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Solar Park Proposal, Cockley Road

Public Time before the January meeting started at 6.45pm and should have ended at 7.15pm but was further extended to accommodate the presentation by Green Energy UK and the concerns raised by the local residents also in attendance.

A further Public Meeting has been scheduled for **Thursday, 13th February** in the Village Hall from 3.00pm – 7.30pm when Green Energy UK will be available to address any concerns.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday, 12th February 2014** in the meeting room at the Village Hall. Public Time is from 7.00 - 7.15pm.



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Some residents object to the proposed Solar Farm and are forming an action group. They can be contacted on farthinghoeactiongroup@gmail.com or 07831 547335

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Village News



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

As winners of the **charity raffle at the Fox** on quiz night, Mike and Cats Ellison have chosen to donate the £150 to the charity "Matthew's Friends".

This is a registered charity that raises awareness and promotes the use of the ketogenic diet for babies and children with uncontrolled, drug-resistant epilepsy. They provide a phone support line, up to date website, annual conferences and local workshops for both parents and professionals. The website link is <http://www.matthewsfriends.org/>

Happy New Year from the Village Hall Committee!

There will be a new class starting on Feb 5th 10-30—11-30 over 60's ballet with Miss Anne, it will run in 5 week blocks—come along and join in the fun!

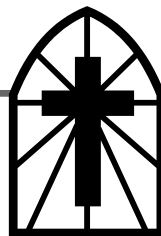
150 Club numbers for Nov: 80 Mr J Pearson, 6 Mrs L Beswick, 17 Mr A Lord. For Dec 3 Mr S Rowett, 11 Mr M Cherrie, 46 Mr B Young,

We have been round several times to collect 150 money, however if we have missed you please can you bring round to myself, George or Peter.

Many thanks, Diane Jones

Lucy Garnier and her family want to thank you for your kind messages, cards and flowers following the death of Lucy's mother Jenny Arnold-Wallinger, who passed away on 12th January. Jenny had lived in Farthinghoe for 6 years in her cottage and was so happy here - with wonderful neighbours and friends.

Rector's Letter



Summer Holiday Club

Looking ahead to the summer our Holiday Club run at Croughton School. It will run from Monday 4th August to Friday 8th August with a special Family Praise Service to round it all off.

Shrove Tuesday 4th March

The Rector and his wife (Simon and Heather) invite you to come to an Open House and Pancakes at the Rectory, Aynho Court, Croughton Road, Aynho, OX17 3BD. Please feel free to drop in any time from 6pm to 8pm and sample freshly cooked pancakes and Rectory hospitality. Warning of advanced numbers welcomed but do just drop in if you can. Looking forward to seeing you, Simon & Heather 01869 810903

Quiet Day

In the busy rush of life getting some quiet can be hard to come by, yet we all need space and time to reflect and get our breaths back. I invite you to join me for a day of quiet reflection and refreshment on Monday 31st March (*10am-4pm approx*) at Stanton House, near Oxford. There are twelve spaces for the day at a cost of £22 (payable on the day) includes refreshments, lunch and afternoon tea. Please let Simon Dommatt 01869 810903 or Carrie O'Regan 01280 702300 know if you would like to book a place ASAP. Plenty of lifts available, just let me know.

Taize Service

Come and experience the atmosphere of Taize worship on Sunday 2nd February 6pm at St. Georges Evenley.

The **Taizé Community** is an ecumenical monastic order in Taizé, Saône-et-Loire, Burgundy, France. It is composed of over a hundred brothers, from Protestant and Catholic traditions, who originate from about thirty countries across the world. It was founded in 1940 by Brother Roger Schutz, a Protestant. The community has become one of the world's most important sites of Christian pilgrimage. Over 100,000 young people from around the world make pilgrimages to Taizé each year for prayer, Bible study, sharing, and communal work. Through the community's ecumenical outlook, they are encouraged to live in the spirit of kindness, simplicity and reconciliation. They have developed a unique style of quiet worship and prayer that you can come and experience.

Best wishes, Simon

February Church Services

Details at www.astwickvale.co.uk		6pm	Evensong BCP at Hinton in the Hedges
Sunday 2nd February Presentation of Christ		Sunday 16th February 3rd Sunday before Lent	
9:30am	Said BCP Communion at Farthinghoe	10am Communion at Evenley	
11am	Holy Communion at Aynho	<i>4:30pm Family Pizza Praise at Evenley</i>	
<i>11am</i>	<i>Family Worship at Hinton-in-the-Hedges</i>	Sunday 23rd February 2nd Sunday before Lent	
6pm	Taize Worship at Evenley	9:30am	Communion at Croughton
Sunday 9th February 4th Sunday before Lent		<i>11am</i>	<i>Family Service at Evenley</i>
9:30am	Holy Communion at Aynho	11am	Communion CW at Hinton-in-the-hedges
9:30am	Holy Communion at Croughton	11am	Choral Matins at Aynho
<i>10am</i>	<i>Family Worship at Farthinghoe</i>	6pm	Evensong BCP at <i>Farthinghoe</i>
11am	Holy Communion with Baptism at Evenley	<i>And Candle Prayers return in February, please see website for details.....</i>	

The Parochial Church Council will meet on February 3rd, at 7.30pm at Farthinghoe Lodge.

Church Cleaning: Cleaning will take place on February 11th, from 10am onwards. Brass cleaning - Mrs Pim

Mothers' Union: The Annual meeting will be on Wednesday, February 12th at 2pm at Westwinds.

Farthinghoe School News

As 2013 came to a close we had a very busy month of December which started with a morning of making Christmas decorations to make the school look festive. We also sang at the District Carol Service in Kings Sutton Church and for Farthinghoe Friends. Our Christmas Fayre was a huge success, raising lots of money for the school and we would like to thank everyone who came along to support this event.



At the Fayre our Charity Ambassadors held a stall to raise funds for Help the Heroes and Dogs for the Disabled, our 2 chosen charities for the year, and the Communication Ambassadors raised £27.50 on their stall for the Farthinghoe Play Park project.

Our Christmas production of "Born in a Barn" was performed by the infants with the juniors opening and closing the evening with festive songs and music. If you were able to come along, we hope you enjoyed it very much.

We were all very excited to travel to Oxford to see the pantomime "Robin Hood" and on the last day of term everyone got in to the party spirit with a Christmas lunch provided by The Fox at Farthinghoe, followed by party games.

Looking to the New Year our next exciting project is creating a memorial sensory garden in memory of one of our teaching assistants, Mrs Wilkins, who passed away last year. Every pupil has been involved in the planning stage and there are lots of ideas to stimulate the senses.

Our memorial garden will also include a secret garden which will have areas to explore, relax, reflect and learn in. If anyone feels that they can help in any way with donations of plants or just a little time, we would be very grateful.

May we wish you all a very happy and healthy 2014.



News from The Fox

LIVE MUSIC IN THE BAR

On the last Friday of every month from 9pm

BLACKBOARD SPECIALS

2 courses for just £10.95, 3 for £13.95
Monday to Thursday at Lunch and Dinner
throughout January and February

VALENTINES WEEKEND

13th to 15th February
Full Menu plus some extra special dishes

NEW MAIN MENU

With some great new dishes

SUNDAY LUNCH

3 course Sunday Lunch now from just £15
Noon to 4pm

PLUS SOME SPECIAL NEWS

For Kali, Rocket, Revel, Molly, Zac, Jess, Tilley and all the other well behaved puppies in the village we are going to have a trial of allowing you to bring your well behaved masters and mistresses, on a lead, into the bar only, so they can enjoy a drink after taking you for a long walk!

The Fox at Farthinghoe

01295 713965

www.foxatfarthinghoe.co.uk

AFTER LIFE by *Julia Pepler* **CHAPTER FOUR**

Keith's hands shook as he waited for Joyce to pick up; six rings endlessly droning.

'Hello, Joyce Jennings speaking'.

'Joyce it's me'. Keith's voice was unsteady and weak.

'Hello love, you ok?'

Keith fell silent for a few seconds. He could feel tears pricking his eyes and his throat closing up as if he had swallowed cotton wool.

'Keith?'

'Joyce, something's happened, it's something I've seen on Mary's phone... she's...she's having... an affair'. His voice tailed off and was husky.

'Oh my god Keith - are you sure?'

Keith relayed the details of the stupidly innocent events earlier that evening that had led to his sickening discovery.

'Who is he?'

'David. I assume its David Pingle. My accountant from before I shut the business down. Makes sense; they always got on well. Should've guessed'.

'I know him vaguely. What are you going to do Keith?'

'I've stewed on it for a couple of hours, and I'm gutted, absolutely gutted. But the thing is, I'm not long for this world am I. I thought she was going to be on her own, and she won't cope Joyce, she'll really struggle. Maybe this is for the best. I feel sick, but in a way, it's a relief, she'll be looked after'.

'So you just ignore and forgive? Pretend you're dead already'

'I know it seems bizarre, and maybe not forgive exactly. But yes, ignore. I think I can do that. I think I owe it to her anyway'.

'Owe it to her Keith? As if the cancer's your fault!'

'It's not just the cancer though is it, you know that'.

'The past is the past, and all that history was a long time ago. It never affected Mary. She's been blissfully ignorant and cossetted by you'.

'But it's still lies and secrets Joyce, and now she's got her lies and secrets, and how can I really judge her for that.'

'Keith, whatever you want, I'll go with it, you know that'.

'I know Joyce. Just keep schtum for me'.

Keith retreated to bed at the end of the phone conversation. Sleep evaded him though, and he snuggled up and lay motionless under the quilt when he heard Mary's key turn in the lock. She quietly slipped into bed next to him, reeking of perfume. He felt nauseated and surreptitiously edged a couple of inches away from her. He seemed to lay awake for hours, but must have drifted into a deep sleep around dawn, that lasted for some hours. When he finally woke, he was stunned to see 10.46 blinking on his clock. He sat up and swung onto the edge of the bed, as the events of the previous evening mercilessly seeped back into his conscious. He took a deep breath, and braced himself: *shamming starts here; better just get on with it.*

He headed down the corridor of the bungalow towards the living room, but as Mary heard his footsteps, she emerged in the doorway. Both hands pressed an opened envelope against her stomach, and her usual vibrant glow was strikingly lacking: no lipstick; deep frown carved into her face distorting the usually perfect portrait she wore.

'This arrived in the post Keith. It was damaged in the post and half hanging out of its envelope, so I opened it even though it's for you.' Her voice was high pitched and whispery quiet. 'It's from the Oncology Department. Keith. Why didn't you tell me?'

Chapter 5 next month

Did you know.....???

There are various theories on the origin of Valentine's Day, but the popular dates back to the time of the Roman Empire during the reign of Claudius II, 270 A.D. Claudius didn't want men to marry during wartime because he believed single men made better soldiers. Bishop Valentine went against his wishes and performed secret wedding ceremonies. For this, Valentine was jailed and then executed by order of the Emperor on Feb 14. While in jail, he wrote a love note to the jailor's daughter, signing it, "From your Valentine."



Village Champions needed!

We are looking for new Village Champions to help us promote KHH's various fundraising events and initiatives by putting up posters and flyers throughout your local community in shops, post offices and prominent noticeboards. If you could spare a couple of hours every month to help us we would be very grateful! To become a Village Champion please call Helen or Sarah on 01295 812161.



Compost Corner

Although it is still winter and the temperatures are at their lowest, the Freds of this world will have already sown plenty of seeds indoors or under cover, either to get as long as possible a growing season or to beat the neighbours to an early harvest. If you are doing this, good protection is the key (as the London Rubber Company would advise, although their slogans were much better). If nothing comes up this time, you will still have more opportunities as the days get warmer.

There is still time to plant garlic – a reliable vegetable requiring little skill to achieve a perfectly good result. That can go straight outside as it likes to be chilled before sprouting. I suppose you could always put it in your refrigerator for a week or so. Onions from seed can also be started, in the warm, at this time of year as they require a long growing season but there is so much white rot on the allotments that I will not be doing that.

The old recycling boxes make good planting containers as they are deep and already have drainage holes – perfect for small carrots, for example, as you can control the soil. If you have not kept yours or require more, they are being sold at £1 each at Farthinghoe Recycling Centre.

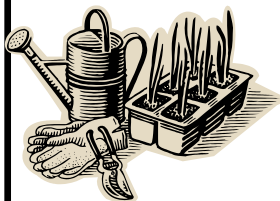


I am trying to decide which variety of potato to grow this year, as it is time to start chitting. This helps to get the growth process started early, before planting out. It is hard to avoid choosing which vegetables to grow based on the previous season's success, and I can only hope that we are not going to return to a wet summer which will bring back the blight to our potatoes and tomatoes.

I recently pruned back my autumn fruiting raspberries to ground

level; the autumn was so mild that they have only just lost their green. I have yet to tackle my vicious little gooseberry bush; I may forgo using secateurs for a delicate and carefully judged operation and resort, instead, to hacking away with long handled shears in order to avoid lacerations from its brutal half inch thorns. Blackcurrant bushes, on the other hand, are so pleasing to prune. Not only is the scent from the cut wood fragrant, the cuttings are so obliging and can be plunged directly into wet soil (there's plenty of that about) or a jug of water where they will root. That's my kind of plant!

On the tidying up front, as you use up the winter brassicas, if you dig a deep trench you can throw in the tough stalks, chop them up roughly with a sharp spade (see last month's article!) and add any other vegetable waste. After replacing the soil, this will be a good site for planting beans and peas as it will hold moisture and be rich in nutrients.



Mrs. Trellis

Job Vacancy

We are looking for Youth Club Leaders to run our evening clubs for young people with disabilities in three locations in Northants. You will have drive and enthusiasm and be experienced in organizing stimulating activities for young people with a wide variety of needs. You will be responsible for ensuring that the service runs smoothly, providing high quality care to all service users.

HOURS: 5 PER WEEK FOR EACH CLUB

SALARY £9.22 PER HOUR

OPENING TIMES: Northampton Monday 7-9pm

Daventry Monday 7-9 pm

Brackley Friday 7-9 pm

**Applications to run more than one club would be welcome
To receive an application pack contact Anne Stevens on 01993
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Valentines at Limes Farm



Valentines afternoon tea

Romantic afternoon teas available all day

Friday 14th February, Saturday 15th February, Sunday 16th February

Featuring a selection of delicious sandwiches and sweet treats with a glass of pink bubbles on arrival

Tea or Coffee

£16.00pp Book now 01295 711229 or email Gemma@limesfarm.com

Valentines Dinner

You're in for a real treat with this delicious menu which has been designed with the foods of the season at its very heart!

Arrive at Limes Farm where you'll be greeted with a glass of champagne . Choose from Starters including Mussels steamed in farmer johns cider and Brackley butcher crispy bacon bits, Creamy Celeriac soup topped with celeriac crisps, or Sticky pheasant and frazzled pancetta salad with a pistachio Seville orange dressing

Mains include Apricot-stuffed pork loin with spice infusion Cous Cous, Three-green stir fry with sesame halibut, Spiced cauliflower with chickpeas, herbs and pine nuts and Venison and Pheasant Burger served with chunky Limes Farm chips and salad

To share roasted vegetables and dauphinoise potatoes

The dessert menu includes Creamy white chocolate mousse swirled with dark chocolate and served with heart shortbread biscuit, Clementine and champagne jelly served with a Chantilly cream and Lemon Sorbet

Just £30pp Book now 01295 711229 or email Gemma@limesfarm.com