

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....



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Pastoral Letter – October 2019

Hello All, I wonder if, like me, you experience a little melancholy when the nights draw in, and when you have to start putting the central heating on in the mornings and evenings to take the chill off!! However, this time of year is stunning, and Keats summed it up beautifully when he wrote of “Seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness”. Autumn is here, and with it all the beauty and colours imaginable, and also dew on the car windscreens in the morning, and the biggest spiders you’ve ever seen coming indoors now to keep warm!! We have already had some of our Harvest Festivals in our benefice of Churches, and we have some yet to come. Food and donations have been generously given to help others in need, so I thank you all for your generosity and kindness.

Jesus was very concerned with teaching us about helping people in distress or need. His parable about the Good Samaritan came in response to a question from someone wanting to define who their neighbour was. In the case of the parable, a man took pity on someone from a vastly different background to himself, who had been beaten up and left for dead. And he took care of him, even at his own expense. That man in the parable had a good, kind heart, and he was moved with compassion to do something for a stranger in distress. (Luke 10: 25-37)

I have discovered time and time again how people are basically good and kind, and very willing to offer help if needed. But the sad thing is, that in our society we have almost become brainwashed to believe that people are not good or kind, and cannot be trusted. Our news reports and the media print and publish information that is worrying and even frightening much of the time; it is not their fault, they feel they have a duty to give us this information, but it seems that all we ever get to hear about is scams, fraud, theft and dishonesty. So we become suspicious of strangers, and negative and fearful in our thinking. This is sad and unfair, because the majority of people are basically good, kind and helpful. Even recently, my husband and my son were both saying how they had each been on the receiving end of an “act of kindness” by strangers, and they have been upbeat because of it.

A minister friend of mine once commented in a sermon that *‘life is like looking in a mirror; If you walk up to it and smile then life smiles back to you’*, and it’s true. Let’s not be afraid to be the good, kind & openhearted people we are. Let’s keep sowing goodness and kindness into our homes and communities, and this will reflect back to us a harvest of joy and friendship which will warm our hearts, and enrich our lives all year round.

God bless you, with love Sue Cooper. (Revd)



Chairman of the Parish Council, Mick Morris writes:

John Grant & I had a meeting with Officers & Councillors of Northamptonshire County Council [on September 4th](#) to discuss in more detail the latest developments concerning a bypass for Farthinghoe & to air our views concerning the recent lack of positivity. Subsequent to that meeting we have both just received the following mail with more positive news from the office of Andrea Leadsom MP. Please feel free to circulate this information to wherever you feel would be suitable & beneficial.

**SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MP PRESSES FOR FUNDING FOR
FARTHINGHOE BYPASS
6th September 2019**

South Northamptonshire MP Andrea Leadsom is pressing for funding for the Farthinghoe Bypass on the A422.

Ahead of a meeting Andrea has called [on Thursday 12th](#) September with Northamptonshire County Council, England's Economic Heartland Strategic Alliance, and the South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership, she met [today](#) with the Leader of the County Council, Cllr Matt Golby, to discuss the urgent need to find a funding source for the Farthinghoe Bypass, as part of a wider conversation on priorities for South Northamptonshire.

Andrea said:

"I share the disappointment felt by the Parish Council and the Farthinghoe community that no funding bid was forthcoming in support of the Farthinghoe Bypass."

"I intend to press as strongly as I can for NCC to submit a bid for funding for the bypass through the DfT's Pinch Point Fund; I understand from officials in the Department for Transport that – although the A422 sits on the Major Road Network – if a strong enough case is made, it could be considered suitable."

"I had the opportunity to discuss this earlier [today](#) with the Leader of the County Council, Cllr Matt Golby, and welcomed his support for this approach."

"I will be meeting with the Secretary of State for Transport as soon as possible to discuss this in more detail, and to explore any and all alternative funding solutions for this vital road infrastructure project."

Village Hall News

The 200 Club

August Winners:

£25 - 47 Fred Hauser, £15 - 96 Pip Clayton, £10 - 1 Wendy Hancock (Yay!)

September Winners:

£25 - 54 Cats Ellison, £15 - 75 Bud Mason, £10 - 87 Margaret Rogers

Read and Feed:

Friday 4th October 2019 3pm until 5pm. The church held a Macmillan Coffee morning and we would like to increase their takings by contributing 50% of our takings to Macmillan Nurses. Come along and enjoy coffee, tea and cake!

The Village Show was a huge success, with a lovely afternoon (apart from one shower) enjoyed by all. We were able to sit outside in the sunshine enjoying wine and beer with the BBQ and cream teas. Altogether, a fantastic £434.30 was made on the day.

A BIG Thank you to everyone who entered the various competitions. There were some amazing scarecrows in the village and Pauline and Bud's Doctor Foster won first prize. There were some very clever photographs submitted, cakes baked and decorated and beautiful produce.

A BIG thank you to all the judges - particularly the one who only found out she was judging when she read about it in the leaflet! Sorry, she knows who she is!

Thank you also to the amazing Committee who worked so hard to make the day such a success - Lucie Pearson, Ruth Brittain, Fiona George, Jenny Phipps, Di and Graham Osborne and all the additional helpers on the day itself.

The hall now has a lovely bamboo floor and vintage photos of the village on the wall - Steve Sneath has put a lot of work into creating the photos - thank you. If you would like a photograph included on the wall from the book then please contact Steve at: steve.sneath@me.com

Our next project is to get the heating installed so we are saving hard for this. We are also trying to progress a number of Grant applications for the biggie - solar PV and a very large battery to save on the electricity bills.

Unfortunately, we have decided to postpone the Halloween Ball until next year. The village show took a lot of planning and time and everyone was pretty exhausted!

Report from the Trustees of Farthinghoe Church Piece Allotments

On the first Monday of September, the annual rental collection for the Church Piece Allotments took place in the vestry of the church. Although not all allotment holders were able to attend, the majority of rentals have subsequently been collected or committed.

There are seven allotment plots currently vacant. They vary in size and some are half plots. They also vary in their state of upkeep; a few have only recently become vacant so they are cared-for and tidy. Please contact Ruth Brittain or Henry Bankes-Jones if you are interested in renting a plot. Consideration will also be given to group rental e.g. from the school or perhaps a group of people with a common need to find a way to experience the interconnected nature of things.

Gardening can be life changing; it enlivens our senses. Our senses are the gateway to the world. Give your frontal cortex a rest and give yourself time outside. From making mud pies to mulching, gardening can bring you back to life.

On a more prosaic note, there is a need for someone to keep the paths tidy, and the gate at the Main Road end requires a new post. If anyone thinks they could offer such help, please contact Henry or Ruth.

Ruth Brittain



VILLAGE NOTICES

- Church Cleaning: Tuesday 8 October from 8.30am. Many hands make light work!
- Coffee, Cake and Chat: In the Church Vestry on Friday 11 October from 10 – 11.15am. There will also be a raffle! Hope to see you there!
- Macmillan Coffee Morning: Many thanks to everyone who supported this event. You helped raise a magnificent total of £350. Thanks to all the helpers – well done!

PARISH COUNCIL CLERK

We are very sad to announce that as from 3 October we will be losing Mary from her position as our Parish Clerk/RFO.

Since Mary has been with us there have been numerous changes of activity & updates in the village, along with additions to the responsibilities of the position.

The route forward in many of these situations has not always been immediately obvious but Mary has always used her initiative to great effect & found solutions, often using her valuable private time in consequence.

Mary, we wish to thank you for your tremendous efforts & wish you well for the future.

The upside is that we will still be seeing Mary often in Farthinghoe during her visits to see her family.

Dave Weston will be joining us as our new Parish Clerk/RFO & we would like to welcome

Dave to the village.

Dave lives in Pattishall, near Towcester, so it will take Dave a while to acquaint himself with the specific details of the post & the Geography of the village.

Mary Sharman

As many of you will probably know Mary Sharman has now moved from Farthinghoe to live in Caversfield near Bicester.

Mary's new address & contact details are below.

It would be nice for people to drop her a line or a card or better still visit her, especially as Christmas is fast approaching.

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**KATHARINE
HOUSE
HOSPICE**

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

WINGWALKING 2020 – THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME!

Join us on 21 May 2020 for this amazing experience with the world's most experienced wing-walking team.

It's something to strike off your bucket list and build memories that last a lifetime. Flown by one of the team's wing-walking display pilots, you'll take to the skies on the top wing of a Boeing Stearman bi-plane and experience an exciting series of flypasts, zoom climbs, steep dives and banks in front of the family and friends you bring along on the day. Find out more at www.khh.org.uk/wingwalk

SAVE THE DATE: SANTA FUN RUN – SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER 2019

We know it's too soon to start talking about Christmas, but please be sure to put the morning of Sunday 1 December in your diary – the annual Santa Fun Run is back, and we're hoping to see more than 400 Santas out in force to raise money for Katharine House. Find out more at www.khh.org.uk/santa

WEEKLY HEALTH WALKS – EVERY FRIDAY FROM THE HOSPICE

We're delighted to launch our weekly Friday Health Walks in collaboration with South Northants and Cherwell District Council. Led by a friendly, specially trained volunteer, this is a wonderful opportunity to join an organised walk around the beautiful countryside around Katharine House. The walks provide the perfect opportunity to increase your activity levels and general wellbeing and also offers you the chance to make new friends and find a supportive network of like-minded people. The walks are open to families, carers, patients, supporters, and volunteers - generally, anyone who has an affiliation with Katharine House. A typical walk may last up to 60 minutes, although this may vary. No need to book, just turn up although it may be advisable to contact the hospice beforehand just to make sure it is going ahead. Please wear loose comfortable clothing and sturdy footwear. Refreshments will be available after the walk. For more information please contact Hannah.Mozelewski@khh.org.uk

OXFORD HALF MARATHON - 13 OCTOBER 2019

The Oxford Half Marathon course winds around Oxford's most iconic landmarks. Whether you're new to running and want to take on a challenge, or an experienced runner looking to smash your personal best, why not take on the Oxford Half Marathon for Katharine House this October? Secure your place on Team Katharine House and register for your place today for £40 – we'll support you throughout your fundraising! If you already have your own place, please register as an own place runner by emailing getinvolved@khh.org.uk to be part of Team Katharine, and you'll still receive all of the same support from our team.

For images, interviews or further information, please contact:
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**AT FARTHINGHOE
VILLAGE HALL
23RD NOVEMBER 2019
19:30 - 23:00**



project
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**FARTHINGHOE
CHARITY
SCOTTISH
CEILIDH DANCE**

DANCES INCLUDE:

GAY GORDONS

STRIP THE WILLOW

CANADIAN BARN DANCE

MILITARY TWO STEP

ST BERNARD'S WALTZ



**Come to a Scottish Ceilidh dance
at Farthinghoe Village Hall!**

£20 per person - ticket includes a Scottish inspired meal, a drink on arrival and evening long entertainment from a professional Scottish ceilidh band! There is also an opportunity to enter a raffle.

To buy tickets, please contact me on **07975 625741** or email **alicerowe2002@gmail.com** - alternatively Facebook message me!

Don't forget your kilt ;)

Benefice Worship in October

DATE	TIME/ SERVICE	CHURCH	READINGS
6 th October Green	9:30 Said Com *11.00 Harvest Festival *11:00 Harvest Festival M/W 6.00pm Taize	Farthinghoe SC *Aynho SC Hinton BR Evenley CO/ML	Hab 1:1-4,2:1-4 2 Tim 1: 1-14 Luke 17: 5-10 *(Harvest readings below)
FRI 11th October	9.15am Harvest Celebration with School	Croughton Church All are welcome.	
13 th October Green	9:30 Holy Com 10.00 F/S 11:00 Holy Com 11.00 Matins 6.00pm E/Prayer	Croughton SC Farthinghoe CO Evenley SC Aynho WU/ML Hinton HW	2 Kgs 5:1-3, 7-15c 2 Tim 2: 8-15 Luke 17: 11-19
20 th October Green	10.00am Benefice Service With Communion 4.00pm Thank you Service	Croughton SC/HW/TR Evenley	Gen 32: 22-31 2 Tim 3: 14- 4:5 Luke 18: 1-8
27 th October Green Bible Sunday	9:30 Family Worship 9:30 Family Service 11:00 Holy Com 11.00 Holy Com with Baptism 6.00pm E/Prayer	Croughton SC Evenley CO Aynho HW Hinton SC Farthinghoe ML	Jer 14: 7-10, 19-end 2 Tim 4: 6-8, 16-18 Luke 18: 9-14



Kids Crafts Offer Every Day in October @ Limes Farm

Children's Mini pastry, hot chocolate or juice box plus an
Autumn themed craft kit for just £4.00!



See our Facebook page for our fantastic Half term events

