

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....



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Pastoral Letter – February 2020

Hello Everyone, I hope you are keeping your Spirits up as the long dark nights of winter begin to recede slightly. Very soon the first signs of Spring will appear, and show us that new life is beginning to pop up all around us, and this brings us new hope and fresh energy.

February has two major events; Valentine's Day, when love and romance are celebrated, and Ash Wednesday which is the beginning of the season of Lent in the Church cycle of seasons. It's hard to imagine two more opposite things to try to bring together, but it is love that brings these two events together. There are many kinds of love, and all of us, at some level, want to be loved. And the good news for every person on the face of the earth is that **God loves us**. But not everyone knows this, and even if we do know this, often we do not feel God's love.

Many times in life we will feel disconnected from God, and we will feel as if God is distant from us. But God hasn't gone anywhere, he is still there loving us as he always has. And God wants you to know his love,,, and he wants you to feel his love for you too. However, in any relationship, to know and feel the love of another we must have some kind of continuing contact with them. So for example, I know in my head that my family love me, but I feel that love in my heart and my whole being when I call to speak to them, or receive a phone call or a text or card from one of them. In other words, we need to keep communicating otherwise we begin to feel distant and disconnected from each other. And it's the same with God; to feel his love we need to keep speaking to him and communicating with him. God loves us, and no matter how bad we sometimes feel about ourselves, God still loves us, and wants to help us through our journey in this life and to one day bring us home to himself. God is always there for us, and **he is only ever one prayer away from us at any time**. So, at any time we can speak to God and tell him we are sorry for letting it go for so long without praying or communicating with him, and that we want to start afresh and continue our day, and our lives with him.

Happy Valentine's Day. And may we all know, and feel, God's love for us each and every day.

With love, Rev Sue

FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL



To All Farthinghoe & Steane Residents.

Brackley Community Hospital 2020 Trust.

Recently we were invited to Brackley Town Hall to hear a presentation made by the Chair of Brackley Community Hospital 2020 Trust (Cllr.Caryl Billingham MBE) outlining the plans and progress of the new Brackley Community Hospital to be located alongside of the new Brackley Medical Centre, although this is not solely restricted to patients of that Centre

Please see the following link

<https://www.brackleycommunityhospital.charity/index.php/what-we-are>

Fundamentally the presentation centres on finding the necessary funding to progress this project as a Charitable Trust and was a plea to Parish Councils & Town Councils along with their respective communities to become involved to help to achieve these goals

A huge amount of time and effort has already been put into the founding & developing of this project, which we believe is a much needed local facility and one which will be great asset to the whole District including Farthinghoe & Steane.

Caryl has made the offer to visit Farthinghoe to make a personal presentation to the Parish Council or to the Community as a whole.

We believe that this Trust will develop into a great local asset and we should hear what Caryl has to say because it is an important opportunity, powerfully & sincerely presented.

It is also worth noting that adjacent to the above mentioned medical facilities work has also begun to construct a new well equipped Independent Care Home facility—See the following link.

<https://www.kingsleyhealthcare.co.uk/developments/brackley-project.php>

This location of the whole complex will benefit from the Stagecoach 500 Bus Service passing close by making it easily accessible to all.

It is our intention to extend an invitation to Caryl to make her presentation (inclusive of a Questions & Answers session) at our Village Hall in the near future & I hope that we can deliver a good turnout for what should be an important issue for us all.

Once organised notice of these arrangements will be advised in the Farthinghoe Chronicle, via the Parish Council database & on the village noticeboards

Yours Faithfully,

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Village Hall News

The 200 Club January Winners

£25 – Hazel Lister, £15 - 40 Nick Hunt, £10 - 24 Rosemary Ewing

Broadband: We will be installing Broadband within the next couple of months. This will allow us to manage the Hall remotely with cameras, sensors and heating/lighting controls.

Heating: The new heating system is currently being installed and will be operational by the beginning of February. We have done the initial wiring of the circuits and the system is being installed professionally and will be controlled remotely when Broadband is installed.

Read & Feed: 1st Friday in February - 15.00 to 17.00hrs - new books in stock.

Marquee: We have been investigating the cost of rep[airing the existing Marquee. It is more cost effective to purchase a new one and this has been ordered. We will keep the old one to use without the side panels and it has already been hired to provide a covered entrance to the Hall for a Wedding in May 2020.

Films: The Projector left the country with the Bragg family (they owned it). The School has kindly agreed to donate a projector, so we should be up and running with the capability to show films etc. in the future.

Future of the Hall: The Committee has the clear responsibility, laid down in a legal document, to keep the Hall in good condition for the use and enjoyment of the Villagers. Events are put on for the Village and there has been an increase in non-villagers at recent events which is good news for the Events team. However, the Hall is a facility for the Village and we do need to know what sort of activities would be enjoyed if we put them on. The Table Tennis Club is a good example of how a group can organise something themselves, utilising the facilities available. Monday evening at 19.30 if anyone else is interested as we now have two tables.

Kitchen: We will be upgrading the kitchen at some point. Should any Villager be thinking of changing their kitchen, we would be interested in seeing if there is anything which maybe repurposed to help us. Please contact Dave Hancock - dave.hancock7@gmail.com if you can help. Jane and Gary Mills have kindly donated a new oven, and Lisa and Geoff Wenmouth have donated some kitchen equipment, as have Steve and Karen Wilson. New bar stools donated by Steve and Nikki Sneath.

FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Happy New Year to all of our families and the local community!

The children have returned to school in 2020 looking so smart, well-rested and full of enthusiasm for the term ahead.

During our second week back to school, we embarked on a whole school trip to 'The Oxfordshire Museum' in Woodstock. Here is a report from year 5 and year 6 pupils -

On Tuesday 15th January 2020 the whole school went on a fun school trip to Oxfordshire Museum. When we arrived at the Museum we were greeted ever so kindly into the main hall where keystone 1 and keystone 2 split up. Keystone 1 went off to the main museum to explore while keystone 2 had their workshop, 'Who would want to be a Roman?', with a friendly lady called Naomi Cooper. In the workshop keystone 2 were given the opportunity to hold real and replicas of Roman artefacts. When keystone 2 had finished the workshop, everybody in the school had their lunch together. After lunch, keystone 1 had their workshop, 'Spit and Polish' while keystone 2 explored the museum. In the museum there were lots of exhibitions - years 5 and 6 went to the Roman exhibition while years 3 and 4 explored the rest of the museum.

By R Boyd, S Sneath and B Milam.

As you may gather from the trip report, it was certainly a busy day and the children thoroughly enjoyed the museum and taking part in their topic based workshops. The museum staff complimented the children on their behaviour and eagerness to learn - all the children were fantastic Ambassadors for the school!



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Farthinghoe Village Hall 200 Club

The Club was set up as a lottery not only to give away cash prizes, but also, to help with the upkeep maintenance and improvement of the Hall, which is for the benefit of everyone in the village.

There are numbers available at the moment at only £1 each per month with cash prizes of £25 £15 and £10 every month

Its easy to become a member just contact me and I will do the rest. Graham Osborne
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VILLAGE NOTICES

Church Cleaning: Will be on Tuesday 11 February from 8.30am. We are always pleased to have more helpers!

Coffee, Cake and Chat: On Friday 14 February from 10 – 11am in the Church Vestry. There will also be a raffle. Hope to see you there!

Parochial Church Council: Will meet on 18 February at 2pm at Farthinghoe Lodge.

Advance Notice

The Women's World Day of Prayer is on Friday 6 March in Farthinghoe Church.

REMINDER: New Bus Service

From Monday 13th January Stagecoach will be introducing a new hourly return bus service between Brackley and Bicester.

This service will link up with the existing 500 series at Brackley Market Place. From Bicester it will also link up with Oxford bound services.

As the bus will be a Banbury based bus the first service in the morning & the last return journey in the evening will both stop in Farthinghoe.

Detailed timetables are available from Stagecoach. The Bus Service number is 505

<https://www.stagecoachbus.com/routes/oxfordshire/500/brackley-banbury/xoao500.i>



PFCC and Chief Fire Officer respond to fire service 'state of the nation' report

Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold welcomed the helpful 'State of the Nation' report into the fire service nationally that has been published by HMICFRS today (January 15).

The report acknowledges the challenges that have faced Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue over the past few years, when the service was part of the county council and badly affected by that organisation's financial problems. However, changes put in place by Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC) since he took on the governance of Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS) in January 2019 have already resulted in real improvements to the service received by the public.

Stephen Mold said: "This national report is very useful and contains some interesting recommendations about the ways that the fire service nationally could develop in the future. We've already begun to make some of those changes in Northamptonshire.

"NFRS has made real strides over the past year, with significant improvements in appliance availability and response times, the growth in establishment of 12 new firefighter posts and the purchase of seven new vehicles. The Service is on a stable footing thanks to the efforts of the firefighters and staff and we are now able to begin to make transformational changes such as sharing support with Northamptonshire Police to give greater capability in the future."

Darren Dovey, Chief Fire Officer of Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service, said: "This report is positive and provides a helpful direction that would create the conditions in which the sector could significantly reform, so it is fit to meet the challenges of the next decade. It is a national report but its recommendations would put us on a path to delivering an even better service in Northamptonshire.

"The recommendations made would support Chief Officers across the country by providing a clear direction for the sector at a national level and then giving them the operational independence so that they can make that happen. I will be working with the Commissioner on pushing ahead with the pace of positive change in Northamptonshire to provide the best service that we can for local people."



**KATHARINE
HOUSE
HOSPICE**

FROM KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE, ADDERBURY
For inclusion in your January newsletter
(By email)

Local end-of-life care services at risk due to funding shortfall, warns Banbury's hospice

Banbury's local hospice, Katharine House, has warned that local end-of-life care services are at risk amid increased need for its services and a broken national funding model.

Figures from national end-of-life care charity Hospice UK suggest that eight in ten hospices are running at a deficit this year. Katharine House is one of those, and is facing a budgeted shortfall of £435,000 as government funding continues to fall as a percentage of the hospice's costs.

Katharine House has launched an appeal to the local community to help close the funding gap, and whilst more than £58,000 has already been raised, there's an urgent need for more funding with at least £400,000 still urgently needed. The charity's Chief Executive, Angharad Orchard, warns that the deficit puts services at risk for more than 900 local families living with cancer, motor neurone disease, heart failure and around 20 other life-limiting illnesses:

"The community has really got behind us and we are extremely grateful to everyone who has already supported us since we announced our funding shortfall. However, there is a long way to go and we urgently need more support.

If we cannot close the gap we will have to make some very difficult decisions about the services we can offer. This will have a serious impact on the lives of local families, now and well into the future, and it's likely that fewer people will be able to receive the support they so desperately need. For the patients who rely on specialist support to be there when it is needed, this would be unthinkable.

We are a local independent charity funded by the community, for the community, and without your continuing long-term support, people will not get the specialist help they need to ensure they and their families can make every moment matter in the time they have left together.

Please could you make an urgent donation today to help your friends, neighbours and loved ones receive the care when they need it? You can donate online at www.khh.org.uk or drop a donation in to one of our shops."

How you can help ensure Katharine House's future:

- Make a donation by post, online (www.khh.org.uk/donate) or by phone (01295 811 866)
- Spread the word to friends, family and colleagues that your hospice urgently needs the ongoing support of our community.

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Benefice Worship – February 2020

At the time of printing no schedule was available.

For details of services in the benefice please visit:

<https://sites.google.com/site/astwickvalebenefice/events-calendar>

Alternatively please contact the Rector.





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