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A future Olympic hopeful?

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Village News & Events

150 Club

The winners of the latest draw were:

107	Mr Wilson	£25
87	Mrs Rodgers	£10
56	Mrs Thorley	£10

Farthinghoe Village Show

On Saturday 18th September at the village hall and surrounding fields. There will be a licensed bar. The school, little angels toddler group and air ambulance will take part. Other local charity organisations or village groups are invited to join in but please contact Pete on 01280 705345 **before the end of April**. We will also need help with the organising and welcome ideas and suggestions as to what you would like to see in your village show. We hope the local ladies (or men) will bake cakes and a garden vegetable and flowers competition will take place.

Affordable Housing for Farthinghoe – from SNC

In November last year Housing Need Surveys were distributed to every household in the village. The results have now been analysed by South Northamptonshire Council (SNC) and the main findings are shown below.

A total of 4 people have been assessed as being in housing need. This was determined by looking at those that need to move in the next 5 years,

want to live in the parish of Farthinghoe, have a local connection to Farthinghoe and have a housing need. The main reasons given for needing to move were 'to set up home for the first time' and 'temporarily staying with family/friends'.

Over half of the respondents (60%) would support a small development of affordable housing in the village, while 13% would not. The main concerns were 'lack of facilities in the parish' and 'increase in traffic congestion'. These concerns would be taken into account in any proposals for future development.

The report will soon be available to view on SNC's website, on the affordable housing page.

For further information please contact Alice Izzett, Strategic Housing Officer at SNC, alice.izzett@southnorthants.gov.uk or 01327 322374

Farthinghoe Parish Council - Annual Parish Meeting

The above meeting will be on Wednesday 14th April 2010 at 8.00pm.

Please remember that a percentage of your local taxes are spent on Village facilities and you are entitled to voice your opinions on any specific areas where you wish to see your monies spent.

The Parish Council Chairman will give his report on the year and a financial report will also be available. County Councillor Ron Sawbridge will report on County Council activities and District Councillor Breese on what has been happening at South Northamptonshire Council. It is anticipated that Police Inspector John Mc Kinney will also be present.

One particular area of interest to all of us is household and vehicle crime and Northamptonshire Police have asked if they may attend the

meeting and tell us all about a new weapon in their fight against crime.

Northamptonshire Police are keen for Farthinghoe Parish Council to enjoin with a number of local Parish Councils and invest in a new Crime Prevention initiative employing “Smartwater”.

“Smartwater” is a colourless liquid solution that is simply dabbed onto the surfaces of valuables or electronic equipment. It can be used to code all sorts of items such as jewellery, ornaments, electrical items and even your motor vehicle. Each bottle contains a unique chemical ‘code’ which is registered to an individual – conclusively proving ownership. It cannot be easily seen by the naked eye and is almost impossible to remove. The liquid glows under ultraviolet light making it easy for the Police to detect. The Police use it in undercover operations to catch and convict criminals. Criminals know about “Smartwater” and fear its power to forensically link them with the scene of a crime. So, by coding valuables and displaying the “Smartwater” deterrent signs, a powerful message is being sent out to any thieves and burglars operating in the area.

Farthinghoe Parish Council would have to register their interest to purchase a number of bottles of “Smartwater”, which are currently estimated to be £10.00/12.00 each, allowing coding of approx 100 items, depending on size and how applied, and then Villagers can code their belongings with “Smartwater” which will act as a major deterrent to burglars and criminals.

At this time we are anticipating that Villagers would each wish to purchase a bottle of “Smartwater” for their household but if there are any alternative suggestions we would welcome these at the meeting.

Please attend the meeting on 14th April 2010 and let us know if you are

interested in purchasing "Smartwater"

The next **Parish Council** meeting (Public Time 7.00pm – 7.15pm) will be held in the meeting room at the Village Hall on **14th April 2010**.

Fox at Farthinghoe – from Mark and the team

Call or e-mail us for more details of special events on 01295 713965
enquiries@foxatfarthinghoe.co.uk

Clubs & Societies

Book Club

Because of Easter, the next meeting will be on the second Monday, 12th April, when we will be discussing *Vile bodies* by Evelyn Waugh.

Farthinghoe Friends

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th April in the Village Hall, 2.30-4.00pm. Visitors are always welcome.

Guides – from Pippa Parnell

We had a really succesful bingo night and raised money towards our trip to London. Last week we had a race night and brought along a picnic.

The guides enjoyed this and earned another 10 points towards their centenary challenge.

We are swimming this weekend in Towcester with the whole district. Then at the end of term we will be doing some spring planting at Charlton village hall.

Farthinghoe School has asked the guides to provide refreshments for their annual bingo on 31st April at the village hall. This will help us to raise more funds for London. Come along and support us and the school.

Junior Gardening Club

Thank goodness the weather has warmed up at last and we have been able to start planting: in pots, seed trays and in the open ground. If you see them working there in the Easter holidays, give them a word of encouragement.

Little angels

The last Little Angels before Easter will be Tuesday 30th March, starting back Tuesday 20th April. All pre-school children, including babies, and their Mums, Dads or carers are welcome every Tuesday in term time 9.30 to 11.30 at the village hall. Hope to see you there.

Please contact Lena Thorley on 01295 711726 for further details.

Needlework group

My chemotherapy permitting, we will meet on 12th and 26th. Visitors and new members are always welcome, but please telephone me on 01295 712849 to check where we will be.

Scrabble Club

The Scrabble Club meets on the third Wednesday of the month. During the winter members meet at Abbey Lodge at 7.00pm. New members are always welcome. Please ring 01295 710397 for more information.

Church

Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 20th April at 7.00pm in the Church vestry. This is a public meeting which all parishioners are entitled to attend.

Advanced notice

May 15th & 16th Flower Festival and Musical Event. Further details in the May issue.

September 12th Annual Church Fete – 3-5pm at Farthinghoe Lodge. Further details nearer the time.

Mothers' Union

Meeting

The meeting on Tuesday 13th April will be held at the home of Mrs King, 25 Moors Drive, Middleton Cheney.

Tales out of School

The whole school would like to say a big well done to the “Tough Guys” and thank you to everyone who sponsored them. This raised a

fantastic amount of money for the school which enabled us to buy lots of exciting new equipment, including new resources for the Early Years class and play equipment for the garden. We loved hearing about it in our assembly – we thought you were all very brave.

Well done to our very own “Tough Guys” who competed in the Woodford Halse Primary School Cross Country Competition. We are very proud of these children who all completed the challenging course

Beth Ellison, Eddie Ellison, Megan Elson, Tilly Kannan, Clarrie Kannan, Annabel Wright, Rachael Girard, Shanley Ross, Bradley Taylor, Kyle Mountford, Eddie Irving.

We must also mention Sophie, Tilly, Clarrie, Natasha and Annabel who represented the school at the Chenderit Cluster Cross Country Competition. Well done girls!

On Thursday 11th March the School Ties group held a “Cook Book Supper” at the Fox Inn. This was a really successful evening and it was great to see so many parents and villagers supporting our school. A special thank-you must go to Mark for hosting the evening and letting us use the kitchen.

Miscellaneous

From Charlotte Parnell

My Triathlon season is about to start and I have been training all through the winter with Team Cherwell from Banbury. You may have seen me running and riding my bike in preparation. I will be about more as the weather gets better.

We meet on a Monday evening and have been training indoors I have now started training outside and when the clocks change we will be training with our bikes too. This means I can test my new racing bike.

During the winter I have taken part in the Oxford Mail Cross Country races. This has been hard work and has always been cold!!! I am not very good at cross country but always feel really good when I finish the race.

I have been chosen as part of the Team Cherwell triathlon team and I am really proud of this as I have worked hard to achieve it.

My first race is on Easter Saturday at Warwick and my Dad is also taking part along with a guide because of his eye sight.

London Marathon – from Beste Bragg

I have decided to run Virgin London Marathon in order to help raise seriously needed funds for **Make A Wish Foundation UK**.

Virgin London Marathon will take place on April 25th 2010 Despite having no long-distance running experience, I am determined to be alive at the finishing line. Knowing that I am doing this to raise money to grant more magical wishes for seriously ill children will make me keep going until the end of the race. I believe that our children are the most important beings in our lives and sadly, some other children are less fortunate than our ones. We have to make every effort possible to put a smile on their face, make their dreams come true, make them happy. I will be the happiest person alive if I can help to grant at the most heartfelt desires of a child living with a life-threatening condition, with your help of course.

You can donate by going to **www.justgiving.com/bestebragg** or please phone/email me for alternative ways to donate. Donating through

JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving – they’ll never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, they’ll send your money directly to the charity and make sure Gift Aid is reclaimed on every eligible donation by a UK taxpayer. So it’s the most efficient way to donate – I raise more, whilst saving time and cutting costs for the charity. So please dig deep and donate now.

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH!

Beste Bragg, Oak Cottage, Queens Street, 01295712317, 07806634556

Rotas for April

Week Beginning	Church cleaning	Brass cleaning
Mon 5 th Apr	Mrs Phipps & Mrs Staveley	Mrs Redrup
Mon 12 th Apr	Mrs Mason	Mrs Redrup
Mon 19 th Apr	Mrs Jeffs & Mrs Hirons	Mrs Redrup
Mon 26 th Apr	Mrs Dashwood	Mrs Pillinger
Mon 3 rd May	Miss Doughty	Mrs Pillinger

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 6 th	Farthinghoe Friends	2.30pm
Monday 12 th	Needlework Group	2.00pm
Monday 12 th	Book Group	8.00pm
Tuesday 13 th	Mothers’ Union	2.00pm
Wednesday 14 th	Annual Parish Meeting (PC)	8.00pm
Friday 18 th	Deadline for Chronicle	
Tuesday 20 th	Annual Parish Meeting (Church)	7.00pm
Wednesday 21 st	Scrabble Club	7.00pm
Monday 26 th	Needlework Group	2.00pm
Sat 15 th & Sun 16 th May	Flower Festival & Musical Event	

Benefice services for April

Sunday 4th April – Easter Day

Aynho	11.00am Holy Communion
Croughton	9.30am Holy Communion
Evenley	11.00am Family Worship
Farthinghoe	9.30am Holy Communion
Hinton	11.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 11th April

Aynho	9.30am Holy Communion
Evenley	11.00am Holy Communion
Farthinghoe	6.00pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 18th April

Aynho	11.00am Morning Prayer
Croughton	9.30am Holy Communion
Evenley	11.00am Family Worship
Farthinghoe	10.00am Family Worship
Hinton	11.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 25th April

Farthinghoe	10.00am Benefice Holy Communion
Steane	6.00pm Evening Prayer

Notes from the editor

Once again I have run out of space. Apologies to those people whose pieces have had to be edited slightly.