

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

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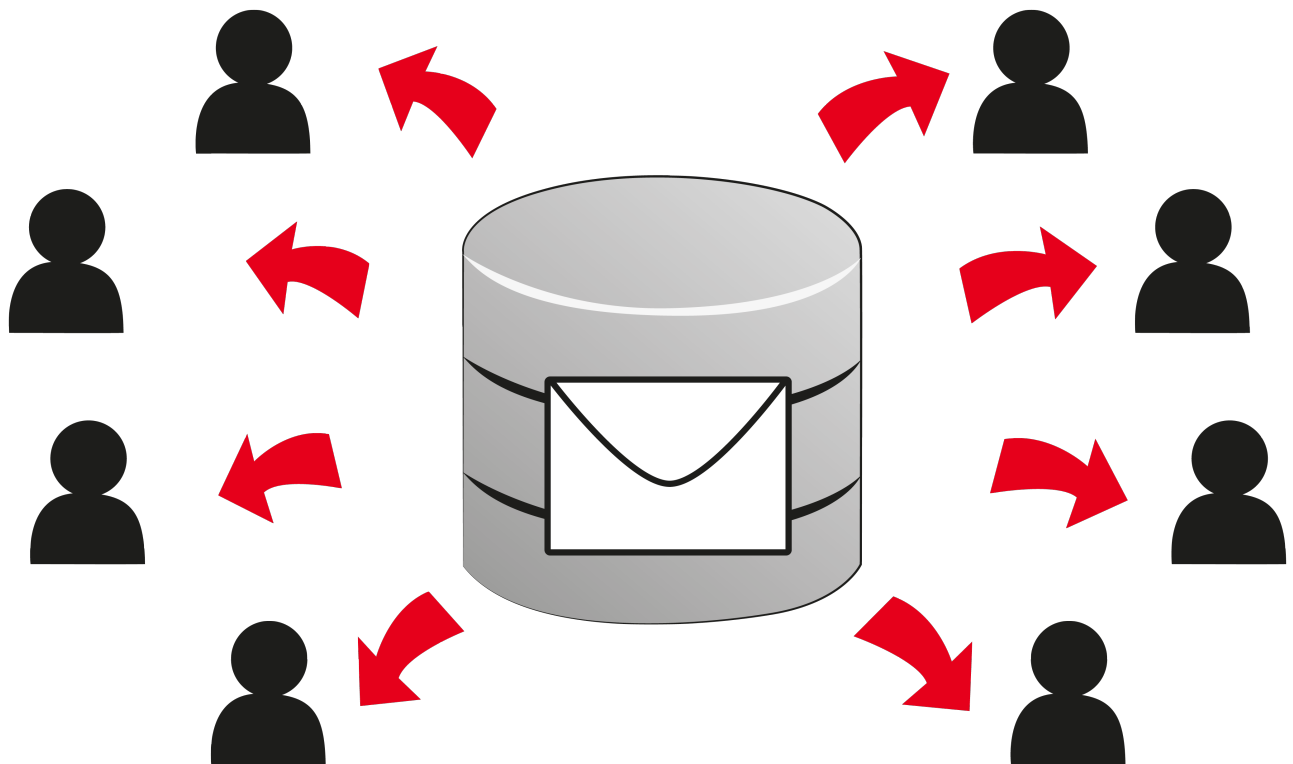
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The council has an email database used to pass information quickly to parishioners. This has proved invaluable recently.

If you wish to be added to the database please either email the clerk on **clerk6102@outlook.com** or visit the website to register:

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Pastoral Letter – April 2020

Dear Friends, I hope you are all managing to adapt to our ‘new normal’ so to speak. Anyone from my generation know nothing of these kinds of restrictions on our lives, and so have been completely flummoxed by it. Social isolation is hard for everyone because we are social creatures and in a crisis we naturally want to be together to solve it. My Mother lived through the Second World War, and so did some of you. You already know that sacrifices have to be made for the greater good of everyone; this is a lesson the rest of us are learning now. I spoke to a lady the other day about this, and I said she must already have an understanding about these things having lived through the War, but she replied, “Yes Sue, but we could at least see the enemy planes flying over us, Coronavirus is an unseen enemy, which is in some ways more dangerous.” And of course, she is right.

What has been seen however is the extraordinary kindness and generosity of people who have offered, and given, of their time and energy and resources to help others. We particularly saw this in the response to the Government asking for volunteers to support the national effort to make sure that everybody, especially the most vulnerable of society, are cared for. It has been truly humbling, heart-warming and encouraging to see.

I would like to add my thanks and praise to all the many good people who are keeping our nation going in their various jobs and roles. There are too many to name individually here, but especially the Doctors, Nurses, Hospital workers and Care workers, shop and delivery workers and our council workers; thank you, you are the heroes in all of this. And it is wonderful to see how the Village folk are pulling together collectively to help one another, and the most vulnerable in our community. Thank you all.

I have been sending out messages regularly to folk on my e-mailing list., and please do email me if you are not already on my list and would like to receive these. My contact details are revsue.cooper@gmail.com and Tel 01869 810903. And please do contact me if you need help.

Finally, let’s not forget that we will be celebrating Easter shortly. If ever there was a time that we needed to feel hope and peace it is now. And the Christian faith is founded on hope, peace and love. Because of Jesus, and that 1st Easter, we are able to call God ‘Father’. We are able to pray to him and put our hope in his never failing love. This means that even in these most terrible of times, we can experience peace of heart and mind, and can keep hope alive in our hearts for ourselves, and for others. And more than this, we can even dare to believe that out of this present darkness and chaos, light and good can, and will, and has already come.

God bless you all.

With love, Rev Sue



To: All Farthinghoe & Steane Residents from Farthinghoe Parish Council

**Subject: Update Report on the Progress of the Farthinghoe Bypass –
15/3/2020**

The following is a copy of an Andrea Leadsom blog dated 12 February 2020

“Last month I met with representatives from the County Council and District Council, as well as those from Farthinghoe Parish Council, to discuss the urgent need to make progress on the delivery of the Farthinghoe Bypass.

As readers will know, I have been campaigning for a bypass for Farthinghoe for years, and I am pleased to be working with the community to secure it. It is a matter of debate whether the road has been needed for 40 or 50 years – the answer differs depending on who you speak to in the village! – but the reality is that Farthinghoe is the only community along the A422/A421 between Banbury and Milton Keynes not to have benefitted from a bypass.

The A422 has been identified by the Department for Transport as a key regional economic corridor – included as part of the new Major Road Network after I pressed the matter with the Transport Secretary – and the Farthinghoe Bypass, as a potential project, has been welcomed by the Department. The bypass has the support of all local authorities, as well as the major road and freight haulage associations, and would do so much to relieve congestion and improve safety through the village.

Whilst we were disappointed that a bid for funding through the Major Road Network was not forthcoming, I am delighted that Northamptonshire County Council is actively supporting a bid through Pinch Point Funding, and has submitted an Expression of Interest on the 31st January ahead of a formal bid later in the year.

South Northants Council has provided £250k to start initial work on the route design, and I am working with Northants County Council to secure additional funding to progress these works further ahead of the next stage of Pinch Point Funding. The Department for Transport is aware of our ambitions for the Farthinghoe Bypass, and I will be meeting with the Transport Secretary to

progress these discussions. I am also convening a regular Farthinghoe Bypass Delivery Group, incorporating all the relevant representatives from the various agencies, to ensure that we keep driving this forward.

Please do get in touch with me if you have any questions or comments on the Farthinghoe Bypass.”

The above had preceded the following blog from Andrea Leadsom dated 2 March 2020:

“I am delighted that NCC will be likely to approve £1.4 million of funding to take the Farthinghoe Bypass to a full business case. The Cabinet papers were published today and the final decision will be taken on Tuesday 10 March.

It is great news for Farthinghoe as well as for the whole local area. For as long as 50 years, the community has been demanding a bypass because of the tricky road layout in the village.

My team and I have campaigned hard for this to go ahead for several years and I want to thank all Farthinghoe residents who have supported my campaign. In particular, I am grateful to the schoolchildren at Farthinghoe Primary School who invited me in to see their work on why a bypass was so badly needed in the area. I also congratulate the efforts of the community in putting together a petition which I delivered to the Secretary of State for Transport on their behalf.

It just goes to show that when local people feel passionately about something and make a strong case, then a real difference can be made.

Following the full business case, the next step will be to seek Pinch Point Funding or local growth funding from the Government. I have already made clear to both the Department for Transport and SEMLEP our shared ambition for this bypass and have received encouragement.

I hope we will now see this vital project delivered within 3-5 years to bring the relief that local residents desperately need.”

There is mention above that Northamptonshire County Council would be holding a Cabinet Meeting on March 10 2020, which they did, and at that meeting a final decision was confirmed to finance the Farthinghoe Bypass to a full business case.

It is hoped that the Farthinghoe Annual Parish Meeting might take place on April 27 2020 at the Village Hall and we hope to have more news of further plans & timings which will be imparted at that time

Yours faithfully
Cllr Mick Morris



Farthinghoe & Steane Annual Parish Meeting

It was being planned to hold the Annual Parish Meeting at the Village Hall on Monday 27th April.

We have been overtaken by a rapidly changing world and because of this we feel that for the safety of everyone common sense should prevail.

It is our intention to postpone this event, not cancel it, and we will be in touch again later when we feel it prudent & practicable to rearrange it for another occasion.

This year, as part of the APM, we had planned for Farthinghoe School to start the meeting with a presentation & video of a special project which they have been working on during this school year.

This was to be followed by a detailed presentation to update us all on the aims and needs of the Brackley Community Hospital 2020 Trust.

I am keen to continue with the former because the staff & children have put in so much work and the latter because it is of great importance to the whole district.

The annual reports which normally accompany this meeting will be circulated as soon as they have been prepared or are received.

In the meantime I urge everyone to take extreme care and to diligently follow the advice we are being given by those qualified to give such advice.

Regards,
Mick Morris
Chairman

Farthinghoe Village Hall News

200 Club Draw

£25 - 107 Margaret George

£15 - 150 Katie Dashwood

£10 - 26 John Boyd

We have decided to continue to draw the numbers and will attempt to get prize money by electronic transfer if possible.

There are more numbers available for the 200 Club - contact Graham Osborne - hollytreehouse@hotmail.com - £1 per month

Hall hire: This has become a victim to the current world situation and we had several weddings in the pipeline. These have currently been postponed and will be at the same venue later in the year if possible.

Maintenance: The skirting boards have been fitted and will be painted next month. We are also planning to build some storage cupboards and rearrange the Gents toilets if current rules permit.

Keep safe and let's hope we are back to normal within the next six months!





Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold has joined Nick Adderley, Chief Constable of Northamptonshire Police, and Darren Dovey, Chief Fire Officer, to reassure people that their emergency services are working hard to keep the county safe.

“While people are being told to work at home, our officers and staff are still at work, ready and prepared to meet the changing needs and the challenge of keeping the county safe, as they always do,” Nick Adderley said.

“Our contingency plans are under review on a daily basis and we are working with our partners in the NHS and other agencies through the county’s emergency planning arrangements to ensure that we can respond flexibly to any new situation.

“I want our officers and staff to be confident that we are following the best advice to ensure their welfare, and I want the public to be aware that we are continuing to respond, to fight crime and keep them safe, as we always do.”

Chief Fire Officer Darren Dovey said that Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service has contingency plans that are under review on a daily basis to ensure that they can respond to emergencies.

“We have stopped doing some community-focussed work to ensure that our firefighters and staff remain fit and well and are able to respond to emergencies in the normal way,” Darren Dovey said.

“We have put plans in place to ensure that our ability to respond to fires, accidents and other emergencies is not affected. We are working hard to protect the people of Northamptonshire and support our colleagues through this difficult period for the country,” he added.

Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold said: “The message from the Chief Constable and the Chief Fire Officer is that we can be confident in their ability to keep the county safe.

“I have made sure that both the Force and the Fire and Rescue Service have the resources they need to ensure they have capacity and resilience during this unprecedented situation and I would like to thank them and all their officers, fire fighters and staff for the commitment they are showing to keeping us all safe.

General Knowledge Quiz

1. Which minister of state had an affair with Christine Keeler?
2. Ho Ch Min trail was a supply route during which war?
3. The 1940 cartoon Puss Gets The Boot introduced which cat and mouse duo?
4. Which sparkling wine is named after a village in Trieste in Italy?
5. St Patrick is said to have rid Ireland of what?
6. The Gold Gate Bridge is in which US city?
7. Farmer's daughter Anne Hathaway is said to have married which English playwright?
8. Which M is a branch of philosophy involving first principles?
9. Which famous leader said that England is a nation of shopkeepers?
10. John Sentamu took on which religious title in 2005?

The answers will be in next month's edition of the Chronicle

Dog Fouling

The Parish Council have received a number of complaints from parishioners concerning dog fouling around the village.

Could we remind all responsible dog owners to ensure they clean up after their dogs and dispose of the bagged waste either in their bin at home or in the bin provided for such use. It would also be appreciated if any owners who use others to walk their dogs, could remind them to do so as well.

Let's keep the village clean and healthy for everyone.





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