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LIGHTING THE BEACON



On the 8th May 2015 on the 70th anniversary of VE day, the Farthinghoe beacon was lit in commemoration.

It was a dry and windy night with clear skies all around. The beacon was lit by Louis Garnier (a Cadet), Ian Dorward (Royal Navy) and George Beasley (representing the veterans).

The beacon itself was lit at 9.30pm and a speech was said to remind us of those who lost their lives fighting for us. Lots of people came from the village and we all gathered in the light of the beacon. We had some quiet time to think about people and their sacrifice. The atmosphere was calm, respectful and there was a lovely sense of community.

Beacons just like the Farthinghoe one were lit across the country.

Thank you to Dave Clayton, whose idea it was to take part in showing our appreciation.

By Will and Al Thorley

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RECTOR'S LETTER—JUNE 2015

It is amazing that a year ago there was new face on the block, we welcomed the Reverend Shemil Mathew as our new assistant curate to our five villages. Over the past year his new face has become a recognised face to many people as he has worked all over the place. From a familiar smile at coffee mornings to the organiser of Messy Church at Farthinghoe and Hinton. Now we are looking forward to the next stage in his journey when on 27th June he will be ordained a priest by the Bishop of Peterborough at Peterborough Cathedral. His ordination to priest is on top of his ordination to deacon, just as mine and all priests are. As a priest he will be given authority to conduct weddings, preside at communions and declare God's forgiveness and blessing. A whole coach load of parishioners will be going to Peterborough Cathedral to support him there. For those who go and those who cannot make the journey, Shemil will preside at his first communion on Sunday 28th June

at 11am (a slightly later time than normal) at St. Michael Aynho, and this Benefice service will be followed by a lunch in Aynho Village Hall. Exact details will be given out in the weekly Pews News. If you would like to receive an electronic version of this each week then please email:

Astwick.vale@gmail.com with Pews News in the subject line and we will send you a regular copy.

June is also a time of change for the church, At the end of May we celebrated the Coming of the Holy Spirit and the change that brought to the early church. Now in June we enter into the season of Trinity, when we celebrate that great mystery of God in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And yet still hold true to the first of the Ten Commandments that there is only one God.

St. Patrick is said to have explained this as the three leaves of the shamrock, yet it being one plant.

Others have said it is like a person

who is a father to their children, a husband to their wife and son to their parents; father, husband, son, three people but in one person. As Christians we see God as the creator of the world, Jesus as the saviour of the world and the Holy Spirit as God's working in the world today.

To me complete understanding of the mystery is not important, for I believe it is beyond us. But the words often heard at a wedding from St. Paul's letter to the church in Corinth sum it up very well.

Now these three remain, faith, hope and love and the greatest of these is love. I invite you to come and join in our worship to the God of Love, shown in Jesus and alive and well in the world today.

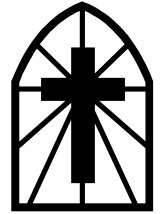
God Bless

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Summer Holiday Club 27th-31st July

Plans are now underway for the Summer Holiday Club and sadly and understandably some long serving team members are stepping down from a full time commitment after up to 17 years service. We want to thank them for all they have done in the past for the children of the benefice.

With a currently much smaller number of helpers who have volunteered so far, we are planning on a smaller holiday club of just 40 children aged 6-10 years old.

We would welcome more experienced or qualified leaders to join our team as well as team helpers to assist those who would be teaching and leading. **With more helpers and leaders we could increase both the age range and the number of children.** If this is something you might like to be involved in please contact any of the team ASAP. Keep an eye on the Pews News to see if ages and numbers change!

Carrie O'Regan 01280 702300, Helen Boswell, Simon and Heather Dommett 01869 810903. Shemil Mathew 07401 587151.

COMPOST CORNER



I have a confession to make; I have made cauliflower cheese with the beautiful cauliflower from my allotment. Why do I need to confess? Well, Fred (who does not wish to be mentioned in Compost Corner despatches, so I won't) very kindly gave me some cauliflower seedlings last summer. These came to glorious fruition last month – truly, things of beauty; their white curds, the size and shape of a human brain, concealed under the protective pale green outer leaves, so not immediately visible until you start to peer more closely. The first cauliflower I harvested, I simply steamed, to enjoy it for its own sake in all its magnificence. Fred agreed that was the best way to eat fresh cauliflower and proceeded to decry the practice of swamping it with cheese sauce. Blast! I thought, that's my next plan for dinner thwarted! Even Joel and Lucie, who had also just harvested

their first cauliflower, said they were going to eat theirs "au naturel" (although I don't know if they were referring to the cauliflower or if that's how they always eat their dinner). The more I thought about cauliflower cheese, the less I could resist it and eventually I capitulated. It was delicious – and I don't care!

Another significant crop in season at the moment is rhubarb. Having got so much available on my plot, I tend not to regard it as that special so I was surprised when, during a weekend of the main road closure, one of the lorry drivers parked nearby, called out, saying he had been admiring my large clumps and please could he have a bit. He came over and I gave him a good handful of pink, turgid stalks; he seemed very pleased.

Mrs. Trellis

DESIGN OUR VILLAGE FLAG!

How exciting! The Village Hall committee are running a fantastic competition for the children to design a flag for the village.

The winning design will be made into our very own village flag, which will be unveiled and flown for the first time at the village show on Saturday 12th September 2015.

The flag will be a symbol for Farthinghoe, so children, think about how you can create a design that means "Farthinghoe" to you.

There will be two age groups: the first for children up to 6 years, and the second for those aged 7 to 12 years. The competition is open to all children resident in Farthinghoe and to those who attend Farthinghoe School.

Entries should be submitted by **Saturday 20th June** to Pip Clayton, Magnolia Cottage, Main Road, Farthinghoe. Judging will take place at the Village Hall Committee meeting on Wednesday 24th June.

Please remember to put your name, your age and a contact telephone number on the back of your picture.

Parents, please bear in mind that we need to be able to replicate this on an actual flag so some guidance on keeping the design simple but striking with not too many colours may be prudent!

Come on, kids, get designing – you could be the lucky winner seeing your flag waving proudly over the village hall!



Change of Phone Number.

We have a new phone number here in the Katharine House Fundraising Office; please get in touch on **01295 816484**

KATHARINE HOUSE 9th ANNUAL MIDNIGHT WALK

On July 4th 2015 we will be taking the luau around the streets of Banbury on our 9th annual midnight walk. So grab your grass skirts and flower garlands and come and shake your coconuts with us. Registration is now open so book your place and start fundraising to help us make this year's bigger and better than ever. You can register online at www.khh.org.uk or ring fundraising for an application form on 01295 816484.

**'Deer Jam' Music and Beer Festival, from 1pm, Sat 5th and Sunday 6th June**

The Reindeer Inn, Parsons Street. Banbury has a fab line-up of bands at this fundraiser in aid of KHH and Banbury Rotaract. Bands include BushFieldSmith, Barney Newman, The Crookshanks, The Duckworths and Rufus Goodlove. Guest ciders and ales, charity ale auction and raffle.

Banbury Rotary Club presents- A Midsummer Evening's Musical Gala

7pm, Sunday 21st June, Tudor Hall School, Nr Banbury

Featuring several previous winners of the Young Musician of the Year competition, this concert is not to be missed! Most participants are now professional musicians, from pianists, and woodwind, to strings and singers. Tickets are £10 (to include a drink) and are available from Fashion Fabrics, Parson's Street, Banbury or on the door.

Katharine House Hospice Festival of Open Gardens-Variou locations

- Katharine House Hospice Gardens. Sunday 7th June 2pm - 5.30pm Entrance £2.50. Additionally, the annual hospice art exhibition of work from day hospice patients will be on view.
- Farthinghoe Open Gardens, Sunday 7th June 2pm - 5.30pm Entrance £5 to all gardens, children free. Farthinghoe is on the A422 about 5 miles south-east of Banbury. Parking available in the village. Teas in the gardens of the Old Rectory, hospice stall. Dogs welcome on leads.
- Middleton Cheney Open Gardens, Sunday 28th June, 1pm - 6pm Entrance £5 to ALL gardens (children under 12 free) A wonderful group of seven eclectic gardens. Maps will be available in all the gardens and will also indicate other places of interest in the village. Plant stalls, home-made teas and a Katharine House Hospice stall will all be at Peartree House. Some gardens have a few steps and may not be suitable for visitors in wheelchairs. Dogs on leads only.

Weedon Lois Open Gardens, Sunday 28th June, 2pm - 5pm Entrance £4 (children free) Car parking. Cream teas and stall.

Katharine House Hospice Annual Raffle.

Tickets are now available for our 2015 annual raffle with your chance to support a great local cause AND win yourself **£1000**. If you would like some tickets or are able to sell some on our behalf please call the fundraising office on 01295 816484. Draw takes place 5th August 2015

KHH 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 816484 or email lottery@khh.org.uk.

VILLAGE NEWS AND EVENTS

Farthinghoe Friends

We will meet at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 2nd June from 2.30pm to 4pm. All welcome! For further details, contact me, Lin Deeley, on 01295 711938.

Church Cleaning

On Tuesday, 9th June from 9am onwards.

Mothers' Union

A meeting will be held in the Church Vestry on Tuesday,

23rd June at 2pm.

PCC Meeting

This will be held at Farthinghoe Lodge on Monday, 22nd June at 7.30pm.

Sponsored Walk

REMINDER: This will take place on Saturday, May 30th, starting from Farthinghoe Village Hall at 1.30pm, returning at about 2.30-3pm. It will be followed by a short service and tea.
Dogs on leads

please. In aid of Away From It All holiday scheme.

Open Gardens

This year's Open Gardens is taking place on Sunday, 7th June from 2pm—6pm. The entrance fee is £5 with proceeds going towards Katharine House Hospice.

The gardens open are 'Windy Ridge', the Old Rectory and Stable Cottage.



CHURCH FETE

This year's Church Fete takes place on **Sunday, 21st June** from 12.30pm—4pm. There will be a BBQ and live music. Come and buy from the various stalls (cakes, plants, books and bric-a-brac) and try your hand at the sideshows plus win a bottle on the bottle stall. Buy some raffle tickets, enjoy a cup of tea and have a lovely afternoon with friends listening to the music.

And... support the Church at the same time!

Hope to see YOU at Farthinghoe Lodge.



The Fox Great Steak Voucher Offer

Monday to Friday, at Lunch and Dinner
throughout June 2015

Two people can enjoy a superb
Aberdeen Angus Rump Steak from the
herd at Newbottle Estate Farm,
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nor can dishes be substituted



The Fox at Farthinghoe

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 27 May	Village Summer Ball meeting	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sat 30 May	Sponsored Walk	1.30pm	Village Hall
Tues 2 June	Farthinghoe Friends	2.30pm	Village Hall
Sun 7 June	Open Gardens	2.00pm	Various locations
Tues 9 June	Church cleaning	9.00am	Church
Wed 10 June	Parish Council meeting	7.00pm	Village Hall
Sat 20 June	Deadline for Flag competition!		
Sun 21 June	Church Fete	12.30pm	Farthinghoe Lodge
Mon 22 June	PCC meeting	7.30pm	Farthinghoe Lodge
Tues 23 June	Mothers' Union	2.00pm	Church vestry
27—31 July	Summer Holiday Club		
Sat 12 Sept	Village Show		Village Hall

JOAN LEWIS

Joan Lewis known and respected by many in Farthinghoe died on 4th March 2015. Joan, who would have celebrated her 92nd birthday in May was an only child born in the farming community of West Harling in Norfolk. The start of WW2 ended her ambition of having a university education and after a few years earning her living she married Robert Lewis at the age of 19. Joan and Bob and their growing family moved into Abbey Lodge Farthinghoe in the early 1960s, beginning a long and happy time in the house.

As well as bringing up sons Yorick and Adam and daughter Roberta (Bobbie) Joan fostered well over 100 children from broken homes and deprived backgrounds, many of whom kept in touch with her over the years. Brother and sister, Gabriel and Clare, attended her

funeral service and Clare's speech was a testament to the care and love she gave to so many needy children. She was honoured for her work with an invitation to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party held for those who tirelessly work for others.

Her work didn't end with children – she kept goats, chickens, grew vegetables and had a passion for cats. Over the past couple of years she had many spells in hospital and her last words before being wheeled into the ambulance on every occasion would always be "Look after the cats for me"!

Many village residents will have their own memories of Joan who was a staunch member of the WI, Farthinghoe Friends, Scrabble Club and a regular supporter of the WEA lectures, the Farthinghoe branch having been started by her

husband. She liked to draw and together with friends Gloria Loakes, Eileen Agard and Diana Stockwell (all now deceased) she attended various art classes locally. She had a keen interest in literature and visits to Kings Sutton and Chipping Norton Literary Festivals were not-to-be-missed days out; she was an avid reader right up to her death, including The Times every day and still had firm opinions on world events!

Joan was a lovely person and will be greatly missed by many people.

Hazel Lister

BENEFICE WORSHIP FOR JUNE

DATE	FARTHINGHOE	AYNHO	CROUGHTON	EVENLEY	HINTON	STEANE
Sunday 7th June	9.30am Communion BCP (SAID)	11.00am Communion		6.00pm Taize Worship	11.00am Family Service	
Sunday 14th June	10.00am Family Service	9.30am Communion	9.30am Communion	11.00am Communion	11.00am Communion BCP	
Sunday 21st June		11.00am Matins	9.30am Communion	11.00am Family Service		6.00pm Songs of Praise
Saturday 27th June	PETERBOROUGH Ordination					
Sunday 28th June Trinity 2		11.00am Benefice Communion				

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The draft minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th May are now available on the Parish Council website.

Whilst writing, I can hear Highways working away on Main Road. The improved road surface is also aimed at reducing traffic noise; whilst it's very early days, as a resident on Main Road, it does appear to have had a marked effect, although the proof of the pudding will be once the heavy lorries start again on Monday.

By the time the Chronicle hits your doormats, we will have had a visit from Northamptonshire Highways to discuss the traffic issues within the village. Ron Sawbridge, our County Councillor, will be joined by Chris Wragg, Team Leader, Transport Planning, Northamptonshire Highways and Helen Howard, Community Liaison Officer, Northamptonshire Highways. The visit is partly in response to the discussion which took place at April's APM and several members of the Parish Council are meeting with the visitors to highlight the severity of the problems we have and to look at possible ways forward.

May's Parish Council meeting saw the formation of the new Parish Council, albeit the members remain unchanged. The first item on the agenda was to appoint a new Chairman and we are pleased to announce that Ross van Geest has been reappointed. Since Ross took over as Chair in Autumn last year, he has had a strongly positive impact on many areas of council work and it's great that he is going to be able to continue his good work. John Grant announced that he would not be seeking re-election as Vice Chair as he felt it was time for someone else to take on the mantle. Mick Morris was therefore voted in as Vice Chair. The councillors wish to thank John for all of his years serving as Vice Chair and are pleased that he will continue as a councillor, providing a wealth of knowledge and experience.

The noticeboard by the Fox pub has fallen into a state of disrepair over the last few years and it was agreed during the meeting that this should be refurbished. The situation of this second noticeboard at the opposite end of the village will hopefully mean that it will be easier for everyone to access general notices that are posted by the Parish Council. This may be seen as a small step, but every little bit helps!

Following the APM, we had a small flurry of registrations to the email database but would urge more of you to sign up. This can be done by either emailing the Chair or the Clerk (contact details are on the second page of the Chronicle) or by completing the online form on the website. This is seen as an invaluable tool in being able to communicate with the village regarding vital issues such as major planning applications or updates on traffic and road problems.

The next Parish Council meeting will be taking place on Wednesday, 10th June at 7pm in the Beasley Room at the Village Hall. The agenda will be posted on the village noticeboard 3 days in advance of the meeting.

Farthinghoe Parish Council



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You can do it online

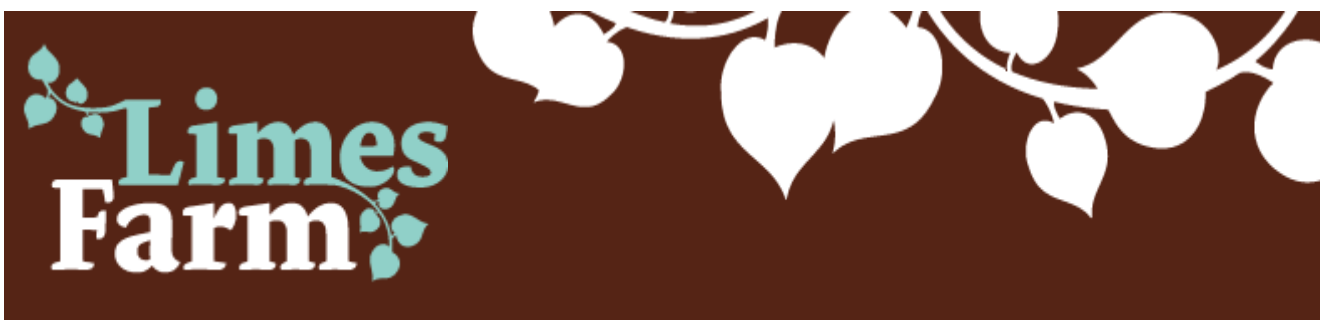
Report highway problems online or use your mobile phone, 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Problems such as potholes, overgrown verges and cracked pavements can all be reported online in just 5 easy steps and you will receive regular updates.

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Father's Day – 20th and 21st June

Last year's Father's Day Afternoon Tea was so popular we will be offering it on both the Saturday and the Sunday this year. We'll be bringing together some of Dad's favourite foods to create a spectacular feast for the whole family to enjoy. Including tasty treats such as: mini burgers and fries, sausage roll bites, mini chicken and ham pies, mini beef and ale pies, chocolate brownie squares, mini cupcakes, mini macaroons and, of course, freshly made fruit scones. £15.00 Per Adult or £7.50 Per Child.

Please call 01295 711 229 or email intouch@limesfarm.com.
Booking is essential.

Father's Day Breakfast 20th and 21st June

For both the Saturday and Sunday of Father's Day Weekend we'll only be charging half price for all hungry Dads who come in to enjoy our Full English Breakfast. Available from 9.00am to 11.30am on both days, we are opening early on Sunday (usual opening hours are from 10am on Sundays), so you can take full advantage of this amazing offer. We strongly recommend you book your table early as this weekend is sure to be busy and we don't want to disappoint any hungry dads on the day! Note to Dads: You must be accompanied by the kids to qualify for your half price Limes Farm Full English Breakfast!

Please call 01295 711 229 or email intouch@limesfarm.com.
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