

# THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

*Village news, notices and events....*



December saw lots of festive activity in the village including Carol Singing in aid of MacMillan Nurses, a Christmas dog walk, the screening of Home Alone in the Hall, even snowfall that enabled sledging - and that's before New Year's Eve in The Fox...!

There's plenty to look forward to in 2018, too, and you'll find details of events to put into your diary inside this edition of The Chronicle, and much more.... Happy New Year!

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## RECTOR'S LETTER – JANUARY 2018

Happy New Year to all our Readers and many grateful thanks for all the help and support that has been given this past year. Many thanks as well to our News Letter Editors printers and distributors.

As Brexit rumbles on we turn our thoughts to the year ahead. For any organisation to flourish it needs a structure and that is as true for the church as any other. In your local church there is the Rector or priest with spiritual and legal responsibilities. Then there are two church wardens, they are not only responsible for the fabric of the local church but as channels of communication between the church people they represent and the priest. They hold important posts for the smooth running of the church. They are elected each year by the congregation from the church members and by the church members whose names are on the church electoral role. Elections take place in April, but with Easter on 1<sup>st</sup> April (yes it isn't a joke) the congregations need to start thinking about who they want to represent them in the coming year now. Under the church wardens there is the Parochial Church Council which is a group of people elected by the congregation to help in the running of the church and to represent their wishes. They serve for three years and each year a third of their number is elected. Elections take place at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) before the end of April.

I hope many people will take the opportunity to thank the wardens and PCC members for all they have done this past year and consider if God may be calling you to this role in 2018.

This summer I hope that I might take a three month sabbatical or study leave from the Benefice. Priests are encouraged every seven years to take some time out for self nourishment and study. At the moment I have permission from our Bishop to take this leave and I am very grateful to the ministry team to help cover the services while I am away so services will continue as usual. I am awaiting some funding grants and trying to plan who might look after our dog some of the time, as I hope Heather will be able to come with me as well. On my previous sabbatical I studied pilgrimages from a pilgrim's perspective and have been involved in some way with them ever since. This time I want to explore the effect of pilgrims on the places they visit, both in a religious and non religious context – ie how has, say Lourdes, been effected by pilgrims and how have communities in Germany and Poland been effected by those visiting the concentration camp memorials.

Our own churches in their own way are places of pilgrimage, places where people go to find God and visitors can effect those who work and worship there. I hope to confirm shortly if this will all go ahead.

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## VILLAGE NOTICES

- ❖ Church Cleaning - will take place on 9 January from 8.30am onwards.
- ❖ P.C.C. - on 10 January at 7.30pm at Farthinghoe Lodge.
- ❖ Coffee, Cake & Chat - Come and enjoy coffee and fellowship on 19 January from 10-11am in the Church Vestry.
- ❖ THANK YOU - A big thank you to everyone who helped with the arrangements for Christmas at the Church. Happy New Year!

Getting festive with Carol Singing in Farthinghoe!



## **FARTHINGHOE VILLAGE HALL NEWS**

A Happy New Year to everyone.

As the Old Year folds, it is a great time to reflect on the achievements of the previous year as we think forward to the next.

The Community spirit is clearly growing in the village with some great support for the events which have been organised either at or by the Village Hall, the snow falling heavily and Santa Claus kindly visiting the Fox!

The revival of the Community Carol singing was very popular, with some gorgeous singing and raised over £100 for MacMillan Nurses despite the intention not to collect money - thanks to all those generous donations and to the Fox for supplying mulled wine to warm the singers after a very cold evening. Some format tweaks for next Year, but it will be on the Events agenda again.

Lots of people worked very hard with the Village Hall clear-up and the grounds now look much better and are awaiting the delivery of the new school PE storage unit. Great support with grass cutting and the building works.

The Defibrillator has been installed at the Fox - thanks to Steve Manning for the electrics donation inc. the installation.

A great evening to say goodbye to 'Tom at the Fox - many families inc. children to give him a good sendoff. We look forward to supporting Tanita and her team during 2018 and hopefully working closely together on a number of Events.

The Church service for the Children was very well attended as was the Christmas Fair for the school with some fantastic prizes in the raffle.

Everyone enjoyed a lovely Christmassy afternoon at the village hall watching 'Home Alone' - £150 was raised - thank you particularly to Duncan and Beste.

A new Year for the 150 Club - prepare for a visit if you have not paid by BACS in 2017 - the Heavy Mob will be descending in January.

Have a great 2018 and look forward to seeing you all during the year - the Village Hall Committee.

## **2018 VILLAGE HALL EVENTS**

The Events Committee is pleased to announce plans for 2018. Please put these dates in your diaries and be ready to come along and share the fun.

### **Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 10am to 12pm - Jumble sale and coffee morning**

We will be appealing for good quality bric-a-brac, books, clothes, jewellery, household items etc, so please keep this in mind when clearing out your cupboards.

### **Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> May, evening - Barn Dance**

We're hoping to book the Larkrise Ranters again, who gave us such a great evening last time.

### **Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, afternoon - Village Show/Harvest Festival**

The re-vamped village show will include a variety of traditional produce competitions as well as games and activities for all.

### **Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> November, evening - Christmas Ball**

We will be seeking to emulate the huge success of last year's Masked Ball, with canapes, cocktails and a live band to add to the atmosphere of this picnic ball.

More details will follow as we begin to organise each event, but we look forward to seeing you at these great events next year. And of course, if any of the above really appeals to you and you'd like to help with the arrangements, we would love you to offer your services to the committee.

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





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ON THE DELICIOUS BREAD  
AND TASTY FILLINGS FOR  
THE SANDWICHES AND  
HOW FRESH THEY WERE -  
IT WAS SO NICE TO HAVE  
HOMEMADE. THE LOVELY  
SPREAD REALLY MADE OUR  
CELEBRATION SPECIAL!”

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## **FARTHINGHOE BYPASS UPDATE**

**The following was posted by Andrea Leadsom, MP, on her website on 14 December 2017:**

“Residents in Farthinghoe have been lobbying hard for a bypass for their village for many years now, and I have had emails and letters on the matter since I became your MP. I am acutely aware of the problems along the A422, particularly through Farthinghoe where the incidents of HGVs meeting head-on are well-known.

Farthinghoe is one of the only villages in the area not to have benefitted from a bypass, with the A422 going straight through its centre. Local people are rightly concerned about the constant HGV movements through their community and associated issues to do with traffic and air pollution, and there are regular accidents and collisions as the road undulates through the village.

It was therefore great news locally when Northamptonshire County Council formally added the Farthinghoe Bypass to their major projects list, and I know that both Cllr André Gonzales de Savage and Cllr Ian Morris at NCC are fully supportive of the need for the road to be built as soon as possible. However, the challenge of funding remains and it is doubtful that there is any capacity at a local level to forward-fund the road.

I wrote on behalf of affected constituents to the Secretary of State for Transport, the Rt Hon. Chris Grayling MP, to seek his advice on what the Department for Transport might be able to do to help with the estimated £11.4m cost of the road.

Chris has highlighted the fact that the Government is aiming to create a new National Roads Fund from the revenue raised in England via Vehicle Excise Duty, and that a proportion of this will go to support the Major Roads Network. This will be dedicated to supporting improvements to A-roads like the A422 through Farthinghoe, and would be an ideal source for us to bid for funding.

A public consultation will be launched later this year which will include the details for the proposed bidding process, and Chris has explained that the County Council, working with the South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership, would have to make the case for money from the scheme once the National Roads Fund has launched. I have written to Cllr Ian Morris, the Transport Portfolio Holder at Northamptonshire County Council, as well as to the Chief Executive of SEMLEP, Stephen Catchpole, to ask that they give serious consideration to a joint bid for funding once the scheme launches.

I will continue to keep local residents updated, and we obviously still have some considerable work to do, but I will do all that I can to help secure funding through a Major Roads Network bid. Of course, I would strongly encourage any local residents who have their own thoughts about the importance of the Farthinghoe Bypass to also respond to the Major Roads Network consultation.

If there is anything I can do to help in the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch.”



## FARTHINGHOE PAST & PRESENT

Space didn't permit the printing of the modern day version of the old image reproduced in the November 2017 edition of the Chronicle. Here it is now though...did you guess it correctly?



And, here's another old photo teaser – the modern-day image will be printed next month:



(With thanks to Steve Sneath)

**To everyone in our community**

who has donated, run marathons, climbed mountains, baked cakes, raced cars, or bikes, or boats. To people who chucked their change in a bucket in the town centre, or popped in to hand over a cheque. To Midnight Walkers and Santa Fun Runners, shoppers and raffle ticket buyers. To carers, to doctors and nurses, to volunteers who give up their time to care for people facing life-limiting illness:



**KATHARINE  
HOUSE  
HOSPICE**

We just wanted to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, from everyone at Katharine House. We couldn't do what we do without your support. And we just wanted to say a very big thank you.

This year we've cared for over 1,000 people. Every one of them made an impact on us, and we hope we've been able to make a similarly positive impact on them. We believe that everyone facing life-limiting illness in our community should have the opportunity to continue a full and vibrant life until their last moments, and that their friends and family should be supported after they're gone. Because we believe that every individual's journey matters.

It costs us £3.7 million to provide our services each year, and we only receive 30% of that from the government. The kindness and generosity you show year after year by donating, visiting our shops or taking part in an event really does make a huge difference to local people at their most difficult times. Thank you again.

**From everyone at Katharine House Hospice.**

## BENEFICE WORSHIP IN JANUARY

### Sunday 7 January

Aynho	11am	Communion
Croughton	4pm	PAC
Evenley	6pm	Taize
<b>Farthinghoe</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	
	<b>10am</b>	<b>Family Worship</b>
Hinton	11am	Morning Worship

### Sunday 14 January

Aynho	11am	Matins
Croughton	9.30am	Communion
Evenley	11am	Communion
<b>SBCP Communion</b>		<b>Farthinghoe</b>
Hinton	6pm	BCP Evensong

### Sunday 21 January

Croughton 10am Communion

### Sunday 28 January

Aynho	11am	Communion	
Croughton	9:30am		Communion
Evenley	9:30am		Family Worship
<b>Farthinghoe</b>	<b>6pm</b>		<b>BCP Evensong</b>
Hinton	11am	Communion BCP	

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Please join us for...

**An Informative Evening  
by Mandy Lowe from the East Midlands  
Ambulance Service on all aspects of basic life  
support and the use of our village defibrillator.**

**The event will take place in Farthinghoe Village Hall on  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018 from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.**

**Hot drinks will be provided and everyone is very  
welcome to attend.**



**As a matter of courtesy to Mandy and other attendees, please  
ensure you arrive promptly to ensure we are able to cover the full  
curriculum.**

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# **Fox's Friday Fish Feast**

**Every Friday 6pm to 7pm**

**Just for the locals**

**Fish and chips £8.50**

**Children's/smaller portion  
£5**

**Starts 5/18 for all of January**

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