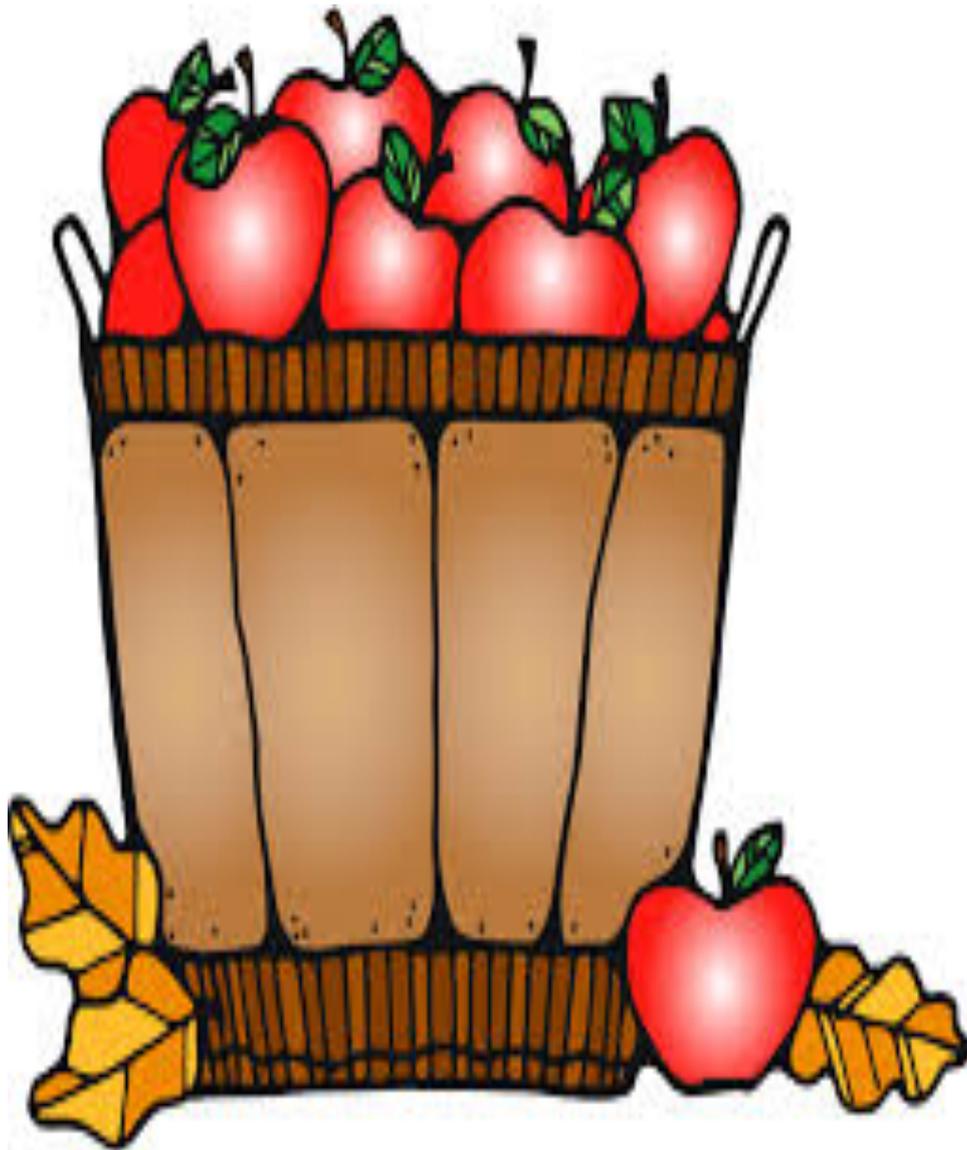


# THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

*Village news, notices and events....*



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## Pastoral Letter – September 2019

Hello Everyone, I hope you have enjoyed the long days of Summer, and hopefully we will have many more warm, sunny days throughout Autumn.

September is a wonderful mix of old and new. Summer is growing old and tired, but the Children are preparing to go back to school for a new academic year, and one of the first things the schools will be arranging are their Harvest Assemblies. Harvest is one of our major Festivals in the Church, and a good opportunity for us to give thanks for all the food and drink we have. It wasn't until I came to Northamptonshire some years ago that I really made the connection between the food on the shelf in Tesco's, and the hard working Farmers. Being a Townie I rarely saw a tractor, or combine harvester, and I rarely saw fields of crops growing, so I took food for granted.

Last year I had the pleasure of doing an extended placement with Emmanuel Church Weston Favell, and they run a food bank every Wednesday morning. I was shocked at the high demand for food parcels, and humbled by the cheerful, kind people who volunteered their time and energy to run the whole operation.

It's hard to imagine not having enough food to eat. My parents lived through World War II and remember the hardships of rationing, but unless you have experienced it yourself, it's hard to imagine. I did however manage to really empathise with the food bank clients. Many of them were hard working people who were either down on their luck, or were in fact working, and still not able to make ends meet. The food parcels were a lifeline and gratefully received, but it did make me wonder how we have come to such a desperate place as a nation.

Food shortage is not a problem in the UK, but none the less, it is a reality for many families, and like I said, unless we experience something ourselves, it is hard to imagine what it is like. I would like to invite you all to one of our Harvest Festival services. It's a great way to thank God for the crops, and the food we eat, and it's a good way to reflect on, acknowledge, and pray for the farming community and all those involved in the food chain, and their hard work to bring food to our tables. Even if you are not usually a Church goer, we would love to see you, and welcome you to share in this special festival. All the Churches will be gratefully receiving contributions of goods and produce, which will then be either auctioned in the case of perishable foods, and the proceeds given to Charity, or donated to local food banks and local food distributors, who will pass it on and bless others with it.

With love Rev Sue Cooper.

## FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL



To All Farthinghoe Residents

19 August 2019

Subject-Farthinghoe Bypass

Just recently we had received a routine newsletter sent from KierWsp who are the highways contractor for Northamptonshire County Council.

Close scrutiny of this detailed document revealed that Northamptonshire County Council had submitted 3 bid proposals for MRN funding but with the Farthinghoe bypass bid not being included. We felt that something was seriously amiss because we had previously been advised on several occasions by our MP, Andrea Leadsom, that she had agreed with political leaders at the County Council that the Farthinghoe Bypass MRN bid for funding would be prepared and submitted by 31 July 2019.

A subsequent check with Andrea confirmed that she, like us, was totally unaware of any change to her agreement.

Thus, we must assume that Northampton County Council have chosen to unilaterally renege on the agreement without having the courtesy to advise anyone.

We now know that the decision to proceed with these 3 bids was not made at Cabinet Level at the County Council, but it is not absolutely clear to us when this decision was made & by whom.

The decision has clearly caused a delay in Farthinghoe's only current opportunity for a funding bid for a much needed and justified bypass, whilst it had allowed a bid to finance the Towcester Relief Road.

We have now been assured that Northampton County Council had previously been advised that the Towcester Relief Road already has full funding agreed (we believe from Persimmon & Highways England) & it has no requirement for what NCC glibly describes as a "back-up" bid.

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It is also not clear how the A5 road qualifies for an MRN bid when it is actually SRN Highway administered by Highways England.

Who made this decision & why?

John Grant & I have already arranged a meeting on 4 September with Cllr Jason Smithers, Portfolio Holder for Northants Highways, in order to learn more about why this has happened & what is going to be done to rectify this situation & put it back on track.

Andrea Leadsom has also confirmed a meeting on 12 September with NCC, SEMLEP & EEHSA with similar intent in mind.

Should anyone wish to express their concerns about this unilateral action by Northamptonshire County Council, then Andrea would be pleased to hear from you.

She can be contacted by letter

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In the interim period, as we learn more, we will keep you informed

We must be very clear that this is a delay & not a cancellation of the Bid & that we are actively researching other funding options which could assist in the recovery of the position

Rgds

Mick Morris

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## **Village Hall News**

**New Floor** - This has been installed in the foyer and the main hall and looks great. It is bamboo which is twice as hard as oak and has been installed at Heathrow Terminal 5 since it opened in 2008 so it should be very hard wearing. The inset mats at the fire doors have been removed and the one at the entrance has been increased in size.

**Heating** - This was planned for September but may need to be postponed for a few months due to a funding issue, but we are still confident it can be installed before Winter sets in.

**Village Show** - By the time you read this it will be over, but a review will appear in the September edition. Many thanks to all involved with the planning and preparation.

**BBQ** - Built in time for the Caribbean Evening and a Wedding Event, this double BBQ is now available as a permanent asset for use at functions. The paving area is being extended around the School Container as a safety feature.

## **VILLAGE NOTICES**

**Church Cleaning:** On Tuesday 10 September from 8.30am. Many hands make light work!

**Macmillan Coffee Morning:** On Friday 27 September from 10am – 11.15am in the Church Vestry. There will be a bring & buy, and also a raffle. If you can't get to the event, and would like to make a donation, cheques made payable to Macmillan Cancer, or cash will be much appreciated, send to Rosemary Jarvis. Thank you!

**Harvest Festival:** Will be on Sunday 29 September at 6pm. Donations of flowers, fruit and vegetables would be welcomed, and also help in arranging them! The service will be followed by soup and rolls, and the sale of produce. Tinned or dried goods will be given to Brackley Food Bank.

### **Update on Church Roof**

As you know, the south aisle roof had lead stolen on two consecutive nights in September last year. A very nasty consequence of the road being closed! The Church has now had the planning permission from South Northants for the change of material from lead to stainless steel, which does not have any value for thieves so should be secure.

We have also had the tenders for the work and the total cost including architect's fees, planning and the temporary roof covering will be approx. £24,500. After allowing for the insurance claim and a VAT claim back, we will be some £9000 short. We are currently applying for grants for this shortfall.

If anyone is able to contribute to the roof fund, however small, or would like to do some fundraising for us, we would be very, very grateful. Please contact either of the churchwardens – Rosemary Jarvis (711130) or Lisa Wenmouth (712510).

When tombs awake and witches take flight,

We'll gather in the dark of night.

Come join the revelry, do not be late

Else woe, not luck, will be your fate!

# Halloween Ball

Saturday 26th October 2019

Farthinghoe Village Hall

8 till late

Put the date in your diary, more details to  
follow very soon...



## **ALMSHOUSE VACANCY**

A single vacancy is available at the Farthinghoe Almshouses, Northamptonshire. The property is a one-bedroom end of terrace cottage with garden.

Trustees invite candidates to apply who are resident in the parish of Farthinghoe or the surrounding area at the time of appointment. Although preference will be given to those aged 60 and over who are able to live independently, younger applicants will also be considered. Charity Commission regulations apply which will be explained in the information pack.

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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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:getinvolved@khh.org.uk) to be part of Team Katharine, and you'll still receive all of the same support from our team.

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## **CHURCH SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER**

Details of Church Services this month will be available on the Astwick Vale Benefice website – they were not made available at the time of printing and we look forward to providing these as usual next month:

<https://sites.google.com/site/astwickvalebenefice/home>



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