

From Gill.....

I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the very generous cheque you presented me with last Sunday at my final celebration of Holy Communion in Aynho Church. It was such an amazing and unexpected gift. I know already that I will use some to refurbish my tiny but much neglected garden, which will give me a place of peace and beauty to rest in. Thank you also for the enormous card and special messages which are incredibly precious.

I can only echo the words of Sunday's sermon in that it has been a great joy and privilege to minister here in Astwick Vale Benefice for the past 5 years and I am incredibly sad to be leaving but know that healthwise there really is no alternative. So, as I hopefully learn what retirement is all about, I will continue to hold each one of you in my prayers, for as you embraced me as your Rector so you will always have a special place in my heart. I look forward to hearing news of the Benefice. There is a lot of love in this place, and in coming months I hope and pray that as life goes on without me you will take every opportunity to share that love, and use your God-given gifts and discover new gifts, for an interregnum is not a time of negativity but an opportunity. Somewhere there is a priest whom God has in mind as your next Rector; let us pray for them and each other in these coming months.

So, as I prepare to move back to Banbury in a few days time, THANK YOU for your love and generosity and for all that we have shared together. My email address won't change so do keep in touch.

With love and prayers,

Gill

Revd Gill Barker, Rector





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Village News and Events



Church

Mothers' Union

The travelling crib will begin its journey around the village on Sunday, November 27th. If you would like to have it in your home, please let me know.

Coffee and Mince Pie Morning

Friday, December 2nd from 10am till 12 noon. Bring and Buy and Raffle. It is hoped the children from Farthinghoe School will come and sing to us.

Rosemary Jarvis, 01295 711130

Little Angels

Little Angels will finish for Christmas on Tuesday 6th December, returning on Tuesday 10th January. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped and supported toddler group this year.

School Christmas Bazaar

Farthinghoe Primary School Christmas bazaar will be held between 6pm and 8pm on Friday 2nd December at the school. Christmas shopping opportunities include Phoenix cards, Limes Farm, Silver Bubble handmade jewellery, handmade soft toys, Christmas wreaths and table decorations. Santa will be visiting and there will be fun activities for the children, many organised by the children themselves. Come along for a turkey bap, mulled wine and mince pies and to support your local school.



Lena Thorley

Next Edition of the Chronicle

The next edition of the Chronicle will be February 2012—with everyone busy with Christmas festivities in December, I felt it would be better to keep all the news until February.

Season's Greetings to you all—I hope you have a joyful Christmas and that 2012 brings you health and happiness.

Pip Sandel

Thank You!

Alice, Lucy and Beth all did a cake sale in aid of Children in Need. It was this year's Blue Peter appeal, Bake a Difference, that turned on the ovens.

It was held on the 22nd of October at Silver Birch, Queen Street, when we raised £95!!!!!!! We had lots of donations so we did not need to bake everything ourselves, which was great! We sold a variety of cakes which mostly all sold, including some of Lucy Rowe's award-winning apple slice, Nikki's fabulous brownies, Lena's delicious flapjacks, Steph's cute cup cakes and Mary's amazing marshmallow squares as well as Farthinghoe School's donations! Thank you, people who baked for us and came to our sale.



CHRISTMAS QUIZ ANSWERS

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| 1. Norway | 6. Paul Young | 11. 24th December |
| 2. Germany | 7. Irving Berlin | 12. Football |
| 3. Mikhail Gorbachev | 8. Sonic the Hedgehog | 13. Jacob Marley |
| 4. 1952 | 9. Orbit the moon | 14. Wren Day |
| 5. William the Conqueror | 10. St Stephen's Day | 15. Sugar plums |

Farthinghoe Village Hall

New Years Eve

After a 3 year gap, the village hall is considering holding its New Year party again. It is planned to have a buffet and music to see in the New Year and an affordable bar. Please let the committee know by December 7th if you are interested as we need to know if we have enough support. Speak to any committee member or phone 01280 705345 and enjoy a relaxed new year.

Can I, on behalf of the village hall committee, wish you all a Happy Christmas.

Pete Hampson, Hall Chairman

150 Club

We are currently collecting members' contributions for 2011/2012, and warmly welcome new members.

For new residents (and existing) of the Village, a payment of £12 per annum per number, between 1 to 150 provides an opportunity to win a first prize of £25 cash and second and third prizes of £10 cash , in a monthly draw.

All proceeds go to essential maintenance of our Village Hall and we would like to thank all our friends and villagers who continue to support the 150 Club.

Note to Dog Owners

You are reminded as responsible Dog Owners that farmers under the 'Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000' are entitled to take appropriate action to protect their livestock, particularly breeding ewes when the lambing period is applicable.

Please ensure that your dog is on a lead when entering a field containing cattle or sheep and keep to public footpaths at all times.

Thank you.

Professor David P Mellor OBE
Chairman, Farthinghoe Parish Council

Clubs and Societies

Farthinghoe Friends

This month, the Friends are meeting on Tuesday, 6th December from 2.30pm to 4pm at the village hall. We have a guest speaker, Moira Byast, who will be speaking about "The Ghost of Christmas Past". This will include tastes of festive food from previous times. All are welcome, there will be a charge for visitors of £2.50.

Lin Deeley, telephone 711938

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.

Team Cherwell Triathletes

Charlotte Parnell belongs to the Junior section of Team Cherwell. The junior team have been performing really well this season. As the triathlon season comes to a close with one more race in the East Midlands Series, they are a very impressive third in the standings. The junior team is small compared to other clubs competing so this is a well deserved place.

We ran our own junior triathlon for the first time in July and it has been the best in the series. This is not just the Team saying it, but reports from parents and the official referees also.



If anyone has a budding triathlete, we meet on Monday evening for training from 6-7pm in Banbury. For more details, contact Pippa on 01295 710346.

Pippa Parnell, tel 01295 710346

Christmas at The Fox

Details of all our menus and events for December are now available from The Fox or online at

www.foxatfarthinghoe.co.uk

Of special interest to Farthinghoe residents are:

Christmas Feast Menu

Daily throughout December

A special three course menu with seasonal favourites great for a meal with friends, family or colleagues to celebrate Christmas.

Available for pre booked parties at lunches through the week and evenings Monday to Thursday

Lunches £17.95 Dinner £19.95

New Years Eve

Join us to welcome in the year 2012

Tickets for our New Years Eve gala buffet available at just £37.50 for our Farthinghoe guests

Don't forget every week

Tuesday is Curry Night

Wednesday is Ladies Night

Friday is Happy Hour

Sunday Lunch Specials

Take Away Food Monday to Thursday evenings

The Bar will open from 11.30 to 1.30 on Christmas Morning only. We will open for both bar and food on Boxing Day & New Years Day at Lunch Only and advise booking now. Otherwise we will be open each day—do check times on our website or by calling us

01295 713965

www.foxatfarthinghoe.co.uk

Farthinghoe School—National Baking Week

This year, Farthinghoe School took part in National Baking Week. All of the children took part in baking activities during the week, which culminated in the “Great Farthinghoe School Bake-Off”. All families were invited to enter their favourite cake, biscuits or pie containing autumn fruits. On the Friday afternoon, we invited all parents, grandparents and friends into school to share our baking.

Children were asked to write a recount of the week and here are a couple of examples.

On Tuesday we made pastry with Mrs Rowe in a skills lesson. The pastry recipe was very simple and was finished very quickly. On Wednesday years 3 and 4 used the pastry to make mincemeat and apple tarts, everyone enjoyed this. When this was done we made apple pies, but the lids were too big, this meant there were a lot of apple tarts!

Thursday came and it was the Infants turn to bake. They made biscuits and cakes—they looked lovely. I saw Mrs Irving eat some of the cakes! Friday arrived and the upper juniors needed to do some more. They made apple turnovers and plum tarts. I’m sure everything we have made is lovely. We have all enjoyed this week and we could not have made such nice things without the teachers. Mrs Rowe was kind to help us make pastry. I hope that we can do this much cooking next week too, but we probably won’t.

Will Thorley—Year 4

This week we had National Baking Week. On Tuesday we made pastry with Mrs Rowe. First Mrs Rowe showed us how to make short crust pastry and then we had a go and I enjoyed it. The juniors liked it as well. On Wednesday years 3 and 4 made mincemeat and apple tarts and apple pies. They were delicious and brilliant. On Thursday years 2 and 1 and the young ones made apple buns and fruit cakes. I thought they looked delicious. On Tuesday we made a poster about safety in the kitchen. Today we are going to share some cakes the everybody has made at home and the ones that we made at school. This week was the best week ever.



Amy Bullock—Year 4

Christmas Quiz—answers on page 4

1. The Christmas tree in London's Trafalgar Square is traditionally given to Britain by which country?
2. In which country was tinsel invented in the 1600s?
3. Who resigned from their position of power on Christmas Day 1991?
4. In which year did the Queen make her first Christmas speech?
5. Which king was crowned on Christmas day in 1066?
6. Which artist sang the opening lines of the original 1984 single, Do They Know It's Christmas?
7. Who wrote the song White Christmas?
8. Which fictitious character was born on Christmas Island in the Indian Ocean?
9. On Christmas Eve in 1968, three Americans became the first men to do what?
10. Boxing Day is also known as which of the following—St Stephen' Day, St Michael's Day, St George's Day, St Anthony's Day?
11. According to tradition, on which date should you put up your Christmas tree?
12. On Christmas Day 1914, British and German solders famously called a temporary truce by playing which sport together?
13. What was the name of Ebenzer Scrooge's dead business partner in Charles Dicken's classic, A Christmas Carol?
14. By what name is Boxing Day known on the Isle of Man?
15. Visions of what danced in the children's heads according to the poem The Night Before Christmas?



Dates for your Diary

Fri 2 Dec	Coffee and Mince Pies	10.00am	Church vestry
Fri 2 Dec	School Christmas Bazaar	6.00pm	School
Tues 6 Dec	Farthinghoe Friends	2.30pm	Village hall
Tues 6 Dec	Last Little Angels until New Year		
Weds 21 Dec	Scrabble Club		

Benefice Worship for December

	Sun 4 Dec 2nd of Advent	Sun 11 Dec 3rd of Advent	Sun 18 Dec 4th of Advent	Sun 24 Dec Christmas Eve	Sun 25 Dec Christmas Day
Aynho	11am Holy Com- munion	9.30am Holy Com- munion	5pm Carol Ser- vice	8pm Early Mid- night Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer
Croughton	9.30am Morning Prayer	4pm Carol Ser- vice	9.30am Holy Com- munion	11pm Midnight Holy Com-	
Evenley		11am Holy Com- munion	3pm Carol Ser- vice		11am Family Wor- ship
Farthinghoe	9.30am Holy Com- munion	6pm Carol Ser- vice	10am Family Wor- ship	5pm Crib Service	
Hinton	11am Family Wor- ship	6pm Carol Ser- vice	11am Holy Com- munion		10am Holy Com- munion

Rotas for December

Week beginning Church Cleaning Brass Cleaning

5th December Mrs Mason Mrs Pillinger

12th December Mrs Dashwood Mrs Pillinger

19th December Mr & Mrs Jarvis Mrs Redrup

26th December Mrs Phipps Mrs Redrup

Message Board



There are a few general messages which have been submitted to the Chronicle this month.

Jenny Thompson

As some of you will know, Jenny has not been well, but thankfully she is now improving. She would like to make a public note of thanks to all her friends and neighbours who have been so kind to help her and remember her in their wishes.

Jenny is hoping that she will be well and home by the end of the month.

Crime Warnings

John Boyd of Chapel Lane has advised vigilance for those of you using remote walking areas. At a recent visit to Newbottle Woods, his car was broken into and a telephone and handbag stolen. Please be careful not to leave any items on display when parking vehicles, particularly in countryside locations where thieves may be less likely to be spotted.

Delivery Scam

This is warning which you may have heard of previously, but it is worth another reminder, especially as Christmas is nearly upon us. This is a scam which has been confirmed by Royal Mail as genuine and which is the subject of a Trading Standards Office communication.

A card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service), suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on 0906 6611911 (a Premium Rate number). Do NOT call this number, as this is a mail scam originating from Belize. If you call the number and you start to hear a recorded message, you will already have been billed £315 for the phone call.

If you do receive a card with these details, then please contact Royal Mail Fraud on 0207 239 6655.



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Order your food for Christmas

You can order all your fresh meat, poultry and vegetables from Limes Farm for the Christmas holiday period. Orders for anything you need (including free-range turkeys) can be placed through the Limes Farm shop for collection on Christmas Eve. We'll even give you a complimentary glass of mulled wine and a mince pie to get you in the festive spirit!

Seasonal Tearoom Delights

Throughout December we are serving Hot Spiced Berry Cordial and Mulled Wine in the tearoom to warm you up. We've also got our very own take on the traditional mince pie with our special **Limes Farm Frangipane Mince Tartlet** – **only £2.20** in the tearoom. You can also order a 12" version for £12.50 for all the family to enjoy at home this Christmas!

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