



# The Farthinghoe Chronicle

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Small school with a **BIG** heart and full of Kindness



All school staff and children would like to say a **HUGE** thank you to everyone in Farthinghoe and the local community for all their help, support and generosity towards our fundraising efforts. Both Charities were overwhelmed with their cheques.

This year our Charity Ambassadors: Amy, Ruby, Emily and Alex chose two charities to support. They particularly wanted to support disabled people who "can't get around as well as us". Amy has a relative who is in the Armed Forces and Alex has seen how dogs can help people. So they chose 'Dogs For Disabled' and "Help For Heroes."

With the support of all the children in the school, parents, Farthinghoe friends and the local community £670 has been raised which will be shared between our two chosen charities.

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101

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***Deadline for September  
Farthinghoe Chronicle:  
Friday 15th August***



# Village News and Events

## Farthinghoe School Charity Collections .....Cont'd

Our fund raising events throughout the year have included

- ◇ Collecting loose change
- ◇ Past pupils donating money from a cake sale
- ◇ Non school uniform 'Animal Day'
- ◇ Weekly cake sales
- ◇ AND our Charity concert which was very successful raising £420 on the evening - this involved past pupils, friends in the village and music teachers who were invited to entertain in the village hall.



A member of the audience was so impressed with the concert and the children's fundraising that her employers **Lloyds Bank Commercial Finance** have given an **extra £210** to Dogs For Disabled - Thank you so much!

Carole Humphris (Teacher)

**Farthinghoe Friends** will meet for lunch at the Village Hall on Tuesday 5th August, 12.30 for 1 pm. Contact Lin on 711938.

**Farthinghoe W.E.A.**: The Autumn course will be on Tudor England, with tutor Martin Sirot-Smith. Five meetings at the Village Hall, plus a field trip, starting on Friday 19th September. More details next month, or contact Lin Deeley on 711938.

***Sports, Play, Leisure and Arts (SPLAT)*** – 28<sup>th</sup> July – 22nd August For full details of what's on offer for children during the Summer holidays visit [www.southnorthants.gov.uk](http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk). Book and pay: 01327 322277

# Rector's Letter

## ***Remembering looking back and looking forward***

You will not have been able to miss that this summer is the centenary of the outbreak of WWI. For many this is a troubling time, for surely we should not be celebrating the outbreak of the war, and yet neither can we forget the event or those who gave their lives in it. And so on 4th August 2014, 100 years after Germany invaded neutral Belgium, the event which triggered Britain's declaration of war to defend her ally, people are invited to mark the occasion by looking back and then looking forward. Your village churches will normally be open on this day so you might want to go there for a moment of quiet reflection. Much has changed in the last 100 years, but many problems remain. Much has been learned but there is also so much more to be learned for our world to be a more peaceful



place. As we commemorate this day, may we all find it in ourselves to pledge to work for a better world for all people regardless of age, gender, colour or faith.

The Most Holy Trinity Hinton-in-the-Hedges will be hosts to a service of Commemoration on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 11am to which everybody is invited. Looking forward we will be having lots

of fun and games and songs at our annual Holiday club at Croughton School from Monday 4<sup>th</sup>– Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August for children of primary school age with the theme ***Space Academy***. The end of the week will see a celebration of all that has happened during the week at 10am on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August in Croughton Church-do come and join the celebration. On the same evening we welcome back Rev. Eddie Smith to conduct a Communion Service at 6pm at St. Peter's, Steane. This will be a lovely occasion to remember when Eddie served as a curate here before he moved to his next living. Take care and God Bless Simon

**Katharine House Festival of Open Gardens: 11am – 4pm, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 17 Roper Road, Heyford Park (OX25 5TS)** A small cottage style

garden with hardy perennials, shrubs and bulbs; also a wild flower meadow. Entrance by donation. Dogs on leads and children welcome.



  
**The Katharine House Hospice**

# August Church Services

## Details at

**[www.astwickvale.co.uk](http://www.astwickvale.co.uk)**

St. Michael Aynho, All Saints Croughton,  
St. George Evenley

St. Michael and All Angels Farthinghoe,  
Most Holy Trinity Hinton-in-the-Hedges

### Sunday, 3 August

9:30am FARTHINGHOE ~ Communion  
BCP

11:00am AYNHO ~ Communion

11:00am HINTON ~ WWI  
Commemoration Service

6:00pm Benefice Taize Worship ~  
EVENLEY

### Sunday, 10 August

10:00am Holiday Club- Final  
Celebration CROUGHTON Church

6:00pm Benefice Communion at  
STEANE with rev Eddie Smith

### Sunday, 17 August

10:00am BENEFICE ~ Communion  
EVENLEY

### Sunday, 24 August

9:30am CROUGHTON ~ Communion  
with Baptism

11:00am AYNHO ~ Matins BCP

11:00am EVENLEY ~ All Age Worship

11:00am HINTON Communion BCP

11:00am FARTHINGHOE ~  
Communion with Baptism



### Sunday, 31 August

10:00am BENEFICE ~  
Communion FARTHINGHOE

### Stride and Ride

If you would like some exercise why not consider joining the Stride and Ride run by the Historic Churches Trust on 13<sup>th</sup> September. Loads of churches all over the country will be open, and people are encouraged to walk or cycle or even drive between the churches, being sponsored for the miles travelled or the number of churches visited.

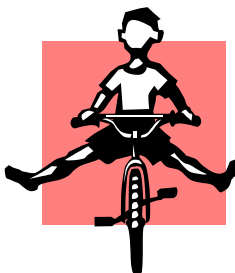
More information can be found at  
**[www.rideandstrideuk.org](http://www.rideandstrideuk.org)**

Sponsor money goes towards the  
upkeep of historic churches and half

goes to your local  
village church.

Could you give it a  
go? Contact **Pat  
Stubbs, 01869**

**810695** for  
sponsorship forms  
and more details.



# August at The Fox

- Try the dishes on our new menu
- Order a takeaway meal
- Book our Ladies Night every Wednesday
- Watch our Aunt Sally team play
- Join our Friday Night Fish Supper Club
- Enjoy a relaxing Sunday Lunch
- Pop in for drinks Sundays until 9pm
- Bank Holiday Sunday 24th August

## THE FOX SUMMER BEACH BBQ

Plus use this voucher for a

# FREE JUG OF PIMMS

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Your Post Code \_\_\_\_\_ Month of Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Age Range   18 to 25   26 to 35   36 to 45   46 to 55   55plus

This voucher is for a lovely jug of Pimms and lemonade when 2 or more adults have a main course from our main menu at lunch or dinner, Monday to Saturday throughout August. It excludes other offers, special menus (Ladies, voucher etc.)

*Please complete your details so we can send offers direct to your inbox*



**The Fox at Farthinghoe**

**01295 713965**

**[www.foxatfarthinghoe.co.uk](http://www.foxatfarthinghoe.co.uk)**

## More dates for your diary.....

### **Mothers' Union**

Brackley Deanery M.U. invite families to celebrate Mary Sumner Day (our Founder) on August 9th, at St. Peter's Church, Brackley. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring & Share lunch - drinks provided. Time:- 11am - 3pm. The theme is "The whole world in His hands". If you are able to come or would like more details ring 01295 711130 as soon as possible!

### **Church Cleaning**

This will be on Tuesday, 12th August, from 9am. New helpers welcome!

### **Parochial Church meeting**

Wednesday, August 27th at 7.30pm. at Farthinghoe Lodge.

### **Advance notices**

**Church Piece Charity** - The rents for these allotments are to be collected at a meeting in the Vestry on September 1st at 7pm.

**Churchyard cleanup** - September 3rd from 5pm onwards or as convenient!

## **Retirement....**

I have been your Clerk for nearly 9 years and the time has come for me to hand over the reins, perhaps to someone here in Farthinghoe. My intention is to go once External Audit is complete which should be in September so I anticipate that October will be my last meeting but if somebody is eager to get started then I'm sure we can make it earlier. I have enjoyed my time getting to know Farthinghoe but unfortunately have not met as many of you as perhaps I should, but that was always going to be more difficult living in Chacombe rather than Farthinghoe! I have always felt that the Clerk's role should belong to somebody who lives in the village so a job description is available and you can speak to me or any of the councillors if you want to know more. Anybody who is interested in taking on the job should contact Neil Downing, Chair and is welcome to attend a meeting to see a little bit of the workings of a Parish Council.



**Sue Shepard**

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The next meeting of the Parish Council, will be on **Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> August 2014** in the meeting room at the Village Hall at 7.00pm. Public Time is from 7.00pm – 7.15pm.

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## Diana

### *A short story by Julia Pepler*

I had a friend, Diana, who'd decided she was a dull middle-aged woman passed her prime.

'I've lost my looks, I'm frumpy and grey' she said.

In fact Diana was lovely but when she inspected her reflection in the mirror, it lacked the fresh bloom of youth and that was all she noticed.

Diana's husband was Richard, and he had never given Diana any trouble. But Diana began to doubt her husband and fretted.

'He must miss the woman I once was. How does he feel when he comes across a pretty young face, yet has to live with my worn looks'?

I hadn't seen Diana for some weeks, when one morning I noticed her walking towards me along the high street. She was staring at the ground with a heavy frown. She didn't see me, until I spoke to her.

'Are you well Diana? You seem worried?'

Diana's eyes filled with glassy tears.

'I'm not well, not well at all. Richard has turned on me, he's been tempted' she said.

'Tempted? What's tempted Richard?' I asked.

Diana's voice was faint.

'I set him a test, to see what he would do if tempted! I sent him alluring text messages, written as if they were from a besotted young woman, called Beatrice. And Richard's replied!' she hissed. 'He's intrigued. Flattered. I know where this will end!'

One morning three weeks later, Diana unexpectedly called at my house and as I opened the door, she rushed in, sobbing inconsolably.

'I told you so, Richard wouldn't be able to resist!' she exclaimed, and then left as quickly as she'd arrived. That same evening, an email from Diana arrived.

'Here's the evidence...' she wrote, and nothing more, but guided me to



follow a link to a website. I did as she asked, anxiously, and a page slowly emerged: 'Chatzy.com'. My screen became filled with line after line of chat room flirtation between Richard and Beatrice. There was a picture of each of them too; Beatrice was young and pretty.

Not long afterwards, one cold misty evening, Richard called on me. He looked wasted; his skin was grey and he was spidery thin.

'Diana's gone. I don't know where. She left without words. She could be dead! Can I talk to you, please, in confidence...?'

Richard hung his head and told me about the text messages from his mystery admirer, followed by the tempting flirtation in the chat room.

'She was called Beatrice' he said. 'But it was uncanny, she reminded me so much of Diana. She was funny and clever, engaging and vibrant. I know I was a fool, but I couldn't resist her conversation, she was so like the Diana I once knew, before she became depressed and dissatisfied. Before she shut me out.'

'Is that all Richard?' I asked.

'No' he sighed. 'Beatrice and I had arranged to meet. Diana must have known, I don't know how. That's when she left, as soon as our meeting was agreed. I never did meet Beatrice though; she disappeared as well. I don't care about that. Beatrice was just words on a page, a silly tease I was foolish to share'.

Then Richard's eyes filled with tears. 'But I love Diana. And being touched with Beatrice's temptation; it was...it was like a memento of Diana, a forgotten piece of her. Now I know I love her even more'.

I never saw Diana again.

*Note from the Author: some readers may have noticed a confusing continuity error in the last 2 chapters of After Life. (Serious computer issues occurred that week – that's my excuse!). If you would like things clarified drop me a line. [juliapepler@btconnect.com](mailto:juliapepler@btconnect.com)*

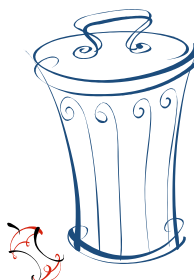


**Northamptonshire Association for the  
Blind's Mobile Sight Centre will be visiting  
the Piazza outside Town Hall, Market Place,  
Brackley WEDNESDAY AUGUST 6<sup>th</sup> 2014 10.00am –  
2.30pm. For more information tel 01604 719193  
or visit [www.nab.org.uk](http://www.nab.org.uk)**

# Compost Corner

Our allotments' layout is delightfully eclectic and the paths are far from regimented, lending the area a friendly and relaxed quality. Thank you to those who take the trouble to mow these paths which vary from the wide hyperbolic swathes that are indistinguishable from unkempt plots to the other extreme where the space on the plots is so sacred that the path between them has been trimmed and shaved into Brazilian style strips.

As you know, there is never a dull moment at the allotment; this month, I found my surprise in the compost bin. I lifted the lid, ready to deposit a trug-load of weeds and stopped short, startled by what resembled the freshly evacuated contents of the bowels of a golden retriever, coiled in a dark-brown, glistening mass on the warm, soft surface of the rotting vegetation. I was trying to work out how the animal in question might have made this deposit when I became aware that it had a head and its eyes were fixing me with a beady stare. The grass snake, for that is what it was, began to slide away, its shining, brown, scaly coils unwinding as it buried itself deep within the moist compost. At least, I assume that is where it went as I was half expecting it to emerge from the bottom of the bin and slither over my feet but saw nothing more of it.



How pleasing to know that my wet and warm heap is attractive to a big brown snake.

Salad days!

**Mrs. Trellis**

Thanks to all contributors once again—you will notice the deadline date for the following month's Chronicle is now on page 2 so please do contact me if you have anything you'd like to share!

And well done again to Farthinghoe School—don't forget to look on the website if you would like to see the photo in colour.

*Shirley*



# supporting employment

## Job Club

### Looking for work? Want to change your job?

South Northamptonshire Council's free Job Club helps people find their way back into work, training, or education. To date, we have helped over 200 local residents find new employment.

Professional experts are on hand to provide confidential advice, help to write CVs and letters and answer questions about finding work, volunteering opportunities, debt and welfare. Laptops are also available to carry out online job searches.

The Job Club is held at Towcester Town Hall and Brackley Town Hall on alternate weeks.

## Job Match

### Looking for employees? Want a local job?

Matching employees with local businesses, this tailored and confidential service helps job seekers to find the right job for them and businesses to find employees with the skills and experience they need.

Our Job Match advisors are up-to-date on current vacancies and have well established relationships with a wide range of local companies. Over 50 Job Club members have benefited from this free service since it started.

## Enterprise Club

### Want to start a business? Planning a career change?

The Enterprise Club provides free advice and guidance for local residents about how to start their own business or become self-employed. Members may also receive coaching and mentoring to ensure the best possible chance of success in launching their new idea.



To find out more visit [www.southnorthants.gov.uk/jobclub](http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/jobclub) or contact the Job Club Team:

**Job Club – 01327 322087**

**Enterprise Club – 01327 322266**

**Job Match – 01327 322322**

or email [jobclub@southnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:jobclub@southnorthants.gov.uk)

# What's on at Limes Farm



**There will be more than cake at Limes Farm...**

**From August we will be stocking Fuels, Country Supplies and Chicken Feed - we can give a discount for regular or large orders and deliver to your door.**

House coal 20kg

Homefire coal 10kg

Homefire coal 25kg

New Flame 10kg

New Flame 25kg

Hardwood Log Nets

Kindling Sticks

Firelighters (48)

Rock Salt 25kg

Instant Lumpwood

Disposable bbq

Lighting  
Fluid

Lumpwood charcoal 3kg

Lumpwood charcoal 5kg

Charcoal Briquettes 3kg

Charcoal Briquettes 5kg

Cropbags

Compost 20litres

Compost 40litres

Compost 70litres

Ericaceous Compost 40litres

GLW Layers Pellets 20kg

GLW Chick Crumb 20kg

Mixed Corn 20kg

