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All change at the Parish Council.....

As I step down as your clerk I would like to say how much you all made me feel so welcome and to thank my councillors for the lovely flowers and bottle of bubbly. The changeover will take place at the October meeting when Pip Clayton will be officially appointed as your new clerk.

At the September meeting Councillor Neil Downing also advised that due to a change of job he would no longer be able to continue in the role of councillor or Chair of Farthinghoe PC and consequently the Parish Council had to reluctantly accept his resignation. This creates a vacancy and if you are interested in becoming a councillor please make your views known to either Cllr John Grant as Vice-Chair or myself. The Parish Council will elect a new Chair at October's meeting.

Cllr Ian Hunt also declared his intention to resign and will step down after October's meeting.

Solar Park Application

A lively extended Public Time before September's meeting involved over fifty local residents opposed to the application. Representatives from Greatworth and Halse Parish Council were also present as were Green Energy UK and the applicant, James Harrison.

The Parish Council agreed that it would object on the grounds that there had been no material change to the original application, there had been no consultation with the community and due to the close proximity of the development to the village.

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

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November

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Friday 17th October



Village News and Events

If you were not able to attend the collection of **Allotment rents** on September 1st, please note that all rents must be paid by the **30th September**, many thanks.

Farthinghoe Friends will meet at the Village Hall on **Tuesday 7th October**, from 2.30 - 4pm. All welcome.

Mothers' Union

On **Monday, October 27th**, Brackley Deanery Mothers' Union will be hosting a Beetle Drive in Farthinghoe Village Hall, from 2 - 4pm. The cost

will be 50p per person and there will be light refreshments. The profit will go to the Away From It All fund which helps families who might be in need of a holiday, who may not be able to arrange it. Everyone is very welcome!



Church Cleaning

The date for cleaning is **October 21st**. Brass cleaning - Mrs Pim. Many thanks to everyone who helped with the Churchyard cleanup in September, and those who have worked during the year.

Fox by Julia Pepler

Joe emerged from his cosy stone cottage at dawn, dragging on his heavy wax jacket and throwing his rifle over his shoulder. He savoured the bright, crisp morning; a light grass frost crunching beneath his mud caked boots and a dazzling, low lemony sun. Today the estate was hosting a large shooting party; Joe must release the pheasants, shoo them from the sparse copse at the top of the hill into the waterlogged fields below. He took the rough track beside his cottage, which became more wooded as he neared the pheasant copse. In the distance he could hear the coarse 'krek kok' of the pheasants calling. The track took a turn and Joe was out of the sun; his eyes were slow to adjust to the weak light and his steps were deliberate as he felt his way through tree roots and potholes.

Movement to the right of the track ahead caught Joe's eye; a shake of a low branch, nothing more, but he was close to the pheasant copse now, and a pang of anxiety widened his eyes; surely not foxes. Utter disaster, with a shoot this big taking place today. He edged forward almost not daring to look, when without warning the high-pitched screech of an animal rang out, piercing the steely silence. It came from deep within the undergrowth. Joe rushed forward, peered through the thorns, and there it was, an unmistakable red-brown shape, squirming. Fox, for sure. He could smell it strongly, musty and earthy. He leaned in as far as he dare, and could see it trapped, twisting and writhing in distress. *Damn thing* he muttered, knowing he couldn't leave it. No creature deserves to suffer.

He began to pull at the brambles; the thorns were vicious and tore his skin. He opened up a small gap and could see the fox more clearly. Its face and jowls were scratched and bleeding and its eyes were dark and liquid like, glaring at him wide, terrified. Its lean little body was cruelly entangled in the brambles; the sinewy shoots had wrapped themselves around its neck and its front legs and chest were also caught fast. Thorns had torn clumps of rusty fur from its flanks. It was a vixen; her nipples were swollen. Cubs around. *I should shoot you.*

But instead he eased nearer and pulled more brambles away. 'It's ok, take it easy now'. The animal seemed soothed by his voice; she quietly panted, skinny sides heaving, and he could see her muscles relaxing a little. He put down his rifle and branch by

twisting branch, stripped away the thorny cage. Now he was close enough to touch her; she let him lay his hand on her side. He could feel her ribs through the coarse oily fur. She lifted her head, but seemed exhausted; her eyes rolled and her head flopped into the dank leaf litter. He took a penknife from his pocket, and began to cut through the remaining brambles binding her pathetic body, trying not to tug and jolt as he sliced through each section. The fox's limbs were flaccid and her eyes were almost completely closed.

Finally Joe cut through the last thorny shoot, the animal was free. 'There you go' he said beneath his breath, a half smile crossing his face. The air fell silent. They both remained motionless.

'What am I going to do with you now?' he whispered.

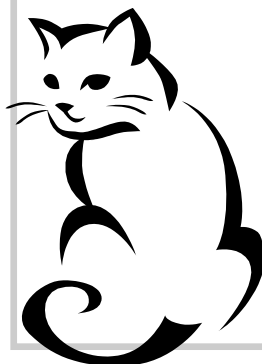


Pet Praise Service-For October

Come and celebrate and give thanks for our pets, real, imaginary or cuddly toys. As part of our celebrating creation season, we remember the creatures that God has given us to help and comfort us and also to work for us. Everybody is invited to our service on Sunday 19th October at 4:30pm at St. George's Evenley to bring your pet large or small, please take great care of your pet and

make sure other people's pets are safe as well. If the weather is dry we will be outside church, but if wet we will go inside. Suitable for all ages and pets.

Hope to see you there rev. Simon Dommett 01869 810903





South Northamptonshire Council



Tell us about your current and future housing needs and you could win a prize worth £100!

South Northamptonshire Council is launching an on-line survey to find out the level of need for all housing tenures from open market housing to shared ownership and affordable rental homes.

Everyone who completes the survey will be added into a prize draw to win a hamper of local produce worth £100.

Complete the survey at - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SNChousing>
The survey is available from Monday 22nd September

If you do not have access to the internet at home you could: visit your local Library which has free internet access on Fridays; or use the free internet access on the Rural Information Centre bus.



Where	When	Time
Forest Road, Hartwell Main Road, Hackleton	Tuesday 23 rd September	12:00 – 1:30pm 2pm – 4pm
High Street, Potterspury Hesketh Road, Yardley Gobion	Monday 29 th September	12:00 – 1:30pm 2pm – 4pm
High Street, Shutlanger High Street, Paulerspury	Tuesday 7 th October	12:00 – 1:30pm 2pm – 4pm
Chapel Lane, Stoke Bruerne Butt Mead, Blisworth High Street, Blisworth	Wednesday 15 th October	12:00 – 1pm 1:30pm – 2:30pm 2:30pm – 4pm
High Street, Potterspury Hesketh Road, Yardley Gobion	Monday 20 th October	12:00 – 1:30pm 2pm – 4pm

Further information can be found on the Council's website
www.southnorthants.gov.uk

If you need further information please do not hesitate to contact us on 01327 322082.

October at The Fox

**New Draught ESTRELLA LAGER
and YOUNG'S LONDON STOUT**

Try The Fox Gin Shelf

**Up to 8 premium gin brands and now with
FEVER TREE Tonic**

Food every Sunday Noon to 8.00pm

Roasts and full menu till 4, then pub favourites till 8

Happy Hour Friday 5pm to 7pm

**Plus use this voucher for
20% off your food bill**

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 20% off your food bill when up to 4 adults eat from our main menu in the pub at lunch or dinner, Monday to Saturday throughout October. It excludes other offers, takeaway, nibbles, special menus (Ladies, voucher etc.)

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



The Fox at Farthinghoe

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I'm Adam Simmonds, your Police and Crime Commissioner.

It is my role to work with the Chief Constable and Northamptonshire Police, to cut crime and make our communities safer.

A large part of my role is setting the strategic priorities of the Northamptonshire Police for which the Chief Constable has responsibility to ensure their successful implementation. To do this effectively, it is vital that local communities are involved wherever possible.

I want Northamptonshire to be the safest place in the country and I am confident that we can achieve this. When I was elected as the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire in November 2012, I set out the strategic priorities in my *Police and Crime Plan*. These included a 40% reduction in violent crime; making Northamptonshire's roads safer; addressing the complex issues of rural crime; and a large expansion of the Force's Special Constabulary. My full plan can be viewed at: <http://www.northantspcc.org.uk>.

Since November 2012, the Force has made great strides in achieving the ambitious targets that I set out in my *Police and Crime Plan*. However, to build on this success, it is important that communities such as Farthinghoe are involved and able to have their say and provide feedback to enable us to improve further and make progress.

I will continue to engage with communities across the county, updating you with information relevant to your area. I invite you to contact me with any concerns or share your feedback on the policing of Farthinghoe, or the wider county. Please contact me on commissioner@northantspcc.pnn.police.uk.



I am your Police and Crime Commissioner and I am here to serve you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Are you or anyone you know interested in becoming a Special Constable based in Farthinghoe? Contact me at commissioner@northantspcc.pnn.police.uk.

If you would like to receive regular updates via my newsletter, please sign up using the following link: <http://www.northantspcc.org.uk/signup.aspx>

News from the Village Hall

The Committee of Farthinghoe Village Hall is sorry to announce that we have been the subject of further vandalism during the summer period.

Back at Easter time we reported the sheds being vandalized to the police. Over the summer these sheds have been broken into, causing a considerable amount of damage.

The police were informed and logged the incident as Burglary which is a criminal offence.

If you know those responsible perhaps you would like to warn them that the police are serious about these events and will prosecute.

Village Hall Committee

**The Village Hall AGM will take place on
Wednesday 29th October 2014 at 7.30pm.**

150 club for August

£ 25 93 Mr B Willett

£ 10 79 Mr D J Deeley

£ 10 53 Mr R Osbourne

Village Show News: Best in Show winners were

Mrs J Deeley for her Sloe Gin

Mr A Deeley for his Veg Basket

all the entries were great and a big thank you to all who entered,

Date for your diary : November 15th A Winter Warmer Evening with food and music, tickets £8 each or £15 a couple.

150 club is now due, if you are a member or would like to become a member please contact me or Peter, and if you are new to the village and have no idea what it is it's like a lottery that we draw once a month and it helps with the running costs of the hall,

Thank You

Diane Jones Bookings Officer

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Compost Corner

We are now drawing to the end of another gardening season. In September, we had the Village Show, which has quickly become the much anticipated pinnacle of the allotment year; the occasion at which we all secretly hope to astonish our fellows with our achievements in the size of our marrows, the length of our carrots, the smoothness of our beetroots or the straightness of our runner beans. At least, I think that is what the judges are looking for – it is impossible to tell. For some reason, this year, I got first prize for my potatoes, even though they were small, misshapen and knobbly. Fellow gardeners-there's hope for you all! Not just with your vegetables. My theory for their success is that they were the only entrant in that class. In previous years, I have found that helps enormously. Even if that is true, they still came first! Never look a gift horse in the mouth etc.etc.



At the end of the show, the produce entries were auctioned off. But not before Mr. Clayton had shared some of his (at least I presume it was his!) delicious and fruity sloe vodka. What a tot! The drink, I mean. I urge you to try some; the drink, I mean!!

September is also the month in which we allotment holders pay our dues. On the first Monday of the month, we dutifully traipse, cap in hand, down to the Church Vestry, where Mrs Dashwood and Arthur hold court and receive the rent for the



forthcoming year, on behalf of the Church funds.

There are still vacant plots available so if anyone wants to join our rabble and take a chance at winning the small, misshapen, and knobbly vegetable competition next year, get in touch with Mrs. Ruth Dashwood or Arthur at the earliest opportunity and join us in Compost Corner.

It's just a matter of trowel and error in this era of global worming... (sorry!!!)

Happy gardening!

Mrs. Trellis

What's on at Limes Farm



An October down on the farm...

Halloween Treasure Hunts from Fri 24th Oct to Sun 2nd Nov

No need to book - arrive at Tearoom to collect map

£3.50 per child



Fancy Dress Competition - Terror of the Day wins prize (spooky cupcake)

Candlelit Carved Pumpkin Walk & Hog Roast - Thursday 30th Oct

Guided walks from 6pm, complete with lots of spooky surprises along the way, meet the Skelton family & toast marshmallows & visit the glowing pumpkin patch

£7.50 includes your Hog Roast

Family Friendly Bonfire Night Party 7th November

No charge, but you need to confirm attendance

Food: pulled pork or sausage bap/mulled wine & juice box's

Sparklers/Glow sticks available to purchase on the night

Fireworks

Bouncy Castle

Sea of Poppy Cup Cakes - 8th/9th November

We will be baking a sea of poppy topped cupcakes. All proceeds to Help the Heroes. All children at schools where we serve school meals will also be given a cake to take home.

No room at the Inn this Christmas? Come to stay @ Limes Farm

Are you hosting Christmas for friends or family, but have no room to accommodate your guests overnight in your own home? Then why not suggest a unique festive glamping break with Love2Yurt, here at Limes Farm. Our individually themed Lakeside and Bramble yurts will be trading throughout the festive season. Equipped with a wood-burning or gas stove, comfy futons, electricity, lighting, bedding and Xmas decs, a fully equipped kitchen and washrooms with hot showers, hair dryers, heated towel rails and toilets, your guests are sure to have a memorable & magical Christmas.

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Our Christmas Lunch Menu and Festive Afternoon Teas will be served in the tearoom everyday throughout December. **Plus** the kids can visit Santa's Grotto in the Yurt every weekend!

Call **01295 711 229** for more information and to book or email **intouch@limesfarm.com**

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