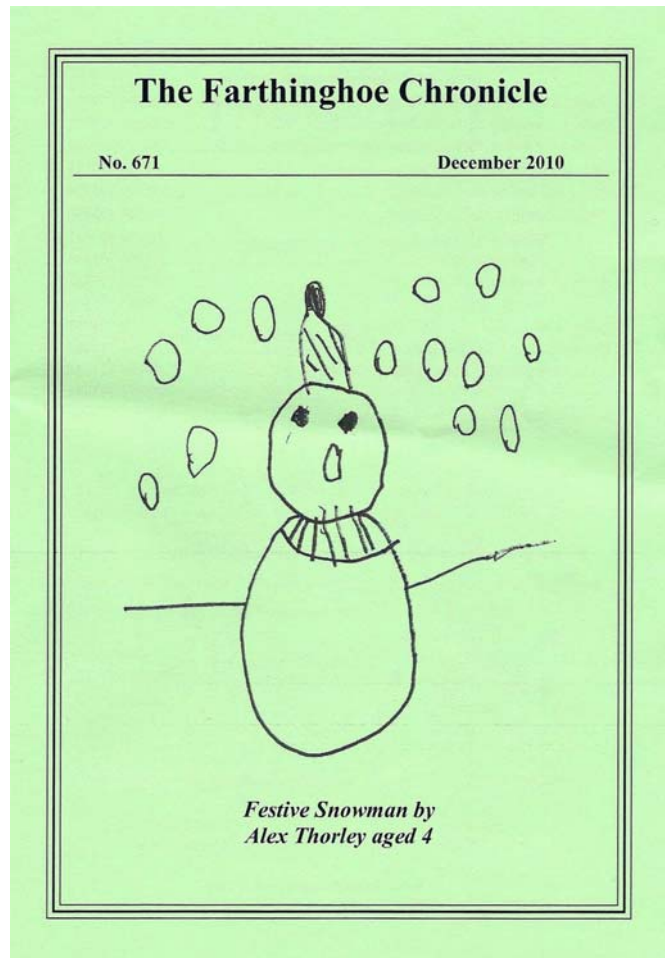


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*Festive Snowman by
Alex Thorley aged 4*

Useful contacts

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| County Councillor Mr R Sawbridge..... | 01604 859721 |
| District Councillor Rebecca Breese..... | 01280 709976 |
| Community Police Officers..... | 08453 700 700 |
| Clerk to the Parish Council Ms Sue Shepard..... | 01295 710148 |
| Dance and Drama Ann Steedman..... | 01280 705724 |
| Doctors Brackley Health Centre..... | 01280 703460 |
| Springfield Surgery..... | 01280 703431 |
| Washington House..... | 01280 702436 |
| Hospitals Brackley Cottage Hospital..... | 01280 702388 |
| The Horton..... | 01295 275500 |
| Village Hall Booking Sec. Mrs Diane Jones..... | 07526588755 |
| Primary School Head Teacher Ms W. Whitehouse | 01295 710406 |
| Little Angels Toddler Group Mrs L. Thorley..... | 01295 711726 |
| Fox Inn..... | 01295 713965 |
| Banbury Guardian News Rosemary Jarvis..... | 01295 711130 |



2nd Place
Beth Ellison

3rd Place
Megan Elson

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Village News & Events

150 Club

The winners will be printed in the next issue.

Parish Council – from the Parish Clerk

The Parish Council, having agreed the budget and considered the current financial climate, have decided there will be no increase in the precept for 2011 – 12. It will remain at its present level of £6500, but that is no guarantee that the District Council or the County Council will not increase their share.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Parish Council, would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

There is no Parish Council meeting scheduled for December so the next meeting (Public Time 7.00pm – 7.15pm) will be held in the meeting room at the Village Hall on **12th January 2011.**

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Tel: 01295 710148
Parish Clerk: e-mail: sue.shepard@talk21.com

Farthinghoe Community Primary School

Are you interested in becoming a governor?

We currently have a vacancy for a Local Authority School Governor.

The school governors act as a critical friend to the school, working with the head teacher, Wendy Whitehouse and the rest of the staff, to ensure that our children get the best from their time in school.

The governors have an important part to play in raising standards through their three key roles:

setting strategic direction;
approving and monitoring the school budget; and
monitoring and evaluating school performance.

We are keen to attract somebody from within the local area to become a governor; people who can bring energy, experience and fresh ideas to the job of organising and managing the school. Governors need no formal qualifications or particular skills, but they do need to have time to dedicate to their role. Enthusiasm and commitment are perhaps the most important qualities as you'll have to attend meetings and, as a new governor, undertake an induction course. Could you meet this challenge?

If you're interested in joining the board of governors, please contact Lin Deeley, Clerk to the Governing Body, on 01295 710406.

Further information can be found online at the Northamptonshire County Council website

(<http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/Learning/Governors/becoming.htm>) and on the DirectGov website

(http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Parents/Schoolslearninganddevelopment/SchoolLife/DG_10038366)

Farthinghoe railway station
Farthinghoe, South Northants.

Farthinghoe was a railway station which served the Northamptonshire village of Farthinghoe in England. It opened in 1851 as part of the Buckinghamshire Railway's branch line to Verney Junction which provided connections to Bletchley and Oxford and closed in 1963.

History Situated in an isolated location over a mile from the village from which it took its name - and further still from two others it was supposed to serve: Greatworth and Middleton Cheney- Farthinghoe station first appeared in timetables in October 1851. Its precise opening date is unknown, but was almost certainly within one year of the line's inauguration.

The Buckinghamshire Railway provided basic facilities which consisted of a single wooden platform and solitary goods siding on the up side of the line. The main station building, a part-timber and part-brick structure in an "H" shape, was of unusual construction, with the main ticket office and booking hall housed in a one-storey weather-boarded wing with a steeply-pitched gable roof which projected over the platform as a sort of makeshift canopy. The stationmaster occupied an adjacent two-storey building which was linked with the ticket office by a two-storey tile-hung central block which contained a waiting room. The style of construction can be explained by the Buckingham Railway's need to save on costs in the face of an economic crisis.

The station boasted limited goods facilities, with a cattle dock and weigh bridge provided for the mainly agricultural traffic. Until the mid-1930s, goods trains would shunt the siding daily with regular loads of pink roadstone granite as well as coal for W. Palmer & Son, local coal merchants. The Second World War saw Farthinghoe handle ammunition destined for the RAF's Hinton-in-the-Hedges Airfield.

Farthinghoe station was situated on the busiest section of the line, the 5½ mile stretch from Merton Street to Cockley Brake, where there was a junction with the Stratford-upon-Avon and Midland Junction Railway (SMJ). Opened on 1 June 1872, the section provided connections to Towcester and Blisworth. The LNWR and

SMJ jointly served Farthinghoe and Merton Street until they were absorbed into the London, Midland and Scottish Railway on 1 January 1923 upon the railway grouping. The station lost its stationmaster from 1930 and came under the control of Banbury, only 3½ miles away. Former SMJ passenger services were withdrawn as from 2 July 1951. Farthinghoe was itself to close to passengers the following year. **Present day** The station buildings have been demolished and replaced by a council dump and pulveriser plant. One feature has, however, survived - a plum tree which stood in the stationmaster's garden. The meadow which adjoined the station and which was used for holding cattle and sheep prior to transfer to Banbury Market is now part of Farthinghoe Nature Reserve.

BY LOUIS-CHARLES GARNIER AGE: 10

Fox At Farthinghoe – from Mark, Tom and Paul

New Years Eve is now fully booked, if you have reserved tickets please come in to pay and collect before 10 December.

Sunday 19th December quiz and curry night – teams of four £10 per person, just a few tables left.

Christmas Menus all ready to go on the First of December – don't forget that locals/club card holders still get 20% off main menu food prices at lunch and early evening Monday to Friday. The Ladies nights will continue as will curry nights but seafood specials and champagne will be back in the new year.

Christmas Day Lunch – Mark will be opening the Fox for drinks only from Noon to 1.30pm so bring the family while the sprouts are boiling away!

In place of our photo comp we are asking for entries for homemade Christmas Cards – There is a bottle of bubbly for adults and some chocolate selection boxes for under 12's. They can be crafted, arty or photo based just made by your own fair hand so send them in now, clearly marked with your name inside.

Thanks and a very happy Christmas to you all
Mark, Tom and Paul at the Fox

Honey and Cranberry glazed duck breasts with diced parsnips and potato - To serve four

You will need 4 duck breasts
Small jar of cranberry sauce
4 table spoons of pure honey
6 parsnips
6 potatoes
Salt and pepper to taste

Take your four duck breast and rub in a pinch of sea salt into each one then score by cutting about a quarter of the way through, 3 or 4 times. Place the breasts in a hot frying pan and seal on each side for about 2 minutes (this also helps remove some of the fat)

Remove breasts and place in a oven proof dish and coat with the honey and cranberry sauce

Place in pre heated oven at 180 and cook for about 20 minutes. Whilst cooking remove from the oven two or three times and baste on the sauce Remove from oven and place to side to rest before service

Peel and chop the parsnips and potatoes into equal sized dice, boil with a little salt until cooked and soft. Transfer the drained vegetables into the oven dish the duck was cooked in and shake/baste to coat in the remaining sauce, and return to oven for 5 minutes.

Cut the duck breasts into slices and place on plate on top of a couple of spoons of the potato and parsnips, and drizzle any remaining sauce.

If you wish serve with some dressed mixed leaves or green vegetable of your choice.

Church

Travelling Crib will start it's journey to homes in the village on Advent Sunday - November 28th. If you would like to look after the crib, please contact 01295 711130 as soon as possible!

Holiday Club

The dates for 2011 are 8th - 12th August.

Clubs & Societies

Book Club

The Book Club is not running this month.

Farthinghoe Friends

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 7th December, 2.30-4.00pm in the Village Hall.

Guides – from Pippa Parnell

If anyone is interested in joining guides or adults that would like to help then please let me know. 01295 710346

Little Angels

Little Angels Christmas shopping morning

Everyone is invited to Little Angels shopping morning on Tuesday 30th November at Farthinghoe Village Hall 9.30 to 11.30am. Come and do your Christmas shopping and enjoy coffee and mince pies. Stalls include Phoenix cards, Usborne books, as well as handmade toys and jewellery. All proceeds to Little Angels toddler group.

Please contact Lena Thorley on 01295 711726 for further details.

Needlework group

Meetings may need to be a bit fluid this month, so please ring 01295 712849 to find out where we will be and when.

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.

Mothers' Union

Meeting

Advent Service - Wednesday, December 1st at 2pm at Helmdon Church.

Miscellaneous

Message concerning the removal of plants from the churchyard.

Would the person or person's who removed the rose bush and other
flowers from my mother and my brother's graves in Farthinghoe
churchyard, please note that this has been reported. Do not interfere with
other people's graves. Kathleen Rush (nee Sharman)

Thank you

Dear all,

I would like to thank everybody who came to The Fox on the 10th of
October on a lovely warm day to support me & my James, bought our
jams, donated generously and helped us raise money for The BBC
Children in Need 2010. We raised £150 pounds in total and received
many positive feedback on the jams as well which made us extremely
happy and proud. Also, I am very happy to announce that the winner of

my handmade bag was our little Sophia (Sneath) who's daddy chose the lucky number 7 for her - congratulations to Sophia (or should I say Nicki:)).

Special thanks goes to Tom, Mark and everybody at The Fox for such a warm welcome on the day and their support - could not have done it without you.

Again, I thank you all very much. We are very lucky to be living in such a lovely village and we could not have asked for better friends and neighbours.

Love to all

Beste Bragg.

Notes from the editor

Its that time of year again, the weather is getting colder and we are all beginning to think about Christmas. My thoughts turned to Christmas a few weeks ago, and I asked Farthinghoe School if they could do a competition for some artwork for the front cover. The winner was Alex Thorley aged 4, well done Alex! I have also printed the runners up, who are in second place Beth Ellison and in third place Megan Elson. Thank you so much for these very artistic Christmas images.

There is a delicious recipe thanks to Paul the chef at The Fox, and we will get another one for next month, thank you Paul. If anyone has any ideas for the Chronicle, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am delighted to say Farthinghoe School are going to produce something for the January edition.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and Happy New Year for 2011.

Lucy Garnier – garnier_lucy@yahoo.co.uk – 01295 711062

Rotas for December

| Week Beginning | Church cleaning | Brass cleaning |
|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Mon 6 th Dec | Miss Doughty | Mrs Pim |
| Mon 13 th Dec | Mrs Jarvis & Mrs King | Mrs Redrup |
| Mon 20 th Dec | Mrs Phipps | Mrs Redrup |
| Mon 27 th Dec | Mrs Mason | Mrs Redrup |

Dates for your diary

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| Wednesday 1 st | Mothers Union | 2.00pm |
| Tuesday 7 th | Farthinghoe Friends | 2.30pm |
| Friday 17 th | Deadline for Chronicle | |
| Wednesday 15 th | Scrabble club | 7.00pm |

Please note there is no Parish Council meeting this month.

Benefice worship for December

Sunday 5th December

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| Aynho | 11.00am Holy Communion |
| Croughton | 9.30am Benefice Holy Communion |
| Evenley | 11.00am Toy Service and Holy Communion |
| Farthinghoe | 9.30am Benefice Holy Communion |
| Hinton | 11.00am Family Worship |

Sunday 12th December

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| 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 19th December

Aynho 5.00pm Carol Service

Croughton 9.30am Holy Communion

Evenley 11.00am Toy Service and Holy Communion

Farthinghoe 10.00am Family Worship

Hinton 11.00am Holy Communion

Friday 24th December Christmas Eve

Aynho 8.00pm Early Midnight Holy Communion

Evenley 11.00pm Midnight Holy Communion

Farthinghoe 5.00 pm Crib Service

Saturday 25th December Christmas Day

Aynho 9.30am Family Holy Communion

Croughton 9.30am Family Holy Communion

Evenley 11.00am Family Holy Communion

Hinton 11.00am Family Holy Communion

Monday 26th December Boxing Day

Aynho 10.00am Benefice Holy Communion