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Fox Aunt Sally team

The newly formed Aunt Sally team has won its first four matches!!



The recently created home pitch has proved to be both an asset to the Pub and well received by the Away teams. There is a good core of people from both sexes signed up to play and team Captain, Sid Atkins, has a good process for picking team members whilst giving all the team an opportunity to play.

Head of Strategy, Jane Mills, tested a number of new ideas in a recent game at Great Bourton. The first was attempting to kill the opposition referee, but after three attacks, a hard hat was employed to thwart her plans. The second was to throw the stick behind the throw line rather than forward at the doll to test the opposition referee's understanding of the rules. Wikipedia failed to provide an answer and clarification has been sought via the IASA (International Aunt Sally Association).

**Anyone wishing to play should contact Sid Atkins
via The Fox**

Dave Hancock

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Village News and Events

Church Fete - At Farthinghoe Lodge on Sunday, June 15th, starting at 12.30 with a Barbecue! Stalls, to include Cakes, Bottles, Plants, Books and Bric a Brac. Various games to test your skills! A raffle and a lovely cup of tea! During the afternoon The New Melochords will play for us. We look forward to seeing YOU there!



Mothers' Union The Deanery Wave of Prayer Service will be on June 18th at 7pm. at St Peter's Church, Brackley.

P.C.C. meeting will be held on June 2nd at 7.30pm. at Farthinghoe Lodge.

Church Cleaning This will be on Tuesday, June 10th, at 9am. Brass cleaning - Mrs Pim

LOST! If anyone finds an earring (most probably round the triangle in Charlton Road) please can you contact the Editor on 711148, many thanks

Farthinghoe Friends will meet at the Village Hall on Tuesday 3rd June, from 2.30 - 4 pm. New friends always welcome!

Farthinghoe Open Gardens Sunday June 8th 2-6pm—The Old Rectory, Old Rectory Stables and Windy Ridge



And a plea to all those lovely cake makers in the village, any contributions would be much appreciated, both for the



Church Fete and for the Open Gardens event, please contact Jenny Phipps on 712128 or bring along on the day, many thanks

Rector's Letter

The Church of England is a funny thing in many ways, it loves using strange words for ordinary things, pews instead of seats, stalls instead of chairs. It also has a very ancient structure of governance and office, this leads to people being called rectors and vicars or parish priests, and it is governed by Parochial Church Councils and Synods. On June 29th, which is the festival of St. Peter and Paul, also known as Petertide, Shemil Mathew and others will be ordained Deacon in Peterborough Cathedral. Shemil will then come and join our Benefice, the collective name for our five parishes (or villages) as our Assistant Curate.

So what is a Deacon and what do they do, many people have asked.

The office of a Deacon is in simple terms one of a servant, to serve the people to whom they minister. Once you are ordained into Holy Orders, you first become a Deacon for life, a servant, just as Jesus was a servant to his disciples.

Later on a Deacon may be ordained a Priest or even a Bishop, but when that happens you don't stop being a deacon or a servant to the parish. Shemil's job title will be that of 'Curate', (as mine is Rector). his qualification to do the job of being a curate is to first be ordained Deacon. Next year we would expect him to be ordained a Priest, but he will still have the job or position of being the curate.

Please pray for Shemil and his family as they prepare for this change in their lives and for us as we prepare to welcome them into our communities. Shemil will be telling us more of his story in church over the next few months so do come and find out more or when you see him in the villages why not stop him and tell him your story.

Holiday Club—Space Academy – Mon 4 Aug until Friday with Celebration Benefice Service on the Sunday. Registration forms will be available end of June/beginning of July. **HELP WANTED:** We would love AND NEED to have more people volunteering to help during the week, even if only for a day or two. . Also, can you help prepare the crafts etc at our Working Party at Helen Boswell's on Wednesday 2nd July at 1.30. Also, have you got any pale plain plates that we could have for one of our craft activities. please contact Simon & Heather for all of the above!
01869 810903 God Bless, Simon

June Church Services

Details at

www.astwickvale.co.uk

St. Michael Aynho, All Saints Croughton,
St. George Evenley

St. Michael and All Angels Farthinghoe,
Most Holy Trinity Hinton-in-the-Hedges

Sunday 1st June

9.30am Communion at Farthinghoe

10am *Family Service at Croughton*

11am Communion at Aynho

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

6pm **Taize Worship at
Evenley**

Sunday 8th June

9:30am Holy Communion at
Aynho

9:30am Holy Communion at
Croughton

10am *Family Worship at
Farthinghoe*

11am Holy Communion with
Baptism at Evenley

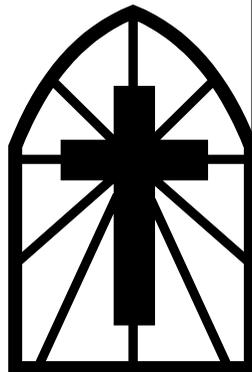
1pm Thanksgiving at
Evenley

6pm
at Steane

Choral Evensong BCP

Sunday 15th June

10am
**Benefice
Communion
at Evenley**



Sunday 22nd June

9.30
Croughton

Communion at

10:30am
Aynho

Family service at

11am
Evenley

Family Service at

11am
-in-the-Hedges

Communion at Hinton

6pm
Farthinghoe

Evensong BCP at

Sunday 29th June

11am Communion at Aynho

6pm Songs of Praise at Steane

In memory of Simon Cox MBE MW

Simon Cox started Farthinghoe Fine Wine in 1975. Simon sadly passed away in 2013 and his son Alex generously hosted a charity wine auction in Hong Kong in his father's memory which took place in November 2013 for Katherine House.



Many fine and rare vintage wines were auctioned at this event, much of it donated by clients of Farthinghoe Fine Wine, including a 1928 bottle of Chateau La Tour Blanche and some dusty, wonderfully mature bottles of unknown vintage Port from Simon's own cellar.

Incredibly, more than £23,000 was raised at this event, Alex wrote the following on the auction catalogue:

“Katherine House Hospice cared for our father in the final five days of his life. Not only did they care for him, but they looked after the needs of my mother, my siblings and myself in this period when we were coming to terms with our father's imminent departing. They accommodated us all in the hospice so we could stay with him, and prepared meals for us all. They made the last days of his life a bearable and serene experience, and for this we are eternally grateful.

I would like others to benefit from the extraordinary care that the hospice provides, but this is only possible through fundraising and I would be delighted if you would care to join my family and I in supporting this most worthy cause.”

The above article was taken from the latest Katherine House Hospice newsletter

Due to pressure of business commitments, Professor David Mellor, OBE, has resigned from the Farthinghoe Parish Council. David has been Chairman for the last 6 years and on behalf of the Village we would like to thank him for all his hard work and unstinting devotion in protecting the interests of Farthinghoe Village. We wish David every success and happiness for the future.



A vacancy has arisen for a Councillor to represent Farthinghoe Village. If you would like to be considered for this vacancy, please contact Sue Shepard, Parish Council Clerk, Telephone Number 01295 710148 or email sue.shepard@talk21.com

The Casual Vacancy Notice can be found on the Notice Board, outside the Village School.

Since Professor David Mellor's resignation the new Chair of Farthinghoe Parish Council, elected at the May meeting, is Councillor Neil Downing who can be contacted via the email chairman@farthinghoeparishcouncil.org or 01295 711148. Councillor John Grant was re-elected as Vice Chair.

The next meeting of the Parish Council, will be on **Weds, 11th June 2014** in the meeting room at the Village Hall at 7.00pm. Public Time is from 7.00pm – 7.15pm.

Parish Clerk, 21 Poplars Road, Chacombe, Banbury OX17 2JY

Save up to £20

When you next enjoy a meal at The Fox at Farthinghoe

We have some great new dishes on our Spring Menu to try, plus lots of your favourites, with wine, beers and soft drinks to accompany.

Bring this voucher with you to claim your discount when you dine.

It is best to give us a call to reserve a table.

Your Foxy Fiver Voucher Save up to £20 at 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 up to 4 people each take 2 or 3 courses from our main menu, Monday to Saturday during May & June 2014.

It excludes other offers, special menus (Ladies, voucher etc)

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



The Fox at Farthinghoe
01295 713965

www.foxatfarthinghoe.co.uk

Gloria Rose Loakes

16.06.1924 – 09.04.2014

Gloria had been our neighbour on Seven Sisters Close for 30 years after moving from Souldern.

She passed away peacefully in hospital and was an inspiration to us all.

When she was driving her little car she was able to take elderly members of the village on various trips for shopping, pension collection etc performing a necessary role for them for many years.

She got involved with numerous fund-raising projects with her home made wines and preserves. She was a keen founder member of the Scrabble club and played with a few village ladies at their homes. She belonged to Farthinghoe Friends and visited the church when she was able. Gloria was an accomplished artist and painted many pictures, belonging to various art clubs.

In spite of her many operations including (2 hips and a heart operation to name just a few), she never lost her sense of humour, forging ahead with her garden and digging the trench for her runner beans until the last couple of years.

She loved animals and had a dog called Penny and a cat called Timmy whilst living next door. Gloria loved life itself and enjoyed it to the full. We will all miss her! RIP

Catherine Mellor

The 'sold' sign had appeared outside Mary's house that morning. She'd noticed it as she passed the living room window. It jolted her slightly. *This is really happening.* She would miss this place. She didn't like to dwell on how much. But now a divorced widow, it was too much for her to manage. Made sense to pack things up, past and all, and move on.

The attic was all that was left to be cleared before she moved out. She'd put it off as long as she could. Nasty dusty job. Now it had to be done and today was the day she had found enough energy to get on with it. She headed up the hallway towards the attic hatch and perched on a small footstool to stretch up and release the clip on the hatch door. It easily dropped open, along with flecks of dust that swirled through the morning sunlight. Mary blinked to keep the dust from her eyes and felt around the edge of the hatch for the loft ladder. She tightened her small hands around the cold rough rungs, and gave it a few sharp tugs. Stiffly it creaked towards her and she awkwardly guided it down; she'd never used it before, loft access was always Keith's thing.

She slowly inched her way up the ladder, eased herself into the attic and clicked on the light. The dull yellow glow from the dusty forty-watt bulb cast dim shapes and shadows into the space in front of her. She stood with her hands on her hips, let her eyes adjust, and realised how little was actually there. Surprising. She had expected piles of clutter. Keith wasn't good at throwing things away. But there were just a few boxes. Two or three overflowing with tinsel and branches from a fake Christmas tree, the rest just non-descript cardboard cartons, neatly stacked under the roof joists.

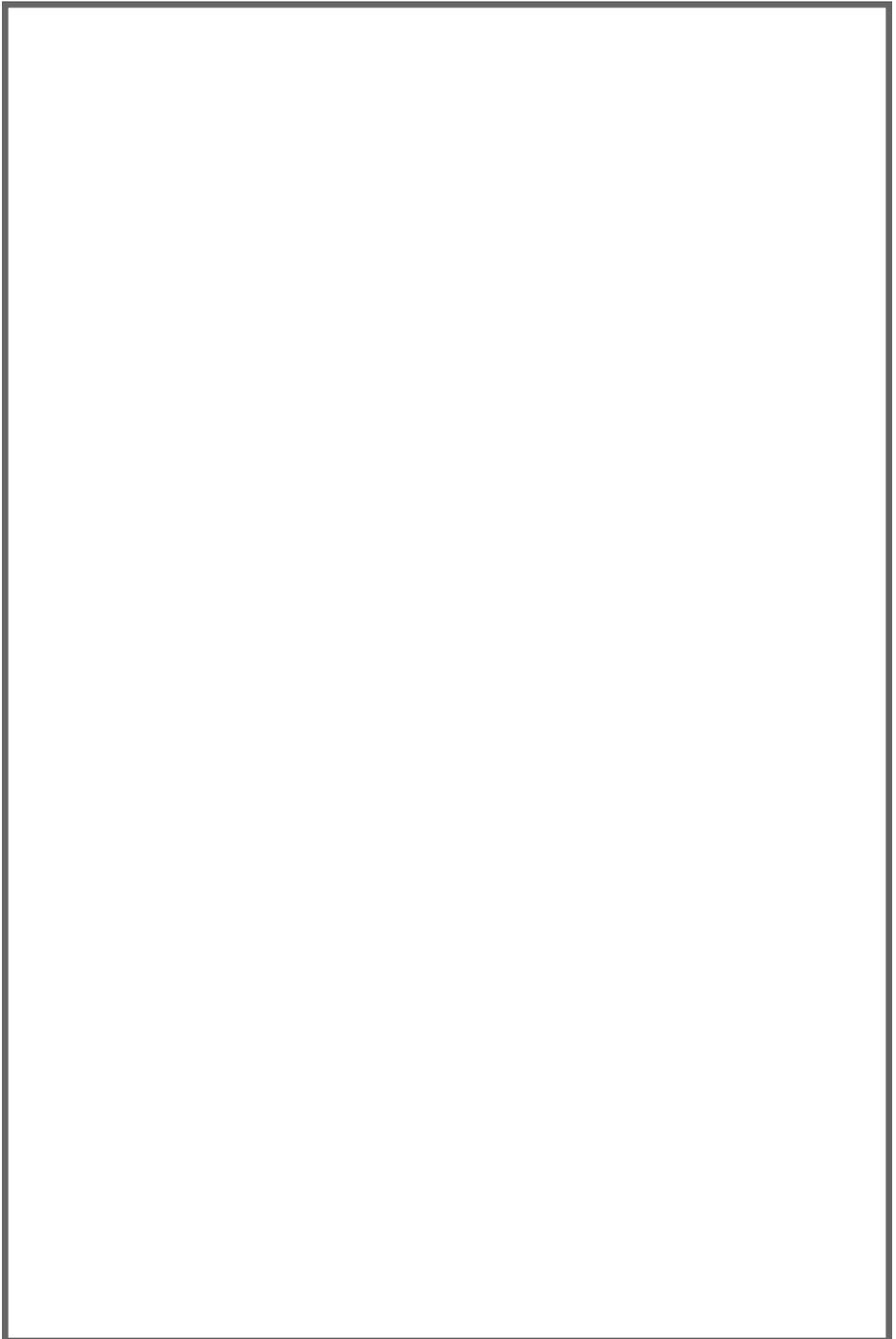
She dragged one of the boxes into the dim light, swept the dust from the top, and opened the folded flaps. It was full,

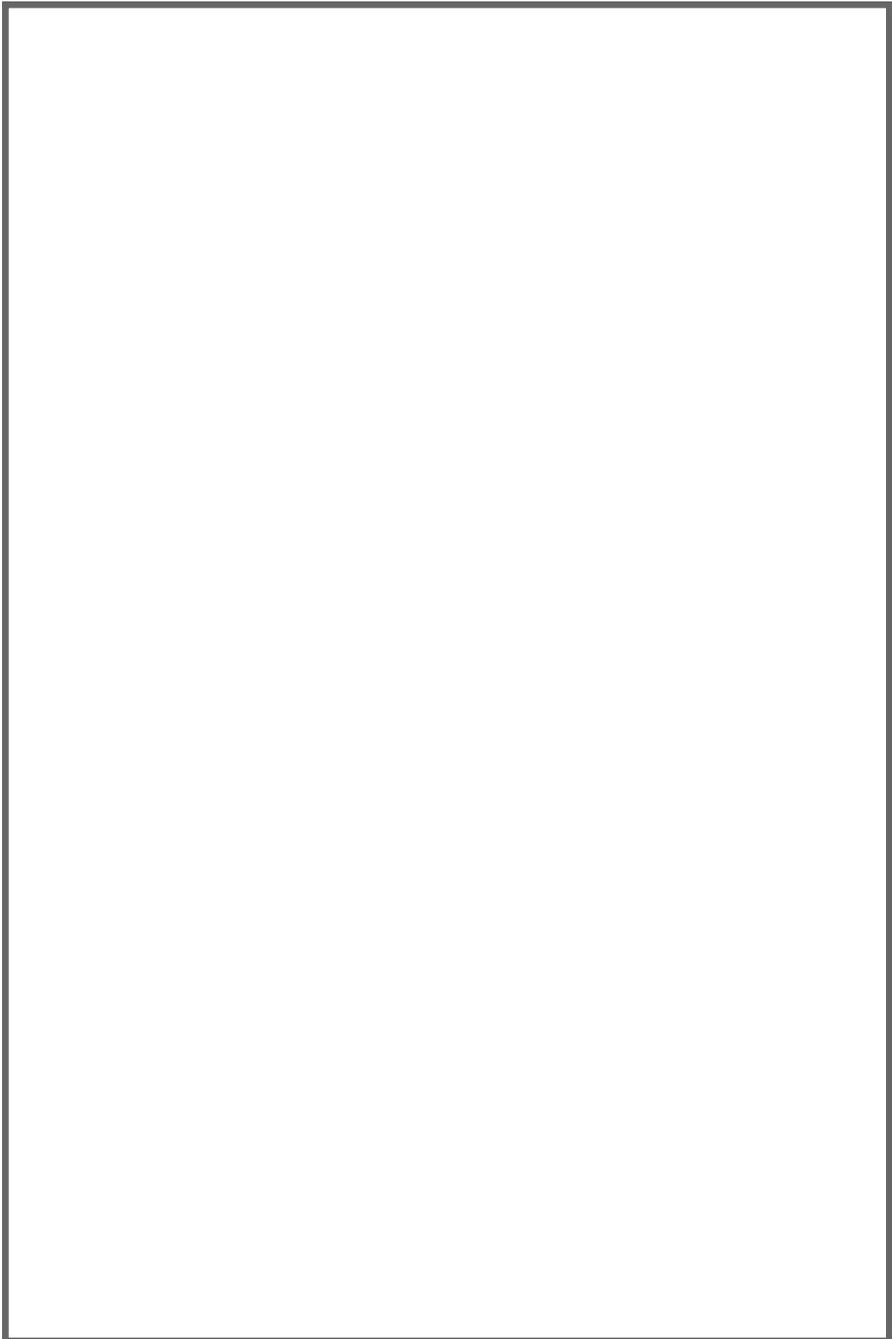
with a foolscap-sized file on top. She removed the file, shook off a couple of dead flies and lifted the cover; just a bunch of old invoices and receipts from Keith's business days. She felt relieved; only a 5-minute job to get rid of those. She would quickly check the other boxes and then get out of here. She chose one that had formerly contained Golden Wonder Crisps, and eased it into the light. It was sealed with tape, although time and dust had left this brittle and easy to peel. The box was half empty. She confidently delved in, and lifted out a large brown envelope. It wasn't sealed and she roughly tipped out its contents, complacently expecting nothing but another pile of yellowing receipts to emerge.

She was completely unprepared and shuddered with shock at what actually slipped onto the floor in front of her. She bent down and peered closer, tentatively reaching out to touch the musty looking paper covered with unfamiliar handwriting. She lifted a page; it was a letter with writing on both sides. '*Dear Keith*' at the top. Her heart drummed as she turned it over. It was hard to look. But the words were there, raw and stark, inevitable.

'I'll write again as soon as I can. Love as always, Lorraine'. She dropped the page as if it had scorched her fingers, then turned back to the box, scrabbled in it for the next item. A small but thick envelope. She tore it open. Photos. Dozens of them. A woman, small and pretty. And a child with her. Blond, about four. She looked more closely at the child, tilting the photo towards the light; almond shaped slanting eyes, little button nose, broad flat forehead and pale downturned lips. *Down's syndrome*' Mary whispered. She felt lightheaded. She dropped to her knees and rested her head in her hands. Then she began to read the letters.

Chapter 9 next month





Compost Corner

I would never have described myself as having green fingers; I simply enjoy the process of gardening, and the need for perseverance despite my numerous failures.



Take mint, for example. It is supposed to be a thug of a plant, requiring no gardening skills to nurture and grow but instead it requires restraint such as growing in a container to prevent it from taking over the garden. Chance would be a fine thing! For years, I have had to purchase a new mint plant every year, each time hoping that I would be the lucky victim of a vibrant, spreading clump in my garden. I have tried different positions - up against the wall, to the side, round the back, the front, the bottom, but each year I have searched through the undergrowth only to find the weakened remains of a few pathetic stalks.



However, I now know that the best place for it is the allotment and this year my mint dreams have come true; the plot is almost overrun with clumps of mints of different varieties – apple mint, spearmint, Moroccan tea mint.

I can now reach into my mounds and grasp handfuls of the bright green, nose tingling foliage, crush it and breathe deeply of the pungent, zingy aroma which conjures up images of roast spring lamb, big jugs of Pimms and Tom's mojitos.

Your very good health!

Mrs. Trellis

150 Club draw:

**80 Mr Pearson, 90 Mrs Bush and 83 Mrs
Bradbeer**

Attention all village gardeners!!!!!!!

The **Farthinghoe Village Show** will be held on Saturday 6th September and entry forms will be included in a future edition of the Chronicle. Just to give you the heads up however, please find below a list of categories for the Produce Show in order to give you time to nurture!

3 Beetroot—tops on	3 Potatoes —any variety	3 Cooking Apples
3 Carrots—tops on	3 Parsnips—tops on	3 Pears
3 Runner Beans	3 Shallots	5 Plums
1 Cabbage	1 Pumpkin (not necessarily the biggest or heaviest!)	Dish of 5 soft fruit (5 varieties)
3 Onions		Basket of 5 veg (5 varieties)
3 Tomatoes—1 variety	1 Marrow (not necessarily the biggest or heaviest!)	
1 Cucumber		
1 Cauliflower		
3 Potatoes—1 variety	3 Dessert Apples	

Entry forms will include details of all categories: *Cooking, homemade Wine and Liquor, Eggs, Flowers, Photography, Painting and Kids Corner.*

Anyone wishing to enter the Tractor Show please contact Pete or Jon on 01280 705345.

Please note that due to the lack of entries last year the Dog Show will be put on hold this year but will hopefully be back next year.

Please note that entries are limited to villagers only.

And finally, due to unforeseen circumstances the Hog Roast planned for later this month at the Village Hall has had to be postponed but Watch This Space for further details.....

What's on at Limes Farm



15th June Father's Day - Our Limes Farm Afternoon Tea like you've never seen it before!

We'll be incorporating some of 'Dads' favourite foods to create a spectacular feast for the whole family to enjoy including Mini Burgers, Tiny Pies, Small Fries, Sausage Bites, Apple Crumble Cookies and Chocolate Brownie Squares! £15 per Dad (and other adults!) and

£7.50 per child.

Bee Keeping Course At Limes Farm

Beekeeping taster course - a half day course providing an insight into the world of beekeeping. There will be an opportunity to have hands on experience in a working hive. **7th June 10am-1pm £40**

Introduction to Beekeeping - a full day course for those interested in keeping bees or who are beginners. This is a more in-depth course than the taster one including diseases, equipment, a year in the life of a beekeeper. The course includes hands on experience in a working hive **12th July 10am-4pm £65 incl lunch**
To book please email intouch@limesfarm.com or call 01295 711229



Fish and Chips Fridays If you haven't joined us for fish and chips then you're really missing out. Our newly developed batter recipe has been a real hit with our customers! Come along every last Friday of the month for lunch or tea.