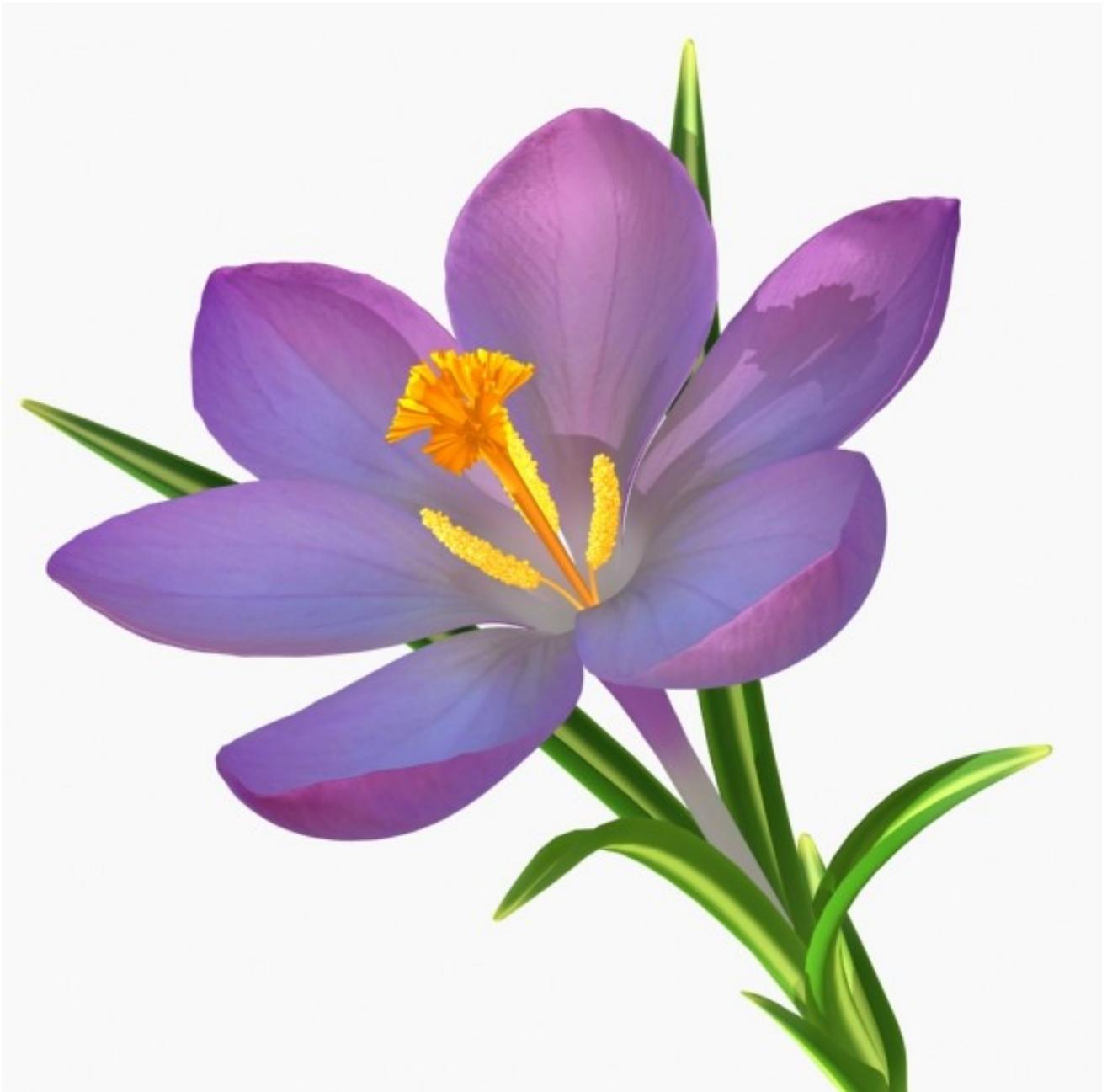


THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....



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RECTOR'S LETTER – MARCH 2017

As we enter March and Lent, and if you think the year is going fast, then are probably right.... And, if this year has gone fast so have the last two! Sadly it is time for us to say farewell to Revd Shemil Mathew.

Shemil joined us nearly three years ago as an assistant curate to receive his on the job training. He has now completed that training and has been offered the post of the chaplain to the Oxford Brooke University in the diocese of Oxford. He will leave us on Sunday 12th March after a celebration service at 11am followed by a buffet lunch in Aynho Village Hall. He doesn't get much of a break before being licensed to his new post on 20th March. Although we are sad to see Shemil go, as we have enjoyed his time with us, we must send him away with our blessing knowing that he has completed his training, and that we all, in our many different ways, have played a part in giving him the experiences he needed to grow. So farewell Shemil, may God Bless you in your new post, and don't forget that you will always be welcome back among us here.

With Shemil leaving many people have been asking, when will we get another curate? The answer to that one is, I don't know. I hope we might get another chance in training a curate though, as it is encouraging to see somebody grow in faith and confidence. But I am not holding my breath in the next year or two at the moment, but if the next couple of years go as quick as the last then the opportunity may come our way again, sooner than we expect. In the mean time we will continue with our work of trying to bring in God's kingdom to our villages.

Shrove Tuesday 28th February

The Rector and his wife (Simon and Heather) invite you to come to an Open House and Pancakes at the Rectory, Aynho Court, Croughton Road, Aynho, OX17 3BD. Please feel free to drop in any time from 6pm to 8pm and sample freshly cooked pancakes and Rectory hospitality. Warning of advanced numbers welcomed but do just drop in if you can. Parking available in Aynho church car park. Looking forward to seeing you, Simon & Heather Dommett 01869 810903

Ash Wednesday 1st March

Ash Wednesday derives its name from the marking in ashes of a cross on a person's forehead, signifying their turning from the wrong things in life (sin) and turning to Christ. It is also a reminder, if needed, about our mortality as the priest uses the words 'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.' The ashes used are made from the burnt remains of last year's palm crosses used on Palm Sunday.

Lent for Christians is a time for preparing for Easter as we recall the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness. Historically this would mean going without luxuries and hence the using up of ingredients on Shrove Tuesday. Today some people still give up certain foods or activities as Lenten discipline. If you want to try this why not give the money saved to charity. Or I would encourage taking up a profitable pastime or activity as an alternative, maybe even one of the Bible studies where you can feed body and soul. The middle of Lent is marked by Mothering Sunday which this year is on 26th March, which gives an excuse to have a celebration.

God Bless you all, Revd Simon Dommett



The benefits of having a defibrillator available for public use are being widely recognised across the country and the Parish Council is keen to investigate how we can secure one for Farthinghoe.

Earlier in the year, we obtained a quotation for provision of a defibrillator at a cost of around £1,350 plus VAT. This was a one-off quotation to provide a ball-park figure to work towards.

Whilst the Parish Council will be able to provide some of the funding towards this, the councillors would like to appeal to the community to look at fund-raising opportunities to assist in the purchase.

If this is something with which you would like to be involved or where you believe you can offer assistance, please contact the Clerk to offer your services.

Northamptonshire Highways have offered the services of their Community Enhancement Gang to undertake minor improvements aimed at enhancing the local environment. The Parish Council have submitted a request for tidying up the bus shelter, washing down road signs, clearing foliage and weeding, plus a few other items. Whilst it's unlikely that all of our asks will be met, we hope to see a few of these happen over the next few months.

Parking leaflets have been delivered to all houses within the village over the last few weeks. Please heed the advice in these leaflets to make our roads and access around the village as safe as possible.

The next Parish Council meeting will be **Wednesday, 8th March 2017 at 7.00pm in the Beasley Room at the Village Hall. Public time will be from 7.00pm to 7.15pm.** On Wednesday, 12th April 2017, the Annual Parish Meeting will be held, where we have the opportunity to hear from our District and County Councillors in addition to all of the various committees who have been operational within the parish over the last year. We are also hoping to welcome Chris Wragg of Northamptonshire Highways who will provide the latest update on progress with the proposed bypass.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

First of all a big thank you to all of you who are supporting the 150 club! Due to an increase in numbers we have been able to increase the prize money from next month - 1st prize £25, 2nd prize £15 and 3rd prize £10. This will still leave some money in the kitty to be able to continue our improvements in the hall. If anyone has been missed or would like to join then please contact Wendy Hancock (01295 711345). This month's winners are:

Jo Dyer
Sally Thomas
Paul Rogers

Work is progressing well with the new storage area. Dave Hancock was very grateful to Duncan Bragg and his children for assisting while he crawled the length of the attic on Saturday. After coming through the ceiling at home while continuing the ongoing saga of the bathroom he was nervous to say the least! Work continues this Tuesday with Mike Phipps' considerable expertise and Duncan Richardson's muscles.

Steve Sneath is putting together some photos of village events, people and places to display in the village hall. Steve, Nicki and Duncan Bragg have some really exciting ideas - look out for news of these. If anyone has any historical photographs of the village - its people, buildings or events, could Steve borrow them to scan and then return them to you. Again, please let either Steve or Wendy Hancock know.

The Village Hall belongs to the Village and it is important that everyone can have their say in the way it is used/developed. In the pursuit of more transparency, the Committee will be publishing more documents on the Parish Council website - www.farthinghoeparishcouncil.org and there will be open sessions at the monthly Committee meetings

On a really positive note, Diane Jones managed to sell our old chairs for £25. The money has gone to Macmillan Nurses at her request. Thank you, Diane.

On a very negative note, someone has kindly dumped their old mattress next to our dustbins and filled the dustbins with old pillows and a duvet! If anyone does notice any activity like this please let one of the committee know. Also, apparently some Saturday evenings are being spent smoking illegal substances in the car park, so again, please let us know if you see anything like this - especially if you get any car registration numbers.

Next event is the Fashion Show, selling Ian Reid's forgotten clothing from the Dry Cleaning shop in Henley. Please see the separate item in the Chronicle.



**KATHARINE
HOUSE
HOSPICE**

CAN YOU VOLUNTEER FOR KATHARINE HOUSE?

Our volunteers are a vital part of the work we do for people and families facing life-limiting illnesses in our community. They help us with everything from catering to complementary therapies, and they save us around £400,000 every year. We're always looking for volunteers to help us, and we'd love to hear from you if you have

some time to spare.

Volunteer roles include:

Catering Assistants - Kitchen Assistants – Receptionists - Complementary Therapists - Patient Drivers - Shop Volunteers - General Day Hospice - Ward Clerks - Gardeners

For more information please contact Joanna Morris, Volunteer Co-ordinator on 01295 811866 email volunteering@khh.org.uk, or visit www.khh.org.uk/volunteering

SAVE THE DATE: MIDNIGHT WALK 2017

Our 11th Midnight Walk will be taking place on Saturday 24 June 2017. If you'd like to take part or volunteer, please save the date in your diary! You can sign up on our website at www.khh.org.uk.

KNITTING PATTERNS BOOKLET NOW AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD

If you'd like to knit some knitted novelties for our Easter Knits campaign, you can now download the Easter Knitting Patterns booklet directly from our website – www.khh.org.uk/easter-knitting

UPCOMING EVENTS

Remember you can keep up to date with all our events and everything that's happening at the Hospice, as well as buy tickets to our events and donate to Katharine House by visiting our website: www.khh.org.uk



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**The Clothes Show
Sponsored by Reids of Henley**

**Sunday 19th March 2017
Farthinghoe Village Hall**

**Doors open at 2pm for pre-viewing
Catwalk Show at 2.30pm
Sales from 3.30pm to 5.30pm**

**Entry on door: £2 per adult
Fizz, beer, tea coffee and cordial available for purchase**

**Payment by cash or cheque only
No changing facilities available - so come dressed to try on!**

Bring your own bags for those bargains.

**Enquiries to Pip Clayton (07717 855727)
or Wendy Hancock (01295 711345)**

**Sale of Preloved clothing in aid of Farthinghoe Village Hall
improvements**

Organised by The Events Committee

**Feel free to invite friends and relatives. The clothes have
been dry cleaned at Ian's premises and then forgotten by
wealthy customers at Henley. They are very good quality!**

VILLAGE NOTICES

- ❖ Friday 3 March – Women’s World Day of Prayer - 2pm at Aynho Parish Church. This year we will be praying especially for the Philippines in a service prepared by the women of that country.
- ❖ Tuesday 7 March – PCC Meeting – 7.30pm at Farthinghoe Lodge by kind permission of Mrs Ruth Dashwood
- ❖ Friday 10 March – Coffee Cake & Chat – do join us in the church vestry from 10-11.15am. All very welcome.
- ❖ Tuesday 14 March – Church Cleaning – from 8.30am. All help gratefully received.
- ❖ Saturday 25 March – Mothers’ Union Lady Day Service – 10am in Middleton Cheney Parish Church

COMPOST CORNER – MARCH

We are such creatures of habit that it is almost compulsory to declare joyously at this time of year, when buds are swelling and the bulbs are poking through, that “Spring is here!” There then follows an immediate flurry of activity in gardens, in response to the date on the calendar rather than to actual climatic conditions.

Beware such premature ejaculations! This often results in wasted seed, broadcast in an irresistible and uncontrollable urge to propagate.

Far better to listen to those “old wives” who claim that “If you want to know when to sow, take off your trousers and sit on the ground!” So when you see the old wives on the allotment sitting bare-bottomed, sporting a broad smile, you’ll know the soil is warm enough for sowing your seeds.

As the spring crocus brings much needed early colour to our gardens, consider a place in your well-drained border or a patio container for its Autumn relative, *Crocus sativus* L. Not only is it super hardy – tolerant of summer heat and winter cold – its stamens are the source of that exquisite spice, saffron, one of the world’s many vegetable “Viagra”s. Armed with a supply of this in the garden, old wives can then not only enjoy a deliciously fragrant paella for dinner but their old husbands will then not run the risk of rolling out of bed that night.

Sweet dreams!
Mrs. Trelis



BENEFICE WORSHIP IN MARCH

March 1 Ash Wednesday
 Aynho 10am Communion with Imposition of Ashes

March 5th Lent 1
 Aynho 11am Communion
 Evenley 6pm Taize Worship
Farthinghoe **9:30am SBCP Communion**
 Hinton 11am Morning Worship

March 12th Benefice Sunday
 Aynho 11am Benefice
 *****Shemil's leaving Service*****

March 19th Lent 3
 Aynho 11am Matins
 Croughton 9:30am Communion
 Evenley 11am communion
Farthinghoe **6pm Evensong**
 Hinton *Combined with Farthinghoe*

March 26th Mothering Sunday
 Aynho 11am Family Worship
 Croughton 9:30am Communion
 Evenley 11am Family Worship
Farthinghoe **10am Family Worship**
 Hinton 11am Communion CW

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Mothers Day Lunch at The Fox

Sunday 26th March

Noon to late afternoon

3 course for £27.50 adults
Little people—kids under 13 £15

01295 713965

www.foxfarthinghoe.co.uk

DON'T FORGET

We now have double happy hours each Friday
5.00 to 7.00pm & again from 9.30 to 11.00pm