

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

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FARTHINGHOE VILLAGE SHOW

The Village Hall committee are pleased to announce that this year's Village Show will take place on Saturday, 12th September from 2pm to 5pm.

The theme for this year's show is...

THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN

The committee already has plenty of fantastic ideas to fit in with the theme but would love to get more inspiration—and help! - from the village.

So don those thinking caps, get creative and then head down for the March Village Hall Committee Meeting and get involved! Your Village Needs You!

Committee meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Beasley Room at the Village Hall. Unfortunately, this edi-



tion of the Chronicle won't be hitting your doorsteps in time for the February meeting, but put a date in your diary to join the committee on the 25th March and see if we can make this year's show the best ever!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Useful Contacts*
- *Appeal for new Editor*
- *Village news*
- *Sign up for the Parish Council communication database*
- *Dates for your diary*

150 CLUB

December Draw

- 1st prize—93—Mr B Willet
2nd prize—52—Mrs J Lewis
3rd prize—86—Mrs M A Morris

January Draw

- 1st prize—29—Mrs J Adkins
2nd prize—52—Mrs J Lewis
3rd prize—59—Mr J Grant

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RECTOR'S LETTER

March sees the church in the middle of the season of Lent. But what is lent all about? I would like to suggest the following might help:

L ~ is that it is a time for looking to Jesus and the example he set. We remember the 40 days of formation he spent in the wilderness following his Baptism by John the Baptist before his public ministry.

E ~ it is a time of preparation for Easter. When we celebrate Jesus' power of death and sin. Lent is a time for self reflection, a time to be honest with yourself.

N ~ Not doing things, or giving things up for Lent. This could be from chocolate or alcohol to television or swearing. Each in its own way helps us to be more disciplined and controlled. If you give up something, then put the money you saved to help somebody else or a charity. Get a double helping of goodness, if you like, for your acts.

T ~ Trying to be good. Often this can be a result of giving up something bad or unhealthy. But it can also be about putting others needs above our own.

Out of all of the above L.E.N.T. I would like to encourage you to be generous in the Trying to be good section. Many people set out a wall chart of Acts of Kindness board and each of the 40 days of lent, try and do something generous or some extra act of kindness above and beyond their normal rounds.

This can be a great thing for children and families to engage with. You can make your own chart or download many from the internet. I would suggest:

<http://www.40acts.org.uk/assets/Downloads/40acts-Kids-Wallchart.pdf>

Many others are available but I would commend '40acts' to you.

www.40acts.org.uk

What is 40acts? 40acts is a generosity challenge, which invites people to do Lent a bit differently. During the forty days of Lent, 40acts participants will be invited to take part in forty simple acts of generosity, which will challenge them to 'do Lent generously' in 2015. Lent marks a pivotal point in the history of the church, when Jesus prepared to give himself up as a sacrifice. Traditionally we mark Lent by giving something up, but what if it could be more than that? What if Lent was a preparation for a lifetime of bigheartedness? Small acts of generosity, performed by thousands of people across the UK and beyond, have the power to make a big change to our communities, to our churches and ultimately, to our world.

Come and join me in 40 Acts of generosity this Lent and let's all help make our world a better place.

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday 29th March marks the start of Holy Week. This year we start our Palm Sunday procession at 10am from All Saints School in Croughton, with the blessing of our Palm crosses. We will then process the short distance to All Saints Church, the service will start when the procession arrives. At church, in the context of a Communion Service, we hear again the telling of our Lord Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, remember his last supper and passion, before spending the next 7 days, of Holy Week in our final preparations for Easter.

Cuppa and Chat

Come along for a cuppa and chat and let's try and make some sense of the Lord's prayer and the world we live in and the Christian faith. The meetings are free and accompanied by a resource booklet costing £4 for those who want one. regular meetings in March

Monday 10:45am
1 Rudge Way, Evenley

Wednesday 10am
Greenbank, 2 Hinton in the Hedges

Wednesday 2pm
36 Broad Lane, Evenley

Wednesday 3:30pm
1 Blemheim, Croughton

Thursday 7:45pm
15 The Square, Aynho

Friday 9:00am
Farthinghoe Church Vestry

P.S. don't forget our Website
www.astiwckvale.co.uk for updates and diary.

For March my day off will be Thursday and Shemil's day off Wednesday.

Revd. Simon Dommett

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VILLAGE NEWS AND EVENTS



Farthinghoe Friends

No meeting this month, but a lunch has been arranged on Tuesday, 7th April. For details, contact Lin on 01295 711938.

Lin Deeley

Church Fete Meeting

This will be held on Monday, 16th March at 7.30pm at Farthinghoe Lodge. This is a meeting for everyone who has ideas, or is willing to help in any way with the Fete!

Church Cleaning

This will take place on Tuesday, 17th March from 9am onwards.

Mothers' Union

There will be a Deanery Lady Day service on Wednesday 25th March at 10am at St Peter's Church, Brackley. All welcome. Collection for Diocesan Funds.

Bingo Evening—Thank You!

Mrs Trellis would like to say a huge "thank you" to all those who took part in the Bingo evening at the Fox. With the generosity of those who donated raffle prizes, those who attended, the staff at the Fox, and those who could not attend but still donated, we raised almost £200 towards Lily's trip to India.

Taoist Tai Chi—New Beginner Course

A new beginner course in Taoist Tai Chi started in the village hall on 9th February. The course runs from 10am to 12pm. For further details, contact Martin Edwards, Taoist Tai Chi instructor on 01295 710213 or visit www.taoist.org.uk

New Editor Needed!

If you are interested in editing the Farthinghoe Chronicle, please telephone Pip Clayton on 01295 712208. This does not need to be a single person; if several people would like to form an editing team, that could be a possibility. Make that call!

LACK OF COMPOST CORNER

Owing to idleness on the part of Mrs. Trellis, there will not be a Compost Corner this month.

With any luck and fair wind, Mrs Trellis will get herself onto the allotment in March

and pick up some dirt—I mean, observe her fellow gardeners' activities and produce something resembling an article for April's edition of the Chronicle.



2015 ELECTIONS AND ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

2015 is General Election Year when you may also have the chance of voting for your local Farthinghoe Parish Councillors.

If you would like the opportunity to stand for election and to make a difference to your village, now is the time.

I am expecting to receive nomination packs at the be-

ginning of March and the deadline for submission of nominations is 4pm on 9th April. These have to be handed into the council offices in Towcester—they cannot be posted!

Polling Day is 7th May, with newly elected councillors coming into office on 11th May.

Please email me to request a nomination pack., which will have full details of the requirements for candidature and how to apply.

Annual Parish Meeting

This year's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 8th April 2015 in the village hall, starting at 8pm.

Pip Clayton





EVENING EVENTS ARE BACK!

After a process of just over a year, we are delighted to announce that our evening events are back on, we have been given permission from the local authority to hold up to 4 events in the shop a month.

So to celebrate we will be hosting the following events in March.

PIE NIGHT - THURSDAY MARCH 5th - £15 - 3 courses

For only £15 per head you will enjoy a 3-course meal the main course being a choice of one of our AWARD winning pies. A full menu will be popped though your door, available on our website, Facebook page & in our newsletter, so reserve your table soon as these events get booked up very quickly. Fully licensed bar on the night showcasing some delightful locally brewed beers & ales.

THAI NIGHT - THURSDAY MARCH 19th

Cooked up Narine, our amazing chef, all handmade to her very own recipes, Thai night is back. £17 for 3 courses. A full menu will be popped though your door, available on our website & in our newsletter, so reserve your table soon as these events get booked up very quickly. Fully licensed bar on the night showcasing some delightful, locally brewed beers & ales, and we will also have a wine flight, we have picked the perfect wines to accompany such wonderfully tasty food.

THAI NIGHT - TAKEAWAY - VILLAGE ONLY

And if we run out of seats or you would like to enjoy your Thai banquet in your own home, why not book our takeaway; an order form will be popped though your door for you fill in and pop back into the shop and we deliver your meal to your door at a time of your choice. You can also request an order form to be emailed to you, just drop us a line a intouch@limesfarm.com and we will send one across.



PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Farthinghoe Parish Council has been working hard to clearly define its aims and objectives over the next 12 months. One of our key aims is to increase communication with parishioners and a great deal of progress has already been completed.

We have a new-look website, administered by the council itself.

- Benefits:
 - Saving on administration fees
 - Greater control over content
 - Improved speed of response to updates and development to the site
 - Now mobile-phone friendly
 - Provides contact details for all councillors
 - Already compliant with the new transparency codes for Parish Councils – we are ahead of the game!
 - Weekly updates
- Commitment to approve electronically and upload the Parish Council minutes to the website within circa 2 weeks
 - Provides parishioners with a very current understanding of key debates and decisions
- Future developments planned:
 - Dedicated page for the village hall
 - Potential village “blog”

Speed of communication within the Parish is also critical and this is an area that, during significant events in 2014, was shown to need improvement. The Parish Council has decided to implement an email communication system whereby members of the parish can opt in to critical email updates from the Parish Council. For absolute clarity, critical email updates would include threats to the village which need to be addressed quickly by the Parish Council and the community. Such threats would most likely include new planning applications that impact the vast majority of the village as well as other high priority issues. We fully appreciate that not all of the village currently has access to the internet but if a good percentage of the village signed up for email updates, those people could then pass on information to others who may not have internet access.

It has also been agreed that the notice board by the Fox will be upgraded, as it has fallen into disrepair over the years. With email communications, two noticeboards, the Farthinghoe Chronicle and the opportunity to attend Public Time at the monthly Parish Council meetings, we believe we are putting into place a varied and robust communication policy to improve sharing of vital information across the village.

If you would like to sign up to the Farthinghoe Parish Council email updates then please email:

updates@farthinghoeparishcouncil.org

and provide your full name and full address. Alternatively you can complete the online form on the Farthinghoe Parish Council website contacts page.

Farthinghoe Parish Council



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 16 March	Church Fete Meeting	7.30pm	Farthinghoe Lodge
Tues 17 March	Church Cleaning	9.00am	Farthinghoe Church
Wed 25 March	Village Show Meeting	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues 7 April	Farthinghoe Friends Lunch		Contact Lin Deeley
Weds 8 April	Annual Parish Meeting	8.00pm	Village Hall
Sat 12 Sept	Village Show	2.00pm	Village Hall

BENEFACTORY WORSHIP FOR MARCH

FARTHINGHOE					
Sun 1st March	Sun 8th March	Sun 15th March	Sun 22nd March	Sun 29th March	Sun 5th April
Lent 2	Lent 3	Mothering Sunday	Lent 5	Palm Sunday	Easter Day
9.30am		10.00am	6.00pm		9.30am
Communion said		Family Service	Evensong BCP		Communion

	AYNHO	CROUGHTON	EVENLEY	HINTON
Sunday 1st March	11.00am		6.00pm	11.00am
Lent 2	Communion		Taize Worship	Morning Worship
Sunday 8th March	10.00am	4.30pm		
Lent 3	Benefice Communion	Pizza Praise		
Sunday 15th March	10.30am	9.30am	11.00am	4.00pm
Mothering Sunday	Family Service	Communion	Family Service	Family Service
Sunday 22nd March	11.00am	9.30am	11.00am	11.00am
Lent 5	Matins	Communion	All Age Worship	Communion BCP
Sunday 29th March		10.00am		
Palm Sunday		Palm Sunday		
Procession from All Saints School, Croughton		Procession followed by Communion Service and Passion Reading		
Sunday 5th April	11.00am	9.30am	11.00am	11.00am
Easter Day	Communion	Communion	All Age Worship	Communion

Welcome to The Fox

Live Music

Friday 27th February at 8.30pm

Pete Watkins

Mothers Day Lunch

Sunday 15th March

All day from Noon to 6pm

Great Family menu £25 per person (Kids £15)

Ladies Night every Wednesday

This popular night is only £16.50 for your choice of three courses from our special menu and a glass of house wine. Book early!

Happy Hour every Friday

5 to 7pm each week with discounts on popular drinks and our sharing dining boards

New Kids Menu

With more choices for the little ones for lunch and early evening dining

Pop in or call us for details



The Fox at Farthinghoe

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