

Parish Council report

The annual Parish Council meeting on 13th April, attended by over forty villagers, was an opportunity for those present to voice their concerns and to direct them to the person who could take their concern forward. Unfortunately, the Police were not represented but a written report was read out on the night and, although the method of reporting crimes has changed, it was generally accepted that there had been a decline in criminal activity in South Northants. This is encouraging as one less crime, however reported, means one less victim of crime. County Councillor Ron Sawbridge gave a report on the workings of NCC and the impact budget cuts would have on the residents of Northamptonshire. District Councillor Rebecca Breese also reported on issues particularly relevant to the South Northants area, including the effects, once again, from budget cuts and the potential impact of the proposed HS2. Although there had been no increase in council tax and funding from Central Government had

been cut, this in fact represented a reduction in income to local authorities. The result of this is unavoidable cuts to some services.

The Parish Council has been asked to forward a request for a safety audit to be carried out on the new layout of the Cockley Road junction. Cllr Ron Sawbridge will take this forward.

E-On had provided an Emergency Pack with items that could be useful in the event of a prolonged power cut, and the Parish Council decided to give a raffle ticket to all those present with the draw taking place at the end of the evening. Mary Sharman was the lucky ticket holder and Mary is now the proud owner of an analogue phone, a wind-up charger and all sorts of other useful items!

Elections

Four candidates stand as valid nominees for the election on 5th May so therefore all will be elected. Two existing councillors have expressed a wish to be co-opted, which leaves one vacancy created by Cllr Wall's decision not to stand for re-election. The Parish Council would like to thank

Useful Contacts



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District Councillor

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Martin Wall for his significant contribution to the activities of the council during his three years as a councillor. At this point in the election procedure, the Parish Council is able to co-opt without the need to advertise the vacancy, so if you have any thoughts about joining the Parish Council, then please get in touch with the Clerk or the Chairman.

Don't forget to make your vote count in the District Council election and the referendum for AV on 5th May.

The next Parish Council meeting (Public time 7.00pm-7.15pm) will be held in the meeting room at the Village Hall on 11th May 2011. This meeting is the AGM of the Parish Council, starting with the election of the Chairman for the next twelve months.

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Village News and Events



Church Coffee Morning

A Coffee Morning in the Vestry is planned for Friday, 20th May from 10am to 12pm. A Bring and Buy and raffle are also planned. Hope to see you there!

Open Gardens

On Sunday, 12th June, The Old Rectory, The Rectory Stables, Windy Ridge and Holly Cottage will be opening their gardens from 2pm to 5pm for the National Gardens Scheme. Refreshments will also be available at The Old Rectory, so we hope to see as many villagers as possible. Further details will follow in next month's Chronicle but if you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Jenny Phipps on 01295 712128.

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The 2011 Summer Ball

The 2011 Farthinghoe Summer Ball is taking place on Saturday 16th July, 7.30pm for 8pm start. If you only go to one party this summer, make it this one! There will be a BBQ and dancing, to both live music and a disco. This is a Black Tie event, so it's a chance to get truly glammed up for a night.

The cost is £30 per head and there will be a raffle and auction of pledges, raising funds for Farthinghoe School's Laptop Appeal.

Buy your tickets at the school, at The Fox, or e-mail summerball@thesteane.co.uk.

Don't miss out, it's the place to be seen this summer!

Charity Fashion Show

Make sure you don't forget the Charity Fashion Show on Thursday 26 May at 6.30pm in the Village Hall, advertised in last month's Chronicle. At £5.00 per ticket including refreshments, Farthinghoe School are hoping to raise lots of money for Katharine House Hospice.

Clubs and Societies

Farthinghoe Friends

There will be no meeting in May.

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.

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

In April, we enjoyed a visit to Croughton Church and learned about its history from the Reverend Terry Richards, followed by a lovely tea at Limes Farm.

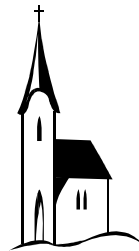


The May meeting will take place on Tuesday, 24th May at 2pm at Colready Farm in Farthinghoe. We will be watching a DVD, followed by discussion. Please feel free to come along and join us!

St Michael & All Angels Church, Farthinghoe

At our Annual Parochial Church meeting on April 12th, we elected a new Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the coming year: Ruth Dashwood (Deanery Synod Representative), Rosemary Jarvis, Pauline Mason, Geoff Wenmouth, Lisa Wenmouth (Secretary), Stephen Pillinger, Joan Mildren and Vic Tolchard (Treasurer).

Unfortunately, we continue to be without Church Wardens. I would like to pass on the thanks expressed during our meeting to everyone in our village who helps, in whatever way, with numerous and varied tasks to support our beautiful village church and churchyard.



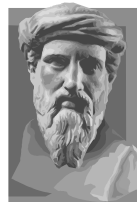
We would like to invite **YOU** to worship with us one Sunday. On the first Sunday of each month at 9.30am, we have a quiet reflective service of Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion, without hymns, and on the second Sunday at 6pm, a Service of BCP Evening Prayer, with hymns. You may prefer our 10am Family Worship on the third Sunday of each month, which is a shorter, child-friendly service of hymns, prayers, a bible reading and short address, where we encourage the children's participation, followed by coffee and fellowship. Do come and worship with us in your church on Sunday.

Details of all our worship, and parish and benefice activities are available on our weekly Pew Leaflet in church. Enquiries can always be sent to barkergill@hotmail.com.

Revd Gill Barker, Rector

Trivia Corner—May in History

1st	1707	Act of Union passed by Parliament, merging the kingdoms of England and Scotland to form Great Britain.
	1994	Ayrton Senna killed in a crash during the San Marino Grand Prix in Italy.
2nd	1952	The world's first jet airliner—the De Havilland Comet 1—sets off from London to Johannesburg on its maiden flight, heralding the jet age.
	1982	The Argentinian cruiser, General Belgrano, is destroyed by the Royal Navy off the Falkland Islands.
	1997	New Labour sweeps to power, ending the Conservatives' 18 year rule
3rd	1951	King George VI opens the Festival of Britain.
	1968	Surgeons conduct the first heart transplant in Britain at the National Heart Hospital in Marylebone, London.
4th	1979	Margaret Thatcher becomes Britain's first (and, to date, only) female Prime Minister.
5th	1980	Members of the SAS end the siege of the Iranian Embassy in London.
6th	1920	King Edward VII dies at the age of 69.
	1954	25 year old medical student, Roger Bannister, becomes the first person to run a mile in less than 4 minutes.
	1994	The Channel Tunnel is formally opened.
8th	1945	VE Day
10th	1994	Nelson Mandela becomes South Africa's first black president after more than 3 centuries of white rule.
11th	1985	56 people die as a result of a fire which started at the Valley Parade stadium during a match between Bradford City and Lincoln City.
13th	1981	Pope John Paul II shot in St Peter's Square. He makes a full recovery.
14th	1955	Communist states sign the Warsaw Pact to counter the Western Alliance, NATO.
17th	1943	Planes of 617 Squadron under the command of Wing Commander Guy Gibson use revolutionary bouncing bombs to destroy dams and flood the Ruhr Valley—the famous Dambuster raid.
20th	1873	Patent granted to clothing manufacturer Levi Strauss and tailor Jacob Davies to use copper rivets to strengthen the pockets of denim overalls. A fashion icon is born <i>as is a dilemma for gentlemen of a certain age ... at what age is wearing jeans no longer appropriate?</i>
21st	1471	Henry VI, the last of three kings of the House of Lancaster died (murdered?) in the Tower of London, aged 49.
25th	1967	Celtic become the first British team to win football's European Cup, beating favourites Inter 2-1 in the final in Lisbon.
26th	1950	The end of petrol rationing is announced.
27th	1964	Jawaharlal Nehru, founder of modern India, dies suddenly, aged 74.
28th	1967	9 months and one day after setting off, Sir Francis Chichester docks in Plymouth to complete his single-handed voyage around the world in his yacht, Gipsy Moth IV.
	1972	The Duke of Windsor who, as King Edward VIII, was the centre of a constitutional crisis when abdicating the throne in 1936, died at his home in Paris, aged 77.
29th	1968	Manchester United become the first English team to win the European Cup by beating Benfica 4-1 at Wembley.
31st	1669	Samuel Pepys records the last entry in his famous diary.



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The last couple of months has been a busy time for us here at Limes Farm – what with hand-rearing three of our new lambs, cooking up delicious new foodie treats for the shop and working on some exciting new plans for our new bakery, it's been non-stop!

A couple of things to tell you about this month:

- We now offer a parcel drop service so if you know you're not going to be in when your parcel is due to arrive you can give them the Limes Farm shop address. We will sign for it and keep it safe until you can pop in to collect it. Just email parcels@limesfarm.com to tell us when to expect the parcel and we'll happily look after it for you.
- Working from home? Why not come and use the shop for a change of scenery and we've even got wireless broadband that you can use for free. We can't help you write that report but we can keep you going with the best coffee and cake!

Thank you so much for your custom during our first six months of opening – its been an exciting whirlwind and a steep learning curve but we're loving every minute of it and we hope you enjoy your visits to the farm.

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Dates for your Diary

Weds 11 May	Parish Council AGM	7.00pm (public)	Village Hall
Tues 17 May	Deadline for Chronicle		
Weds 18 May	Scrabble Club	7.00pm	
Fri 20 May	Church Coffee Morning	10.00am	Church Vestry
Tues 24 May	Mothers' Union	2.00pm	Colready Farm
Thurs 26 May	Charity Fashion Show	6.30pm	Village Hall
Sun 12 June	Open Gardens	2.00pm	Various
Fri 24 June	Digital TV advice	2.00pm	Village Hall
Sat 16 July	Summer Ball	7.30pm	The Fox

Eve Appeal Open House

On Friday 25th March, we held our second 'Open House' to raise money for the Eve Appeal, which funds research into gynaecological cancers.

It was lovely to see so many people from the village and further afield (Shropshire being the furthest!).

On display were local crafts including hand crafted jewellery, greetings cards and wood turning demonstrations from Sid's brother, Allen.

Our 'Red Raffle' raised over 250, thanks to all who purchased tickets throughout the day.

Between us, we raised a massive **£1,300**.

Special thanks to all those who donated prizes, cakes, crafts and also everyone that helped with the refreshments throughout the day.



Broadband feedback

Thanks to everyone who shared their broadband feedback. Clearly there's an issue and for some people, it's a bigger problem than it is for others.

I sent the information collected to Northamptonshire's rural community council where they're developing a funding bid to central government to help provide superfast broadband speeds across the county. The following response was received:

"Many thanks for this, it is very helpful and boosts our own survey.

"We will know at the end of May if we are successful in this round and then the work really begins.

"Northamptonshire ACRE have suggested that the next South Northants Rural forum will be focused on Broadband and we intend to support this and also get someone from industry (not BT or the big players) along who has experience of delivering in the rural areas. It will probably be T James from Kettering, who have introduced a wifi network in Wallingford along with the Wallingford Partnership.

"I am sure Northamptonshire ACRE will release details once they are confirmed."

My rant at BT is under construction. I'll let you know how I get on. GT

Support a young entrepreneur!

I recently had a request in from a young entrepreneur, wanting to promote her business. Whilst we don't want the Chronicle to become a newsletter with pages of adverts, I did want to share Hayley's enterprise with you.

Hayley says, "If it's dog walking or dog sitting you need help with, then I'm the one to ask. Why? Because I'm reliable and I love dogs. I have my own dog, so have plenty of experience, plus no walk is too long! I'm 16 and willing to work around school hours and at weekends."

At just £5 per half hour for walking and £7 per hour for dog sitting, Hayley is available in Brackley and surrounding areas. She can be contacted on 01295 710718 or 07507 846805 for more details.



The Digital TV Switchover—are you ready?

TV in the UK is going digital, and the existing analogue TV signal in our area will be switched off during September. Switchover means almost everyone will be able to receive digital TV through their aerial for FREE, so you can enjoy the five traditional channels, plus lots more.



Farthinghoe and the surrounding area receive TV transmissions from various transmitters. Your switchover dates will be from 7th to 28th September. To keep your TV service, you will need a digital TV or to convert your TV to digital before the switchover date. Four High Definition (HD) channels will also be available after switchover, although you will require a Freeview **HD** product to receive these channels.

If you already receive more than the five traditional TV channels, then you are probably ready for switchover. However, **ALL DIGITAL EQUIPMENT WILL NEED TO BE RETUNED ON OR AFTER BOTH OF THE SWITCHOVER DATES.** If you only have digital TV on your main set, you will need to think about converting any other TVs in your house.

Traditional analogue Video/DVD recorders will still play back after the switchover, however they will no longer record TV. To be able to record, you will need a digital recorder such as a Freeview+ box (PVR) or a Digital DVD recorder.

For more help about switchover, why not drop into Farthinghoe Village Hall between 2pm and 7pm on Friday, 24th June, where staff from Blinkhorns will be on hand to offer free advice and answer any digital switchover questions.

For further information about our retuning service, please feel free to call our shop on 01295 259859.

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Benefice Worship for May

	Aynho	Croughton	Evenley	Farthinghoe	Hinton
Sun 1 May 2nd of Easter	11am Holy Com- munion	9.30am Morning Prayer		9.30am Holy Com- munion	11am Family Wor- ship
Sun 8 May 3rd of Easter	9.30am Holy Com- munion		11am Holy Com- munion	6pm Evening Prayer	
Sun 15 May 4th of Easter	11am Morning Prayer	9.30am Holy Com- munion	11am Family Wor- ship	10am Family Wor- ship	11am Holy Com- munion
Sun 22 May 5th of Easter	10am Holy Com- munion				
Sun 29 May 6th of Easter			2.30pm Baptism		10am Holy Com- munion

Joke Corner

Why are pirates called pirates? Because they arrrrrrrrrrrh.

Where do sheep go on holiday? Baa-celona.

Why do giraffes have long necks? Because their feet smell.

Why did the bird wear a wig? Because it was a bald eagle.

Why didn't the skeleton go to the party? Because it had nobody to go with.

What's brown and sticky? A stick.

What's a pirate's favourite toy shop? Toys arrrrrrrrrrrh us.

What cheese is made backwards? Edam.

How do Vikings keep in touch? By Norse code.



Spring at The Fox

2 Courses for £10

Our special deal is continuing through May, every Monday to Saturday at Lunch and early dining before 6.45pm in the evening. Choose from the special menu and a main course together with a starter or dessert is just £10, or take all three courses for £13

Curry Night every Tuesday from 6pm

A generous portion of home made curry, rice, poppadum & mango pickle for £8 and there is a free drink to accompany your meal—see the menu for full details

Ladies Night every Wednesday from 6pm

Three courses from our Ladies night menu is just £15, and that includes a glass of one of our special wines—it's a busy night so book early

Happy Hour every Friday from 5pm to 7pm

Large glass of wine from £3, Carlsberg, Strongbow or Youngs from just £2.20 a pint, plus between 6 & 7 why not have one of our meat or fish boards at half price—only £5

Fish on Fridays from 7pm

Paul will always have a couple of fresh fish specials on the menu, depending on what our fishmonger has been able to source today

Sunday Lunch each week from Noon to 4pm

Choose from the full menu or specials of Roast Beef or Pork with all the trimmings for £12, plus we now open with a menu of lighter meals each Sunday evening from 6.00 to 8.30pm

Royal Wedding Weekend 29th April to 2nd May

We are open throughout the weekend as normal with an extra Thursday happy hour, open all day and a special wedding evening event on Friday – get your tickets now

The Farthinghoe Village Ball – Saturday 16 July 2011

Building on the success of 2010, the date has been announced for The Ball, further details to follow

Take Away Meals & Outside Catering

Don't forget that you can call us and pick up a takeaway from The Fox, including our famous Fish and Chips – see the website for takeaway times and menu. Also with our sister company we can offer full catering and event management for any event you may be organising, from an office lunch for 10 to a formal wedding for hundreds – see www.indivictual.co.uk

New Summer Menu and Drinks List

Our new menu featuring great dishes for summer dining and all your Fox favourites will be coming soon

The Fox Cub Club & Mallng List

Sign up for your cub card at The Fox – it allows 20% off our MAIN MENU food prices when dining at lunch and early evenings Monday to Friday – see online for details.

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