

Farthinghoe Chronicle

February 2013



Farthinghoe in the Snow

Just a reminder of the temporary closure of the A422 from 6pm on Friday 1st February to 6am on Monday 4th February. If you require any further information once works have commenced, please contact David Howland on 01604 83400.

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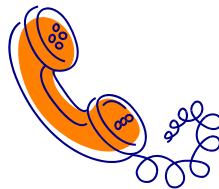
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Village News and Events



PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday, 13th February in the meeting room in the Village Hall. Public Time is from 7.00pm-7.15pm.

21 Poplars Road, Chacombe, Banbury, OX17 2JY

Parish Clerk: e-mail: sue.shepard@talk21.com, tel. 01295 710148

Congratulations to Mike Ellison at the recent Fox Pub Quiz Night!

Mike won first prize in the charity raffle, the stipulation of the prize being a donation to a charity of the winners' choice. As you may know Farthinghoe Primary School are currently supporting **SHELTER BOX**, a charity who provide emergency shelter and life-saving supplies for families around the world who are affected by disasters, at the time they need it most.

Mike has chosen to donate the £140 prize money to **SHELTER BOX**

Local appeal for witnesses

Northamptonshire Police
Putting Communities First
101 - non emergencies & enquires



A fatal road traffic collision took place in Cockley Road, Farthinghoe, at around 4.40pm, on Saturday 5 January.

A 79-year-old woman was driving a red Suzuki Jimny from Farthinghoe towards Marston St Lawrence, when for reasons yet unknown, left the road and was in collision with a tree.

The woman was taken to Horton Hospital in Banbury, by ambulance where she died.

Officers would like to speak to anyone who may have witnessed the collision or who may have any information regarding it.

Anyone with information or who witnessed this incident is asked to call the Drivewatch Hotline on 0800 174615.

Clubs and Societies

Farthinghoe Friends Farthinghoe Friends will meet for lunch at the Village Hall on Tuesday 12th February, 12.30 for 1pm. Anyone is welcome to join us; contact Lin Deeley on 01295 711938.

Mothers' Union Will meet on Tuesday, 19th February at 2pm at Westwinds. This will be our A.G.M.

Scrabble Club The Scrabble Club meets on the third Wednesday of the month. New members are always welcome. Please ring 01295 710397 for more information.

New Babies!

Congratulations to Zena and Mark Nurse on the

birth of Harvey Joseph, born on 3rd

January and also to Steph and Steve Rowett on

the birth of Sophie Nicole, born on 14th January.



Just want to say a big thanks to all our contributors this month—great to have so many varied articles submitted and also thanks to photographers Neil and Paul. If you have something to say or a picture you'd like to submit then please do contact me on 711148 or sjdowning@btinternet.com



Shirley

Looking forward to Lent and Feeding Body and Soul

Lent, like Advent is a time of preparation and is traditionally used as a time to explore the Christian faith. If you would like to explore more about the Christian faith or could offer your home as a place where people could meet for an hour, during the day or evening please let me know. Venues still wanted in Hinton and Farthinghoe, Many thanks Simon

Rector's Letter

The Coming of Easter

Easter this year comes early on 31st March and you may be wondering why I am mentioning that in February. But the simple reason is that the traditional 40 days of Lent, remembered before Easter, means that Lent this year starts in the middle of February, or on Ash Wednesday 13th February to be more precise which is foreshadowed by Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day. Heather and I will be hosting an open house that evening (12th February 6pm-8pm at the Rectory, Aynho Court, Aynho) for those who don't want to cook their own pancakes. This is a fun time and everybody is welcome, but it would help if you could give us some clue if you are coming. Any donations given on the evening will go to charity.



Ash Wednesday derives its name from the marking in ashes of a cross on a person's forehead, signifying their turning from the wrong things in life (sin) and turning to Christ. It is also a reminder, if needed, about our mortality as the priest uses the words 'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.' The ashes used are made from the burnt remains of last year's palm crosses used on Palm Sunday. This year we will be holding both a morning and evening service to mark (if you pardon the pun) the occasion.

Lent for Christians is a time for preparing for Easter as we recall the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness. Historically this would mean going without luxuries and hence the using up of ingredients on Shrove Tuesday. Today some people still give up certain foods or activities as Lenten discipline. If you want to try this why not give the money saved to charity. Or I would encourage taking up a profitable pastime or activity as an alternative, maybe even one of the Bible studies where you can feed body and soul. The middle of Lent is marked by Mothering Sunday which this year is on 10th March, but more about that next month. Have a Good Lent



Simon

Candle Prayers LAST TWO ! Simply means your local church will be open from 7:30-8:00pm, lit with candles, giving you the opportunity to come and enjoy the peace of these special places. You may want to light a candle for somebody or a situation, or just sit on your own for a few minutes.

1st February St Michael & All Angels, Farthinghoe

4th February St. Michaels, Aynho



Two Courses for £10

Monday to Saturday Lunchtimes plus evenings from
6 to 7pm throughout February

Starter and main Course from our special menu
for just £10—Full menu is also available

Coffee Morning

Friday 1st February from 10.30am
and the first Friday of each month

Happy Hour & 2-4-1 Cocktails

Now every Thursday 6pm to 7pm
and Friday & Saturday 5pm to 7pm

Our New Menu

Starts Friday 1st February

Now Booking

Valentines Day
Thursday 14th February
Mother's Day Lunch
Sunday 10th March

**Pop in or call for details
or sign up on our website for our Mailing List
giving advance notice of all offers and events**

**www.foxatfarthinghoe.co.uk
01295 713965**

Compost Corner

Ruth's Rakeover of 2012

The last 12 months on the allotment saw the full range of climatic conditions guaranteed to elicit complaints from gardeners. The year began after a winter which had been pronounced as “dry”, despite much precipitation having fallen. Unfortunately, it had been “the wrong sort” of precipitation, namely snow. A drought was declared in the Spring, a hosepipe ban duly announced and talk turned to the growing of cacti and olive trees. As the allotments are not served with running water, we all made plans to save and store water, attaching guttering and downpipes to erections (allotment-speak for sheds), investing in water butts, soaker hoses and wheel barrow-shaped polythene bags for transporting water from home.

At which point, the very welcome (at the time) rain began, allowing us to relax as nature nurtured our seedlings, freeing us from endless errands with the watering can (or sparing us from the guilt of not doing so).

However, much as we gardeners love the rain, there did come a point when we had had enough. I think this was when the potato and tomato plants had collapsed in a brown mush, stricken with blight, the cabbages were rotting and the slugs were cavorting in the carrots.

It was a testament to the competitive spirit in us that enough fruit and vegetables were produced for the judges in the Village Show to have anything to look at.

The gardening year ended with the rain still falling, leaving us to wonder if this will herald a good start to the new year with aquifers full to bursting, or if we will get a chance to implement our erstwhile undisturbed anti-drought equipment.

Whatever the weather brings, you can be sure of one thing – we'll complain about it!



Ruth Brittain

A Victor's View

It was time. Time to don the 2011 Fox Quiz winner's sash and head out to defend our title. But first, a little pre-match warm up with mulled wine at Magnolia Cottage. Some thought this might be a devilish ploy to get the other contestants sizzled. As if we would stoop so low!

We could feel the tension as we walked into the pub. Our bright pink sash obviously singled us out as a force to be reckoned with, but we squared our shoulders and tried to look up to the task.



Quiz Master Tom and his band of helpers delivered the quiz sheets with strict instructions only to turn the page when told to do so. It was just like sitting my "O" levels again, if only I could remember that far back. And we were off, battling with the first round - cabinet members, thank goodness we had a district judge on our team!

Round upon round followed—Becky's bookshelf (Becky, I'm worried about your choice of reading, what's wrong with Mills and Boon?) Clare and her floristry questions (yes Claire, they WERE difficult, they are only easy if you're a florist, believe me), through to plasticine modeling. Tom and his team had surpassed themselves.

Papers were passed between the teams for marking and the nervous wait for the final results began. In 3rd place the Gladden team, in 2nd placed the Bragg team and in first place....well as this is a Victor's View, you've probably guessed. It was the Claytons again, a true team effort—Richard our judge on all things slightly highbrow, Erika on a truly wide range of general knowledge, Dave on the fast food logos and alcoholic drink ingredients and me? Well I knew the answer to the Fifty Shades of Grey question (oops, that's one of my deepest secrets revealed!)

Pip

Congratulations!! To Farthinghoe couple George and Phyllis Beasley who have recently celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary with a special blessing at Deddington Church where they were married in 1953 and a party for family and friends in Farthinghoe Village Hall



Try to cast your mind back to before Christmas – 9th December to be precise. I need you to recall this time long, long ago because I missed the Chronicle's January deadline. (Sorry!)

So, it was a gorgeous, bright, sunny day and you may have noticed two cars leaving Farthinghoe packed with real, live Santa Claus's. In Banbury, almost all cars were crammed with Santa Claus's, all heading for Spiceball Park and the Santa Fun Run in aid of Katherine House Hospice. And what fun the morning was! Around 500 people of all ages (youngest 5 months) all dressed as Santa Claus, set off from the touch line after some rigorous stretching to music and accompanied by local Olympic torch bearers. The challenge was to run, walk or dawdle 4 kms around the park. Now, of course, we had no intention of dawdling – or gossiping, so after spiking several serious contenders in the neck and eye with my Nordic poles (not terribly good Father Christmas behaviour, I know) we got a good pace going - one that our sponsors would have been proud of. And what incredibly generous sponsors we had - £510 collected between nine of us!!

With Santa outfits removed and hair titivated (very important) Sunday lunch with some of those generous sponsors followed at The Fox, The wine flowed and the food was good. Despite gently aching muscles we made our way steadily to church later for the carol service. What a wonderful way to spend a December day!



In fact, we had so much fun we'd like to repeat the experience again next year; and we'd like to make even more money for Katherine House. If you'd like to join us or send money then I'll remind you again next October in the Chronicle about the event. Next year it would be fab to see loads of Santas leaving

Farthinghoe! And of course, celebrating in The Fox afterwards!!

In the meantime, you have an opportunity to try your luck in our fantastic competition. Study the photograph and spot the real identity of every Santa Claus in the picture. (Don't tell the children about this) The top prize is a week in the Caribbean! Send all entries to me and my decision on the winner will be final!

Wendy Hancock

February Church Services

Sunday 3rd February 2nd before Lent

9:30am Matins at Croughton

9:30am Said BCP Communion
at Farthinghoe

11am Holy Communion at
Aynho

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

6pm **NEW ~ Taize Service**
at Evenley

Sunday 10th February Sunday before Lent

9:30am Communion at Aynho

10am *Family Worship at
Farthinghoe*

11am Communion at
Evenley

4:30pm *Family Pancake Praise at
Croughton Village Hall*

6pm Evensong BCP at
Hinton in the Hedges

ASH WEDNESDAY 13th February

9:30am Holy Communion with Ashing
at Aynho

7:00pm Holy Communion with Ashing
at Evenley

Sunday 17th February 1st Sunday of Lent

10am Communion at Farthinghoe

Sunday 24th February 2nd Sunday of Lent

9:30am Communion at
Croughton

11am *Communion with
Baptism Service at Farthinghoe*

11am *Family Service at
Evenley*

11am Communion CW at
Hinton-in-the-hedges

11am Choral Matins at
Aynho



Following the meeting to discuss the Church Fete, it was decided to hold it on Sunday, 23rd June, starting at 1pm. There will be a BBQ and Pimms!

Next meeting is on April 9th at 7.30pm at Farthinghoe Lodge - more details to follow.....

Rotas for February

Week beginning	Church Cleaning	Brass Cleaning
4th February	Mrs Dashwood	Mrs Redrup
11th February	Mrs Mason	Mrs Redrup
18th February	Mr & Mrs Jarvis	Mrs Redrup
25th February	Mrs Thompson & Ms Walker	Mrs Redrup

Dates for your Diary.....

Tues 12th Feb	Farthinghoe Friends	12.30 for 1pm Village Hall
Weds 13th Feb	Parish Council Meeting	7.00pm Village Hall
Tues 19th Feb	Mothers' Union	2.30pm Westwinds

Does your Eyesight cause you problems?



Why not visit Northamptonshire Association for the Blind's **Mobile Sight Centre** when it's in your area?

On **Wednesday 6th February** our **Mobile Sight Centre** will be in **Brackley**

Town Centre from 10am -12:30pm and at **Towcester Waitrose** from 1:30pm-3:30pm. For further information or support call our **Helpline: 01604 719193** or visit **www.nab.org.uk** Come and talk to our friendly Information Officer Fred Cannon, you will also find a large selection of every day living aids and equipment designed to make life a little easier for people experiencing sight loss.



What's on at Limes Farm this month



Burns Night - January 25th

We are pleased to announce we still have tables available for Burns Night on Friday 25th January at 7:30pm.



Valentine's Day

You can book a table now for Valentine's Day at Limes Farm.
7:30pm Thursday 14th February.

Menu Selection

STARTERS

Beetroot cured salmon with homemade soda bread and marinated vegetables
or

Chorizo and sweet pepper tartlet with roquette salad
or

Cream of celeriac soup with Parmesan croutons

MAINS

Slow cooked belly pork with sautéed apple and black pudding
or

Pan fried chicken breast stuffed with spinach and red pesto
or

Wild mushroom and gruyere filo parcel

All served with new potatoes and seasonal vegetables

DESSERTS

White Chocolate panna cotta with shortbread biscuit and blueberry coulis
or

Lemon tart with raspberries
or

Warm chocolate and hazelnut brownie with vanilla ice cream

Limited tables available. Demand will be high so please book early.

£25.00 per person.

£14 per person for our special Valentine's Day Tea

Book now for 14th, 15th, 16th and 18th.



Our new 2013 stock is now available at Limes Farm, including new treats for foodies, tea gifts, jars of heart shaped biscuits' and delicious Northamptonshire brewed ales.