

# The Farthinghoe Chronicle

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*A winter wonderland*

*Useful contacts*

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## *Village News & Events*

### **150 Club**

The winners of the latest draw were:

75	£25
106	£10
16	£10

### **Auction**

Farthinghoe Village Hall is holding a General Auction on Saturday 20th February at 2pm. Entries are now invited. Auction will include House Clearance, Antiques, Collectables, Office Furniture, Equipment and other general items.

To enter your items, please phone Pete 01280 705345 or Hazel 01295 710227.

### **Parish Council**

The next **Parish Council** meeting (Public Time 7.00pm – 7.15pm) will be held in the meeting room at the Village Hall on **10<sup>th</sup> February 2010**.

I would like to remind people that there is a Farthinghoe village website on which you will find a copy of the current issue of the Farthinghoe Chronicle and back copies from September 2009. There are also links to other local websites including those of the Primary School, the Fox Inn and Limes Farm.

**Fox at Farthinghoe – from Mark and the team**

The Fox is holding a couple of themed weekends, starting with a weekend of game specials at the end of January and seafood specials at the end of February. The format of these weekends will be the opportunity to have a three course special menu on the Thursday night at £22.50, and then have the dishes individually off the specials menu over the weekend.

Valentine’s Day will shortly be with us and we will have a Valentine’s menu on the Friday and Saturday nights alongside our normal menu and we will be opening specially on the Sunday evening, serving our Valentine special.

Ladies’ night on Wednesday and happy hour on Friday continue each week.

Call or e-mail us for more details on 01295 713965  
enquiries@foxatfarthinghoe.co.uk



**Bad weather**

Unfortunately, Evensong on 10<sup>th</sup> January had to be cancelled because of the bad weather. We apologise to anyone who may have hoped to attend this service.

**PCC**

The next meeting will be on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm at Farthinghoe Lodge.

**Reverend Gill Barker**

Please continue to contact Revd. Barker by e-mail rather than telephone; barkergill@hotmail.com or contact Mrs Carrie O'Reagan, who may be able to deal with your query, on 01280 702300, e-mail carrieoregan1@btinternet.com

***Clubs & Societies***

**Book Club**

The next meeting will be on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Unfortunately, with all the fun of Christmas, I forgot to order any books for us. Therefore, those of us who were able to come decided that at the February meeting we would each present a brief introduction to a favourite author. Visitors and new members are welcome. Please ring 01295 712849

**Farthinghoe Friends**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2.30-4.0pm, in the village Hall. The annual subscription of £12 is now due.

**Guides – from Pippa Parnell**

We have started the term off by going to the panto at Northampton People battled through the snow to make it to our coach. We all had a good time and I don't know when I have laughed so much!!!!

We are planning a big sleep over at Wicksteed park as part of our centenary in June with the whole Northants district.

Feb 12th is our family bingo night. Anyone welcome and will be held in Charlton Village Hall. Contact Pippa for details, 01295 710346..

Last week saw the guides making a short video as part of their 100 challenge. Only another 90 points to go and we will achieve the challenge.

#### **Little angels**

Little Angels continues to meet on a Tuesday morning, 9.30-11.30am in the Village Hall. Please contact Lena Thorley on 01295 711726 for further details.

#### **Needlework group**

Because of the weather our meetings were disrupted, so we haven't fixed dates for February. We will probably get together on 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. But please telephone me to check where we will be. 01295 712849.

#### **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. Please ring 01295 710397 for more information.

### *Mothers' Union*

#### **Meeting**

The next meeting will be the AGM at 2.00pm on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The venue has still to be arranged.

## *Tales out of school*

### **Questionnaire**

I am sure there were a number of you who intended to fill in the questionnaire in the December issue, but lost it among the Christmas wrapping paper. Therefore we are including another copy with this issue. Obviously those of you who completed the first one need not do this one. If the new lock on the school gate is making it difficult for you to deliver your completed questionnaire, please put it through my door and I will pass it on. My address is 3, The Wall Tree, Charlton Way (one of the 3 houses with the shared drive at the end of Charlton Way).

## *Miscellaneous*

### **Rightracks**

As part of the Rightracks rural road safety project, two extra sessions are being held in February and March for young people living or working in the Rightracks zone. The Rightracks zone includes 54 villages in South Northamptonshire, as well as the larger towns of Towcester and Brackley on the periphery.

**Rightracks Drive16**, for 16-year-olds to experience their first taste of driving, will take place on Sunday 21 February at Silverstone Circuit.

**Rightracks CarKraft Experience**, for drivers aged 17-24, will take place on Sunday 21 March at Silverstone Circuit.

For more information, or to receive an application form, email name, address and the name of the course you are applying for to: [roadsafety@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:roadsafety@northamptonshire.gov.uk) or telephone 01604 654436. Application forms can also be downloaded online at: [www.rightracks.co.uk](http://www.rightracks.co.uk)

### **Special constables – from Lizzi Betts**

#### **Northamptonshire’s Volunteer Police Service**

Northants Police currently has over 180 Volunteer Police Officers (Special Constables), all of which contribute to **keeping your community safe** and “making the difference” within it.

Special Constables are involved in a very diverse mixture of police work, a typical shift can involve crewing up with another Special or Regular Officer, and responding to calls from the public when they come in. This could be anything from anti-social behaviour to a serious assault! You may find that a large amount of your time will be spent carrying out **proactive high visibility patrols** in your area. This is of course very important as it **improves public confidence** and can deter crime before it happens.

Special Constables are often called upon to support specific operations across the force. This can present you with a number of **exciting opportunities** as you could be involved in, Plain clothes work, intelligence gathering and executing search warrants, to name but a few.

Becoming a Special Constable is ideal for those who want to help their

local Police Officers and PCSO's and put something back in to their community.

It is also an ideal position for those who wish to become full-time Police Officers to gain excellent experience and life skills to aid them in applying.

For more information on the role, to receive an application form, or to view our upcoming Open Evenings please call Lizzi Betts on **03000 111 222 ext 2098**, our specials recruitment administrator who will be happy to advise you, or visit **[www.northants.police.uk/careers](http://www.northants.police.uk/careers)**

We look forward to hearing from you!

### **Help wanted**

If there is anyone in the village who does other people's ironing on a regular basis, please would they ring me and let me know how much they charge. 01295 712849



### **Kitchen Assistant Needed**

From February 2010 we need to take on a kitchen assistant. It will be a few hours every day during school term time. There will be more hours available once the Shop is open. For more details, contact Ian.

*Ian and Nicky Dorward, Limes Farm, Main Rd, Farthinghoe, NN13 5PB  
01295 712 619 or email [ian@limes-farm.com](mailto:ian@limes-farm.com)*

***Rotas for February***

<b>Week Beginning</b>	<b>Church cleaning</b>	<b>Brass cleaning</b>
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Mrs Jarvis & Mrs King	Mrs Redrup
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mrs Thompson	Mrs Redrup
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mrs Phipps & Ms Staveley	Mrs Redrup
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Mrs Mason	Mrs Pillinger
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Mrs Jeffs & Mrs Hirons	Mrs Pillinger

**Dates for your diary**

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Needlework Group	2.00pm
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Tough Guy Challenge	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Book Group	8.00pm
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Farthinghoe Friends	2.30pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Needlework Group	2.00pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council meeting	7.00pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Guides' Bingo Night	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Scrabble Club	7.00pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	PCC meeting	7.30pm
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	General auction	2.00pm
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Rightracks Drive 16	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Needlework Group	2.00pm
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mothers' Union	2.00pm
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Rightracks 17-25	

## **Tough Guy Challenge**

As you may know, a group of villagers and friends are risking life, limb and their reputations in taking on the Tough Guy ([www.toughguy.co.uk](http://www.toughguy.co.uk)) to help raise much needed funds for both Farthinghoe Primary School and Cancer Research.

The Tough Guy Challenge takes place on Sunday 31 January so it's sure to be cold. Last year, thousands of men and women started the race with hundreds dropping out along the way due to exhaustion or injury: broken bones, dislocations and over 600 case of hypothermia!

Obviously the aim of this intrepid band is to raise as much money as possible ... so if you're asked, please don't be offended, and if you are able, please donate as much as you can. Big, big thanks!

You can welcome the survivors home from 4pm on Sunday 31 January at The Fox where Mark & the team are putting on a pig roast.

Delicious pork baps, apple sauce and salad for only £3.50, and with all profits going to the Tough Guy charities, there's no better place for some great food, maybe a drink and to support the fundraising effort.

There'll also be a raffle with fantastic prizes and an auction of promises.



*Benefice services for February*

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

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

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

Aynho	9.30am Holy Communion
Evenley	11.00am Holy Communion
Farthinghoe	6.00pm Evening Prayer

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Ash Wednesday**

Croughton	7.30pm Holy Communion with imposition of ashes
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**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

Aynho	11.00am Morning Prayer
Croughton	9.30am Holy Communion
Evenley	11.00am Family Worship
Farthinghoe	10.00am Family Worship
Hinton	11.00am Holy Communion

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

Evenley	10.00am Benefice Holy Communion
Hinton	6.00pm Evening Prayer