

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE



Village news, notices and events....

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Hello everyone,

I hope that by the time you read this Summer will have finally arrived and that however you are spending the current month – at the seaside – abroad on holiday or just relaxing at home you'll be enjoying some sunny weather!

As I always do as the seasons change and the year moves on; I look back with nostalgia to our time in Normandy. Here, in England our Summers are a time for village and church fetes, country shows, flower festivals and all manner of seasonal festivities. In France Summer is a time full of celebrations too. In June, following the poignant D Day commemorations the Summer gets going with La Fete de la Musique (Music Festival). In every town and village there will be choral and orchestral concerts, marching bands, and parties where lots of singing takes place. As a member of the local Zumba group I would enjoy joining in the demonstrations we gave at this time in the town squares; doing our best to persuade people to get up and join us in the dancing. It was great fun.

There is always a 'Mechoui' held in every community. For the grand sum of about fifteen euros people can go to their Salle de Fete (Village Hall) and enjoy a communal meal. The local butcher brings his rotisserie and the fragrance of many legs of Lamb will fill the village. Vegetables are cooked beneath the meat and there will be an entree – usually Melon and Charcuterie (cooked meats) and a delicious dessert. All sit at long tables outside the Salle, lots of laughter and banter between neighbours – wine and cider flowing - and once the meal has ended the singing begins. The French love to 'party' The Mechoui carries on through the evening with music and dancing and we recall many such occasions with pleasure.

Other happy Summer memories include the arrival of the Swallows (normally a little earlier in Spring) and the joy that these tenacious little birds provided as we sat in our gardens and they swooped around us. They would nest in our barns and we always felt sad when they left for Southern climes in September, and of course we relished watching our Farmer friends cutting the grass down on the Marais (the Marshland) in front of our home. The tractor would be followed closely by the Storks, magnificent birds who knew that the turning of the grass would bring up small mammals for them to feast upon. The grass is then baled for cattle fodder.

So from BBQs with neighbours to concerts and parties; Summer in France brought us so much pleasure. Now of course we enjoy our English Summers albeit very different, and like the French we cross our fingers that we shall get a good share of sunshine in which to do so.

Whatever you're doing during August I hope that you'll be able to relax and have fun.

Lynne.



WEST NORTHANTS DRAFT LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN.

VERY IMPORTANT - Because it affects our lives until 2045

West Northants Council has just issued its Draft Local Transport Plan for consideration by all residents, before it finally becomes enshrined in their constitution

This will affect us all, not just the Parish Council, thus it is important that everyone studies it closely and has their say where it is felt appropriate.

The level of interest and response is very important. The link to this plan follows immediately

<https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/planning/draft-west-northamptonshire-local-transport-plan/>

On Friday 16th August, the local Transport Plan will also be available for viewing between 09.00 to 12.00 hours at the Piazza, in the Brackley Market Place.

Should anyone have difficulty locating or understanding the above link, then a member of the Parish Council will be pleased to assist

The final date for responses will be 17 October 2024

Give early thought to your responses, but we suggest that you delay submissions till at least the end of September in order that any new information which might arise in the interim can be considered.

The Parish Council intends to publish more information on this subject between now and 17 October either via the Farthinghoe Chronicle or by email from the PC website database if you are already registered.

If you are not already registered then we would recommend that it is a good time to do so. Again, if there are any difficulties a member of the Parish Council will be pleased to help.

The plan covers all aspects of movement of people or goods within West Northants however they are effected. With this in mind I think that you can understand the importance of having your say.

Regards

Mick Morris

Dashwood Playpark

To All Farthinghoe and Steane Residents

Following numerous incidents of reported misuse of the playpark and its equipment it was decided by the Parish Council last year to put an information and warning sign on the playpark gate. The main reason for this sign being to highlight the dangers to children when misusing the equipment. A photograph of the sign follows below.

Misuse of this equipment by children and by adults is also accelerating towards the need for raising considerable funds to repair and replace worn and damaged equipment. The monies needed to ensure that this equipment complies to the legally required annual safety inspections will have to be raised additionally to the normal Parish Council Precept. Since the start of the year more than £1000 has been spent on routine maintenance and repair of wanton damage

Taking care of this equipment in a right and proper manner will prolong the need for these repairs but more importantly will continue to ensure that all of the children are kept safe. There continues to be incidents reported to us of such misuse and it is clear that there are still people who feel that the sign applies to others and not to them.

The worst of these transgressions, which contributes to danger and damage, is climbing onto the 3 roof structures and treating them as if they are trampolines — This has to stop. If it does not stop then we must consider drastic action to ensure that it ceases. One suggestion which has been put forth is the removal of the three roof structures completely.

If the playpark fails the annual safety inspection at any time then the playpark will have to be temporarily closed for use until such time as funds can be found to rectify the problems.

The Parish Council will have no choice but to take such action in these circumstances, but we do not wish to see the selfish actions of a few taking away the pleasure of the majority who do follow the advice. We would be interested to hear any alternative suggestions which may be proposed.



Regards
Mick Morris
Farthinghoe Parish Council

VILLAGE NOTICES

RUTH DASHWOOD

24/12/31 - 19/07/24

It is with great sadness we announce that Ruth passed away on Friday, 19th July. She had lived in Farthinghoe for 65 years and was very much part of the community, having been Chair of the School Governors and a member of the Parochial Church Council for many years, as well as being Churchwarden for some of that time

Ruth very much enjoyed horses and in her earlier years was often seen out riding. This was followed in the latter part of her life with daily outings on her mobility scooter, when she would pull alongside you for a chat, and those chats will be greatly missed by all who enjoyed them.

The funeral will be held at
St Michaels and All Angels Church Farthinghoe
on 14th August at 2.00pm

CHURCH NEWS

Coffee, Cake and Chat

Will be on Friday, August 9th from 10 – 11am in the Church Vestry.
There will be a Raffle. Hope to see you there!

Church Cleaning

On Wednesday, August 14th, from 8.30am. Many hands make light work!

Church Fete

Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way with the Fete!
It was not well attended, but did raise £880, for which we are very grateful!

Rector's Ramblings

Welcome to the new Rector's Ramblings for the Farthinghoe Village Newsletter. As I write this I am not yet Rector of Farthinghoe and the Astwick Vale Benefice, but am sitting in my new office, trying to make the August issue deadline, in the hope that I will be Rector by the time it is printed and delivered. Perhaps unsurprisingly, I have been thinking a bit recently about the future and new beginnings. Not just my own start as Rector, or trying to pull a home out of a mountain of brown cardboard boxes. I have been thinking about our upcoming end of year service for the children at Croughton School, as they all prepare to move classes or schools. We have had a recent election and a new Government, and it has been hard to escape the (sometimes fractious) elections and transitions of governments around the world. Everywhere things seem to be changing. There are new beginnings, and promises and plans about the future are being declaimed.

In the Church calendar we call this period Ordinary Time. Set aside from seasons of celebration or preparation, like Easter or Lent, this is a time for hard work, harvest, and ordinary day-to-day life. In our churches the fabrics are changed to green to remind us of the new life we are given by God, and which we see reflected at this time in the world around us.

Sitting in the study I can see apples, plums, and blackberries bursting out in the orchard. Lambing and baling are, for the most part, now behind us, and the thoughts of some turn to combining and sowing. As always at this time of year, I am reminded of past lambings and balings. The good ones, which blur into much of a muchness. And the bad ones, the individual details of each are still burned clear into my mind.

I am reminded that, although they appear each year in the calendar, regular as clockwork, none of these events hold much certainty in themselves. No certainty for the harvest when we plant the seed. Despite scanning and hard work only a fool finally counts the lambing before they are in the market. Perhaps, new governments, new school years, and new Rectors are the same.

None of us know the future, only that we must go into it. Who knew that the rain would suddenly give way to blistering heat? We can hope for it, and perhaps plan for it, but until it comes we are in limbo. At this time we mark new beginnings and potential in nature, community, country, and ourselves. None of us know for certain what will come, so we do the best we can to encourage the good, and to build a bulwark against calamity. As it is in nature, gardening, work, so it is in our lives and our faith.

I wish every best to everyone beginning something new, even if it is a regular part of your calendar. I hope in my new start that I will be able to adequately serve God, the Church, and this community. I will look forward to meeting -I hope- all of you. I will pray for you all. Please pray for me. We will learn what the future holds together.

Rev. George Frost

VILLAGE HALL

BIG TIDY UP

During August, whilst some of our regular hirers are taking a break, we want to have a BIG tidy up and carry out some routine maintenance at the hall. In order to do this we will need some help, so if you can spare a few hours during this period please get in touch via the email below. Any help, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated.

GARDEN FURNITURE SALE - 17th August - 9.00am - 3.30pm

We are pleased that Joe Douglas is returning with another Garden Furniture Sale.

BOOKS & BAKES - FRIDAY 30th August

Come and join us for tea/coffee and cake, and make use of the library.

REGULAR SESSIONS :

Art - Tuesday 10.00am - 12.00 & Friday 10.45am - 1.15pm

Ballet - Monday 5.00pm - 7.00pm & Saturday 9.00am - 1.00pm

Martial Arts (Adult) - Sunday 11.30am - 1.30pm

Martial Arts (Children) - Friday - 5.30 - 7.30

Minimayhem - Wednesday 9.30am - 11.00am

Pilates - Tuesday 6.30pm - 7.30pm & Friday 9.30am - 10.30am

U3A - Spanish 1st & 3rd Thursdays 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Victorian Literature 2nd Thursday 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Yoga - Sunday 10.00am - 11.00am

Marjorie Morris

Email - bookings@farthinghoevillagehall.org

Farthinghoe Village Hall 150 Club

The Village Hall 150 Club - support your Village Hall with a chance to win each month...

There are a number of people who were in the draw last year but haven't yet renewed and it is a great opportunity to support our lovely village hall. So if you have forgotten - then now is the time to make sure you are in the draw for this coming month and the rest of the year. And if you've not taken the plunge before (or lapsed a few years ago) we have spare numbers - just drop an email to treasurer@farthinghoevillagehall.org

For £12 a year you go into a draw each month for £25, £15 or £10 prize money. And that's each month - so you only have to win a third prize once a year to get nearly all of your money back. The bank details are:

Account No - 00205971

Sort Code - 30-11-08

Name - Farthinghoe Parish Council Village Hall

Thank you for your support - Farthinghoe Village Hall Committee

150 CLUB - JULY WINNERS

1st Prize - £25 - Duncan Richardson

2nd Prize - £15 - Maureen Bunce

3rd Prize - £10 - Dave Clayton

**VILLAGE SHOW
SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER
AT THE VILLAGE HALL
12 noon to 4.00pm**

Produce Competition - 50p per entry

Vegetables - Beans, Courgettes, Tomatoes, Onion, Potatoes, Carrots, etc.

Chutneys & Jams - whatever you like

Cakes - Victoria Sponge, Fruit Cake, Scones - all to your own recipe

Flower Arrangements - Fresh or Dried

Other Attractions to Enjoy

Craft and Food stalls

Aunt Sally

Childrens Games

Bouncy Castle (Weather permitting)

Raffle

Name the Teddy

Tombola

Refreshments

Bar

BBQ & Soft Drinks

Cream Teas & Ice Cream

(Please note these are all cash only)

More information in the September edition of the Chronicle, but if you wish to have a stall or help out on the day please get in touch with me on the following email.

marjoriemorris@hotmail.co.uk

The Village Hall Committee

LOCAL EVENTS TO ENJOY DURING AUGUST

Summer Holidays are now under way and there are many local events to enjoy for both children and adults. Here are just a few :

Brackley Town Park

Teddy Bear Festival - August 14th.

Brackley Classic Car Show - August 18th.

Evenley Wood Gardens

Peter Pan - August 4th

A Midsummer Night's Dream - August 10th

Sulgrave Manor

The Importance of being Earnest - August 10th

Shakespeare Unversed - August 17th.

U3A

Brackley U3a are hosting an open day on Thursday August 15th. at Brackley Baptist Church from 10-00am. A chance to find out about the many varied activities that can be enjoyed.

Something for everyone in our local area during the Summer.

NEW YEARS EVE

Why sit at home watching TV on New Years Eve? No need to spend a fortune in Brackley or Banbury. See in 2025 with family and friends, come and enjoy yourself at our village New Years Eve party at The Fox.

A black poster for a New Year's Eve party. The background is dark with several golden fireworks exploding in the sky and four golden starburst patterns. The text is in a golden, serif font. The main title is 'New Year's Eve Party at The Fox'. Below it, it says 'Join us for a Villagers' family and friends party to see in 2025 at your local'. The event details are: 'Music and buffet', 'Midnight toast', 'Fireworks', and '7.30 pm to 1.00am'. Admission information follows: 'Admission by ticket only', '£20 Adults', and '£10 under 15's'. Contact information is provided at the bottom: 'For tickets contact', 'Andy 07769 880668', 'Barry 07881 917212', and 'John 07957 862192'.

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The Fox Farthinghoe

I would like to introduce myself to you, my name is Sharon and I have just started as Manager, although I have been working at The Fox for about 15 months, so I am sure I already have met a lot of you.

I would also like to introduce our fabulous head chef Vicky and her sidekick Greg, who absolutely have the kitchen under control and are really starting to build up a fantastic reputation for their great food so please come along and try a meal or two.

We have some great deals on food during the week :

Monday & Wednesday - Steak Night with 2 x 8oz rump steak meals for £20

Tuesday - Burger Night - 5 different burgers (with a vegetarian option), 2 meals for £20

Thursday - Pie Night - 3 options including vegetarian, again 2 meals for £20

Friday evening brings the best 2 hrs of the week - 5pm and 7pm with all drinks reduced.

If you are after something a little bit different Vicky does have a specials board which is regularly updated, and this is available every day except Sunday.

Sunday we offer a fantastic roast dinner with seasonal freshly cooked vegetables, roast potatoes and Yorkshire pudding served from 12 midday to 4pm.

Weekday lunch times we serve a selection of sandwiches, jacket potatoes or a smaller light bite portion of our pub classic meals and these are served Monday through to Saturday from 12 midday to 2.30pm

Myself and Vicky will update you all on a regular basis of the things that are going to be happening in the pub as we do appreciate not everybody is on social media and we would love to see you at some if not all of the events that we will be running. Likewise if you have any suggestions or have some ideas of things that you would like to see please come and talk to us.

August is upon us and maybe now the summer will get underway, and the sun will continue to shine. We have a couple of things on during the month of August.

Throughout the school summer holiday kids eat for just £1 on Monday to Friday lunchtime with the purchase of an adult main meal.

Thursday 22nd is our next quiz night, the fun starts at 7.30pm and only costs 2 pounds per person to play, it's a great casual fun evening.

Bank holiday Monday 26th August we are having a bbq and our very own Greg will be singing for us out in the garden (fingers crossed for no rain) late in the afternoon into the evening when we are also hosting the next bikers night.

Enjoy your summer and we hope to see you soon - **Sharon and Vicky**

Astwick Vale Benefice August 2024 – Final

4th August Green 10th after Trinity	9.30 Holy Communion 11am Morning Worship	Evenley (GF) Hinton (ML)	2 Samuel 11.26 - 12.13a Ephesians 4.1-16 John 6.24-35 Psalm 51.1-13
11th August Green 11th after Trinity	9.30 Holy Communion 10am Morning Worship 11am Morning Worship	Farthinghoe (GF) Aynho (LL) Croughton (LL)	2 Samuel 18.5-9,15,31-33 Ephesians 4.25 - 5.2 John 6.35,41-51 Psalm 130
18th August Green 12th after Trinity	9.30 Morning Worship 1030 Holy Communion 6pm Songs of Praise	Evenley (CO) Aynho (GF) Steane (GF)	1 Kings 2.10-12; 3.3-14 Ephesians 5.15-20 John 6.51-58 Psalm 111
25th August Green 13th after Trinity	11am Holy Communion 11am Morning Worship	Hinton (GF) Farthinghoe (ML)	1 Kings 8.[1,6,10-11] 22-30,41-43 Ephesians 6.10-20 John 6.56-69 Psalm 84

AND FINALLY WE BID FAREWELL TO PERCY

As most of you will know by now Percy the Peacock is no longer with us.

Whether you loved him - or you didn't - over several years Percy became part of Farthinghoe - a character who brought delight to many people; including visitors to the village.

He was a beautiful wild creature and he did not deserve for his life to end in such a tragic and painful.

So goodbye Percy, and Rest in Peace. We shall miss you.

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