

# The Farthinghoe Chronicle

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## Welcome to the new-look Chronicle!

Note from the editor:

As this is the first edition of the Chronicle that I have had the pleasure of editing, I have taken the liberty of using the front page to introduce myself!

My name is Pip Sandel and I moved into Farthinghoe in April 2010. I can honestly say that this has been one of the happiest moves of my life. The people in the village have made me, my partner, David, and his son, Chris, incredibly welcome and for this, I would like to thank you all.

We have already had the opportunity to attend many events in the village, and I am hoping that the Chronicle will not only provide organisers with a chance to promote their events, but that it will become somewhere that we can share the successes after the events, with write-ups and photos. So if you are attending something in the village, please remember to

take your camera and capture special images for posterity! These can be emailed to me: [pipsandel@live.co.uk](mailto:pipsandel@live.co.uk) or drop them to me on a flash drive to Magnolia Cottage, Main Road—opposite Abbey Lodge.

My home telephone number is 01295 712208 so if there is anything you would like me to attend with a view to providing a write-up, please let me know and I will do my very best.

Finally, on behalf of the village, I would like to say a big thank you to Lucy Garnier for the time and dedication she has put into editing the Chronicle. Her enthusiasm and professionalism have meant that the Chronicle has kept everyone in touch with village life over the years.



## Useful Contacts



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## Village News and Events



### Farthinghoe Primary School

The children, parents and staff of Farthinghoe School are planning a **Charity Fashion Show** on 26 May. It promises to be a great evening; there will be food, a raffle and you will have the opportunity to buy the good quality second hand clothes the children will be modelling. The evening will start at 6.30pm at the Village Hall and will cost £5.00 to include refreshments. We are raising money for the school's chosen charity, Katharine House Hospice. If you are able to donate any good quality children's clothes, please bring them to the school on 16 May. Everyone at school is very excited about this event and would love you to join us to help raise money for such a worthwhile cause.

Also, School Ties, our hard-working parents, teachers and friends' association have organised our annual **Easter Bingo evening** on Friday 8 April at 6pm in the Village Hall. All villagers and friends are very welcome.

Mrs Wendy Whitehouse  
Head teacher



### Charlton Playgroup

Based at the Charlton Memorial Hall in Charlton, we are a friendly playgroup offering good quality affordable childcare for children aged between 2 and 5 years old on a Monday to Friday from 9am to 3pm, term-time only.

We accept childcare vouchers and are part of the Government scheme offering 15 free hours per week to children for the term after their 3rd birthday.

Pop in and see us, or telephone 01295 812 909 to arrange a visit. We look forward to seeing you.

We have also recently started a Tots and Carers group. This runs on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the month, from 9.30am to 11am, for tots aged 0 to 3 years and their carers. It costs £1 per carer and we provide refreshments as well as a qualified member of staff on hand to offer practical advice and tips.

## Church

In our church calendar, we are now in the season of Lent, and our worship during April reflects this penitential season, ending with our celebrations on Easter Day, April 24th. Do join us for our special services this month, full details of which are in this Chronicle.



On Tuesday April 12th, Farthinghoe Parochial Church Council meets for our Annual Meeting in the Church Vestry at 7.30pm. At this meeting we elect our Church Wardens and Church Council for the coming year and accept reports for 2010. You are welcome to join us, or if you'd like to know more about the life of your village church, each Sunday we produce our 'Pew Leaflet', which gives all the news of our worship and activities across the Benefice. Copies are left in church; do take a copy or email [barkergill@hotmail.com](mailto:barkergill@hotmail.com) and request a weekly emailed copy.

We'd like to ask you to help us—you may remember some time ago we had the lead stolen from the church roof and we know the thieves are about again. When you are out and about in the village, if you see anyone on the roof, or looking suspicious around the church, please contact the police as we have not arranged to have any roof work done. Thank you!

Revd Gill Barker, Rector

## Clubs and Societies

### **Farthinghoe Friends**

The next meeting is taking place on Tuesday 5th April from 2.30pm to 4pm in the Village Hall. Dr Mike Lewis will present his Victorian Magic Lantern show. All welcome (£2.50 for non-members).

Subscriptions are now due: £12 for annual membership.

We are always open to new Friends, so please feel free to come along—you can join us on the day!

### **Guides—from Pippa Parnell**

If anyone is interested in joining guides or if there are any adults that would like to help, please let me know: tel. 01295 710346.

### **Little Angels**

Please contact Lena Thorley on 01295 711726 for further details.

## Clubs and Societies continued



### 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.

#### 150 Club winners for February were:

No. 99	Mrs Roberts	£25
No. 100	Dr Chidwick	£10
No. 41	Mr Hayward	£10

## Mothers' Union

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union is taking place on Tuesday 12th April at 2pm. Reverend Terry Richards will give us a guided tour of Croughton Church, which will be followed by tea. All welcome.



## Free Skills Event for Older Drivers at Silverstone

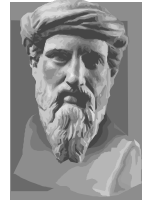
A free driving information day for older motorists (defined as 55+ years or 30+ years' driving experience) is being held at Silverstone .

The event, organized by Casualty Reduction, is aimed at helping older drivers to extend their safe driving years. The half-day course will include the chance to drive on a skid pan, and two indoor classroom sessions, covering fitness to drive and keeping mobile. Advance booking is required.

The next session is taking place on 22nd March, which unfortunately is likely to be too late for this publication of the Chronicle. However, we have had notification that another day is planned for 4th May. Further details and an application form can be found at [www.reducingroadcasualties.com/view.asp?id=679](http://www.reducingroadcasualties.com/view.asp?id=679), by calling 01604 364434/364435/364406 or by submitting an enquiry to email address: [roadsafety@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:roadsafety@northamptonshire.gov.uk).

## Trivia Corner—April in History

2nd	1805	Author Hans Christian Andersen born
	1977	Red Rum wins historic third Grand National
	1982	Argentina invades the Falklands Islands
4th	1975	Microsoft founded by Bill Gates and Paul Allen—who'd have thought these computer things would take off?
6th	1896	First Olympic Games of the modern era opened in Athens
7th	1739	Dick Turpin, England's most 'famous' highwayman, hanged for horse theft
8th	1904	'Entente Cordial' signed by Britain and France, finally ending centuries of intermittent conflict (until the Six Nations rugby tournament, that is)
11th	1968	Launch of Apollo 13
12th	1961	Russian Yuri Gagarin becomes the first man in space
13th	1968	An oxygen tank onboard Apollo 13 explodes, prompting astronaut John L Swigert to tell mission controllers, "Houston, we have a problem here".
14th	1471	Yorkist forces defeat of Lancastrians at the Battle of Barnet and restore Edward IV to the throne
	1865	US President Abe Lincoln shot whilst at the theatre, dying the next day
	1912	Four days into her maiden voyage, the SS Titanic hits the iceberg that causes her to sink. If this hadn't happened, we might never have had Kate, Leo and Celine.
16th	1746	The last battle on British soil at Culloden where Jacobite forces are routed by the Duke of Cumberland's men
	1889	Funny man Charlie Chaplin born
17th	1968	The crew of Apollo 13 (John L Swigert and Fred W Haise) splash down safely, having returned to earth in Apollo 13's lunar module.
18th	1775	American War of Independence begins with British victories at Lexington and Concord—such a promising start, but we all know what happened next...
20th	1770	Captain James Cook becomes the first European to reach Australia. 240-odd years later, we beat them at cricket.
22nd	1870	Vladimir Lenin, father of the Russian revolutionary, born.
23rd	1564	William Shakespeare, Britain's (the world's?) most famous writer born
25th	1953	James Watson and Francis Crick publish their discovery of the structure of DNA
26th	1986	Chernobyl nuclear power plant disaster
28th	1789	Fletcher Christian led the mutiny against Captain William Bligh, HMS Bounty
	1945	Italian partisans shoot dead Benito Mussolini, thereby bringing to an end his 23 years of fascist rule. <i>And now they have Berlusconi...</i>
29th	1967	Muhammed Ali stripped of his boxing titles after refusing, on religious grounds, to serve in the US military
30th	1789	George Washington sworn in as the first president of the USA
	1945	Adolf Hitler commits suicide in Berlin, thereby avoiding trial for his crimes against humanity



# The Fox at Farthinghoe

*You are cordially invited to  
An Evening Reception  
To celebrate the Wedding of  
Catherine and William  
On Friday 29th April at 7.45pm  
At The Fox in Farthinghoe*

*Dress Formal or Fancy*

*Carriages at 12.30*

*RSVP*

To celebrate the royal wedding and extra bank holiday:

We start with Friday Happy Hour from 5 to 7  
Ales and Lager from £2.20 Large Wine from £3

Then a 2 course meal served buffet style from 7.45pm

During the evening there will be a mini quiz

Afterwards we will dim the lights & have a 'wedding disco'

*When you buy your tickets we want a couple of requests for songs to dance  
the night away to & we will create the soundtrack for the evening*

Tickets on sale from the bar £15.00

**[www.foxatfarthinghoe.co.uk](http://www.foxatfarthinghoe.co.uk)**

**01295 713965**

## Rotas for April

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Week beginning	Church Cleaning	Brass Cleaning
4th April	Mr & Mrs Jarvis	Mrs Pim
11th April	Mrs Phipps	Mrs Pim
18th April	Mrs Mason	Mrs Redrup
25th April	Mrs Dashwood	Mrs Redrup

## Quiz Time

As April is the fourth month of the year, this month's quiz is all (loosely) about the number 4. Just for fun—answers can be found towards the back of this edition.

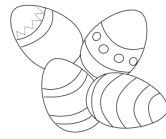


1. The Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and ...?
2. What are the 4 cardinal directions?
3. What is the 4th astrological sign of the zodiac?
4. Freddie Mercury, Brian May, Roger Taylor ... but who was the 4th member of the rock band, Queen?
5. The Fantastic 4: Mr Fantastic, Invisible Woman, The Thing and ...?
6. Matriarchs of Judaism: Sarah, Rebecca, Leah and ...?
7. J, P, G and R ... which 4?
8. Politics, administration, the judiciary ... what's the 4th estate?
9. What are the 4 elements?
10. CMYK, the 4 colour printing process, stands for Cyan, Yellow, Magenta and what?

## And for the Kids...

There are a number of Easter eggs 'hidden' around this month's Chronicle. See if you can find them all and colour them in as brightly as possible!

## What do you think?



### **Is it just me, or has the broadband connectivity in this village worsened in the past couple of months?**

It recently took me 8+ hours to download the iPhone software upgrade. Downloading from BBC iplayer or similar regularly takes the same as the programme duration. Downloading music is tedious (set it going, go watch a rugby match and have a beer or three). Streaming isn't worth it; ditto uploading pics to photo-sharing sites.

Also, we've had a number of broadband outages (although voice has remained active). Random in both timing and duration, it seems to eventually self-solve. BT, by the way.

I recently ran a number of speed tests on both my desktop and work laptop (I used [www.mybroadbandspeed.co.uk](http://www.mybroadbandspeed.co.uk)) ... average speeds so far achieved of 125kbps (0.12meg) download, 345kbps (0.34meg) upload ... an absolute joke (I used to get this on dial-up 10 years ago!).

Yes, I know that we're at the end of the copper but that's hardly the point. If we want anywhere near decent broadband, we'll have to stamp our feet a lot and generally make a nuisance of ourselves. I assume that those of you who regularly work from/run a business from home use alternative connectivity (or just work really slowly)?

So, a little survey. If you could answer the following, let's see if we can't leverage the findings. Please email your answers to the following questions to [broadband@thesteane.co.uk](mailto:broadband@thesteane.co.uk):

1. Provider (e.g. BT, Sky)
2. On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 1 being the worst and 10 the best), how reliable is your broadband connectivity?
3. On a scale of 1 to 10, how fast do you think your broadband connectivity is?
4. Do you have a dedicated business service? If yes, what type (e.g. ISDN) and who provides it?
5. On a scale of 1 to 10, how reliable is your dedicated business broadband connectivity?
6. On a scale of 1 to 10, how fast do you think your business broadband connectivity is?
7. What are your measured upload and speeds according to the test at [www.mybroadbandspeed.co.uk](http://www.mybroadbandspeed.co.uk)? If you have both, please do this for both your domestic and business services.

Thanks in advance for your help. There's no prize, just the possibility that we might, one day, be able to access the same levels of service that millions of others take for granted.

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## Miscellaneous

### Cleaner wanted

For two hours on Friday mornings at Duck End, Farthinghoe. £18 per morning. For more details, contact Diane Jones on 07578 171429.

### Police Community Message

There was a break-in on Charlton Way last Saturday, 12th March, entry being through a ground floor window, with various items stolen. Whilst our village is usually a very safe place, this is a wake-up call for everyone, in particular the elderly and vulnerable, to keep your doors and windows locked, and to ensure that no strangers are let into the house.

Northamptonshire Police contact numbers are:

Emergency (crime in progress): 999

Northamptonshire Police switchboard: 03000 111 222

Dedicated Watch line: 01604 432436 (to report suspicious incidents)

CrimeStoppers: 0800 555 111 (remain anonymous)

Doorstep Action Network: 0345 2307 702 (suspected doorstep rogue traders or distraction burglars)

### Dates for your diary

Tues 5th April	Farthinghoe Friends	2.30pm	Village Hall
Fri 8th April	Easter Bingo	6.00pm	Village Hall
Tues 12th April	PCC AGM	7.30pm	Church vestry
Tues 12th April	Mothers' Union	2pm	Croughton
Weds 13th April	Parish Council & Annual Parish Meeting	7.00pm 8.00pm	Village Hall Village Hall
Fri 15th April	Deadline for Chronicle		
Weds 20th April	Scrabble Club	7pm	
Fri 29th April	Royal Wedding Celebrations	7.45pm	The Fox
Weds 4th May	Skills Event		Silverstone
Thurs 26th May	Charity Fashion Show	6.30pm	Village Hall

Quiz answers:

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|--------------------------------|---|
| 1. John                        | 6. Rachel                                     |
| 2. North, South, East and West | 7. The Beatles (John, Paul, George and Ringo) |
| 3. Cancer                      | 8. Journalism                                 |
| 4. John Deacon                 | 9. Earth, Wind, Fire and Water                |
| 5. Human Torch                 | 10. Key (black)                               |

## Benefice Worship for April

	Aynho	Croughton	Evenley	Farthinghoe	Hinton
<b>Sun 3rd Apr Mothering Sunday</b>	11am Family Holy Communion	9.30am Family Holy Communion	11am Family Holy Communion	9.30am Family Holy Communion	11am Family Wor- ship
<b>Sun 10 Apr 5th of Lent</b>	9.30am Holy Com- munion		11am Holy Com- munion	6pm BCP Evening Prayer	
<b>Sun 17 Apr Palm Sunday</b>	11am BCP Morn- ing Prayer	9.30am Holy Com- munion	11am Family Wor- ship	10am Family Wor- ship	11am BCP Holy Commun- ion
<b>Mon 18 Apr Monday of Holy Week</b>		7.30pm Meditation & Compline			
<b>Tues 19 Apr Tuesday of Holy Week</b>			7.30pm Meditation & Compline		
<b>Wed 20 Apr Weds of Holy Week</b>				7.30pm Meditation & Compline	
<b>Thur 21 Apr Maundy Thursday</b>	7.30pm Holy Com- munion				
<b>Fri 22 Apr Good Friday</b>	11am Family Wor- ship		11am Family Wor- ship (village hall)		2pm-3pm Hour before the Cros
<b>Sun 24 Apr Easter Day</b>	11am Holy Com- munion	9.30am Holy Com- munion	11am Family Wor- ship	9.30am Holy Com- munion	11am Holy Com- munion

**WINNER**  
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE  
**FOOD  
& DRINK  
AWARDS  
2010/11**  
LOCAL FOOD HERO  
OF THE YEAR

**Limes  
Farm**  
MADE FOR YOU

**Its hot crossed buns time again! We'll be using Nicky's Great Uncle Henry's recipe so if you want to try some really traditional buns come to the shop during April.**

Henry used to run the Farthinghoe Bakery in Baker Street (of course!). The secret family recipe has now been passed down to us so if you want to try hot crossed buns the way they used to be made, pop in to see us – a taste of Spring!

We've got lots more going on too, especially during the Easter holidays and the bank holiday weekends, so look out for information on the shop notice board when you're next in or visit the website.

We will now be baking a 'cake of the week' for you to try, just in case you want to have a change from the old favourites to go with your cup of tea. We can also make you up meat and vegetables boxes and deliver these to your door. Just talk to a member of staff when you are next in the shop or give us a call.

Call the shop on **01295 712 490**

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