

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....



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FARTHINGHOE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE NEWS

Christmas is drawing near and we're having a very busy month.

First the 150 Club Draw: 1st - 11, Louise Reid 2nd - 114, Ruth Dashwood 3rd - 58, Lucie Pearson.

The Bonus Christmas draw of £100 for Early Bird renewals will be made at noon on 1st December - but to qualify for this draw we must have received your money by 30th November - the result will be posted on the noticeboard by the Fox on Saturday afternoon. Currently, this draw only consists of about 55 people! Jenny Johnston will start knocking on doors in December to the other 100 people! December's draw will take place as normal.

The November Ball was a great success, having sold out well before the date. Final income figures will be published in the next Chronicle, but it looks as though we made over £3,000 towards the Heating project at the Hall. The auction of promises raised around £2,500 and thanks to Dave Clayton for his exuberant role as Auctioneer! A special thanks to those who donated the auction items: Becky Wright, Graham Thorley, Gary Mills, Jane Mills, Dave Hancock, Dave Clayton, Steve Parnell, Claire Long, Francesca Marie, Beste Bragg. Wendy Hancock did have a prize but the mice ate it - the mice at London Barn now have huge hangovers.

The Hall environment could only be described as 'stunning' with its festive Winter Wonderland focus - pictures will be posted on the Village Hall website. The Events Committee and their many helpers are to be both congratulated and admired for a fantastic event. Particular thanks to Pip, Lois, Duncan Richardson, Lucie, Jane - who thought up and made most of the decorations and Joel, who patiently spent Thursday at the top of a ladder placing poms carefully under Jane's precise directions. Thanks to Duncan Bragg's amazing expertise with glitter ball and projector. Not to forget poor Barry and Mike Phipps who braved the cold to erect the marquee.

New Committee Members

We would like to welcome Fiona George onto our Village Hall Committee which is getting busier and therefore needs to expand. If any one is interested in joining the Committee please drop a line to Dave Hancock - dave.hancock7@gmail.com or call 711345. You don't have to be talented at everything - we all have different skills to offer - that's what makes us such a lovely team. Your level of commitment can be decided by you. We meet on the last Wednesday evening of each month.

David Hancock, FVHC Chair

CHURCHWARDEN'S CHAT

November was a month when we remembered the fallen of war, especially 100 years since the Armistice. Our Church was adorned with 100 poppies around the pillars, poppies on the altar, and wreaths and poems in the Lady Chapel from the children at school. The service was very well attended, also the lighting of the beacon and supper at the Fox (with thanks to the Parish Council).

December brings the season of Advent, the start of the Church's year. You will notice the colour changes to purple. Advent is a time of preparation, when we get ready for the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas.

Starting on December 1st, the Mothers' Union Crib will begin its journey around the homes in the village, returning to the Church on December 23rd. On December 16th the Carol service will be held at 6pm., and our Crib service will be on Christmas Eve at 5pm. It is always lovely to see many people in Church!

As you are all aware, lead was taken from the Church roof on two consecutive nights. At present we are awaiting information on what material we can replace the roof with, and hope we can raise the large amount of money required to do it! Watch this space!

Finally, many thanks to everyone who helps keep our Church in good order.

With best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

-  **Coffee and mincepies:** On Friday, December 7th, from 10 – 11am. in the Vestry. Bring & Buy and also a raffle.
-  **Church Cleaning:** On Tuesday December 11th from 8.30am. All help welcome!
-  **Church decorating:** Anytime you would like to put flowers or foliage in the Church would be appreciated!



Farthinghoe Film Club goes "STRICTLY - LIVE!"

Dear Film Club members, guests and friends,

We've had a little request to put the TV broadcast of the Live Final of '**Strictly Come Dancing**' on the big screen at the Village Hall, which we're more than happy to do - all of the village and friends are welcome to come along on the night to enjoy the evening under the light of the new village hall glitter ball...we might even continue the night with an appropriate movie too!

At the moment our insider-info thinks that this is most likely to be on the evening of **Saturday, December 15th** (subject to the BBC's scheduling plans). So as well as showing the two-part TV broadcast on the big screen, we're also planning to have an interval when the TV goes off-air for voting, during which we could have a bit of food and drink and maybe some games and live performance, before the second half is back on the big telly. We've also invited some of our village's regular dance class members to show off their skills in the interval, and possibly teach a step or two to the double-left-footers..

Do drop us a line with your response and enthusiasm to the Film Club's organisers at duncanbragg@mac.com, or on 07811 322 396 and we'll aim to get all the details to you confirming date and times etc. Look out for details on local notice boards and at the village hall.

The event will be free to all, with a modestly-priced meal available, and drinks on a B-Y-O basis as usual.

Best wishes

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**Read and Feed - Christmas Afternoon Tea, Friday 14th December, 3
- 5pm in the Village Hall**

Our last event was very well supported and new books have been added to our extensive library. To celebrate Christmas with the community we invite you to Afternoon Tea at the village hall.

Come to browse, borrow or return the books and chat while enjoying a Christmas Afternoon Tea

For adults we are offering for £3 a plate

Sandwiches (vegetarian and meat)
Mince Pies
Scone, jam and clotted cream
Cocktails sausages and sausage rolls

For children £2 a plate

Sandwiches
Sausage rolls
gingerbread men
chocolate brownies

All served elegantly on our beautiful china with a cup of coffee, tea or a soft drink.

All ages very welcome.

If you see Wendy, Beste, Jenny Phipps or Christine Hunt around the village please let us know you are coming, to help us with some idea of numbers. Otherwise you are very welcome to just turn up on the day.

Helpers very welcome! Please contact any of the above or email wendy.gainford@gmail.com





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A422 UPDATE

Rebecca Miller, Communications Manager at Northamptonshire Highways wrote the following on 29 November 2018:

Good afternoon.

Work is progressing well on the repairs to the bridge and we are on schedule to complete prior to Christmas. The works started on Monday November 19 and are on a four week programme. The pre-fabricated unit has arrived on site and will be installed from Monday 3rd December.

During the closure we have been inspecting and monitoring the local roads as, despite the official diversion in place, we understand some drivers are using local roads. We cannot force traffic to use the diversion and people do make their own choices. Safety defects have been and will continue to be repaired.

We have secured funding to carry out extensive patching works on the Cockley Road. This will be next year and I will update with dates and information once I am able to. The works will be carried out under temporary closures as we are unable to let traffic use the route during works to ensure safety of all road users and our workforce.

We are also carrying out patching works along the A422, within the closure, in preparation for surface dressing season in 2019/20. Once this programme is agreed information will be publicised.

I would also like to take this opportunity to explain the Gigaclear works that have been taking place on the B4525. This is part of the Northamptonshire County Council roll out of Superfast Broadband and road space was booked many months ago, before the emergency closure on the A422. They are working to very tight deadlines in each area and to meet these we did need to allow for this work to take place. They are due to finish tomorrow (Friday Nov 30).

Please feel free to share this and encourage people to join the mailing list by just emailing me - rmiller@kiernsp.co.uk

If you do not wish to receive information please let me know and I will remove you from the mailing list.

Information is also on this factsheet on the Northamptonshire County Council website.

Kind regards.

Rebecca

FESTIVE FARTHINGHOE

Oh Little Village of Farthinghoe - Carol Singing 21st December 6pm

- 'Oh Come All Ye Faithful,' with 'Jingle Bells All The Way' and lanterns so we can make our way 'In The Bleak Mid Winter' and the 'Silent Night', singing 'The First Nowell' on our route around the village to a planned event in the Fox Pub where we will 'Fill the mead cup and drain the barrel' and sing 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'.
- We will be collecting for Macmillan Nurses this year.
- Please meet at the church porch 'Ding Dong Merrily On High' at 6pm. Route to be posted in the village hall notice board.
- Wrap up well!!



Christmas Card Elves - Special Christmas Card Deliveries in the Village

To ensure all your village Christmas cards get delivered promptly while you relax with your feet up and a glass of wine, this year the Village Hall Committee are offering a Christmas Card delivery service within the Village boundary (between the 30 mph signs - exceptions given to Sally and Rod and Matt and Claire and Ruth Dashwood). Simply bundle the cards all together with an elastic band and attach an envelope containing £5 and your name to sponsor the scheme. Deposit your cards in the postbox inside the Fox Pub - and maybe have a swift pint. Cards will be sorted and delivered by our band of elves regularly from 10th December to 22nd December. Please make sure you include the first line of the addresses on the envelopes. This year the money made will be towards the heating project at the hall - we think we are almost there!



A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY BIG THANK YOU FROM EVERYONE AT KATHARINE HOUSE

To everyone in our community who has donated, run marathons, climbed mountains, baked cakes, raced cars, or bikes, or boats. To people who chucked their change in a bucket in the town centre, or popped in to hand over a cheque. To Midnight Walkers and Santa Fun Runners, shoppers and raffle ticket buyers. To carers, to doctors and nurses, to volunteers who give up their time to care for people facing life-limiting illness:

We just want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, from everyone at Katharine House. We couldn't do what we do without your support. And we just want to say a very big thank you.

This year we've cared for around 1,000 people. Every one of them made an impact on us, and we hope we've been able to make a similarly positive impact on them. We believe that everyone facing life-limiting illness in our community should have the opportunity to continue a full and vibrant life until their last moments, and that their friends and family should be supported after they're gone. Because we believe that every individual's journey matters.

It costs £4.5 million to provide our services each year. 75% of that comes from people like you, as well as local business and trusts. The kindness and generosity you show year after year by donating, visiting our shops or taking part in an event really does make a huge difference to local people at their most difficult times. We really couldn't do what we do without you. Thank you again.

From everyone at Katharine House Hospice.

Circuit Training at the Village Hall

From 22nd January we will be welcoming Jason who will be running a Circuits Class at the hall on Tuesday evening 7.30 to 8.30pm. Some of the men in the village already know him and his excellent reputation - women are very welcome too. He is also trained to teach children fitness so children accompanied by an adult are also welcome.

Further information can be obtained from Jason on 07843 560286 or email jasonbcleeve@icloud.com

Benefice Worship in December

Sunday 2 December – Advent Sunday

11am Communion – Croughton

Sunday 9 December

9.30am Said Communion – Farthinghoe

11am Communion – Aynho

11am Communion/Baptism – Evenley

11am Morning Service – Hinton-in-the-Hedges

4pm Christingle Service – Croughton

Sunday 16 December

10.30am Communion – Hinton-in-the-Hedges

3pm Carol Service – Evenley

5pm Carol Service – Aynho

6pm Carol Service – Farthinghoe

Sunday 23 December

10.30am Communion – Evenley

6pm Carol Service – Hinton-in-the-Hedges

Monday 24 December – Christmas Eve

3pm Family Nativity Service – Croughton

5pm Carols on the Green – Aynho

5pm Family Service – Farthinghoe

11pm Midnight Mass – Hinton-in-the-Hedges

Tuesday 25 December – Christmas Day

9.30am Communion – Croughton

10am Family Service – Evenley

10.30am Communion – Aynho

Sunday 30 December

10.30am Communion – Aynhoe



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ON THE DELICIOUS BREAD
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THE SANDWICHES AND
HOW FRESH THEY WERE -
IT WAS SO NICE TO HAVE
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SPREAD REALLY MADE OUR
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