

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....



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RECTOR'S LETTER – SEPTEMBER 2017

Each year I am reminded with the changing seasons how beautiful the world is in which we live. The changing colours and the changes in the countryside as we seen the brown fields change to green and the golden yellow and then back to earth after the harvest. As I travel from village to village I enjoy seeing the changes around me, but I am aware that this is a little naive and romantic. The reality for the those who work on the farm is much harder. Wet weather and high winds at the wrong time can ruin the harvest and all their hard work can be wasted. But fortunately, although a poor harvest for us may mean a rise in food prices, we don't suffer the problems of starvation and famine that happens in many other countries. As I have mentioned before and may well do again, with Brexit and other negotiations, our care for creation must spread further than just the world around us. Fair trade and our support for third world countries must continue to be an important part of our character and nature. It worries me that the United States have pulled out of the Climate Change agreement, when we have so recently suffered from extremes of weather conditions. We are fortunate to live in a democratic society where we can say what we think, where we can petition our government over our concerns without fear of reprisal. And yet I do not fall into the trap thinking that 'the government' has all the answers and the solutions to all our problems. For we have the free choice and freedom to make a difference locally as well. How we use our energy, where we buy our produce, how we treat our neighbours and countryside are all things that we have a choice in. May we have the wisdom to use our freedom wisely and may we be thankful that we have that choice. September and October see our churches full of produce at our Harvest festival celebrations. I hope that you will come and join with the whole community at these festivals and then come and share the harvest feasts that follow. Local details will be found in the village newsletter.

Harvest Service Dates

24th September, 6pm Farthinghoe
 1st October 11.00am, Aynho
 1st October 11.00am, Evenley
 1st October, 11.00am, Hinton
 13th October, TBA, Croughton

Autumn Bible Study

As the days begin to close in, in October and November what can be better than gathering around a warm fire with a good book and talking with friends. Our Autumn Bible Study groups start in October and will be looking for hosts and members new and old alike. If you would like to host a group please let the Rector Simon know-01869 810903

Do you enjoy Singing?

Then come and join the BFC. A group of singers of all standards, who meet on a Thursday evening starting again in October for Christmas. We now meet in a warm practice room and welcome new and returning members, To receive update about practices contact David Johnson 07747 635551

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As promised in the July edition of the Chronicle, we are now able to share with you the date when Farthinghoe will benefit from visits by the Village Networks Project, a mobile office which is taken out into communities and provides experts onboard who can give advice on many different subjects including how to reduce your household bills, money advice, computer training, pension advice and volunteering opportunities. The bus will be in Farthinghoe on the 15th September, the 6th October and the 10th November between 12.15pm and 1.30pm. Currently they are planning to be situated on Cockley Road down from the school, although the Parish Council have requested that an alternative site be used; the councillors do not want the existing access issues on Cockley Road to be further aggravated, particularly when the council is working towards improving safety in that area. Wherever the bus is eventually situated, it will be clearly visible. For further information, call 01327 358264 or email villagenetworks@snbv.org.uk.

Around this time of year, access along the Main Road edge of the allotments is an annual issue. The subject was discussed at the August Parish Council meeting and it was agreed that, whilst not the responsibility of the Parish Council, we would however arrange for an immediate cut to the hedge to alleviate the problem before discussing the issue with the allotment committee to agree a more proactive approach in future.

With reference to the bypass, Cllr Grant will be writing to Andrea Leadsom at the end of August to arrange a meeting at a surgery to discuss what the Parish needs to do to get monies budgeted for the bypass. It is believed that the complete project may need to be at presentation stage before next monies are allocated, but it was agreed that it is important to maintain pressure and visibility on the bypass issue.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday, 20th September 2017 at 7pm in the Beasley Room at the Village Hall. Please note that this is a week later than usual in the month.

Farthinghoe Parish Council

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The new Farthinghoe Village Hall Committee met for the first time this month and began by drawing the 150 club numbers. Due to changeover issues with the Treasurer we will be giving the prizes for both this month and last month within the next week. The lucky winners this month are:

<p>Chris Saunders - £25 Katie Gunn - £15 Jeremy Moore - £10</p>

FARTHINGHOE GOES TO THE DOGS - 7th OCTOBER

We are running another racing evening again - the last one was such a success and made money for the village hall funds. This time the theme is greyhound racing - Farthinghoe goes to the Dogs! To include, what else, but a HOT DOG supper! Bring your own drink. Please look out for the posters in the village for more details.

The Committee is planning its direction for the Year. Our aims are:

- To manage a great facility on behalf of and for the benefit of the village. We will encourage greater Village use of the Hall.
- To operate with a spirit of openness and clarity at all times.
- To create a documented way of working, alongside the Trust document to provide consistency in management and make Committee transitions easier.

We wish to upgrade the facilities to increase greater use of the hall and are investigating a revised heating system. We are currently creating a website to market the hall, helping to increase income.

21st and 22nd OCTOBER - HELP REQUIRED PLEASE!

To improve the facility we want to tidy the external area around the hall. The hedges and trees need cutting back, the grass needs trimming back to expose more of the car park and we would like to create a wild flower garden. This is major work so we are appealing for volunteers to help. You do not need to be expert gardeners. As a thank you we will do a bbq and tea, coffee, beer and wine will be available. Please email either Jenny Phipps or Wendy to let us know you can help on either of the days, or part days - just an hour would be very useful if you can't spare anymore time. If we have enough volunteers, then we will not need to employ professionals to do the work, which means we get our new heating system sooner!

We are very pleased to announce that Wendy Whitehouse, the Head of Farthinghoe School has joined the Committee. This should create closer ties with the hall and the school.

VILLAGE NOTICES

- ❖ Coffee, Cake and Chat - Will be held on Friday 8 September from 10-11am. Coffee and cake is £1 - Chat is free! In the Church Vestry. Hope to see you there.
- ❖ Church Cleaning - On Tuesday 12 September From 8.30am on ward. Many hands make light work!
- ❖ Harvest Festival - On Sunday 24 September at 6pm followed by refreshments. We would much appreciate help with decorating the Church, and donations of flowers, fruit, vegetables or tinned items. If you are able to help in any way please let me know- we like flowers in vases, as well as arrangements! They are both lovely. It would be good to have lots of people to celebrate the harvest.
- ❖ Macmillan Coffee Morning - This will take place in the Church Vestry on Friday, September 29th, from 10-11.30am. Bring & Buy and also a raffle. If you would like to make a donation, and are unable to attend, please send cheque (made payable to Macmillan Cancer Support) to me Rosemary Jarvis. Let's make it our best yet!

Table Tennis in the Village Hall

If you are interested in playing Table Tennis why not get in touch with Gary Mills who is keen to gauge interest.

Please contact Gary on 01295 712488





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FARTHINGHOE AUNT SALLY 2017 – SEASON SO FAR...

Did you know that The Fox has had an Aunt Sally team playing in the Banbury and District Aunt Sally league for several years? <http://banburyasl.16mb.com/DIV-6/>

After 15 games (with one game left to play) we are in 5th place in the 6th Division:

TEAM	Pld	F	A	DOLLS	Pts
GATE HANGS HIGH HOOK NORTON	16	47	1	698	47
BELL GREAT BOURTON 'A'	15	28	17	465	28
BELL 'A' BANBURY	14	28	14	342	28
DOLPHIN 'B' M/CHENEY	15	27	18	489	27
FOX FARTHINGHOE	15	23	22	394	23
BELL 'B' ADDERBURY	15	15	30	379	15
HORSE & JOCKEY 'B' BODICOTE	14	13	29	328	13
PEACOCK TYSOE	15	12	33	356	12
BLINKING OWL	15	8	37	329	8

We currently have a pool of 18 registered players and each week a team of 8 strides forth to do battle with the opposition or, rather, have a drink and a good old natter with friends old and new. As you can see from the list, we visit pubs in the Banbury area, in town and in villages, and, as the season runs from May to end of August, we have spent some wonderful warm summer evenings in beautiful locations, as well as in the occasional back yard among the bins.

We play on Thursday evenings; the game starts at 8.30pm. Each player has 6 sticks to toss, underarm, one at a time, at a dolly which is precariously positioned on a metal post 30 feet away. It sounds so easy! There are 3 match legs then a beer leg, the losers of which buy their opposition partner a drink. The host pub then provides a supper for the teams, and we have been treated to some wonderful feasts both at home and away. The HAF sauce at the Bell, Great Bourton, was unforgettable!

At the end of the season, we celebrate by spending the accumulated £1 per person per game fees plus the 50 pence fines for players getting a zero score. As you can see from our position in the 6th Division out of 7, we generate a fair amount of 50 pence fines and can guarantee a good party!

If you would like to join our merry band of players for the 2018 season (no experience necessary!) then look out for the call to arms early next year or register your interest with me (via ruth.brittain@nhs.net) or with Tom or Tanita at The Fox.

Team Motto: "Who cares who wins?"



POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER SUBMITS BUSINESS CASE TO HOME OFFICE TO GOVERN NORTHANTS FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Following a successful public consultation, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Northamptonshire has announced that he has submitted the business case to the Home Office, proposing that governance of Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service transfer from Northamptonshire County Council to his office. If accepted, Stephen Mold will become Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner.

The announcement follows an eight-week public consultation in which 1212 people shared their views on the proposed change. The consultation sought opinions from people from across the county, including fire service employees, police personnel, and staff from Northamptonshire County Council.

The results of the consultation showed that overall 60.8 percent agreed with the proposal for the commissioner to govern the fire service, 31.7 percent disagreed and 7.5 percent neither agreed nor disagreed. Fire service employees were significantly in favour of the change with 92 percent of them agreeing to the transfer.

Police and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold said:

"I am very happy with the outcome of the consultation. I'm confident this proposed change in governance is in the best interests of everyone in Northamptonshire. I'm particularly pleased that people working for Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue service can see the benefits of the transfer, with 92 percent of respondents wanting to see the change occur."

"The governance role is not operational, and the day to day running of the fire and rescue service remains with the Chief Fire Officer. My role is to provide a strong voice for our local communities, holding the Chief Fire Officer to account, and ensuring the public get an effective and efficient service that responds to our county's needs."

"The fire service in Northamptonshire has faced significant funding cuts for a number of years. It's my ambition to increase investment in the service, particularly in the frontline. If the business case is accepted then we can begin the journey to make this a reality, and help make Northamptonshire safer."

If the Home Office accepts the business case the change of governance would come in to effect from April 2018. The proposal follows recent changes in legislation as part of the government's desire to create more collaboration between emergency services at local levels.

Under the new proposals, both organisations would remain separate and keep their separate uniforms, and carry on delivering separate skills. The chief constable and chief fire officer would continue to be operationally independent and solely responsible for the day-to-day running of their own specific service and their budgets would remain separate.

The Police and Crime Commissioner is expecting a decision on the proposal from the Home Office in the late autumn.

The Business Case and the Consultation Report are available to view via www.northantspcc.org.uk



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BENEFICE WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

3rd September - Trinity 12

Aynho	11am Baptism & Communion
Farthinghoe	9:30am SBCP Communion
Hinton	11am Morning Worship

10th September - Trinity 13

Aynho	11am Communion
Croughton	9:30 Communion
Evenley	9:30am Communion (<i>Note change of time</i>)
Farthinghoe	11am Family Worship & Baptism
Steane	6pm BCP Evensong - <i>Gompertz</i>

17 September - Trinity 14

10am Communion at Evenley

24 September - Trinity 15

Aynho	11am Baptism & Communion
Croughton	9:30am Communion
Evenley	9:30am Family Worship
Hinton	11am Communion CW
Farthinghoe	6pm Harvest Celebration

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