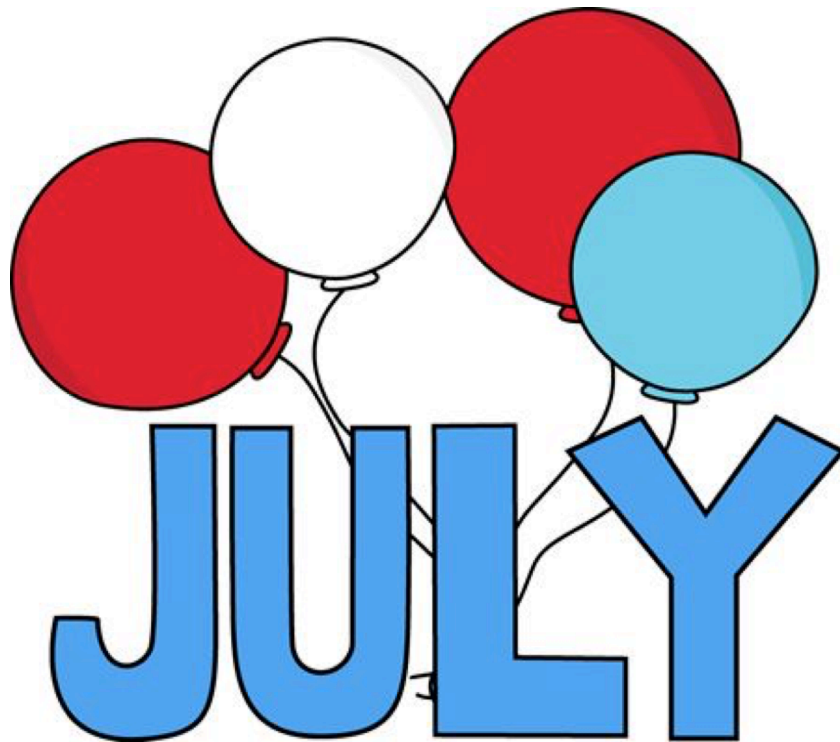


THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....



The temperamental summer weather looked kindly on the village fete, which was held on Sunday 26 June at Farthinghoe Lodge. As always it was a very enjoyable afternoon that wouldn't be possible without all the people who give of their time running stalls and helping, and of course Ruth Dashwood for allowing us to use her garden. Thank you all.

It is our village school's Summer Fayre on **Saturday 9 July** at the Village Hall – please do come along and support what is always a fun event.

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RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS – JULY 2016

If you are reading these ramblings by now the vote for in or out will be over and the world didn't end. I hope you thought carefully and prayerfully before putting pen to paper. Now we have to work with the result and move forward. I hope we can do so in a spirit of unity and generosity, and not as winners and losers. For we are all in this together, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health as they say in the marriage service. Now, each day of our lives we make potential life changing decisions, sometime they appear very small, like when should we cross the road. Yet the wrong decision here can have dire consequences, in the same way as our choice of diet or our decision to overtake that car or not.

But whatever our future now holds, one thing we can be certain about is our summer Christian Holiday club that will run from 25th-29th June at All Saints School in Croughton.

This year our theme is Polar Explorers which is developed by Scripture Union as part of their great [holiday club](#) programme, designed for a fun filled Christian clubs for 5 to 11-year-olds.

With the help of Sir Random Finds and Bare Feet, the children are explorers who go on a mini-expedition each day and learn about a New Testament character. Through the lives of these people, they learn that no one is too anything to be part of God's big

expedition, that is, to be a friend of Jesus and go out and help other people be friends of Jesus too. It features stories told by Gemma Hunt and Blizz the husky dog.



A lot of preparation has been going on and includes a service of commissioning or blessing for the Holiday Club and its leaders and helpers. This will take place at 10am on Sunday 17th July at St. George Evenley. I hope that all leaders and helpers will be able to come that Sunday as we join together to launch the holiday club and then go to our separate villages for the following Sunday.

Registration forms are available in our village schools and can also be obtained by emailing me at the.revd.simon@gmail.com. Just put "Polar Explorers" in the subject line and your contact details in the main text with children's names and ages and we will get the forms to you.

We will end the week with a special celebration service at 10am at All Saints Church Croughton, which will be led by those attending the week. We hope that all parents and many friends will come and join us then. Although this service is a special family service, families of all ages and sizes are welcome at all our services. But do look out for services with 'family' in the titles as they will be shorter and more all age family focused. The exception to this rule is Pizza Praise, which doesn't have family in its name but has lots of food for all ages.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon

Simon



In early February, the Parish Council requested a written explanation from Northamptonshire Highways as to why it was not possible to downgrade the A422 in order to be able to have a weight restriction on the road. Last month, a response was finally received and a copy has been included in the Chronicle. The councillors did not feel that this gave a satisfactory explanation. The Chairman has subsequently responded to Chris Wragg, inviting him to attend the August Parish Council meeting to provide an update on the next steps in the bypass project.

You will see from another notice in the Chronicle that much needed repairs to Hinton Road will shortly be carried out. Thanks in particular go to Councillor Forbes for her relentless pursuit in having this issue addressed.

Complaints have been received regarding the state of the verges around the village. The Parish Council is responsible for just a few areas, these being the grass immediately outside the church, the triangle on the corner of Charlton Road and Queens Street and the playpark. These areas are cut monthly. Other verges are the responsibility of Highways, and Councillor Morris has requested additional cuts, which have been scheduled, but we are very much in the hands of Highways as to when these will be conducted. We will stay on top of this.

The LED street lighting project is progressing and we are currently awaiting a quotation. In the meantime, we would ask that anyone who has foliage on their property which is impinging on the street lighting to cut this back. Simple upkeep of overgrown vegetation will assist in improving lighting within the village.

Dates for your diary:

Please note that there will be no Parish Council meeting in July. The next Parish Council meeting will be Wednesday, 10th August 2016 at 7.00pm in the Beasley Room at the Village Hall. Public time will be from 7.00pm to 7.15pm.

Farthinghoe Parish Council



Northamptonshire County Council

Ross van Geest
Farthinghoe Parish Council
By e-mail

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Date: 26 May 2016

Dear Ross

A422 Farthinghoe

When Mike and I came to see the Parish Council back in February, you asked if we could write to you giving a more formal explanation of our rationale of why the A422 cannot be downgraded and the B4525 or other roads used by all HGVs.

Firstly, it is important to remember that while HGVs are often seen as a nuisance by local communities, the vehicles and the goods they convey are making a major contribution to the national economy, and our current and future prosperity depends on the use of these vehicles. This is particularly the case in Northamptonshire as our central location makes us a focus for the logistics and distribution industries.

The A422 forms part of an east-west route running for more than 80 miles. Between Banbury and Milton Keynes considerable funds were spent in the 1980s and 1990s on upgrading the A422 and A421 to accommodate the additional traffic generated by the opening of the M40. This included the provision of bypasses at Middleton Cheney and south of Brackley. As you will well know, a bypass of Farthinghoe was also planned at this time, but has not to date materialised.

While there are some notable exceptions through Farthinghoe and on the approaches to the village, this has resulted in a road with large sections meeting current design standards, and therefore generally of better standard than many other roads across the county. To put a HGV ban on the A422 would mean pushing the traffic onto less suitable roads.

Traffic from the A43 north heading towards Banbury is already signed to use the B4525 from Syresham. However, the B4525 is of a generally lower standard than the A422, having limited carriageway width and with many junctions and speed restrictions. Apart

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from the section through Farthinghoe, it is generally a less suitable route for large vehicles than the A422, and we do not think it is therefore a suitable alternative. To upgrade the B4525 to a higher standard would cost considerably more than a bypass around Farthinghoe.

Suggestions have also been made that traffic should instead use M40 Junction 10 and then head up the A43 northwards to reach the A421. While this road is of suitable standard, it represents a significant diversion on the normal route, particularly with regards to traffic heading for Brackley. It is likely that we would receive significant objections to such a proposal.

Furthermore, it has to be recognised that any HGV ban we might introduce is highly unlikely to receive any enforcement from the Police, and lead to such a high level of contravention that it question the usefulness of having a ban.

Given all these reasons, I firmly believe that providing a bypass for Farthinghoe is by far the best way to deal with the village's traffic problems without passing the issue onto somewhere else or pushing traffic onto unsuitable routes.

Finally, I know that, in the shorter-term, HS2 construction traffic is of considerable concern to the village. I can confirm that the A422 through Farthinghoe is not one of their identified construction routes, and as HS2 will require all their contractor heavy vehicles to be marked and tracked, there will be much more extensive powers (enshrined in the HS2 Act once it becomes law) to deal with any contraventions of agreed routes than is the case for ordinary traffic.

Yours sincerely



Chris Wragg
Team Leader, Transport Planning



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VILLAGE NOTICES & NEWS

Notices

- ❖ Coffee, Cake and Chat: On Friday 15 July from 10-11.15am in the Church Vestry. All welcome.
- ❖ Church Cleaning: This will take place on Tuesday 19 July from 8.30am onwards. Many hands make light work!
- ❖ Extensive road repairs are being carried out to Hinton Road from the A422 to the Airfield on Monday 4 July for three days. If the work is not completed it will recommence on Monday 11 July. Between 8am to 4pm there will be a very limited access. Two-way temporary traffic lights on the A422 will be in operation from approximately 9.15 am.

HEDGES & TREES



I broach this knowing the dangers of crossing into Mrs 'Trellis' territory without permission...but it has to be said!!

All of us have a legal requirement to ensure that our hedges and trees do not encroach on pavements and thus cause inconvenience and danger to others. This is a moral as well as a legal obligation. Having been told of a couple of instances where severe distress and danger has already been caused I decided to walk around the village and check for myself. I can confirm that there are quite a few hedges and trees that do impede pavements and footpaths.

Can I request that everyone takes a look at their own situation and where necessary take remedial action?

Mick Morris

SHIRLEY WILLET

Sadly, our friend and neighbour, Shirley Willett, died of Motor Neurone disease on the 22nd June.

Shirley was both a friend and ideal next door neighbour, a role she and Barry have held for twenty years and during that time many things have happened in our lives. She has always been a real family person and has watched and supported her grandchildren grow up and start successful careers. She always welcomed our grandson, Henri, even though, as her illness progressed, she could not even reach out and touch him. She was there when Dave and I got married and helped me one hilarious afternoon with Edna Boyles making cup cakes for the wedding. I remember a charity bike ride she did with me at Silverstone and her wonderful comments about her discomfort on the bike, helped me up the long hills and still make me laugh today.

Unfortunately Shirley died from a terrible, cruel illness and she went from being a very energetic and fit person who loved gardening, cycling and walking to not being able to move independently at all. She bore all of this incredibly bravely with the loving and dedicated support of Barry and the rest of the family. She finally died a peaceful death in Barry's arms in Catherine Spencer Hospice in Northampton.

Shirley was a wonderful, kind friend, a very good listener and still had time for everyone during her illness. She has left a large hole in my life which I hope I can gradually fill with the good, happy memories I have of her and her sense of fun.

Wendy Hancock

COMPOST CORNER

Summer is upon us so suddenly; it seems only a minute ago that we were coaxing seeds to germinate. Now we are picking fruit, which is almost the epitome of summer.

This year, my gooseberry bush has been especially fecund, and harvesting the fruits can seem an endless task. Although hazardous, on account of the plants substantial and unforgiving thorns, it is not an intellectually challenging job, and it becomes an opportunity to let my mind wander. Perhaps it is the groping for plump, hairy orbs and the frequent encounters along the way with the sizeable puncturing spines that cause me to recall my male friends and acquaintances, past and present, as I rummage in my thick bush, trying to avoid the pricks.

On the subject of muck, did you know that the council is looking for volunteers to become Master Composters? You only have to be passionate about decomposition and willing to spread the word, as well as the muck, to be eligible for the title. As a Master Composter, you will share your passion for decay and detritus with as many people as possible, using a grant from the council. Have a look on the council website if you are interested in dishing the dirt.

Happy hoeing!

Mrs Trellis



BENEFICE WORSHIP IN JULY

3rd July - Thomas

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

10th July - Trinity 7

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

17th July - Benefice Sunday

Evenley	10am Communion (<i>Commissioning of Holiday Club Workers</i>)
Evenley	4pm Pizza Praise

24th July - Trinity 9

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

31st July - Benefice Sunday

Croughton	10am Holiday Club Celebration
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