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# ***Farthinghoe Chronicle***



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# Village News & Views

**We have received the following communication from Louise Gibney of South Northamptonshire Council:**

"Following the introduction of the new recycling scheme in Farthinghoe, please be advised that SNC will be removing the mini recycling site at the village hall in the next week or so. This is not a busy site, according to the tonnages we have been collecting, and now that residents have more space for recycling with their blue bins, it seems the right time to remove the site."

If you would like any more information regarding this or to comment on the removal please contact Louise Gibney at [louise.gibney@southnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:louise.gibney@southnorthants.gov.uk) or phone 01327 322095 Ext: 2095

## **150 Club winners:**

1<sup>st</sup> prize winner – Mrs C Smith - 36

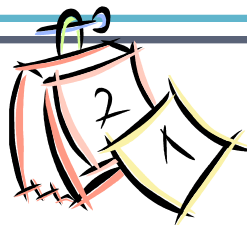
2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs P Mason - 70 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mr D J Deeley - 79

## **Primary School Admissions**

If your child turns 4 before 31st August 2014 it's time to apply for their primary school place—deadline for applications is **15th January 2014 at 5pm.**

Make your application and find helpful tips and information online including details of parent information evenings at:

**[www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions)**



# Rector's Letter

As the nights draw in and daylight hours fail, we come to the time of year when there is more time for thinking. On 27<sup>th</sup> October we have a Service for All Souls for our villages at 6pm in St. Michael and All Angels church, Farthinghoe. Here we will remember loved ones from years past and light a candle as part of our remembering.



We will also be remembering those who have died in conflict on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November with our Remembrance Day services. (Please note the slightly different start times of services and in some cases locations). There are a variety of Remembrance services including a Communion Remembrance services when we remember those who have died and the death of the Lord Jesus. Please note the main Act of Remembrance at Farthinghoe will take place at the 6pm Evening Service. Our remembering is part of our national heritage especially as we approach its centenary year and is for our whole communities to honour the fallen.



November also sees Bonfire Night on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> as we remember the problems of political unrest, and there is still much of that today. Please take care at these celebrations, and PLEASE remember the animals and pets that do not enjoy them. I know our dogs, like many other pets, spends the whole evening shaking in fear at the noises.

Another tradition we remember is the stirring up of the Christmas pudding or cake. This would take place on **'Stir Up Sunday' Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November** which gets its name **not** from the stirring of the pudding but from a prayer used in church that Sunday. "Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that they bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be richly rewarded: through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen"

This year the Rectory, Croughton Road, Aynho, OX17 3BD will be hosting an open house from 4pm -7pm inviting you to come and 'stir up' our Christmas cake mix and to have a drink and a sausage. Heather and I look forward to seeing you then. God bless

**Simon**

# November Church Services

## 3<sup>rd</sup> November

9:30am BCP said Communion ~  
FARTHINGHOE

11am Sung Communion ~ AYNHO

11am Family Worship ~ HINTON

6pm Taize Worship \_ EVENLEY

## 10<sup>th</sup> November ~ Remembrance Sunday

10:15am Service followed by Act of  
Remembrance AYNHO

10:45am Act of Remembrance on  
the Green EVENLEY

10:50am Act of Remembrance  
followed by Communion  
CROUGHTON

10:50am Remembrance Service at  
HINTON

6pm Remembrance Service at  
FARTHINGHOE

## 17<sup>th</sup> November ~ Blessing of Cribs

10am Benefice Communion at  
AYNHO

4:30pm Pizza Praise ~ AYNHO

Family Service with PIZZA or  
HOT DOGS

## 24<sup>th</sup> November

9:30am Communion ~ CROUGHTON

11am BCP Matins ~ AYNHO

11am Family Worship ~ EVENLEY

11am Communion ~ HINTON

6pm BCP Evensong ~  
FARTHINGHOE

# Rotas for November

Week beginning	Church Cleaning	Brass Cleaning
4th November	Ms Walker	Mrs Redrup
11th November	Mrs Phipps	Mrs Redrup
18th November	Mrs Dashwood	Mrs Redrup
25th November	Mr & Mrs Jarvis	Mrs Redrup

# Compost Corner



A word of welcome to any new allotment holders as a few allotments have changed hands this September.

Some new tenants have taken on recently cultivated plots while others, less lucky, have acquired ground which is so tightly covered with couch grass that it is hard to make out where the edges are.

For some that is a challenge to be relished—to reclaim what appears to be a jungle and carve out a productive space. It is one of my small satisfactions in life to be able to work my way along the length of a couch grass plant, right to the tip of the plump juicy root and remove it in its entirety. I will have none of your rotavating nonsense which leaves viable plant fragments in the ground ready to undo your hard work.



New tenants can be assured that when they are ready to start planting there will be plenty of offers of things to grown from their plot neighbours. Anyone for Jerusalem Artichoke, mint, rhubarb, blackcurrants, raspberries, strawberries, gooseberries and horseradish?

**Mrs Trellis**



# BONFIRE NIGHT AT LIMES FARM

**Saturday 2nd November 7:00pm – 9:00pm**

With all our animals tucked safely away in their barns for the night, we will have a bonfire and firework display including sparklers for the kids.

This is a FREE event for the local community but so we can cater for numbers safely, please ensure you book your place as soon as possible as we have limited capacity.

We will be serving traditional bonfire night food and hot drinks to keep you warm while you watch the fireworks. And there will also be a licensed bar available for those wanting a winter-warming beer or glass of mulled wine!



**Free event but please book  
to avoid disappointment on  
the night!**

# **AFTER LIFE** by *Charlie Willow*

## **CHAPTER ONE**

Mary Jennings's knew her husband's funeral had been a shambles. Superficially, mournful customs had of course been diligently respected, but for Mary the whole event had been bleak and hackneyed, and worse, had left her with a very unpleasant taste in her mouth. Admittedly the funeral service itself had been sensitively conducted. An adequate measure of contrived personalisation had delivered no more or less than Mary would have expected from the Crematorium's Officiator. After all, for him Keith was just another name and photo. Nothing more than a mid-price coffin enclosing one more mystery man. In fact on reflection, the Officiator had been lovely, really. He brought tears to enough eyes to appear decent, at least.

No, it definitely wasn't the service making her feel ill at ease with Keith's send off. The wake though, that was a different matter. Every time she thought about it, a sickening wave of anxiety surged through her body, and paused rippling around in her stomach. It had been held in The Black Lion at Gillham, a drab, bare looking pub in a dreary village, but an easy choice for Mary, requiring no thought or effort. Keith had loved it, in all its stale beer, tarnished horse brass and sticky carpet glory. He banged on about it to their friends to the point of awkward boredom. 'Luscious grub, massive portions, top banana that place is, you gotta try it'. Mary used to cringe at what her friends would think if they were ever persuaded by his excessive recommendations. When it came to the funeral though, The Black Lion would do.

But now the aftertaste from that gloomy afternoon was turning ever more sour and revolting. Mary re-played it in her mind over and over. She tried to re-frame events, dwell on the pleasantries and allow the rest to fade. Try as she might though, that sickening wave of anxiety would return like a spiteful uninvited guest, and Mary couldn't get rid of it. Partly it was just embarrassment, she could understand that. It was a horrid little pub and she should never have chosen it, what must the guests have thought. And of course grief had put her out of kilter, no doubt about that either. But there was more, something else loomed large inside her, gnawing at her endlessly. With a stone of dread sinking through her stomach, Mary Jennings had a horrible feeling that during the course of that awful afternoon, she had allowed herself to be completely and utterly exposed.

*Chapter 2 next month*



## **Dates for your Diary.....**

### **Halloween events at Limes Farm**

On 26th, 27th, 30th and 31st October—see website for details [www.limesfarm.com](http://www.limesfarm.com)

### **Mothers Union**

On Wednesday, November 6th, at 2.30pm, Mrs Carrie O'Regan will tell us about her walk to Santiago del Compostella. The venue has yet to be arranged. Visitors welcome! Contact 01295 711130.

### **Church Coffee Morning**

will be held in the Vestry, on November 22nd, from 10am. -12noon. Bring & Buy and a raffle.

### **Farthinghoe Friends**

will meet at the Village Hall on Tuesday 5th November, for Supper at 6pm

### **Charity Night to support Help the Heroes**

Will be held on Sunday 1st December in The Fox. Raffle tickets on sale from 1st November—plenty of great prizes!

### **And save the date!**

Next year's Village Show will take place on 6th September, more details to follow in future issues.....

**November 17<sup>th</sup> - Crib Blessing** Special benefice service at St. Michael Church, Aynho where we will be blessing our Christmas Cribbs and figures before they start their journeys around our villages on their way to our Christmas Crib services. If you would like to offer the 'Holy Family' a room for the night please let Simon (01869 810903) or Carrie O'Regan (01280 702300) know. There will also be lists put up in churches later with more information.



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### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way at this event. It was well supported and raised £333, the most we have ever made. Thank you all for your generosity!

## Parish Council News

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



## Parish Council

Sally Thomas was duly co-opted onto the Parish Council at October's meeting.

Just a reminder that minutes of PC meetings can be found on the village website [www.farthinghoeparishcouncil.org](http://www.farthinghoeparishcouncil.org)

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**TASTING EVENING AND CHRISTMAS FAIR Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 5pm-8pm, Wykham Park farm Shop, Wykham Lane, Banbury**

An evening to taste all that Wykham Park has on offer for Christmas and a fabulous Christmas Fair with a variety of stalls. Gifts, crafts, honey, chocolate, clothing, hospice merchandise and Christmas cards will be available.

Proceeds to Katherine House Hospice.



Hope you enjoy our magazine this month—as well as the usual favourites we welcome local writer Charlie Willow with the first chapter of *After Life*—it's great to have so many talented contributors every month, thank you all.

***Shirley***

# And just in case you don't know what to do with all that left over pumpkin!

## Pumpkin Soup with Crispy Chorizo

### Ingredients:

650g pumpkin flesh, 25g butter, 1 tablespoon olive oil, 2-3 fresh sage leaves, 1 red chilli, de-seeded and chopped, 650ml chicken stock, 1 med onion, diced, 2 cloves of garlic, diced and 100g of chorizo, diced.

Heat the oil and butter in a saucepan, add the onion, chilli and sage, then cook for 10 mins until well softened.

Add the pumpkin flesh and sweat for a couple of minutes. Pour in the stock, then cover and simmer for 20—25 mins.

Meanwhile, fry the chorizo and garlic until the chorizo is browned and the garlic is crispy.

Blend the soup, season to taste, then reheat gently, adding the chorizo and garlic, along with the chorizo oil.





## Your Foxy Fiver Voucher

Save up to £20 on your next visit to The Fox

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 worth £5 per adult, when you each take 2 or 3 courses from our main menu at any time Monday to Saturday during October & November 2013. It excludes other offers, special menus (Ladies, Curry etc.) and can be used for up to 4 people.

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



### CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Our brochure is now out, with thanks to Beth for the colourful artwork. Pick up a copy at The Fox or see the online version.

**Lunches from just £12.95**

**Help for Heroes Party Night**

**Craig plays live again!**

**Winter Warmer Ale & Mulled Wine**

**New Years Eve Party**

**Quiz tickets from 1st November!**

**The Fox at Farthinghoe**  
**01295 713965** **www.foxatfarthinghoe.co.uk**