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Parish Council News

SNC Settlements and Development Management Local Plan - Issues Stage (SNC Local Plan)

Just a reminder that the Parish Council will be compiling its response to Phase one of this consultation after the January Parish Council meeting. The deadline is 24th January 2014.

There is still time to make your views known either to the Parish Council or directly to SNC. The documents are available on SNC's website, www.southnorthants.gov.uk/1128.htm home page, scroll down to The District - wide information page, and from there find the documents in 1. Overview and Technical Papers. In particular you might like to look at 'village confines' and "Call for Sites".

Summary leaflets and a large map of the village confines as they are at present are on view Limes Farm and The Fox.

To make direct contact with SNC, please see last month's Chronicle for details.

Highway Warden Scheme

Do we have a volunteer to take on the role of Highway Warden to be the eyes and ears on the road network within our local area and a key point of contact between the community and Northamptonshire Highways? Please contact the Parish Council if you wish to express an interest.

Solar Farm Proposal, Cockley Road

Unfortunately, representatives from Green Energy UK arrived too late to do their presentation in Public Time before the meeting on 11th December but the Parish Council advised them that communication regarding the Public Meeting scheduled for 12th December had been totally inadequate. Consequently, there is a need to schedule another Public Meeting, this time giving residents sufficient notice. At the time of writing there is no date agreed, so once again no information available to include in this edition of the Chronicle.

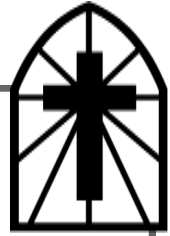
The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday, 8th January 2014** in the meeting room at the Village Hall. Public Time is from 7.00 - 7.15pm.

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Rector's Letter



I would like to start this New Year by wishing everybody a happy and peaceful New Year. I would also like to thank everybody for the Christmas cards, gifts and good wishes we received. A big thank you is also required for those who produce our newsletters and distribute them, to those who help clean our churches, cut the grass, decorate the church with flowers, support the church financially, support the church with their time and talents, the list goes on and on.

When we stop and think about it, for most of us, there is lots to give thanks for. From little to big things, from private to public things and maybe to start the new year giving thanks is a good place to be.

Just before Christmas we saw a great outpouring of thanks for the life of Nelson Mandela, who died at the age of 95. It can be amazing to think how thankful South Africa and the world should be and is to this man, who preached and showed forgiveness. Nelson Mandela is one of a small group of famous people who show us how one person can make such an impact on the world.

At Christmas we have been celebrating another such person in Jesus.

His story is about one person changing the world and the way it thinks.

Jesus' message of forgiveness was displayed in Nelson Mandela's life in a way that made it very tangible for me. For preachers often preach about our need for forgiveness and to be forgiven, and people often find it hard to understand that this message can be lived out in reality. So I am thankful that Mandela's life shows that it is possible to forgive even in the most unlikely circumstances, and may that encourage us in our lives and our relationships.

We may not live in the same league as some of the world's great heroes, yet sometimes it is not in the big things of life but the little things that we find strength and encouragement also. I hope that in 2014 we may all find things to be thankful for in our lives and the courage to forgive ourselves and others.

Have a happy, thankful and forgiving New Year

Simon

January Church Services

Sunday 5th January

- 9:30am Said BCP Communion at Farthinghoe
11am Holy Communion at Aynho
11am Family Worship at Hinton-in-the-Hedges

Sunday 12th January

- 9:30am Communion at Aynho
9:30am Communion at Croughton
10am Family Worship at Farthinghoe
11am Communion at Evenley
6pm Evensong BCP at Hinton in the Hedges

Sunday 19th January

10am Benefice Communion at Croughton

4:30pm Family Pizza Praise at Croughton

Sunday 26th January

- 9:30am Communion at Croughton
11am Family Service at Evenley
11am Communion CW at Hinton-in-the-hedges
11am Choral Matins at Aynho
6pm Evensong BCP at Farthinghoe
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What's on at Limes Farm



Christmas Opening hours

Our Christmas opening hours are as follows;



Christmas Eve 9:00am – 14:00pm

Christmas Day – Closed

Boxing Day – Closed

Friday 27th December – 9:00am – 17:00pm

Saturday 28th December – 9:00am – 17:00pm

Sunday 29th December – 10:00am – 17:00pm

Monday 31st December – 10:00am – 17:00pm

New Year's Eve – Closed

New Year's Day – Closed

Thursday 2nd January – Open as normal 7 days a week.

Tearoom Vouchers

Are you looking for something special to buy your loved ones this Christmas? Struggling to know what to buy? Why not treat them to a voucher for an afternoon tea or delicious lunch at Limes Farm. You can buy vouchers for £5.00, £10.00 and £20.00.

Christmas Trees

The Christmas Trees have arrived!!! They come in a variety of sizes and prices from £15.00 to £50.00.

30% off offer on all corporate catering ordered throughout January

We provide hot buffets and cold buffets to local businesses in and around Northamptonshire and Oxfordshire, do you require lunch for your corporate events or meeting? We are offering 30% off your first order so why not give us a go and have a real treat for lunch at your next meeting. Please contact Gemma@limesfarm.com for full menus.

Santa has lost his reindeers – help him find them around the farm.

Have you booked in to do the Santa hunt yet? Book for Sat December 21st or Sunday 22nd December now. Call 01295 711 229.

Lastly...

Merry Christmas from everyone at Limes Farm. We look forward to seeing you in the new year.

County Council Winter news

Worried someone you know isn't coping with the cold this winter? Help is available.

Organisations across the county have teamed up to provide help and support to vulnerable households that might be struggling to keep warm enough this winter. Please check up on friends, relatives and neighbours - particularly the elderly or those with long-term health conditions - to make sure they're warm and well.

If you're worried about someone you know, please give us a call on **0845 677 2220** and we'll discuss how we can best help them.

www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/wrappedup



FLOWER ARRANGING



MAKE UP



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The spring adult learning brochure is out now!
What will you choose?

AFTER LIFE by Julia Pepler

CHAPTER THREE

Thursday evening. Mary flounced into the living room looking polished and radiant. 'Keith, I'm going out now'.

Keith was stretched out in floppy tracksuit bottoms, absorbed in the TV: Manchester United. He looked up, took in her gleaming appearance, smiled at her. 'Blimey Mary love, you look glam. Story night going up market is it?'

Mary huffed and tutted. 'Its *Reading Group*, Keith. It's in Jake's wine bar in town tonight, actually. Not sure what time I'll be home'.

Keith knew he had irritated her as she picked a fuzzy ball of fluff from her new pink angora sweater and disdainfully let it float down to the carpet. He had seldom opened a book in his entire life; a fact that he knew downgraded him in her eyes. Just occasionally he would mischievously retaliate, throw in a smidgeon of mocking, just for a little fun. *You shouldn't belittle the sophisticated pleasure of literature*, she would say.

She crossed the room and pecked him coolly on the cheek, muttered *see you later*, then headed out to the hallway table to locate her handbag and car keys. Keith heard her rummaging and muttering *where are my damn keys*; followed by the jangle and click of make up containers, coins and pens, as she evidently upended her bag and tipped the entire contents over the hallway floor. Further fiddling, followed by *there they are*, allowing handbag contents to be hurriedly replaced.

'Bye Keith!'

'See you later love'. Keith had felt a little guilty for irritating her, and had joined her in the hallway to make peace; he stood right behind her, made her jump, and she turned to face him. He hugged her, kissed her on the lips. 'Have fun love'. He opened the front door for her, watched her get into her BMW, reverse off the drive and pull away.

He turned back inside the hallway. His shoulders dropped as he stopped and stood stock-still, rubbing his hands through his hair. She had looked lovely tonight and full of vibrancy. He shook his head as he grittily thought about his illness, wickedly tapering away his time with her. He felt hollow, cheated and distant, as if the world had already moved on and left him lurking like a useless shadow.

A surge of Manchester United goal scoring noises cut through the silence, shaking Keith out of his despondency. He lifted his head and took a step towards the living room to check out the action. It was just a single step.

Keith could never have foreseen the momentousness that step was to hold. He would never have imagined what his broad size 9, cosied up inside a Bart Simpson sock, was about to discover. Bart's hair on the toes of Keith's sock started it, knocking against something hard on the carpet. The object scooted around and struck the skirting. Keith bent down in the dim light and picked it up; it was Mary's phone, which obviously hadn't made it back into her handbag after the rummaging about for keys. As it rested in Keith's hand, it flashed, and a text message bombastically appeared on the screen. Keith couldn't avoid reading it. *On my way gorjos, with u in 10. Let yrself in. Little smthing 4 u in th bedroom ;). Love you David x.*

Chapter 4 next month

FESTIVAL OF OPEN GARDENS 2014

We would love to hear from anyone who would like to open their garden to raise money for the hospice in 2014. Your garden would be featured, along with all the others, in a programme that will be distributed to all our supporters with our Spring newsletter in late March/early April. Last year's festival raised almost £7,000 towards hospice care. We already have supporters opening their gardens in Broughton, Bloxham, Middleton Cheney and Farthinghoe and would be delighted to hear from anyone else willing to take part in our festival. For further information please telephone Nicky on 01295 812161.



KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE LOTTERY

Our lottery is a vital income source for Katharine House, having raised over £1 million since May 2000. If you're stuck for a birthday present idea, we have a variety of Lottery Gift Membership solutions. For £1 per week you might get a phone call on a Friday morning from Wendy our Lottery Administrator telling you that you've won £1,000, Wendy loves making that call! For more information call the Lottery Office on 01295 812161 or email lottery@khh.org.uk.

SAVE THE DATE- MIDNIGHT WALK

Our Midnight Walk will be on Saturday 14 June, details and application forms will be included with our Spring newsletter despatched to supporters towards the end of March. They will also be available from Fundraising (01295) 812161 from March onwards. Last year this fantastic event raised almost £75,000, a fantastic sum!

Thank you,

Sarah Brennan Community Fundraiser

Compost Corner

Although many would say that not a lot happens in the garden in winter, I would dispute that. There are still a surprising number of vegetables to be harvested. This year's leeks have done very well and it is now time to start sowing next year's crop, indoors in a flowerpot on a windowsill. Jerusalem artichokes are a very reliable winter vegetable and are in full swing now; see Julia Pepler's article in a previous edition of the Chronicle for some cracking recipes. If anyone would like some tubers to try, I have plenty going spare (have I said that before?). They are nature's answer to that potentially fatal condition, constipation; although the side-effects may be near fatal to by-standers. And then there are the trusty winter brassicas – Brussels sprouts of all sizes, sprouting broccoli, which has now recovered from caterpillar attack, and cabbages. Even the parsley and rocket is still verdant and tempting and my beautifully decorative "crown prince" winter squash, harvested earlier in the autumn, has stored well and is delicious when roasted or mashed.

Now is the time to take advantage of any momentary lull in proceedings on the allotments to get everything ready for the new season. Fred says that sharpening the cutting edges of spades and hoes is a good job for the winter; a keen blade reduces the effort required when digging and makes hoeing - which cuts through weeds - much more efficient. The local business, "Four Candles", often has sharpening stones for sale. After sharpening your blade, rub in protective lubrication oil for a soft, satiny shine.



Winter is also a good time to plan your planting schedule, so check your seed stocks and get fresh supplies before the popular varieties sell out. And don't forget to get that muck on the ground; I'm using horse-muck this year and expecting spectacular results – so watch out for the Village Show. Talking of muck, don't forget to clean your tools. For those who have tools with a wooden handle, after removing the dried mud, a generous application of warmed linseed oil should be rubbed well into the shaft. Warming the linseed oil helps with penetration and gives a more than satisfying result; who could not take pleasure in handling their tools when they are so smooth and glossy and well-cared for.

Happy gardening!

Mrs. Trellis

Dates for your Diary

Farthinghoe Friends: Friends will meet for lunch at the Village Hall on Tuesday 7th January, 12.30 for 1 pm. Contact: Lin Deeley on 711938.

Farthinghoe W.E.A.: "Shining a light on the Dark Ages in England" The idea still persists that, in the early 5th century, the Romans left Britain and switched off the lights! We will discover how, over the next 400 years, the arrival of various groups from northern Europe combined with the resident population to form a culture rich in literature, artwork, technology and with a strong legal, administrative and organised society. We will explore how we became 'The English'. A nine week course will begin at the Village Hall on Friday 17th January, at 7.30 pm. Tutor: Elaine Rawlinson Fee: £50 Contact: Lin Deeley on 711938.

Mothers'Union There is no meeting in January - but subs are due as soon as possible! £26 -good value as it includes the Families First magazine.

Church Thank you to everyone who has helped keep the Church and Churchyard clean and tidy in 2013.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

From all at The Fox

Look out for our new
Blackboard Specials Menu
in January and February

Available at Lunch and Dinner
Monday to Thursday

2 courses for £10.95

Plus:

Ladies Night every Wednesday

Take Away Menu

Friday Night Happy Hour

Sunday Lunch 3 course now from £15

3 courses for £13.95

The Fox at Farthinghoe

01295 713965