

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....



The May Bank Holiday in many ways heralds the start of those busy summer months which all of us hope will be characterised by long, balmy days in our lovely village enjoying the company of friends, family and the glorious Northamptonshire countryside.

As always, there are plenty of dates to put in your diary and opportunities to get involved, from the **Farthinghoe History Project**, to the **Summer Ball** on **Saturday 24 June** and the **Fete** on **Sunday 9 July**. For all the details about these important village events, and much more, read on....

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RECTOR'S LETTER – MAY 2017

Easter Day may be over but for the Christian church the celebration of Easter and new life runs for 6 weeks until 25th May when we remember Jesus' ascension, or the day that he went back to heaven. The Christian year can be hard to follow with some events played out in real time - the 40 days Jesus was seen after his resurrection, and then conversely the 30 years of his life covered in just three months from Christmas to Easter! But 10 days after Ascension day on 25th May we will celebrate Pentecost or the coming of The Holy Spirit to Jesus' disciples, which enabled them to go and share the good news of Jesus with others.

Jesus told his followers "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses ...to the ends of the earth. When he had said this...he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight...Then they returned to Jerusalem ... and were constantly devoting themselves to prayer...

When the day of Pentecost had come they were all together in one place... All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit... and that day about three thousand persons were added." Acts 1,2

For many years many of us will have prayed the Lord's Prayer and be familiar with the phrase '**thy kingdom come**, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven'. The prayer for 'thy kingdom come' has been on the lips of Christians for some 2000 years. Last year the Archbishops of Canterbury and York started an invitation for Christians to use the 10 days between Ascension and Pentecost to join him in prayer for God's kingdom to come. This call to prayer has become an international and ecumenical call to movement uniting people from all over the world.

The website is <https://www.thykingdomcome.global>.

Between 25th May and 4th June, communities and churches around the world are gathering together to pray that their friends, families and neighbours come to know Jesus Christ. Prayer events of all shapes and sizes will take place across the 10 days, including 24-7 prayer rooms, prayer days, prayer walks and half nights of prayer. Cathedrals, churches and other venues will host Beacon Events, gathering people across towns and cities to worship and to pray for the empowering of the Holy Spirit for effective witness

In our Local communities our churches will be open for quiet and prayer during the day and will host special candle lit quiet times in the evenings.

This will start with an Ascension Day service at 7pm on 25th May at Aynho followed by churches opening in the evening from 7-8pm for people to come and go as they please, to pray, to reflect or just to enjoy the peace and beauty of the church:

Tuesday 30th May Croughton

Wednesday 31st May Evenley

Thursday 1st June Hinton

Friday 2nd June Farthinghoe

God Bless you all, Revd Simon Dommett



At the Annual Parish Meeting in April, we welcomed District Councillor Rebecca Breese, Chris Wragg from Northamptonshire Highways and Reverend Simon Dommett.

We heard reports from County Councillor Ron Sawbridge, District Councillor Rebecca Breese and Parish Council Chairman, Ross van Geest, who announced his intention to resign as Chairman of the Parish Council at the May Annual General Meeting. In addition, there were reports from the Safety Community Team, Farthinghoe Church and Almshouses, Farthinghoe Village Hall, the Mothers' Union, the Church Piece allotments and Farthinghoe School.

Chris Wragg provided an update on the proposed Farthinghoe bypass. Following surveys in early 2016, it was established that there was support for a bypass from the village and that the northern route was the preferred option. In March 2017, the bypass was accepted onto the list of major project developments. There is still a considerable amount of environmental work to be completed, which is likely to take 18 months. This will lead to an Environmental Statement which will be submitted alongside the planning application for the bypass. With regards to funding, it is estimated that the scheme will cost £1 million just to get it to the point where it is ready to construct. Positive points on the funding front are that the bypass is a straightforward route with modest costs, making it more viable. The likely cost to construct will be in the region of £12m to £14m. It is realistic that it could be completed in the early 2020s, provided there is ongoing support from government funding.

A question was asked as to the likely impact of HS2 on Farthinghoe. Mr Wragg explained that the A422 is not on the construction traffic route, although it was pointed out that additional traffic will switch to the A422 from other routes, due to increased HS2 traffic on those routes. Concern was expressed about the impact of the planned Euro Garages development on the Farthinghoe side of the M40 at Junction 11. Rebecca Breese stated that South Northamptonshire Council (SNC) is against this development, but that Cherwell and SNC have different, and sometimes conflicting, policies.

Copies of all reports can be viewed on the Parish Council website.

Councillors would like to thank Ross van Geest for all his hard work as Chairman and are delighted that he intends to continue as a councillor. His strategic approach to matters has enabled the Parish Council to become even more proactive and communication with the parish has increased considerably since Ross took office.

At the May AGM, there is always a requirement to vote for the Chair of the Council for the next financial year, so we will share that announcement in the next Chronicle.

Thank you to those of you who attended the Annual Parish Meeting.

If you have any suggestions on how you would like to see the APM presented next year, please send these to the Clerk, Pip Clayton, emailing clerk@farthinghoeparishcouncil.org

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The role of the Village Hall Committee, set out in a legal document, is to maximise the benefit to the Villagers of Farthinghoe and Steane who effectively 'own' the Hall which is managed on your behalf by the Trustees and the Committee. Clearly there are costs associated with keeping the facility in good condition and generating funds to improve the amenity over time.

Income is generated by hiring the Hall to external organisations and individuals, and encouraging support from within the Village. The Events Committee has managed to put on some great events over the past year or so and the last couple of Film nights have been both well supported and entertaining with some good profits to be shared between the Hall and the Defibrillator fund. Villagers wishing to use the Hall can now do so at significantly reduced rates and with immediate effect, the charge will be reduced to £5 per hour to cover basic costs. Marquee, chairs and tables with swags and chair covers are available for hire at a small charge. All charity events are free, as are school fundraising events.

We are building a separate website which will show the availability and facilities of the Hall.

Thank you to all those who have contributed to and supported our Hall over the past year. The Summer Ball will take place on 24th June and details will follow shortly. The next phase of the storage upgrade will see the construction of the new Bar and decoration of the end wall. You may have seen the request from Steve Sneath for old photographs of the village. This is for a project to create a more involving atmosphere in the Hall by presenting photographs and pictures of local people, buildings and events. Please contact Steve or a Committee member if you have any material which will help the project - no need to do anything other than provide the original material which will be copied by us and the originals returned to you.

150 Club Draw

£25 - Angie Grant, £15 - Lois Ashburner, £10 - Bob Osborne

Farthinghoe Events presents...

Our Summer Ball

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Enter our enchanted woodland, frolic with fairies, dance with nymphs

Saturday, 24th June 2016

Doors open at 7pm

Ticket price £15 per head

To include:

Midsummer's Love Potion on arrival

Live music

Bring your own picnic and drink

Prize for best dressed table

Tables seating 8 and 10 available

Dress code – a summer's evening

For tickets, contact

Wendy Hancock, 01295 711345

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*I'll give thee fairies to attend on thee. And they shall
fetch thee jewels from the deep and sing, while thou on
pressed flowers dost sleep*



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FARTHINGHOE HISTORY PROJECT – an update....

We would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who has sent through old photos of the village and to those who have been in touch with information.

It has been fascinating seeing the old photos, and how parts of the village have changed (and parts that still look remarkably the same!). If you still have photos to send through or stories to tell it is not too late - we would love to hear from you!

Nicki Sneath and Duncan Bragg would now like to invite anyone who wishes to share their memories of Farthinghoe to meet with us at the Church Fete on Sunday 9 July. We are hoping to capture as many memories as possible, either as individual tales or as part of a chat with others, so do feel free to come along and see us there to share your stories.

We are also planning to arrange a group get together over tea and cake in due course so that long standing members of the village can reminisce! We hope to be able to film this with the participants' permission, to be able to share the memories with the current community and with generations to come. If you would be interested in taking part in this do get in touch, or come and have a chat to us at the Church Fete. We look forward to hearing from you.

For more information on any of the above or to share your photos and/or memories please contact Nicki and Steve Sneath (01295 713986 or nickiandsteve@sky.com).

COMPOST CORNER – MAY

Happy May Day, everyone!

Why do we feel the need to celebrate on May 1st? It's all about spring fertility and the start of summer weather. May 1st is halfway between the spring equinox in the middle of March and the summer solstice in the middle of June.

The Romans celebrated Flora, the goddess of flowers, in late April to mark the arrival of summer. Gaelic May Day in Ireland and Scotland is known as Beltane. In northern Europe, Walpurgis Night, also called "witches' night", on April 30th celebrated the English missionary Saint Walpurga, with a feast on May 1st that included dancing and young women being kissed. The witches' night involved cattle being driven between two rows of fire in order to cleanse them from disease, while the Druids muttered incantations over them.



Secular traditions in Britain include dancing round the maypole and crowning the May Queen.

Oliver Cromwell considered maypole dancing to be a "heathenish vanity" and passed legislation against it. However, in 1660, "Merry Monarch" Charles II reinstated the May Day celebrations and erected a huge 40-metre pole on the Strand in London which remained there for almost 50 years.

In Oxford, a Latin hymn or carol is sung from the top of Magdalen College tower on May Day morning, followed by the ringing of bells to signal the start of Morris dancing in the streets.

Another tradition is celebrated by students at St Andrews University rushing naked into the sea at sunrise on 1 May, out of enthusiasm, so it is said, for the change of season.

As for me, I would like to combine all the celebrations together in order to fully protect my newly sown crops on the allotment and welcome the warmer weather. If anyone can tell me where I can find a queen with a 40 metre pole around which I can Morris dance, while muttering incantations, before plunging naked into my water-butt at sunrise, I would be delighted.

Happy fecundity!

Mrs. Trellis

VILLAGE NOTICES

- ❖ Church - There will be a Coffee morning with Bring & Buy and also a raffle on Friday 12 May from 10am - 12noon. In aid of Church Funds. Everyone welcome.
- ❖ Church Cleaning - This will take place on Tuesday 9 May from 8.30am onwards. Don't forget - many hands make light work!
- ❖ Church Fete - Still more helpers needed! If you would like to help in any way, please let Rosemary Jarvis know. The date is Sunday 9 July - put it in your diary!
- ❖ Mothers Union - There will be a Deanery Mothers Union Coffee morning in Farthinghoe Village Hall from 10am - 12noon on Friday 12 May. This is open to everyone!

OPEN DAY AT THE KATHARINE HOUSE HOPSICE GARDEN

Many driving past KHH on Aynho Road in Adderbury will know the magnificent lawns in front of the building, but few may be aware of the beautiful gardens that lie to the southern aspect behind.

They were designed and created shortly after the hospice was opened 25 years ago for the benefit of patients and staff, and were funded from a bequest.

The gardens are maintained today by a group of volunteers and they, together with the hospice, open them for the public to enjoy one day a year, and this year it will be on Sunday 4 June from 2-5pm.

This is your opportunity to view the gardens, have afternoon tea with a slice (or two!) of our delicious homemade cakes, listen to the music of Deddington Silver Band on the lawn, and browse the plant sale area, where quality plants and flowers are sold at reasonable prices.

Entrance is £2.50 – no charge for children – and the money raised from the event funds tool and equipment maintenance and replacement, and the ongoing improvement of the garden.

It all makes a delightful afternoon out, and we look forward to welcoming back the many who support us annually, and also those visiting for the first time.

Please put the date in your diary, and we look forward to seeing you on Sunday 4 June.

Peter Waite, Garden Volunteer

*****for more information please contact Christine Hunt in the village*****

BENEFICE WORSHIP IN MAY

7th May - Easter 4

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

14 May - Easter 5

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

21 May - Benefice Sunday

10am Communion at Aynho

28 May - Easter 7

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



May at The Fox

New Summer Menu starts 5th May

Lots of your favourites plus new dishes for the summer months

Fixed Price Wednesday Night Menu

2 courses for £15, three courses £17.50 from our special menu plus a free drink! Check the menu on our website and call us to book your table

Friday Night Fizz

What a way to start the weekend throughout May
One third off the price of our bottles of chilled prosecco at just £16. Sparkling cocktails at the bar.

Plus if two or more people book a table and have a two course meal we will give you the bubbly for free! (*)
First 6 tables booked each week—see website for details

Guest Ale for May

We have Old Hooky Ale from Hook Norton coming soon

Bank Holiday Weekend

Sunday 28th May

We have booked our old friend **CRAIG LIVE** for an early evening of his great music, plus will be firing up our **SAUSAGE BBQ** and The **ICE CREAM MAN** will be coming!

More details will follow!

Should be a great Fox Sunday Night Party

The Fox Farthinghoe

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