

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....



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PASTORAL LETTER FEBRUARY 2022

Revd Sue Cooper writes:

Dear Friends,

I hope you all are keeping well and looking forward to the first signs of spring; the Snowdrops are out already, hooray!!

I cannot write in February without mentioning Valentine's Day, which is a day for the celebration of love, but this all started out from a Saints Feast day in the Church. The Feast of Saint Valentine was established to be celebrated on February 14th in honour of Saint Valentine of Rome, who died on that date in AD 269. Saint Valentine is the patron saint of love.

It is often said that actions speak louder than words, and love is a category where this really rings true. It doesn't matter how much we say we love someone if our actions don't match up to our words.

February 14th is wonderful for folk who are all loved-up and in the thrill of romantic love, but it is only one day, and love isn't something that can be confined to a date because love takes many forms. When we are young, grand gestures sweep us off our feet. But as we age, other ways that love is shown become just as meaningful as grand gestures, maybe more so.

I can remember a few years back while my parents were still alive; I often used to drive down to London on a Thursday evening to sleep over and spend my day off with them. In the evening my Mum would fall asleep in front of the telly and Dad would make a hot water bottle and place it in their bed (on her side), he even took to putting one in my bed too. Early in the morning Dad would go out to collect the newspaper and Mum would put a small pan of milk on a low heat so that it would be ready when he came in for his breakfast. They had been married over 60yrs and although they were not particularly romantic, or overly affectionate, they loved each other and their actions showed it more than their words. But this love had been built year by year, with little thoughtful acts that added up to a lifetime of love.

But love isn't confined to couples. Think about the times when someone has gone over and above the call of duty, and has been there for you in some way when you needed a friend or some help. These are acts of love and kindness that mean so much more than words on a card.

We might think that we invented love but the truth is God created us to love and be loved. I know some people have a very negative image of God, which probably comes from thinking God is disapproving and judgemental, but this couldn't be further from the truth. In fact the Bible tells us that ***“God so loved the world that he sent his only Son”, (John 3: 16).***

Jesus is the most precious thing God has, and he sent him to us to prove how much he loves us, and so that we could learn what real love is like. So to receive hearts and roses on 14th February is wonderful, but real lasting love is about so much more than these.

I had to have my little dog Pepsi put to sleep at Christmas, and now he's gone I realise just how much I loved him, but more importantly I have come to realise how much he loved us. Animals are just as capable of great love too, if we care to notice.

The thing is, love is all around us if we open our hearts and minds as well as our eyes and ears. It is in the kindness of others, and in the everyday little things we do to make life easier or better for someone else. Actions really do speak louder than words. Even so, it's still important to tell the people in your life that you love them; Life is too short to take for granted that someone knows you love them, so make sure you tell them. Happy St. Valentine's Day.

God bless you all.

With much love,

Revd. Sue, X

CHANGES TO THE HIGHWAY CODE JANUARY 2022



Whether we drive or not, there are proposed and significant changes to **The Highway Code** which would affect all road users.

These are scheduled to have come into force on **29th January 2022**.

They include changes to both the legally enforceable rules (those which include the words '*must*' or '*must not*') and those having the status of guidance (include the words '*should*' or '*should not*').

I have highlighted a selection of resources below, and which I would urge us all to read, but the major points are as follows:

- Introduces a **hierarchy** of road users, putting the most vulnerable i.e. pedestrians, at the top and the least vulnerable i.e. drivers of large passenger and heavy goods vehicles, at the bottom.
- New duties would be placed upon each category of road user depending on their position in the hierarchy, with the intention of minimising harm to the more vulnerable.
- The hierarchy reads as follows:
 1. Pedestrians
 2. Cyclists
 3. Horse riders
 4. Motorcyclists
 5. Cars/taxis
 6. Vans/minibuses
 7. Large passenger vehicles/HGVs.
- Given that we are a rural parish, it is noteworthy that additional duties are expected to apply to cyclists and horse riders, every bit as much as to those driving motorised vehicles.
- Examples include:
 1. Drivers at a junction should give way to pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross a road that they're turning into.
 2. Drivers should give way to pedestrians waiting to cross a zebra crossing, and pedestrians and cyclists waiting to cross a parallel crossing.
 3. Cyclists should give way to pedestrians that are using shared-use cycle tracks.
 4. Drivers should not cut across cyclists going ahead when turning into or out of a junction or changing direction or lane.

5. New 'Dutch Reach' technique tells road users how to open the door of their vehicle while looking over their shoulder (*effectively encouraging checking the familiar 'blind-spot' in our wing mirrors* – Ed.).

Some Internet Resources:

- *Table of changes to The Highway Code* – GOV.UK (search-term for the definitive article)
- *Which.co.uk* The Highway Code changes for 2022: are you aware of the new rules?
- *Autoexpress.co.uk* 2022 Highway Code changes
- *Parkers.co.uk* 2022 Changes to the Highway Code

As far as I can ascertain, as of 25th January, there is nothing yet in good old-fashioned print form and, according to at least one source, the proposed changes are still subject to Parliamentary approval...

Nick Hunt, Ed.

VILLAGE NOTICES

COFFEE, CAKE AND CHAT

On Friday, February 11th, from 10 -11am in the Church Vestry. Bring & Buy and also a Raffle. Please support our Church!

CHURCH CLEANING

Will take place on Tuesday, February 15th, from 8.30am.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUCIL MEETING

Will be held on Tuesday, February 15th, at 2pm. at Oak House, by kind invitation of Mrs Lisa Wenmouth.

WINNERS!

200 Club Winners – January 2022

1st prize £25 – No. 137 – Maddy Wenmouth

2nd prize £15 – No. 22 – Cyril Jarvis

3rd prize £10 – No. 1 – Wendy Hancock

FARTHINGHOE VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

Have you ever wondered about the announcements each month in *The Farthinghoe Chronicle* about the 200 Club draw?

Well, for **£12 a year** you are entered into the monthly draw to **win either £25, £15 or £10** - you only have to win a third prize once in the year and you have nearly broken even!

But, just like the National Lottery, you have to be '*in it to win it*' and we have **numbers available...**

Perhaps you have never been a member, or had numbers previously and lapsed? The Village Hall committee would love you to join in/ rejoin.

Your £12 per number goes directly to the upkeep and running of our Village Hall, ensuring that this valuable asset is ready to host events on our behalf.

Just contact me, Lisa Wenmouth on 07785 341001 or 01295 712510 email lisagwenmouth@pm.me - or any of the village hall committee.

And to all of you who are paid-up members, thank you for your support of our Village Hall.

The 200 Club is provided under a Lottery Licence from West Northamptonshire Council - Licence No N002233.

CRICKET SNIPPET

Whilst the current England women's and men's teams have had a tough time in Australia, spare a thought for our own village team of yesteryear!

They too had their disappointment highlighted in print, courtesy of the Banbury Guardian on 5th July 1883:

Farthinghoe cricket... A match was played between the above team and that of Marston St. Lawrence... which resulted in a victory for the latter. The score is as follows: Marston St. Lawrence 60: Farthinghoe, 1st innings, 37; 2nd innings, 19. At the close of the day an excellent dinner was provided at the Fox, given by G.A. Rush Esq., which was much appreciated by all present.

FARTHINGHOE VILLAGE HALL



YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU!

The Village Hall Committee now has vacancies...

The Village Hall Committee had a meeting this January, during which Dave and I resigned, due to his health. We would both still like to be involved in some occasional hall activities and we feel that, with the help of the current Committee, we have left the hall much improved and in excellent shape - both physically and financially. The hall is no longer cold and damp, so there are very few jobs that need doing.

If you would be interested in joining the Committee and want to find out what might be involved, please contact Pip Clayton. You would have a supportive and enthusiastic group of people around you. If you would like to discuss running an activity, Pip would be very happy to discuss this with you. pipsandel@live.co.uk

Ideas are now needed to make the hall a useful and valued venue for villagers.

When Dave asked for ideas for activities to run in the hall late last year he got quite a few interesting responses - **volunteers to run these activities and others are now required.**

Already, thanks to a volunteer, a Grief Cafe has now been set up at the hall.

The Committee have signed-off the go ahead for new kitchen flooring, new toilet floors and a new carpet for the Committee Room. The icing on the cake, we are hoping, will be solar panels - with help from a grant from HS2.

As Chair, Dave would like to thank the Committee for all their valued support and hard work.

The support network is also essential and much appreciated - Rachael for cleaning, Jenny Phipps for planting and maintaining the garden, Mike Phipps, Sid Atkins, John Lee, Dave Clayton, Gary Mills, Joel Pearson, Tim Wright and Duncan Richardson for all the heavy-duty stuff, Lynne Lee and Joan Mildren for Books and Bakes, Jane Mills and Lois Ashburner for their interior design ideas and making 1000's of paper flowers and other decorations for our events.

Becky Wright and Pippa for helping put the decorations up. Lucie Pearson for her help at the 2019 village show. Also Clare Booker for her excellent ideas!

Not to forget all the people who have held wobbly ladders tied together for Dave and rushed him to hospital when it's all gone wrong - and washed the blood off the walls afterwards!

A big friendly community that dips in and out - and **YOU** could be part of it!

It would be wonderful if we can look forward to a future with lots of social activities at the hall.

Dave and Wendy Hancock and the Village Hall Committee: Pip Clayton, Lisa Wenmouth, Marjorie Morris, Sharon Turner (School Head).

BOOKS AND BAKES

If you haven't already seen our fresh, clean, warm and transformed hall, then how about you join us at one of the upcoming Books and Bakes events?

Friday, February, 25th from 2.30pm. Delicious cakes, coffee or tea and a roomful of books to help yourself to.

March's Books and Bakes, when hopefully the new flooring will be *in situ*, **Friday, March, 25th from 2.30pm.**

DAVE AND WENDY HANCOCK

Your years of dedicated service have been instrumental in creating a Village Hall that we, as a community, can enjoy, build fond memories within and also feel pride in.

You, together with your terrific team, have been instrumental in generating a warmly welcoming space which lies at the very heart of our village life.

Heartfelt thanks to you both for all you have achieved on our behalf and hoping that we can still call upon your invaluable experience to guide the Village Hall into its next chapter. **Ed.**



Our services

We provide a wide variety of services including:

- Domestic Cleaning Service
- Toenail Cutting Service
- Gardening and Handyperson
- Carers Sitting Service
- Day Care At Home
- Day Centres around the county
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KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE

Recently, along with Wendy Hancock, I went to visit Katharine House Hospice. The purpose of our visit was to deliver a cheque for £220; raised by the Farthinghoe Carol Singers on Christmas Eve. I'd never been there before and I was so impressed - with the beautiful gardens and with the calm and welcoming atmosphere inside.

The staff members that we encountered were delighted with the donation from the village; and we chatted with them about the support that Katharine House can offer. They mentioned that it is not widely known that the Hospice can provide care not only *in situ* but that the Palliative Care Team will provide specialist care within a patient's own home - which could mean a Care or a Nursing Home as well as a private residence. Quality of life for both a patient and his/her family is of the utmost importance and advice can be given on controlling pain and other symptoms - as well as meeting patients' social, emotional and spiritual needs. Family care extends into bereavement. Community Palliative care support is based on an in-depth assessment following a referral from a patient's GP. While the patient remains in the community, the GP retains overall responsibility for their care, however the Hospice team work closely with them as well as with district Nurses and Carers, so that everyone involved with their care is kept up to date with any needs or changes. At times, a consultant doctor from Katherine House may visit a patient at home (by agreement with the GP) in order to give further support or advice on symptom management. The overall aim of the Community Palliative Care Team is to enhance the care already available in the community.

The staff at Katherine House told us that with these practices, not everyone would need to visit the Hospice - and that they would be grateful if more people knew all of this - so that they could offer help and care to more people in the community.

We are indeed fortunate to have this wonderful facility on our doorstep; and 'spreading the word' via our village magazine - I hope - will go some way in enabling more people to benefit from the Katherine House Hospice. It is a truly incredible organisation. *Lynne Lee*



FROM KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE, ADDERBURY
For inclusion in your February
(By email)

What's coming up in 2022

As well as some old favourites, we're excited to be offering some incredible new challenge events throughout the year! So why not try something new in 2022 and help us to raise much-needed funds for our hospice? As always, your support and generosity means that we can continue to care for local people and families when they need it most.

Walk this way...

Our annual flagship fundraising event is back and this time it's by moonlight... The rebranded Moonlight Walk is taking place on 9 July 2022 at Banbury Rugby Club. We're going back to the eighties – so expect lots of leg warmers, bright colours, big hair and glow sticks galore. Get your tickets today and don't forget to tell family and friends!

Charity challenges

Help us raise money with an adrenaline rush! We have the following challenge events available to sign up to now – the sky is literally the limit!

- Extreme Abseil: Take on the 418 feet National Lift Tower, Northampton on 1 April (no joke!)
- Blemheim Fun Run: Run, jog or walk around the stunning grounds on 15 May
- Wingwalking: Take to the skies on the top wing of a Boeing Stearman bi-plane on 26 May
- RideLondon-Essex 100: Be part of Team KHH and cycle 100 miles on 29 May
- Oxford Half Marathon: Secure your spot for the 13.1 miles around Oxford on 16 October

For more details on all these challenge events, plus even more – visit www.khh.org.uk/challenge

How does your garden grow?

Our ever-popular Open Gardens will be making a welcome return in 2022 and we'd love to be able to offer even more events this year. If you'd like to get involved and welcome visitors to your garden, then get in touch. We're here to offer support and guidance to help make sure your Open Garden event is blooming marvellous.

Tree-mendous success

Thanks to our brilliant team of volunteers, our first-ever Tree-cycle scheme was a huge success and we were able to collect and chip 107 trees – helping to raise around £1,600 for our hospice! Next year, we plan to go even bigger and better with more postcodes, more collections and hopefully even more money raised! If you're interested in recycling your tree with us next year, then get in touch and put your postcode forward.

International Women's Day

To mark this year's International Women's Day, which will be celebrated across the world on 8 March, a festival of arts, community and business events will take place throughout the month at The Mill Arts Centre and Lock29. This year, all money raised is being donated to our hospice in memory of 41-year-old Becky Moyce from Hempton who died at Katharine House in July 2021. For more information, visit iwdbanbury.com or follow them on Instagram @iwd.banbury

Find out more

Head to our website for more details, events and news: www.khh.org.uk.



Hannah Lehman
Supporter Care Administrator
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Thursday, 20 January 2022

To the residents of Farthinghoe Village

All of us at Katharine House were delighted to receive your recent donation of £195, raised through your advent window competition. What a lovely way to support us, thank you! We really are so grateful to everyone who contributed to this wonderful total.

Even in these difficult times local people and their families are continuing to receive specialist end of life care. Our partnership with the NHS means half our fundraising needs are met, which ensures we can continue to provide excellent medical support for our patients. However, we still desperately rely on the donations and support of the community to fund all the things that help us make every moment matter for our patients, the therapy, the relaxation classes, the first-class meals, the one-to-one care, the bereavement support, the arts and crafts, the fun and laughter. More than ever, we need the community's help to keep the heart of the hospice going.

"Thank you for being so incredible and looking after my father, at the end of his life. I will forever be grateful to all the staff for their wonderful care and for ensuring he was as comfortable as possible. I don't know what we would have done without Katharine House"

We supported over 1,000 families last year and the need keeps growing. Your gift of £195 really makes a difference to those families and the others that will need our help in the future.

With best wishes

Hannah Lehman
Community and Events Fundraising Assistant

Astwick Vale Benefice February 2022

DATE Altar Colour	TIME/ SERVICE	CHURCH/LEADER	READINGS
6 th February Green 4 th before lent	9:30 Said Com 11.00 Holy Com 11:00 Morning Worship	Farthinghoe SC Aynho SC Hinton ML	Isa 6:1-8 1 Cor 15: 1-11 Luke 5: 1-11
13 th February Green 3 rd before lent	9.30am Holy Com 9.30am Morning Worship 10.00 Morning Worship 11.00 Holy Com	Croughton SC Farthinghoe CO Aynho Lay Led Evenley SC	Jer 17: 5-10 1 Cor 15: 12-20 Luke 6: 17-26
20 th February Green 2 nd before lent	10.30am Benefice Service Holy Com	Farthinghoe SC/ Ministry Team	Gen 2: 4b-9, 15-25 Rev 4 Luke 8: 22-25
27 th February Green Next before lent	9.30am Holy Com 9.30am Morning Worship 11:00 M Worship with Baptism 11.00 Holy Com 4pm Evening/P	Aynho SC Evenley CO Croughton TR Hinton SC Farthinghoe Lay led	Exod 34: 29-end 2 Cor 3: 12- 4;2 Luke 9 : 28-36

NOTE THAT AYNHO AND CROUGHTON HAVE SWAPPED THEIR TIMES ON THE 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH. THIS IS ON A TRIAL BASIS FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS:
SUNDAY 27TH FEB:
AYNHO 9.30AM
CROUGHTON 11.00AM

Farthinghoe Recycling and Reuse Centre

Important update



Farthinghoe Recycling and Reuse Centre is temporarily closing on **28 January at 5pm** for refurbishment and a new contractor, and will reopen from March 2022.

Please do not dump rubbish at the centre while it is closed.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

To find an alternative recycling centre please visit www.westnorthants.gov.uk/hwrc



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