

# The Farthinghoe Chronicle

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*How to make friends and influence people*

*Useful contacts*

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## *Village News & Events*

### **150 Club**

The winners of the latest draw were:

17	Mr Styles	£25
46	Mrs Palmer	£10
51	Mrs Mellor	£10

### **Parish Council - from the Parish Clerk, Sue Shepard**

#### *Draft Housing Needs Survey Report*

This was discussed at the Council's meeting in February. Comments forwarded by the Parish Council will be incorporated into the final approved version and copies will be made available to residents.

#### *Pot-holes*

Following the snow and ice earlier this year, the condition of our roads has deteriorated. There has obviously been a significant increase in the number of pot-holes being reported and NCC/MGSWP are directing all available resources to reactive repairs i.e. where emergency repairs are being undertaken to deal with the worst defects and where there is a real safety issue. Although NCC undertake their own regular inspections, it is helpful for the public to be able to report faults such as potholes and other highway defects through the Street Doctor service by telephone on 0845 601 1113 or online at [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk) The Hinton Road is particularly bad and the Parish Council is working hard to try to get this

situation resolved before any serious damage is done.

***Alzheimer's Befriending Service***

Can you help the Alzheimer's Society Northamptonshire? For further details about volunteering for the service, please contact Wendy Homan – 01604 741958 or wendy.homan@alzheimers.org.uk. Training will be provided and expenses will be reimbursed

***Annual Parish Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00pm***

This will be held in the Village Hall after the usual monthly meeting of the Parish Council. If you want to know what's going on in the village then please do come along. The various organisations within the village are invited to send a representative and it is hoped that representatives from the Police, SNC and NCC will also be present.

***General Election***

This could be held any time up to June 2010. Register now if you are not already on the list of electors by contacting Electoral Services on 01327 322128 or electoral.services@southnorthants.gov.uk.

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> March 2010**.

e-mail: sue.shepard@talk21.com

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

Mothering Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March

3 courses £20. Children under 12, £13

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Comedy Night is back

£28 for a three course dinner & live comedian

Please book well in advance

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Quiz from 7.00pm

Curry and quiz £5 per person

Call or e-mail us for more details on 01295 713965

enquiries@foxatfarthinghoe.co.uk

**Auction**

Unfortunately this took place too late for a report to be included in this issue. Hopefully, I will have full details for next month.

*Mothers' Union*

**Brackley Deanery Mothers' Union**

Lady Day Service at St Peter's Church, Brackley at 2.00pm on 25<sup>th</sup> March.

*Church*

**Reverend Barker**

Please continue to contact Revd. Barker by e-mail rather than telephone; barkergill@hotmail.com or contact Mrs Carrie O'Reagan on 01280 702300, e-mail carrieoregan1@btinternet.com

### **Women's World Day of Prayer**

“Let everything that has breath praise God” There will be a service in Farthinghoe Church on 5<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm.

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> **April**. This is a public meeting in the Church Vestry.

## *Clubs & Societies*

### **Book Club**

The next meeting will be on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March, when we will be discussing *Waterland* by Graham Swift.

### **Farthinghoe Friends**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd March, 2.30-4.00pm at the Village Hall.

### **Guides – from Pippa Parnell**

Guides have been busy with their first bingo fund raiser. Thanks to all who supported us as we raised over £300 that will go to our overnight trip to London. We went to the roller disco at Brackley one Friday - no broken bones!!!

Coming up soon is big sleepover at Wicksteed park for over 1000 guides and rainbows and we have been lucky to book places as lots of the

Brackley units did not get in.

The first week back after half term and the guides will be taking over the meeting by becoming leaders for the night. This is part of the guides 100 challenge for the centenary year.

We are still looking for leaders to help so if anyone out their fancies coming along give me a ring on 01295710346. Pippa Parnell

### **Junior Gardening Club**

We will resume after half term, though we are unlikely to do more than plant seeds for indoor germination until the soil is warmer.

### **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**

My chemotherapy permitting, we will meet on 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> but please telephone me on 01295 712849 to confirm where we will be.

### **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.

## *Miscellaneous*

### **Second Borneo Concert – from Sadie Craigie**

I would like to thank everyone who helped and turned up to the Borneo concert last March.

I am now organising the next concert which is scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30-8.30pm in the Village Hall. I've got some interesting and exciting new acts, including a rapper and a ukulele player, so the evening should be as successful and enjoyable as it was last year. Tickets cost £5 for adults and £3 for people aged 15 or under. They can be purchased by telephoning 01295 711540, e-mailing me on [sadie.borneo@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sadie.borneo@hotmail.co.uk) or calling at 8, Manor Lane, Charlecote, Farthinghoe.

I hope to see you there again.

### **Calling all keen knitters**

A lady called Julie Ferguson would like to contact keen knitters in this area. She runs a knitting circle in Byfield on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. She also sells yarn, including alpaca and cashmerino, needles and other knitting bits at reasonable prices and is willing to take them to groups such as WIs and craft groups in neighbouring villages. She can be contacted on 01327261516, by email [mrdarceycottage@btinternet.com](mailto:mrdarceycottage@btinternet.com) or, for more information, have a look at her website [www.mrdarceycottage.co.uk](http://www.mrdarceycottage.co.uk)

## **Rightracks**

**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 or telephone 01604 654436.

Application forms can be downloaded online at: [www.rightracks.co.uk](http://www.rightracks.co.uk)

### ***Rotas for March***

<b>Week Beginning</b>	<b>Church cleaning</b>	<b>Brass cleaning</b>
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Mrs Jeffs & Mrs Hirons	Mrs Pillinger
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mrs Dashwood	Mrs Pillinger
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Miss Doughty	Mrs Pim
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Mrs Jarvis & Mrs King	Mrs Pim
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mrs Thompson	Mrs Pim

### **Notes from the editor**

I think I have managed to include everything I was asked to include this month, apart from 2 adverts, though some items have been cut or squeezed a bit. This is very encouraging because it means that more people are contributing articles and telling the village what is happening.

Did you go to the 'welcome home' for the tough guys? I was amazed that they were still mobile. Well done all of you. I hope there was some pig roast left for them. It was certainly delicious.

There are one or two important events coming up, so please make sure you put them in your diaries and try to attend.

## BIG THANKS FROM THE TOUGH GUYS



**YES IT WAS COLD** – when we arrived, air temperature about 1°C and ice 2cm thick covering the water we were about to crawl, wade and swim through.

**YES IT WAS PAINFUL** – every muscle ached; knees, shins and arms bruised; body parts we'd forgotten existed screamed for attention.

**BUT IT WAS WORTH IT** – Over 5,000 competitors took on this 8 mile extreme challenge with over 10% failing to go the distance. But all of our team of assorted Super (and not so super) Heroes made it to the finish, cheered on by family and friends.

So far we have raised **£2,061.42** for Farthinghoe School and **£4,650.00** for Cancer Research.

Not bad for a crazy idea hatched 7 months ago, after a couple of beers in the Fox by a group of middle-aged men, the majority of whom had not done a cross country run since school

We couldn't (wouldn't) have done it without your encouragement, support and generosity (and our own stupidity) so from all of us to all of you:

**THANK YOU!**

P.S. Don't say it too loud, but we might do it again next year. Join us ... if you're Tough enough!

*Benefice services for March*

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

Farthinghoe 2.00pm Womens' World Day of Prayer

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

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> March – Mothering Sunday**

Aynho 9.30am Family Communion

Croughton 9.30am Family Worship

Evenley 11.00am Family Communion

Farthinghoe 10.00am Family Worship

Hinton 11.00am Family Worship

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

Aynho 11.00am Morning Prayer

Croughton 9.30am Holy Communion

Evenley 11.00am Family Worship

Hinton 11.00am Holy Communion

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

Aynho 11.00am Holy Communion

Croughton 9.30am Holy Communion

Evenley 10.00am Benefice Holy Communion

Hinton 6.00pm Evening Prayer

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

Farthinghoe 7.30pm Holy Communion

### Dates for your diary

Monday 1st	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
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Mothering Sunday	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Scrabble Club	7.00pm
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Borneo concert	6.30pm
Sunday 21st	Rightracks 17-25	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Needlework Group	2.00pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	MU Lady Day service	2.00pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Annual Parish Meeting (PC)	8.00pm
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Annual Parish Meeting (Church)	7.00pm



#### **Responsible and Trustworthy Babysitter Available**

My name is Vanessa and I will be 15 in August. I have lived in Farthinghoe for 9 years and have helped to bring up my six year old brother since he was a baby.

I baby-sit for a few people in the village already and have been approached by the head-teacher of Farthinghoe School to run an after-school club and by my friends' parents to organise games at their children's parties.

My rate is £4.50ph for up to 2 children, £5.50 for 3 children. References can be provided.

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