THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....



This month heralds the beginning of autumn and all that it entails and this year villagers are bringing us a bumper crop of events on **Saturday 10 September...**

During the day the Root'n Toot'n Village Show will take place – the ideal opportunity for some friendly competition on the vegetable and homemade produce front. Then in the evening it's the Farthing-Hoe-Down, a great opportunity to get together as a community and party wild-west style!

Later in the month on Sunday 25 September at 6pm we have our annual Harvest Thanksgiving service in the church.

For details of all these events, and much more, please read on....

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RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS – SEPTEMBER 2016

We cannot but help notice the changes going on around us that signal long days for the farmers at harvest. September signals the month we give thanks for all that has been provided and the continuing cycle of nature. Knowing that we are not its master, but a steward who cares for the environment in which we live and on which we rely for our future. Our care for the earth or lack of, maybe the cause of many problems, global warming, unsettled weather patterns, lack of bees, near extinction of species and the list goes on. So may we use this time of harvest and cropping to remind our selves of our role and place in the universe. As Christians that puts it into a context of thanksgiving, of being grateful for the bounty of creation. Farmers and others work hard to produce the food we need, and enough is produced to feed the whole world. The food shortages we see are therefore of human origin and so we have the power if we want to address this.

September is also the time of the annual Historic churches bike ride, now renamed 'Ride and Stride' not to exclude the walkers, or even those who would go by car. This sponsored journey around any churches helps to raise money for the local church and also the Historic Churches Trust. This past year our churches have benefited from several thousands of pounds from their support and so I would ask you to support them in return. One way is by sponsoring Shemil and his son Thomas as they cycle around the benefice and beyond. Please contact him direct or pledge by email. Many of us are very grateful for the love and affection shown to us by our pets. You are invited to come to our Pizza Praise Pet Service in September where we give thanks for our friends and ask for God's blessing on them. Sunday 18th Aynho.

Do you enjoy singing? Music is very much part of our life and a great enhancer of our worship. We are very fortunate to have a robed choir at Aynho Church who sing each Sundays for us. They are always looking for new members to come and join their ranks. See Sybil Stevens if you are interested, practice on Friday evenings. We also have a benefice wide group-that is made up from members of our five villages and beyond. We don't sing every Sunday, but gather two or three times a year to sing at special occasions. There is no audition required just a desire to sing with others. The groups known as the BFC is gathering again in September to practice for our Advent Service just before Christmas. If you would like to come and give it a go, we will start rehearsing on Thursday evenings 7:30pm-9pm at the church in Hinton-in-the-Hedges and then will move to Aynho church when the weather gets colder. Just come along and join in, music and company will be provided. New and old members wanted. The first rehearsal will be at 7:30pm on Thursday 22nd September at Hinton-in-the-Hedges-I look forward to seeing you there.

God Bless you all,

Revd Simon Dommett



In July, the Parish Council were informed by Highways that a cabinet report on the bypass scheme was to be presented at a cabinet meeting on 6th September. However, we were subsequently informed that required checks with statutory bodies had not been carried out and in order to allow these to happen, the report would not now be presented until the November cabinet meeting. Cllr van Geest expressed his dissatisfaction and asked for an explanation as to how this had happened. The response was that too many other schemes being prepared, the checks had not happened. The statutory bodies have been given a deadline of 30 September to submit their responses which will allow the report to be prepared for the November cabinet meeting. We will therefore be requesting that the results of that cabinet meeting be shared with the Parish Council at the December PC meeting.

We can confirm that the repairs to Hinton Road have now been carried out and would like to reiterate our thanks in particular to Councillor Forbes for her relentless pursuit in having this issue addressed.

The Parish Councillors will be conducting their annual village "walk" before the September meeting. This allows the councillors to identify areas which are requiring attention or improvement in order to plan potential projects for the next financial year. Councillors are still very much aware of the issues with overgrown verges and hedges around the village and are working to identify ultimate responsibility to be able to press for areas to be addressed. In the meantime, we would ask that everyone attends to their own plots and ensures that these are kept neat and tidy, particularly where they are overgrowing on pavements and preventing safe passage.

We have had the benefit of an LED street light on the corner of Main Road and Manor Lane for a few months. Whilst there has been little in the way of feedback from villagers, councillors felt that the light is an improvement and are therefore requesting a quotation from the supplier. Not only will the LED lights provide better lighting, but they will be cheaper to run and maintain.

The deadline for the new speed limit signage to be installed on Clarkes Lane by the playpark is 6th September. Cllr Grant is very much on the case with this and we are confident that his persistence will bear fruit.

Dates for your diary: The next Parish Council meeting will be Wednesday, 14th September 2016 at 7.00pm in the Beasley Room at the Village Hall. Public time will be from 7.00pm to 7.15pm.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE NEWS

June	120 Club Winners No. 27 – Mr Sid Atkins - £25 No. 62 – Mr Pete Hampson - £10 No. 96 – Mrs Pip Clayton - £10
July	No. 53 – Mr Bob Osborne - £25 No. 117 – Mrs Rosemary Hobbs - £10 No. 67 – Mrs D Blake - £10

The Root'n Toot'n Village Show and Farthing-hoe-Down are very nearly here – **Saturday, 10**th **September is the day!** Entry forms for the classes need to be submitted to Diane Jones by **Saturday, 3**rd **September**. Judging of the entries will take place at 12pm on the day of the show so make sure you get your prize-winning submissions down to the hall in good time.

We have a turkey shoot, face painting, charity stalls, burgers and hot dogs, delicious cakes, horse shoe flinging, music from Aces and Eights, wood turning, a raffle, fancy dress competition, Magic Martin – the list goes on! Raffle tickets are currently on sale from members of the Village Hall Committee – get yours now, you've got to be in it to win it.

Gates open at 2pm, entry is just £1.00 on the day, so make sure you come on down and join the fun.

Doors re-open at 7.30pm for The Good, The Bad and The Ugly, our very own Farthing-hoe-Down. Tickets should be purchased before the event from Pip Clayton or Wendy Hancock. Priced at £15, they include a Kicking Cowboy cocktail, Apache Chilli and Jackets, a live dance band and caller to get you kicking your heels and a few other fun things thrown in. Bring your own drinks and don your fancy dress again – prizes for best dressed and best dancer.

Good luck with all of your produce-growing and cookie-baking – we look forward to seeing lots of entries on Show Day!

THE FARTHING-HOE-DOWN

'The Good, The Bad and The Ugly'

Saturday 10th September at the Village Hall

Doors open at 7.30pm, with a free Kicking Cowboy cocktail.

Dancing starts at 8.00pm to a live band and caller

Get ready to jingle those spurs and kick those Cuban heels!

Cowboy supper of Apache chilli and jackets

Bring your own drinks (and glasses)

Ticket Price £15 each

Western themed karaoke slot Games.

Cowboy Heads and Tails Competition:
Submit photos of your Cowboy's bottom wearing jeans
Cowgirls with a moustache and disguised with a cowboy hat pulled down low then
send the pictures to Pip by Sept 4th to go in the Wanted gallery

Spectacular Prizes for Best Dressed - and, Best Dancer!

Are you a Bad Cowboy, a Good Mexican or just ugly?

Tickets available from Pip Clayton or Wendy Hancock Tel. 07717 855727 (Pip) or 01295 711345 (Wendy)

Please book early so that we have an idea of numbers

Committee - Pip Clayton, Lucie Pearson, Lois Ashburner, Wendy Hancock, Jane Mills

Please let the committee know if you can supply a karaoke machine and empty beer bottles and cans



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A TRIBUTE TO DAVID BOYLES

David was born in Farthinghoe in 1936, the fifth of six children. He went to school in the Village and later in Brackley. He began his working life as a cabinet-maker, riding his bike to work. Like many others he did National Service. Later he worked on farms in Turweston and Kings Sutton.

David and Edna were married in 1959 and after a short move to Helmdon, they and their two children, Derek and Susan came back to live in Farthinghoe.

David worked at the Morris factory in Oxford, and then became a coach driver, firstly for Rainbows, and for the rest of his working life, Jeffs Coaches. As anyone who went on a trip would tell you, he would tell stories and sing to you, to the delight of the older ladies! As a young man he loved motorbikes, but in later years he enjoyed vintage ploughing matches, having first restored an old tractor.

David loved his family, Edna, Derek and Susan. Sadly Derek died suddenly in 2005.

When David became ill with cancer, he stayed positive and battled for 6 years, before his death on August 6th.

At his funeral, the Church was filled with family and many friends. The words of the reading - "Do not let your hearts be troubled" is difficult to believe at the time of a death, but we know his pain is over now, but we feel a sadness at having lost him.

Edna and Susan would like to thank everyone for the beautiful cards and kindness.

VILLAGE NOTICES

- Fete: The grand total raised at the Church Fete in June was £1885.55 this was a wonderful result. A big thank you to everyone!
- Coffee, Cake and Chat: This will be held in the Vestry on Friday 16 September from 10-11.15am. Hope to see you there!
- Church Cleaning: On Tuesday 20 September from 8.30am onwards. New helpers always welcome.
- Mothers' Union: The Brackley Deanery M.U. are holding their Wave of Prayer service in our Church on Wednesday 21 Septemberat 10.30am. Non members very welcome.
- Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee morning: This will take place on Friday 30 September from 10am - 12noon in the Vestry. Bring & Buy and also a Raffle. If you would like to donate in any way - contact 01295 711130.
- Ballroom & Latin Dance: classes at Farthinghoe Village Hall Thursday nights Beginners class 7.15-8.15pm, intermediate 8.15-9.15pm starting on 8th September. For more information please contact John Everett and Pam Brown on 01280 840288

Marking 100 years since the birth of Roald Dahl

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Time to celebrate!

Join us on Tuesday the 13th of September from 3.45pm until 6pm

at Farthinghoe Village Hall
for games, crafts, storytelling and magic!
Please email at bestebragg@mac.com

to put your name on the guest list
so we know how much frobscottle to make
and how big the snozzcumber cake should be!
Until then, keep reading and twinkling!
All ages welcome!

COMPOST CORNER

Hi, Barton here; Barton Hartshorn, to be precise. Mrs T's fiercesome ginger kitten [I bite, so watch it!], taking over from Pythagoras the goldfish because the mistress has failed to clean his tank for so many weeks that the poor piscine cannot see what's going on, through the algaed glass.

Although her last recorded sighting was at the station in Learnington Spa, rumours are emerging that Mrs Trellis is now in Europe [and long may she stay there!] on a plant finding expedition. Personally, I can't stand the woman. There I was, growing up quite nicely on a small holding in deepest Buckinghamshire, with my cute little sister, Mitzi, who is tortoiseshell and pretty and all the nice things that kittens are supposed to be, both of us ready to take on the role of scary, feral cat in the woods that no-one likes, when suddenly that Trellis woman turns up and decides to give us a cosy comfortable home – Yuck! So I bit her, lots, good and proper, just to let her know that I don't appreciate this yuppy lifestyle and would rather catch stoats for tea than eat the wretched Tesco muck that we get served every day.

Anyway, getting back to the point, the location for the most recent report of her Trellisness is none other than the infamous Reichenbach Falls. Not only was it noted that she was clutching a half-finished bottle of Reisling [I'm surprised on two counts — one that it was Reisling, she's more of a sauvignon blanc woman, and, two, that it was only *half*-finished and not completely empty] but it is thought that she was being hotly pursued by a small posse of motley individuals including Farthinghoe allotment holders and other upstanding members of the local community as well as a tall, tanned and much-wrinkled gentleman wearing red twill trousers and yellow jacket and waving an old, tattered railway guidebook in the air.

Mitzi, who is a bit of a creep and a turncoat and is now warming to that dreadful woman, tells me that because of the proximity of this action so close to this particular waterfall, she fears it may not end well. As for me, I can't wait to find out what happens next!

In the meantime, it's stoats for tea – hurrah!

Barton



BENEFICE WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

September 4th – Trinity 15

Aynho 11am Communion

Evenley 6pm Taize

Farthinghoe 9:30am SBCP Communion

Hinton 11am Family Worship

September 11th – Trinity 16

Aynho 11am Matins

Croughton 9:30 Communion

Evenley 11am Harvest Celebration

Farthinghoe 10am Family Worship

Steane 6pm BCP Evensong

- Guest preachers Gompertzes

September 18th Benefice Sunday

10am Communion at Aynho

4pm Pizza Praise Pet Service at Aynho

September 25th – Trinity 18

Aynho 11am Family Harvest Communion

Croughton 9:30am Communion Evenley 9:30am Family Worship

Farthinghoe 6pm Harvest Celebration

Hinton 11am Communion



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