

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....



We have been asked to remind everyone who enjoys being out and about in the beautiful countryside that surrounds us here in Farthinghoe that gates need to be shut. If you open a gate please ensure it is closed after you have used it.

Additionally, there are currently pregnant ewes and plenty of lambs out in the fields, so we have also been asked to remind everyone that dogs should be kept on leads anywhere near livestock.

Sadly there have been reports of both dogs worrying livestock locally and also gates left wide open....



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RECTOR'S LETTER MARCH 2016

One of the interesting things about Easter is that it moves about. To many this is frustrating, not least for schools and their holidays. But to me it is great as it shows that the power of Easter is not tamed. Christmas has been fixed as one date, 25th December, yet it too slowly moves through the week a day at a time, in a very predictable way. Such that it has almost been overtaken by secular society, people know when it is, if not what it is truly all about. With Easter people neither know when it is, let alone what it is and so it evades the onset of consumerism.

Easter reminds us of a defining moment in world history and understanding. For many we focus rightly on Easter being the day that Jesus rose from the dead. Yet this in some ways is only a small physical miracle. If all Easter contained was the story of a body being resuscitated, it would be no great deal. But Easter is far more than that. Jesus' resurrection was a fantastic thing that changed the world. But he didn't just come back from death to die again in a physical sense. His earthly resurrected presence showed the reality of there being life after the end of our physical life here on earth. Sure, he came and shared some of our world again in a physical way. He ate and slept and talked with many people, but if that was all then he might have touched a few hundred or thousand of lives before he died again.

Yet Jesus didn't die again, he is alive as much today as that first Easter day. Not with us in this physical world, but in the spiritual world, in a place referred to by many as Heaven. However we are not alone and left behind, for he sent the Holy Spirit to be with us, to be a continuing reminder, if we need it, of this promised new life. A life that brings light and hope into the dark places; a life that walks beside us and with us through our journey of life. A life that changed the way the world can see God, a life that cannot be neither tamed nor contained. There is an advert which says 'why have velvet when you can have silk,' I say why have bunnies when you can have the real thing!

Happy Easter

Christ is Risen, he is risen indeed, Halleluiah.

Rev Simon Dommett 01869 810903



Chris Wragg and Mike Hunt from Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) attended the February Parish Council meeting to discuss the results of the bypass survey. Details of the discussion can be found in the minutes of the meeting, posted on Farthinghoe Parish Council website. The final actions from the discussion were a) for NCC to provide a full written explanation of why it isn't possible to impose a weight restriction on Main Road and b) for the Parish Council to prepare a considered response from the Parish to the bypass proposal.

The headline results of the survey were:

- 90 people attended the exhibition on Friday 4th December 2015
- 50 people attended the exhibition on Saturday 5th December 2015
- 165 questionnaires were returned, of which 106 were by post and 59 on-line

- 126 responses were from village residents or properties adjacent to the village
- 39 were from non-village residents

- 125 consider a bypass is required
- 37 consider a bypass is not required
- 3 were unsure

- 92 prefer a northern bypass
- 38 prefer a southern bypass
- 35 had no preference

Dates for your diary:

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on **Wednesday, 13th April 2016 at 8pm in Farthinghoe Village Hall**. We will be joined by County Councillor Ron Sawbridge and District Councillor Rebecca Breese.

As part of a country-wide celebration, we will be lighting the village beacon on **Thursday 21st April 2016** to commemorate the Queen's 90th birthday. The time of lighting has yet to be announced, but we will ensure that we communicate it as soon as we know.

The next Parish Council meeting will be **Wednesday, 9th March 2016 at 7pm** in the Beasley Room at the Village Hall with public time from 7pm to 7.15pm.



Road Harm

In the summer of 2015 the Police and Crime Commissioner, Adam Simmonds, visited 100 different villages and parishes across Northamptonshire and the number one concern raised throughout conversations with residents was road related problems.

To help tackle this issue, Adam has recently announced the launch of a brand new service for victims; *Voice: Road Harm*.

The new service offers support for victims of serious road traffic collisions, an area which the Victims Code until recently did not support. Voice; Road Harm will give support to both victims and their families who have suffered distressing road-related trauma, such as face-to-face therapy, and a telephone helpline offering emotional and practical support.

Talking about the new service, Adam said: *“Putting victims at the heart of the criminal justice system has been one of my main aims since being voted in to office and I’m delighted that we can offer further specialist support to victims with the launch of Voice: Road Harm. With the creation of the Voice: Road Harm service we have significantly improved the support we are able to offer victims, witnesses and those affected by crime, and Voice: Road Harm is another strand to this that will see people receive a better standard of care when they need it. Too often road victims have been ignored and this service aims to address this imbalance”*

The key objectives of Voice; Road Harm is to ensure that all victims and witnesses of serious road traffic collisions receive a service that is tailored to their needs and preferences; that they receive appropriate information, advice and support to enable them to cope, recover and thrive; are treated in a respectful, sensitive, professional and non-discriminatory manner; and are supported, where appropriate, through their participation in criminal proceedings.

Further information regarding this service can be found on the Voice website:
www.voicenorthants.org



Oxford Artweeks: KHH Day Hospice Art Exhibition – 23-27 & 30 May 2016

The Katharine House philosophy has always been to take a holistic approach to patient care, which means more providing more than just medical care to patients and bereavement support to families. A large part of this is the use of art and music therapies to provide physical and psychological support to patients. This May, the Hospice has been chosen to take part in the Oxfordshire Artweeks programme, and artwork created by KHH patients will be on display in the Hospice during the week commencing 23rd May. Why not come along to see the wonderful creations – and the stories behind the artwork?

Festival of Open Gardens

We're celebrating the Hospice's 25th anniversary by organising our biggest Festival of Open Gardens to date. If you're proud of your garden, why not open it as part of this Silver Anniversary? Or get together with a group of friends from your street and all open on the same day? We will support you throughout and will feature every garden in our 2016 Festival of Open Gardens booklet, to be sent out with our next newsletter. Please contact Community Fundraiser Sarah Brennan on 01295 816484 or email sarah.brennan@khh.org.uk to open your garden and raise valuable funds for Hospice care. Closing date to register gardens - Friday 19th February 2016.

Care for a Cuppa Week: 6th – 13th March 2016

There are already more than 30 Care for a Cuppa events planned for 2016. But there's still time to register your event! Invite your friends and family round for a cuppa, cake and chat, and ask for donations towards cake and coffee. We will provide you with a fundraising pack complete with posters, invitations, recipes and top tips to make your event a success.

Call the fundraising team on 01295 816484 to order your Care for a Cuppa fundraising pack or email sarah.brennan@khh.org.uk. Every penny you raise by organising a Care for a Cuppa event will make a tremendous difference to local patients and their families.

Katharine House Hospice Stall Sale: Saturday, 19th March 2016 – 11am – 2pm

Pat and Dot are having their annual Katharine House Hospice stall sale at The Institute in Adderbury. Browse for a bargain at this wonderful annual event, bric-a-brac, donated items, books, cakes and toys....

Limes Farm

What's coming in March? Mother's Day Sunday March 6th

From finding lost car keys to helping with homework, endless hugs and words of support, and maybe the occasional babysitting role, the list of requests our mother's fulfill is almost endless so let's hear it for mums everywhere and give them a day to remember! We will be serving a delectable Mother's Day Sunday Roast with all the trimmings as well as our popular Afternoon Teas for those who fancy something a little dainty. We only have a few tables left, for breakfast & dinner, but we are opening later for afternoon tea & have tables left from 4.30pm onwards.

EVENTS

We are delighted to announce that our ever-popular schedule of evening events is back. With menus dreamed up by our chefs, using only the finest of ingredients, March's events are the perfect way to celebrate spring and the end to the winter hibernation. So put your TV remote away and join us;

PIE NIGHT – THURSDAY MARCH 4th - £15

Taste a selection of our AWARD winning pies for your main course. And compliment your meal with one or two of our delightful locally brewed beers, ale or cider available from our fully licensed bar.

THAI NIGHT – THURSDAY MARCH 17th - £17 – three courses

Join us for an authentically fragrant and satisfying Thai meal, cooked up by our resident chef, Narine, all handmade to her very own family recipes. Satisfy your taste buds and bellies with flavours of the East, and quench your thirst with a selection of wines, specifically offered to compliment your meal, at our licensed bar. We are also offering our takeaway service which was very popular last time, if you would like an order form please get in touch & we will email one over to you. intouch@limesfarm.com

SUNDAY ROASTS - We are now serving our Sunday roasts, we cook locally source meats each week and serve with all the trimmings and our handmade yorkshire puddings and gravy. We would recommend that you book a table as the word is out and we have been getting very busy.... Limes Farm - MADE FOR YOU



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VILLAGE NOTICES

Mothers' Union: On Tuesday, March 8th, at 2pm. at Colready Farm. The Speaker will be Revd. Shemil Mathew.

Parochial Church Council: Will meet on Tuesday, March 8th, at 7.30pm at Farthinghoe Lodge.

Coffee, Cake and Chat: On Friday, March 11th, in the Church Vestry, from 10-11.15am. Hope to see you there, and make new friends. All welcome.

Church Cleaning: On Tuesday, March 15th from 8.30am. - or as convenient. Why not come along and bring your duster!

Easter Flowers: As Easter Sunday is on March 27th, we would be glad of any help in decorating the Church.

MISSING CAT

For over 6 months my cat, Felicity, has been staying away from our home on Chapel Lane but then pops home every now and then. She looks far too well to be living outside which makes me think that she has moved herself in with a family in the village.



I would just like to ask anyone who has taken her in to get in touch as I would love to know where she is staying - she is obviously happy!

Thank you, Marissa Wylie
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COMPOST CORNER

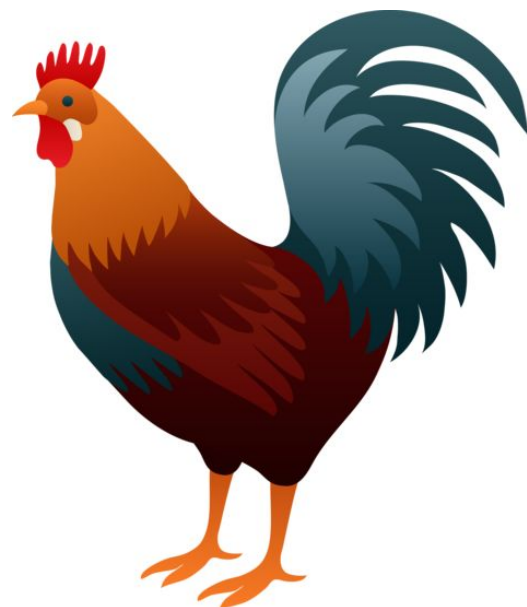
At last! I have an erection to call my very own that can enjoy any time I like. It may be soft and floppy and almost got blown off the ground by Imogen but my new polytunnel has survived its baptismal storm and stands proudly on the allotment.

Even if it only extends my growing season by a couple of months, it will also offer an all-year round refuge for me, whatever the weather, when those domestic tensions and teenage tantrums (yes, I still have them) scale new heights and plum new depths. Don't be surprised if you see me moving in.

For those who may have noticed a lack of countryside atmosphere near the chicken allotments, it is probably because a certain Marvin the cockerel has moved on to pastures new. Don't worry; it is not a euphemism for me having enjoyed stuffing and roasting him, although I wouldn't have minded that. We did not see eye to eye when it came to sharing the run with the hens and he was keen to make it known that I was not at all welcome. I frequently found myself fending him off with a dustbin lid as he repeatedly hurled himself, spurs first, at my tender thighs. He never gave up and I would have to back out of the run, shielding my legs with whatever came to hand and feeling rather foolish for having been driven off by a chicken. Marvin has probably had the last laugh because at his new home he now has 20 hens to himself rather than the meagre 5 he had here.

Testosterone has a lot to answer for.

Onwards and upwards!
Mrs. Trellis



VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE NEWS

| <u>120 Winners</u> | | |
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| January | No. 23 – Mr I Hunt: | £25 |
| | No. 44 – Mrs Webb: | £10 |
| | No. 99 – Mrs Roberts: | £10 |
| February | No. 29 – Mrs J Atkins: | £25 |
| | No. 22 – Mr C Jarvis: | £10 |
| | No. 93 – Mr B Willett: | £10 |

The village hall will soon be looking fresh and bright. It will be closed for two weeks over the Easter period whilst it's repainted and refurbishment works are carried out to the gents' and the disabled toilets.

If you get the chance whilst you're in the hall, pop into the Beasley Room and admire the new wall picture. The committee are very grateful to Anne Loakes, who has kindly donated a fabulous needlework piece, embroidered by her mother, Gloria Loakes, formerly of Seven Sisters. It's lovely to have the memory of a former resident through a piece of art on which she must have worked painstakingly for many hours.

We have had some instances recently where a car has been parked at odd times in the car park, which has been reported to the police. If you spot any suspicious vehicles at the village hall, please report them by dialling 101 or contact one of the village hall committee members.

Dates for your diary:

Race Night – Saturday 9th April

If you're not going to Aintree on the 9th, why not come along and join in the spirit with the Farthinghoe Grand National night? Details will be sent out very soon, to include a fish and chip supper and a fun night shouting in the winners. Put the date in your diary and watch this space!

May Day – Sunday 1st May

We're looking at holding some traditional May Day celebrations; lots of flowers, garlands and dancing round the May pole. Further details to follow...

Village Show – Saturday 10th September

This year's theme will be Country & Western – yee haaaa! So dig out those cowboy boots and Stetsons and hightail it down to the hall. The day's festivities will be followed by a barn dance in the evening with a cowboy cook-out.

BENEFICE WORSHIP IN MARCH

March 6th - Mothering Sunday

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| Aynho | 11am Family Worship |
| Croughton | 9:30 Family Communion |
| Evenley | 11am Family Service |
| Farthinghoe | 10am Family Worship |
| Hinton | 11am Family Worship |

March 13th - 5th Sunday in Lent

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| Aynho | 9:30am Communion |
| Croughton | |
| Evenley | 11am Communion |
| Farthinghoe | 9:30am SBCP Communion |
| Hinton | 6pm BCP Evensong |

March 20th - Palm Sunday - Benefice Sunday

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| Croughton | 10am Communion |
| Farthinghoe | 4pm Pizza Praise |

Holy Week

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| Monday 21st | 7pm Compline at Farthinghoe |
| Tuesday 22 nd | 7pm Compline at Aynho |
| Wednesday 23 rd | 7pm Compline at Croughton |
| Thursday 24 th | 7pm Maundy communion Meal-Evenley |
| Friday 25 th | 11am Family Good Friday at Evenley |
| | 11am Good Friday Service at Aynho |
| | 2pm An Hour at the Cross-Hinton |

March 27th - Easter Day

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| Aynho | 11am Family Communion |
| Croughton | 9:30am Communion |
| Evenley | 11am Family Worship |
| Farthinghoe | 9:30am Communion |



Welcome to The Fox

Sunday 6th March from Noon to 6pm

Mothers Day Lunch

A few tables remain—call us soonest!

Every Tuesday Morning from 11.00

Coffee Morning—Coffee and Cake £3

Every Wednesday from 6pm

Fixed Price Menu and a FREE drink

2 courses £15 3 courses £17.50

Sunday at The Fox

Our new Sunday Lunch Menu

starts from 13th March

25th to 28th March

Easter Weekend

Stay in touch for all the events we have planned for Easter

And its still

Happy Hour

Every Friday from 5pm to 7pm

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