

The Farthinghoe Chronicle

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Is this a first in Farthinghoe?

Useful contacts

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Little Angels toddler group

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Website

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Community Police Officers

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Dance and drama

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Doctors

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01280 703460

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Hospitals

Brackley Cottage Hospital

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The Horton

01295 275500

Banbury Guardian news

Mrs Marjorie Tolchard

01295 71284

Fox Inn

01295 71396

Village News & Events

150 Club

The winners of the latest draw were:

70	Mrs Mason	£25
114	Mr Deeley	£10
111	Mr Hampson	£10

Recipes from Farthinghoe

The school cookbook is just about ready for print. Thank you to everyone who contributed their recipes. "Recipes from Farthinghoe" will be launched at the School Christmas Fayre on Friday 4th December, where you can buy your copy (and a couple extra for Christmas pressies!) If you can't come along that night the cookbook will be available after this date from The Fox, with your orders from Limes Farm or from Lena Thorley, give me a call, knock on the door or email me
Lena@thesteane.co.uk

Musical evening

This was a very enjoyable evening, with a small but appreciative audience. It was encouraging to see so many people from outside the village enjoying the music of the New Melochords. What a pity more Farthinghoe residents weren't attracted to it. The fireworks were fun and the baked potatoes were ideal for a cold evening.

Game Supper – from David Mellor

On behalf of those of us who joined Mark and his team at the Fox on 10th November I would like to express a sincere thank you!

The five courses were delicious and all well presented.

It is a pity that more did not participate, but please keep up the innovative ideas you have brought to Farthinghoe over the last six months.

Parish Council

No meeting has been scheduled for December, therefore the next **Parish Council** meeting (Public Time 7.00pm – 7.15pm) will be held in the meeting room at the Village Hall on **13th January 2010**.

Further to the article in last month's Chronicle the Parish Council has agreed to put a Dog Bin near to the entrance to the playground in a final attempt to encourage dog owners to be more responsible.

Finally, the Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to send Seasons Greetings to you all and wish you a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Fox At Farthinghoe – from Mark and the team

New Ale - Eagle IPA £2.60 per pint

As from 1st December carafes of wine (white and red) £8.00 for a ½ litre.

Happy Hour Every Friday Night 5.30 - 6.30 - £2.20 per pint on all ales & selected draught drinks - £3.00 for a large glass of Chilean Sauvignon Blanc - Chilean Merlot

Quiz Night Sunday 20th – teams of 4 for a Christmas Quiz

Mixed Party Nights still available

Thursday 10th & Thursday 17th special village discounts £10 per head
2 course buffet & Disco

Thursday 31st December : New Year's Eve

Join us at the Fox to see in 2010 in style. Quality buffet supper and entertainment for **£35** per head. Book early before 15th November at a reduced price of **£30**. Call or email us for more information.

01295 713965 enquiries@foxatfarthinghoe.co.uk

Nativity Service

Villagers are invited to attend the dress rehearsal for the school's Nativity Service on Monday 14th December at 11.00am in the Church. Tea and coffee will be served.

Christmas Fayre

The school's Christmas Fayre will be on Friday 4th December, 6-7 pm

Church

Coffee and mince pie morning

Please come along to the Church on Friday 27th November 10am -12 noon, to enjoy coffee and mince pies. There will also be a bring-and-buy stall and a raffle. All proceeds will go to the church.

Reverend Gill Barker

Revd Barker is trying to rest as much as possible during her treatment

and would appreciate it if people would e-mail rather than telephone;
barkergill@hotmail.com or, preferably, contact Mrs Carrie O'Reagan on
01280 702300, e-mail carrieoregan1@btinternet.com

Mothers' Union

Travelling Nativity

The Travelling Nativity will start its journey around the village on
Sunday 29th November. If you would like to look after it for a short time,
please contact 01295 711130

Advent Service

The Brackley Deanery Mothers' Union will hold an Advent Service on
Wednesday 2nd December at 2.00pm in the Village Hall. Mrs Sue
Tringham will speak on how money given to *Worldwide* is spent. For
more information please contact Rosemary Jarvis on 01295 711130

Clubs & Societies

Book Club

The next meeting will be on Monday 7th December at 8.00pm at 3, The
Wall Tree, Charlton Way, when we shall discuss *The idea of perfection*
by *Kate Grenville*.

Farthinghoe Friends

The meeting on Tuesday 1st December will be a tea at the later time of

4.00-6.00pm. It will be held in the Village Hall.

Little Angels – from Lena and Julia

Little Angels toddler group will be holding their Christmas fair on Tuesday 1st December between 9.30 and 11.30 at the village hall. Stalls include Phoenix cards, Mini IQ books and educational games, Limes Farm hampers, Christmas wreaths and floral displays.

Needlework group

We meet twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, 2.00-4.00pm, Because of my treatment, we may not always be able to meet at my house. Please telephone me to check where we will be; 01295 712849. We have not yet decided whether to meet on Monday 28th December.

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.

Miscellaneous

Solar panel – from Steve Pillinger

On the front cover is a photo of our first solar hot water panel installation recently completed in Farthinghoe. Is this a first for Farthinghoe?

For the first Farthinghoe resident who contacts me at the e-mail address or telephone number below and confirms the location of the solar

panels together with an interest in finding out more about the benefits of solar hot water, there will be a bottle of bubbly waiting!

Our policy is to supply what we consider to be the best solar panels and solar controller technology on the market. The solar panels have a 20 year warranty with a life expectancy of nearly 40 years. The solar panels can produce up to 70% of domestic hot water needs throughout the year, with 100% of hot water needs possible during summer months and as much as up to 20% during the Autumn/Winter months.

Interest in solar hot water is gaining as utility bills are predicted to quadruple in 10 years time. With increasing values of home insulation, hot water costs will become the largest portion of a home's heating and hot water costs.

Phone: +44 1295 713805 Mobile: +44 7930 361661

Email: steve.pillinger@btconnect.com

Help available

Freelance typing, administration, transcription. I am computer literate, fully conversant with email/internet, Microsoft Word/Excel. If there is anything I can help you with please contact me. Tel: 01295 711062/07702 372811. Email: garnier_lucy@yahoo.co.uk

Cleaner required

A cleaner is required at Farthinghoe School for 10 hours per week, starting next term. Flexible working arrangements are possible. Anyone interest should contact Mrs Whitehouse, 01295 710406, e-mail head@farthinghoe.northants-ecl.gov.uk

Benefice services for December

Please note that these services are subject to change. Up to date information will be on the Church notice board and, if possible, in the Banbury Guardian

Sunday 6th December

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

Sunday 13th December

Aynho	9.30am Holy Communion
Croughton	4.00pm Carol Service
Evenley	11.00am Toy Service and Holy Communion
Farthinghoe	6.00pm Carol Service
Hinton	6.00pm Carol Service

Sunday 20th December

Aynho	5.00pm Carol Service
Croughton	9.30am Holy Communion
Evenley	3.00pm Carol Service
Farthinghoe	10.00am Family Worship
Hinton	11.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 24th December

Aynho	8.00pm Christmas Eve Holy Communion
Croughton	11.00pm Christmas Eve Holy Communion
Farthinghoe	5.00pm Crib Service
Steane	11.00pm Christmas Eve Holy Communion

Friday 25th December

Aynho 9.30am Christmas Day Holy Communion
 Evenley 11.00 am Christmas Day Holy Communion
 Hinton 11.00am Christmas Day Family Worship

Sunday 27th December

Aynho 10.00am Benefice Holy Communion
 Hinton 6.00pm Evening Prayer

Rotas for December

Week Beginning	Church cleaning	Brass cleaning
Mon 30 th Nov	Mrs Jeffs & Mrs Hirons	Mrs Redrup
Mon 7 th Dec	Mrs Dashwood	Mrs Redrup
Mon 14 th Dec	Miss Doughty	Mrs Redrup
Mon 21 st Dec	Mrs Jarvis & Mrs King	Mrs Pillinger
Mon 28 th Dec	Mrs Thompson	Mrs Pillinger

Notes from the editor

Please note that the deadline for the January issue is **15th December**.
 This is because the printer closes for a week at Christmas.

The rehearsal for the school Nativity service should be well worth going to and I know that the children would love to see you all there.

Please take the time to complete and return the enclosed questionnaire.
 The pupils, staff and governors are keen for the school to be an integral part of the local community.

Please note that there is no Parish Council meeting in December.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Successful New Year.

Marjorie L. Tolchard

01295 712849

e.mail vtolchard@btinternet.com

Dates for your diary

Friday 27 th Nov	Coffee & mince pie morning	10.00am
Sunday 29 th Nov	Travelling nativity starts	
Tuesday 1 st Dec.	Little Angels' Christmas fair	9.30am
Tuesday 1 st	Farthinghoe Friends	4.00pm
Tuesday 1 st	Advent Celebration at Aynho	8.00pm
Wednesday 2 nd	MU Advent Service	2.00pm
Friday 4 th Dec	School Christmas Fayre	6.00pm
Monday 7 th	Book Group	8.00pm
Monday 14 th	Nativity rehearsal	11.00am
Monday 14 th	Needlework Group	2.00pm
Tuesday 15th	Deadline for the Chronicle	
Wednesday 16 th	Scrabble Club	7.00pm
Sunday 20 th	Christmas Quiz at The Fox	
Thursday 31 st	New Year's Eve at The Fox	
Wednesday 13 th Jan	Parish Council meeting	7.00pm



Christmas Hampers

If you always struggle to find a unique present for that special friend, relative or even as a gift for your customers why not consider a Limes Farm Christmas Hamper. You can even pick what goes in them. Choose any of the 5 items from the list below and we'll present them in a special Christmas basket.

Sweet

Mirabel Plum Jam (soft or firm set)
Blackberry Jam
Green Tomato Jam
Damson Jam
Damson & Plum Jam
Blackcurrant Syrup
Rosehip Syrup

Savoury

Apple Chutney
Apple Sauce
Beetroot Chutney
Onion Jam
Red Onion and Chilli Jam
Spicy Tomato Chutney
Extra Spicy Tomato Chutney
Sun Blushed Tomatoes

Each hamper costs £15 and you will need to place your order by 11th December 2009 but do order early to avoid disappointment as we have limited availability!

Christmas Puddings

Oh and this year why not try a Limes Farm Christmas pudding. Made the traditional way, slow cooked in our Aga and matured for a month our puddings are presented in a cream ceramic bowl which you can use again. Our puddings will feed 8 people and cost £10 each.

Call us on 01295 712 619 or email ian@limes-farm.com