

Farthinghoe Chronicle

Farthinghoe Primary School News.....

We are pleased to confirm that we have reached our fund-raising target for ShelterBox and are very proud to be presenting a cheque for £600 to Banbury Rotary Club on Thursday 23rd May.

Our donation will allow ShelterBox to deliver emergency shelter and other lifesaving equipment to a family who have lost everything following a disaster. The box includes the following equipment: family tent, waterproof ground mats, fleece blankets, mosquito nets, children's activity pack, stove, cooking equipment, warm hats & gloves and water containers.



As Community Ambassadors we will be visiting Little Angels soon where we will be decorating terracotta pots with the children. If you have any spare plants we would kindly ask for donations so that we can add plants to their wonderful creations. We will then sell the pots to raise funds towards the new Farthinghoe playground equipment.

The older children in the school are having weekly sessions on Samba which includes playing the drums as well as body percussion and singing. We will be giving a concert to our parents and friends of the school on **Thursday 4th July** at 9.30am in church. Do please come along and see us. But be warned... we are very loud!

Our sporting success continues with a 3rd place in the Chenderit Cluster of Primary Schools Cricket Competition. Well done to the whole team. We will soon be practicing our athletics skills in readiness for our Sports Day which is being held on **8th July** at 10am on our playing field. All year groups will compete in several races, including a sack race! We would love to invite you along to support us all. Hopefully the weather will improve...

Thank you! We hope to see you at some of the events coming up.
Megan and Samuel, Community Ambassadors

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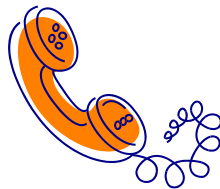
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Farthinghoe play area update We are eagerly awaiting your responses to the questionnaire sent out last month. We will soon be opening the boxes located in The Fox, Limes Farm and the school to see what you would like to see at the play area, so please could you return the questionnaires by June 5th (after half term). You could also email Mary Scarf; maryhvyse@hotmail.com if you prefer. Please be reassured that new play equipment will be in keeping with the natural environment. Noise levels, safety and privacy will all be taken into account before making any decisions. We will be reporting to the Parish Council at each stage of any progress made and would eventually like to make a small display of what we propose.

Meanwhile if you have any ideas for fundraising, we'd like to hear from you! Many thanks for your support and positive responses.

Mary, Becky, Louise, Jenny and Beste.



FESTIVAL OF OPEN GARDENS

Our annual Festival of Open Gardens continues this month, beginning with the Hospice's own gardens on Sunday 2 June. A chance to see the beautiful gardens created and maintained by the volunteers of the Simon Weatherby Garden Trust. Details of all the gardens and opening times can be found at <http://www.katharinehouse.co.uk/opengardens.pdf>.



MIDNIGHT WALK 2013 LAST CHANCE FOR ENTRIES!

Closing date for our seventh Midnight Walk is 12 June, so get your entries in today! Entry is £15 and forms are available from Fundraising on 01295 812161, from any of our shops, or download a form from our website at www.khh.org.uk. Volunteers needed! We are now looking for route marshals to help us on the night. If you would like to help, please give Fundraising a call on 01295 812161.

Rector's Letter

The church has a liturgical cycle of services which gives the church services a sense of purpose with the changing colour of altar frontals and robes and hymns and music sung. The secular year also has a cycle of events which give a shape to each month.

June is the month for fetes and fairs, it gives a chance to get out and enjoy the countryside in which we live (and hopefully an improvement in the weather). I would encourage you to 'do the rounds' and enjoy all that is on offer in our villages.

We have the Aynho Church fete on 8 June, Croughton Church Fete on 15 June, Farthinghoe Church Fete on 23 June, Evenley Church Fete on 29 June and Hinton Church fete on 13 July as we were running out of weekends—I would like to thank everybody in advance for all the help and hard work that goes into making them happen. And although there is nothing we can do about the weather, we can all have fun by coming along and supporting them.



They are also a great opportunity to become involved in our local communities, whether just helping moving a few tables, baking a cake, running a stall or however you can offer a helping hand. Offers of help are always welcome, and I am sure you will find it very rewarding for yourself as well. If you would like to help drop me a call and I will put you in touch with the relevant people.

We are also busy planning for our summer children's holiday club. It will be open for rising 5's to 11 year olds and held at All Saints School Croughton from 5th-9th August, 9:30-12noon, finishing with a special Family Service on



Sunday where we can show everybody what fun we have had. To help fund this family project we will be having a special collection on Father's Day. June 9th will see Revd Christine Allsopp our Archdeacon coming to preach at our Steane Summer Sermon Series. This will give our Deanery a chance to say goodbye to our Archdeacon as she prepares to leave the diocese in September.

I would also like to take this opportunity to ask you for some help. The maintenance of our historical church buildings is a great drain on finance. But the good news is that there are lots of grants available for some projects if you know where to look and who to ask. If you have some of that knowledge or could help point us in the right direction, I would love to hear from you. If you can help or know anybody who can help please let me know.

Please note Thursday is my normal day off during the week, but I am happy to be contacted in an emergency situation.

Best wishes

Simon

Compost Corner

Spring finally turned up this year– six weeks late. We allotment holders emerged, blinking, into the sunlight after what seemed an eternal winter. The soil was parched by the cold and desiccating East wind, and the brassicas were scorched by the frost but, in a matter of days, the increase in temperature and the welcome April showers transformed the scene. Potatoes were sown; purple sprouting broccoli bloomed into life; over-wintered rocket launched into salad overdrive and the rhubarb burst through its protective bracts into vibrant red splendour.

We are now happily coaxing our pea seedlings around their twiggy supports and willing our carrot seeds to germinate before we forget where we sowed them. But will the birds get to the peas first and what about the dreaded carrot fly? Is there going to be a frost tonight?

Of course, for some allotment holders, such uncertainties are the realm of amateurs. Those with a talent for creating plant shelters and cold



frames from reclaimed glass and wood can look on benevolently, proffering a kindly word of advice to the person who is staring in perplexity at a patch of bare soil where, one could have sworn, there was a newly germinated crop only the day before.

Unfortunately, the optimism of April was soon deflated by a return to cold, Northerly winds in mid-May and, as the Chronicle goes to press, my tomato and courgette plants are pressed against the glass, desperate to escape from the ever-tightening confines of their pots on all available windowsills as day-time temperatures, sometimes not exceeding 7°C, have prevented hardening off the tender plants.

However, enough of whingeing! How wonderful the recent rain has been in transforming our gardens into lush and colourful, miniature (for some), paradises; the colour green is never as vibrant as it is at this time of year. The visual impact of Spring is matched by the almost cacophonous spectrum of birdsong, babbling from dawn to dusk; from the full burbling of the chaffinch, the cheeky chirruping of the sparrows, to the unmistakeable mating call of Percy the Peacock!

Mrs Trellis

Parish Council update.....

The Annual Parish Meeting

Those who attended the meeting on 10th April heard reports from the Police, County Councillor Ron Sawbridge and Louise Gibney from SNC, who explained about the new recycling regime that will come into operation later this year.

Since the County Council election on 2nd May your new County Councillor is Ken Melling. He stood as a candidate for the now much larger Middleton Cheney Division as a result of the boundary changes which now includes Farthinghoe. After the Chair had given his report and the Clerk's financial report, the Church gave their report on their activities during the last year. This was followed by updates from the Allotments, Almshouses and Farthinghoe School.

Various issues were raised by residents, including the traffic survey, the need to make more amenities available in Brackley rather than Towcester and the proposal to add new play equipment at the Playground.

It is anticipated that a draft copy of the minutes will be available on the website soon!

At the AGM on 8th May Cllr Mellor was elected as Chair for the next twelve months.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday, 12th June in the meeting room in the Village Hall.

Public Time is from 7.00 - 7.15pm.

Parish Clerk: sue.shepard@talk21.com

This Month at The Fox

Join our mailing list and we can send offers direct to your inbox

Coffee Morning

We are giving our Coffee Morning a break for the summer months (they are coming aren't they) so the next one is in October! Happy Holidays!!

Charity News

Claire and Tilly are taking part in Katherine House Hospice's Midnight Walk on 29th June. Its not to late to join her on the walk and to sponsor her for this great local cause

Regular Specials

Curry on Tuesday

Curry and a drink £8

Ladies Night on Wednesday

3 course menu with a glass of wine for just £16.50

Seafood Thursday & Friday

Some great seafood specials

Happy Hour on Friday

5pm to 7pm with deals of many of your favourite drinks

Food to Take Home

Enjoy some of our Fox dishes at home

To stay up to date with promotions and events at The Fox join our e-mail list at our website now

Bank Holiday BBQ

We have a BBQ from 6pm to 8pm, plus some great drink deals on Sunday 26th then the bar will be open all day on Monday 27th May with food at lunchtime and 6-8pm

Sunday Lunch

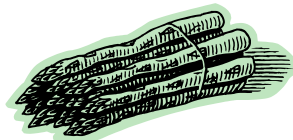
From 16th June (Father's Day) we are extending our Sunday Lunch and serving all the way through from Noon to 7.00pm Full menu plus roasts whilst they last!

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Farthinghoe's Foodies

The column about food by 'foodies' in Farthinghoe

ASPARAGUS season, here at last and always worth waiting for. There is little to match the utter pleasure on a plate offered by spears of fresh picked English asparagus, steamed to perfection and deservingly lavished with melted butter.



Often glorified as the 'king' of vegetables for its incredible flavour, an equal honour might be 'herbaceous supermodel', justified by its fabulous good looks – tall, slender and supremely elegant.

The Ancient Greeks and Romans knew that Asparagus was great, when they first began to cultivate it from the wild (it's a member of the Lily family). They gave it the Persian name for shoot – 'asparag', and cultivation became established all over Europe and the rest of the world. The name mutated into 'asparagrass' or asparagus, and colloquially it became known as 'sparrow grass'. Just as well that didn't stick – pity the marketeer with the task of creating an enticing supermarket shelf strap line incorporating 'grasses and sparrows'.

Asparagus is high maintenance stuff to grow, or at least takes quite a bit of patience. From planting crowns to the first harvest is a 3-year wait, and even then it will take years for a bed to fully mature. Male plants are much more rewarding than females– they produce thicker shoots and a more plentiful crop. (I am sure they still struggle with multi tasking though.)

The dichotomous pleasure and tease of asparagus is the shortness of the season – late April through to late June, but it just wouldn't be the same treat if the supply were endless. (I don't count the out of season varieties available all year in supermarkets, usually from Peru – scrawny, pallid stems with as much flavour as a stewed sock).

English asparagus is undoubtedly the richest and most delicious of all; the secret is the freshness. Bite into a spear, and the velvety tip is firm but easily yields, and what bursts forth from those delicate little buds is the sweetest, most subtle flavour imaginable.

In older asparagus – especially product shipped from overseas – the sugar in the plant turns to carbohydrate and the sweetness is lost, so fresh is definitely best.

Asparagus has natural partners on the plate – poached eggs, shaved Parmigiano-Reggiano, hollandaise sauce, for example – and the less interference the better; simply steamed 'al dente' served with one of its partners is bliss. (Avoid red wine when eating asparagus though; sulphur compounds in asparagus called mercaptans make red wine taste metallic.)

To make a change from keeping it simple with whole spears though, I recently made asparagus pate, which was very easy and great for a light lunch or supper.

Take 200g asparagus, and steam the spears al dente. Cut off the tips (about 10-15 cm), and chop into discs of about 3-5mm thickness. Blend the remaining stems with a hand blender or liquidizer till they are fairly smashed up and smooth. Once they are cool, mix them into 200g of full fat cream cheese (or reduced fat if you are virtuous). Stir 100g freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano into the cream cheese mix; add a pinch of paprika, black pepper, and a little extra salt to taste (although the Parmigiano-Reggiano is quite salty, so take it steady).

Finally, very gently stir in the chopped tips, avoiding breaking them up too much. The mix will be quite runny, as moisture will have been released from the stems during blending, but chill down in the fridge for 2-3 hours and it will set nicely. (Allow a little longer for chilling if possible, as this will allow the asparagus flavour to mature and infuse; 6-7 hours is good). Serve with fresh crusty bread.



If you too have an interest in food would like to contribute to the Farthinghoe Foodies column please contact Julia Pepler on juliapepler@btconnect.com

June Church Services

Sunday, 2 June

- 09:30 FARTHINGHOE ~ Communion BCP
- 11:00 AYNHO ~ Communion
- 11:00 HINTON ~ Family All Age Service
- 18:00 EVENLEY ~ Taize Service

Tuesday, 4 June

- 10:00 CROUGHTON Home Communion

Sunday, 9 June

- 09:30 AYNHO Communion
- 09:30 CROUGHTON ~ Communion
- 10:00 FARTHINGHOE ~ Family All Age Worship
- 11:00 EVENLEY ~ Communion & Baptism
- 18:00 STEANE ~ Evensong BCP- Archdeacons Farewell

Sunday, 16 June

- 10:00 FARTHINGHOE Taize Style BENEFICE ~ Communion
- 4:30 Pizza Praise FARTHINGHOE
- Monday, 17 June
- 10:45 EVENLEY ~ Home Communion

Sunday, 23 June

- 09:30 CROUGHTON ~ Communion
- 11:00 AYNHO ~ Songs of Praise
- 11:00 EVENLEY ~Family All Age Worship
- 11:00 HINTON Communion BCP or CW
- 18:00 FARTHINGHOE ~ Evensong BCP

Monday, 24 June

- 11:00 Aynho ~ Home Communion

Sunday, 30 June

- 10:00 CROUGHTON BENEFICE ~ Communion



Rotas for June

Week beginning	Church Cleaning	Brass Cleaning
3rd June	Mrs Phipps	Mrs Redrup
10th June	Mrs Dashwood	Mrs Redrup
17th June	Mr & Mrs Jarvis	Mrs Redrup
24th June	Mrs Mason	Mrs Redrup

Village news and events !!!!!!!!!!!

Village hall 150 club winners:

£25 Dr Chidwick 100
£10 Mr. R Osbourne 53
£10 Mrs. J. Dyer 120

Churchyard: Is anyone willing to help mow the Churchyard? If you can spare an hour or so, it would be much appreciated.



Dates for your diary:

Farthinghoe Friends will meet at the Village Hall on Tuesday 4th June, 2.30 - 4 pm.

P.C.C.: There will be a meeting of the P.C.C. on June 5th, at 7.30pm at Farthinghoe Lodge.

Fete meeting: Will be held on June 10th at 7.30pm at Farthinghoe Lodge to finalise arrangements. All welcome.

Mothers' Union: The Wave of Prayer and Deanery Festival will be held at Helmdon Church on June 19th at 7pm.

Church Fete will take place on Sunday, June 23rd, starting at 12.30 with B.B.Q. Stalls, games, teas and raffle, ending with Songs of Praise between 3.30pm and 4pm. Look forward to seeing you there!

And save the date..... **The Village Show** is on 14th September at the Village Hall.



Thanks to all contributors again this month, please keep sending in such great articles, it's making the editor's job very simple each month!! And congratulations to the children at the school for reaching their target for ShelterBox, well done! Shirley

News from Limes Farm!! Boy or Girl?...that WAS the question! A huge welcome to the new addition at Limes Farm. Congratulations to Nicky and Ian on the birth of their daughter Jessica Mary Dorward born on 15th May.



What's on at Limes Farm this month



Narin's Thai Banquet at Limes Farm

Narin is one of our chefs here at Limes Farm. Narin is originally from Cambodia, not only can Narin cook the best farmhouse breakfast for miles she can create the most beautiful Thai dishes. We felt it was time to share some of our favourite dishes with our customers. **Tuesday 25th June from 6:30pm**

Father's Day: Book your table now for Father's Day June 16th

Treat dad this year to the best full English farmhouse breakfast, enjoy Brackley butcher sausages, bacon, field mushrooms, toast, beans and grilled tomato.

Perhaps you'd like to come along and order from our special Fathers day lunch menu just £7.50 per person. We will be busy so please ensure you book your table in advance: 01295 711229

Bee Course

Have you thought about keeping bees but not sure what's involved. The introduction course provides you with an insight of the role of a beekeeper. Due to the success of our last course we will be holding 2 further courses on, 29 June 2013 & 13 July 2013

Please email Fiona on fiona_stringer@hotmail.com for further information.



Polite notice: Your four legged friends are welcome to be walked around the lakes, but only if you pick up and takeaway their poo with you. Please think about the other people that use this area. You may be given an on the spot £50 fine if you are caught leaving your doggy poo behind.

(All fines go to charity)