

# *The Farthinghoe Chronicle*

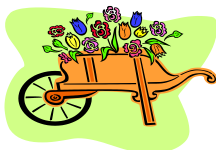
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## *Farthinghoe Open Gardens*

*Sunday June 8th*

*In aid of  
House*



*Katherine  
Hospice*

*The following gardens will be open in aid of Katharine House Hospice: The Old Rectory, Old Rectory Stables and Windy Ridge. We would be grateful for any donations of cakes for the teas at The Old Rectory, and any offers of help on the day. It is from 2-6 p.m. so if you can't help all afternoon, then just an hour would be great to help serve teas, wash-up etc. Also any spare seeds or plants for the plant stall. It would be much appreciated if you could also make a cake for the cake stall for the fete on Sunday 15th June. Thank you, any queries please ring Jenny Phipps on 01295 712128*

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# Village News and Events

## Village Hall News:

150 club draw, £25 80 Mr Pearson, £10 76 Mrs Rose, £10 108 Mrs Loakes

Date for your Diary **May 26th** Pig Roast @ the hall with live music 2pm till 5pm ish more details coming soon.....

## ***More Dates for your diary.....***

**Coffee Morning May 23rd** in the Church Vestry, from 10am. - 12noon. Raffle and Bring & Buy. In aid of Church Funds.

**Church Cleaning** This has been arranged for **May 13th**, from 9.15am onwards. Brass cleaning - Mrs Redrup. We are always pleased to have more helpers!

**Mothers' Union May 17th** Sponsored amble around the village of Middleton, Proceeds in aid of Special Relief Fund for those affected by the floods. Please contact Rosemary for more details.

***Farthinghoe Friends: No meeting this month***

We received the following notice, many thanks.

**"I would like to express thanks to Mr Bud Mason for organising the purchase of a P.A. system for the Church, and also to him and his helpers for the installation of this equipment. We can now hear the Rector and readers clearly"**



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# Rector's Letter

It is hard to believe that we are already into May, over one third of the year gone already. Soon we will be heading towards Christmas again, but we don't want to wish our lives away. But how the time flies is not the only thing it is hard to believe and yet there is a reality to it. Before we leave Easter behind, we might remember that the first people who met the risen Lord Jesus found it hard to believe as well. Mary in the garden was so overcome with grief she didn't at first recognize Jesus. When Jesus appeared to the disciples Thomas wasn't there and he said he wouldn't believe what his friends told him about having seen the risen Jesus till he had seen it with his own eyes, and touched Jesus in the flesh. On another occasion we find Jesus talking to some disciples and he asks them "what is going on?" and they tell him, haven't you heard mate, "Jesus is alive!" It is hard to believe yet nearly all of these people were put to death because of what they believed to be true. It they had thought it a lie... well would you die for a lie?

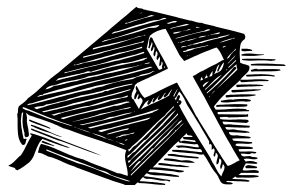


During Lent this year, I gave up chocolate as a Lent challenge; the money I would have spent on chocolate is to be given to a charity decided by the pupils at Croughton School. Now I have to say that for most of the time, it wasn't as hard as I had expected, and yet there were many

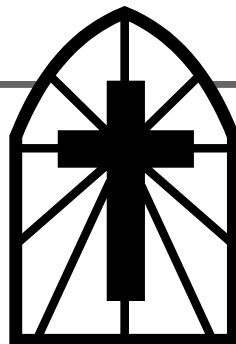
unexpected times when I nearly slipped up. These were occasions when you weren't thinking or were tired. Like when visiting and being offered a chocolate biscuit, or being out and about and just wanting a little snack. Now after six weeks I am wondering as I write this, will I go back to my old temptation after Easter is over, or will the experience have changed me in some way. One thing for certain is that having to think about not eating chocolate has made me more aware about what I have been eating and I think that is for the better. And maybe I might continue to lose a bit of weight in the coming months, which would not be a bad thing either.

I hope you had a good Lent and a good Easter and lets see if time will tell if it makes a lasting difference to our lives.

**Simon**



# May 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 Angles Farthinghoe,  
Most Holy Trinity Hinton-in-the-Hedges

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May Easter 3**

**10am** *NEW Family Service  
at Croughton*

11am Communion &  
Baptism at Farthinghoe

11am Holy Communion at  
Aynho

11am Morning Worship at  
Hinton-in-the-Hedges

**6pm** **Taize Worship at  
Evenley**

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May Easter 4**

9:30am Holy Communion at  
Aynho

9:30am Holy Communion at  
Croughton

*10am Family Worship at  
Farthinghoe*

11am Holy Communion with  
Baptism at Evenley

6pm Choral Evensong BCP  
at Steane **Guest preacher our new  
Archdeacon of Northampton: The  
Venerable Richard Ormston**

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May Easter 5**

**10am  
Benefice  
Communion  
at Hinton**

**Guest Speaker Revd Steve  
Benoy DDO**

*4:30pm Family Pizza Praise at Evenley*

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May Easter 6**

9:30am Communion at  
Croughton

*11am Family Service at  
Evenley*

11am Communion BCP at  
Hinton-in-the-Hedges

11am Choral Matins at  
Aynho

6pm Evensong BCP at  
Farthinghoe

### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May Ascension Day**

8am Communion at Aynho

*Followed by breakfast at the Rectory*

# What's on at Limes Farm



## Bank Holiday Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May

### Lakeside Teddy Bears Picnic

Come along and enjoy a teddy bears picnic at Limes Farm. Bring your favourite teddy and enjoy a delicious picnic on a rug down by our lake. There will be a selection of freshly prepared cakes, sandwiches and lots of other tempting teddy-themed goodies for you to enjoy.

£5.00 per child and £7.50 per adult

Booking is essential, please call 01295 711 229 or email [intouch@limesfarm.com](mailto:intouch@limesfarm.com)



## Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May No Diet Day

You don't need to tell us twice! No Diet Day encourages us to appreciate the bodies we have. It encourages us to recognise that people come in all shapes and sizes...and that's okay. So to celebrate all our cake from our fridge or cake table selection will be just £1 per slice. Go ahead and enjoy a delicious treat - totally guilt free!

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May

### National Children's Day

National Children's Day UK 2014 will explore **children's need to connect with nature** and how much the lack of this can impact on their health and wellbeing. Swap screen time for nature time and come to Limes Farm and do our bird box trail. You can walk around the farm and lakes enjoying nature at its best. And be sure to say hello to our lambs and pigs while you're here.

Only £3.50 per child Booking not required, just come into the shop on arrival.

## Bank Holiday Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May

### Lakeside Teddy Bears Picnic

If you're not able to come along to the one on 5<sup>th</sup> May the late Bank Holiday Monday in May is your opportunity to enjoy a teddy bears picnic down by the Limes Farm lake. £5.00 per child and £7.50 per adult Booking is essential, please call 01295 711 229 or email [intouch@limesfarm.com](mailto:intouch@limesfarm.com)



**Katharine House Spring Fair** This year's Spring Fair is being held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, between 9.30am and 3pm at The Great Barn, Upper Aynho Grounds (OX17 3AY). On offer will be a variety of fabulous plants, knitwear, silks, greetings cards, children's clothing, jewellery, handbags, Neal's Yard remedies, a portrait artist and much more. Coffee and sandwiches will also be available. Entry £4.

**Bring a Pound to Work Day !** This year's 'Bring a Pound to Work Day!' will be on Friday, 9 May. Just collect £1 from everyone in your workplace. Any profession. Anyone. Anywhere. This is a really simple way to support the hospice so we'd love to see lots of businesses and schools taking part. Help us to beat last year's total of £3,931! Call Sheila on 01295 812161 or email [sheila.norton@khh.org.uk](mailto:sheila.norton@khh.org.uk) for more details or to register your workplace or school to take part.

Our **Festival of Open Gardens** begins in May, with 35 supporters opening their gardens to the public over the next three months. Dates for May and June 2014 are as follows: **Fri 23 May**, 1pm-6pm, The Little Forge (Little Town, South Newington) and South Newington House (Barford Road, South Newington)-£5 entry for both gardens.

**Sat 31 May**, 1pm-5pm, Wardington Manor (Wardington OX17 1SW), £5 entrance (children free).

**Sun 1 June**, 2pm-5pm, Katharine House Hospice (East End, Adderbury), £2.50 entrance.



**Sat 7 June**, 2pm-6pm Bloxham Open Gardens: Rose Cottage (The Goggs), Dovecote House (Church Street) , Malt House (Queen Street), Dursley (Banbury Road), Brook Cottage (Little Bridge Road) and Spring Cottage (Frog Lane). Entrance £5 for all gardens.

**Sun 8 June**, 2pm-6pm Farthinghoe Open Gardens: Windyridge (New Road), The Old Rectory (Old Lane) and The Old Rectory Stables (Old Lane). Entrance £4 for all gardens (children free).

**Sun 22 June**, 2pm-5pm, Wildwood, (Southam Road, Farnborough). Entrance £2.50 (children free).

**Sun 29 June**, 2pm-6pm, Hill Grounds, Evenley. Entrance £5, children free and dogs welcome on leads.

Mary picked up the phone, hesitated, replaced it. She paced around David's gloomy living room, then settled by the window and stared outside, intently but without focus. The smell of stale dust in the curtains reminded her how foul she felt. She moved away, slowly rested on the sofa, taking a little photo of Keith from her bag. *I miss you.*

Being with David was becoming increasingly unpleasant; she couldn't deny what a wasteful fool she had been, with him beside her. And she felt guilty for how she was treating him; he must realise how distant and remote she had become and he didn't deserve it. She couldn't blame him for any part of this, only she was responsible. Her mess.

This morning had been like every other since the day she'd moved in here: polite, functional exchanges with David, keeping up appearances. Then he would leave for work and relief would wash in. At last her thoughts could be unhindered; she could re-run her life with Keith, relish that he was a better man in her memory now, precious in his selflessness and devotion. *Top Banana* echoed in her mind, made her smile.

She stood up and returned to the phone, not hesitating this time but punching in numbers with resolve. Joyce answered quickly.

'Oh Joyce, hi it's Mary'

'Mary what can I do for you?'

'I need to talk Joyce. I know I'm the last person you want to see, but please, can I come over?'

Joyce paused for a few seconds. 'Now?'

'Yes, if that's ok?'

'Right, err, yes... see you shortly then...'

Joyce was waiting at the open front door when Mary arrived. Mary air kissed her cheek, and followed her into the kitchen. They both sat stiffly at the table.

'Joyce thank you, and sorry to intrude. But I just want you to know...how bad I feel, and how things are'.

'You don't need to explain yourself Mary, it is what it is.'

'I don't mean that. Things are different. I've changed'.

A shadow of a snigger crossed Joyce's face. Mary ignored it and continued.

'It's been such a shock, finding out about Keith. What he did was amazing, and I can't get over it. I took him for granted and treated him so badly. I was so lucky, but it's too late. It's torture, it really is'.

'You know my feelings Mary. But what's done is done. Time to move on now'.

'But I can't, I just can't, and being with David is awful. All I want is to be alone



in my head, with Keith’.

‘Oh Mary what a mess’.

‘I know, it’s awful. I can’t stay with him. It’s not fair; enough damage has been done. I’ve got to tell him. And I need to move back to my old place Joyce’.

‘Michael’s there though...’

‘Yes, well, he can stay for a while, of course, but probably best if he plans to move out’.

‘Oh, I see. When? When do you want to move back?’

‘Well...do you think Michael would mind if it’s tonight?’

*Chapter 8 next month*

## Farthinghoe Parish Council

The next meeting, the **AGM** of the Parish Council, will be on **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014** in the meeting room at the Village Hall at 7.00pm. Public Time is from 7.00pm – 7.15pm.

The first business of this meeting will be to elect a Chairman for the coming year.

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Farthinghoe Peacock: An emotional debate took place at the Annual Parish Meeting, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2014, regarding the future of "Percy the Peacock".

Having reviewed the arguments and debate, the Parish Council have determined, that as the majority of the Villagers wish for the Peacock to spend his remaining few years freely roaming Farthinghoe, no action will be taken by them to curtail his freedom.

JDGrant

Vice Chairman, Farthinghoe Parish Council

# Compost Corner

There are many visible signs of industriousness on the allotments, the most obvious of which is Graham's erection. It went up very quickly, single handedly, I believe; although I daresay Lena provided encouragement in the abstract if not in deed. The result may be small but it's perfectly formed. I was rather hoping that it would be coloured Peppa Pig pink, to match the fencing around Sophia's vegetable patch nearby. However, Al and Will's advice must have prevailed and it is now an uncontroversial mellow brown and blends in to the background, requiring no petition of objection from the neighbours.



Asparagus season is underway. My plants have so far given me three stalks since the beginning of April, which is a poor show compared with past performance. Perhaps it is showing signs of age? I get stalks in extremes of dimensions; there is the tall thin one, which grows very quickly and in the space of time it takes to think about when to cut it, it has already grown too tall to be useful. Then there is the very thick stalk, the width of a thumb, which is at its best while



still short and stubby. I am still hoping for the perfect stalk which combines the best features of both but in the meantime I need to be content with whatever I can get.

Patiently waiting,

**Mrs Trellis**

## Wap Whipot

1 large stale white loaf

6oz butter

4 oz self-raising flour

4 eggs

6oz granulated sugar

8oz mixed dried fruit

1 wineglassful red wine (preferably home-made)

Milk to mix



Slice the bread and break into pieces. Soak in enough water to cover for at least 2 hours. Squeeze the water out of the bread with your hands, as dry as you can. Put into a deep crock and mix in all the other ingredients—with your hands—adding the wine and enough milk to make the mixture quite sloppy. Bake in a moderately slow oven as the long, slow baking gives a better texture, until firm and golden brown. This can be eaten warm as a pudding, or cut into slabs when cold.

*This is a traditional Cotswold recipe often made in May*



# **May at The Fox**

## **The Fox Party Night Sunday 4th May from 6pm**

Save the date, more details to follow

**BBQ   MUSIC   OTHER ATTRACTIONS**  
**NO ENTRY FEE   EVERYONE WELCOME**

## **Mondays & Tuesdays**

From 6pm

Buy one of our pub classic main courses:

**Fish & Chips, Gammon, Burger,  
Pasta or Sausage & Mash**

**and choose a free drink:**

**Carlsberg, Youngs, House Wine or Soft Drink**

## **New Improved WiFi**

**OK still not Fibre Super Fast but our new  
shiny box on the wall gives a great reliable  
signal so you can surf when enjoying a drink!**

## **The Fox at Farthinghoe**

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