks to Charlotte Parnell for manning the camera and capturing all of the fun in the “booth”.

Steve Sneath of Mute Swan Photography also took some simply superb shots and we’ll find a way to share these with the village over the next week or so. Once shared, it would be great if, should you choose to download any of Steve’s shots, you make a small contribution to the village hall funds, via myself.

A big thank you both from and to the ball committee: Wendy Hancock, Kerry van Geest, Nicki Sneath and Lois Ashburner.

If you enjoyed the night and want to see more events in the village hall, I am appealing for volunteers to form an events committee. It takes a lot of time and effort to put together these things but if we can get quite a few volunteers, the intention is that people can participate as much or as little as they would like – you won’t need to be involved at every event, just at those that appeal to you or when you have the time to give. Also, if you have any ideas of what you would like to see taking place, please let me know. Ideas and volunteers, please email [pipsandel@live.co.uk](mailto:pipsandel@live.co.uk).

Masked and Marvellous? Farthinghoe certainly was!

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## Farthinghoe School News

The Infant Class' topic this term has been 'Africa'. They have been learning about Africa and in particular a village called Mugurameno. In English they have been writing fantasy stories and poems about African animals. All the children also took part in a 'Gunpowder Plot' drama workshop, learning all about Guy Fawkes.

On the **9<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm** the Infant Class will be doing the dress rehearsal of their Nativity play – 'The Landlord's Cat'. You are all very welcome to join us at the village hall for this.

This term the children in key stage 2 have done lots of things, including making life size paintings of people in action. In English we have been writing a story to read during 'buddy reading' and looking at Roald Dahl's life. Currently we are reading 'Boy' by Roald Dahl. In maths we have done grid method, chunking, adding and subtracting decimals, improper fractions and mixed numbers.

In Design and Technology we have designed fairground rides. We are now making them and attaching motors to them so that they spin around.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> November we sang in one of the Rotary Club of Banbury's 'Children Singing for Children' concerts with 6 other schools. All the money raised has gone to children's charities around the world.

Finally, we would like to invite you to our school Christmas Fayre on **11<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm until 8pm** in the village hall. There will be a raffle, stalls, refreshments, games and much more. We look forward to seeing you there.

Pippa and Al

### Children in Need

Dominic Wilde from Seven Sisters Close raised £150 for Children In Need by baking, decorating and selling Pudsey cakes around the village. WELL DONE!

He's asked us to include the following in this month's Chronicle:

*A big thank you to all those who bought some cakes or donated money.  
Very best wishes, Dominic*



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## BENEFICE WORSHIP IN DECEMBER

### 6<sup>th</sup> December – Advent 2

<b>9.30am</b>	<b>BCP Said Communion – FARTHINGHOE</b>
11am	Communion – AYNHO
11am	Morning Worship – HINTON
4.00pm	Christingle Praise - CROUGHTON
6.00pm	Taize Worship Advent Communion – EVENLEY

### 13<sup>th</sup> December – Advent 3

9.30am	Communion – AYNHO
9.30am	Communion – CROUGHTON
<b>10am</b>	<b>Family Service - FARTHINGHOE</b>
11am	Family Communion + Baptism – EVENLEY

### 20<sup>th</sup> December – Advent 4

10am	Communion – AYNHO
3.00pm	Lessons & Carols- EVENLEY
5.00pm	Lessons & Carols - AYNHO
6.00pm	Lessons & Carols- CROUGHTON
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Lessons &amp; Carols- FARTHINGHOE</b>
6.00pm	Lessons & Carols- HINTON

### 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve

3.30pm	Family Carols – CROUGHTON
5.00pm	Carols on The Green – AYNHO
<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Crib Service – FARTHINGHOE</b>
11.00pm	Midnight Mass– CROUGHTON

### 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas

10am	All age Service – EVENLEY
10.30am	Communion – AYNHO
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Communion- FARTHINGHOE</b>
10.30am	Communion- HINTON

### 27<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas 1

10am	Benefice Communion – CROUGHTON
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