

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....



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PASTORAL LETTER NOVEMBER 2021

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that we are coming towards the end of this year, and during November we will be remembering, as a nation, the brave men and women who have died in War and conflicts in service to Queen and country. Remembrance Sunday is our opportunity to honour them and recall the sacrifices they have made for our freedoms. It is also an opportunity for us to remember all ex Service men and Women, especially those who are living today with traumatic memories and physical disabilities, and whose lives have been blighted by war and conflict. I warmly invite you to our Remembrance Sunday services.

During our Benefice service on November 21st at Evenley Church, we shall be blessing our cribs. These will go into schools or homes for a few weeks, to then be brought back into our Churches for our Christmas Eve and Christmas day services. Last year Christmas was a much scaled back affair in our homes and Churches as we were going into another national lockdown; let's hope for a much more enjoyable celebration of the Festive season this year.

2021 has been another challenging year for us all. We are told that we must now learn to live with the coronavirus, just as we do with other viruses like flu: this is proving more challenging than expected. It is now a minefield of small daily decisions that we need to make for ourselves, and others, for safety and protection from Covid, and all the while trying to balance this with our very human need to gather, and to be with people for our joy and pleasure, not to mention for our mental wellbeing too! None of this is easy, and we are wearied with the constant decisions and choices we have to make. But we can find peace in it all if we remember that even in these times, we can find our comfort and hope in the Christian faith, because God doesn't change. The question of "why is the world suffering with Covid?" remains a mystery, however we do know "who" we can put our trust in in this life because God promised to never leave us or forsake us (Deut 31:8). In Jesus's time his disciples were having a hard time coming to terms with some of the difficult things he was telling them; he told them that he was going back to be with his Father, and that, for a while, they would not see him, but that they would see him again. Jesus said to his disciples ***"I have told you these things, so that, in me, you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*** (John 16:33)

So even life with Jesus was not without its challenges for his disciples, so we shouldn't be surprised when, at times, life is less than a bed of roses. Our journey through this life is far more of a "mystery tour" than a "pleasure cruise". But along the way we find that no matter where the road is leading, God will be found there. This is sometimes in a very powerful feeling of his presence with us, or sometimes it is seen retrospectively as we look back over events. There is a wonderful poem called "Footprints in the sand" which perfectly sums up the way God is with us in all of life's events and circumstances, and it reveals how although we don't always think that God is even aware of our problems and predicaments, on the contrary, he is holding us up through them all:

Footprints in the sand

One night I dreamed a dream. As I was walking along the beach with my Lord, across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life. For each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, one belonging to me and one to my Lord. After the last scene of my life flashed before me I looked back at the footprints in the sand. I noticed that at many times along the path of my life, especially at the very lowest and saddest times, there was only one set of footprints. I said to my Lord, "I don't understand why, when I needed you most, you would leave me." He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you. When you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you." (Margaret Fishback Powers, (1964)

This poem has blessed me countless times over the years as it expresses the way that we all feel at times and helps us to understand the truth of where God is in it all, and that we are never left alone, especially in hard times. And isn't that reassuring to know!

God bless you all, with love Rev. Sue.



To Residents,

Please see the link below to the agenda of WNC Cabinet Meeting in September 2021.

Agenda **Item 11** is the Farthinghoe Bypass report (**See Pages 197-206**).

<https://westnorthants.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=143&MIId=291&Ver=4>

This report was accepted by WNC Cabinet as a basis to move forward from.

Whilst this decision is a step forward for the Farthinghoe Bypass there are elements of the report which the Parish Council is not fully happy with & we feel require further explanation or elaboration.

We have been invited to meetings in November which will be attended by Andrea Leadsom MP, WNC Portfolio Holder for Highways along with WNC Highways Officers

We hope to have more information after these meetings have taken place.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall on 10th November 2021 at 1900hrs.

Regards, Mick Morris
Chairman, Farthinghoe Parish Council

FARTHINGHOE 200 CLUB

WINNERS!

200 Club Winners – October

First prize £25 no 71 Duncan Richardson
Second prize £15 no 103 Shirley Downing
Third prize £10 no 96 Pip Clayton

FARTHINGHOE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

VILLAGE SHOW

To those of you who helped with the show - either with all the preparations beforehand or on the day, a BIG thank you. I'm not going to attempt to name each of you, because I'm bound to miss out someone important. However, I must mention the person from Australia and the couple from Farnham Common who worked so hard on Saturday, because, despite appeals, we were very short on local help.

To those of you who attended, I'm sure you know we had a glorious, very busy and successful day. In fact, we made a profit of **£838.71** - all of which will be split between **Macmillan** and **Dogs For Good**.

Unfortunately, we didn't have very much produce this year - so Fred, who kindly judged, gave everyone a 1st for making the effort to enter. All the produce went to the Church's Harvest Festival at the end of the day.

Mr Wilde entered some beautiful photographs: I have your prize here, if you would get in touch - wendy.gainford@gmail.com

Felix, Daisy and Arlo won the Letters Quiz - well done!

The gentleman who won the Dastardly Quiz kindly gave his £50 prize to our charities - what a wonderful gesture!

BOOKS AND BAKES (READ AND FEED)

Our next Books and Bakes will be, as usual, the last Friday of the month - **26th November from 2.30pm.**

Hopefully, our new kitchen will be fitted by then and the floor repaired!!

THE FUTURE OF THE VILLAGE HALL

2022 will be a critical year for the future of the Hall which in its improving state is very popular as a party venue and has a regular band of Hirers. However, the role of the Hall is clearly stated as being a valuable asset for the Village of Farthinghoe and the Committee is struggling to know how to achieve that goal. We desperately need ideas of events/activities which will attract Villagers - the alternative is to close the Hall and possibly sell the property. We will be focusing our next meeting on how to generate ideas and involve more people from the Village. Any thoughts to: dave.hancock7@gmail.com

David Hancock, FVHC Chair

Basic First Aid Training



Wednesday 17th November 2021

7pm

Farthinghoe Village Hall

The Parish Council has organised a Basic First Aid Training session to include use of the defibrillator.

To secure a place, please contact:

Pip Clayton

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VILLAGE NOTICES

Church Cleaning - Will take place on Tuesday, November 9th, from 8.30am.
We always welcome new helpers!

Coffee, Cake & Chat - On Friday, November 19th from 10 -11am in the Church Vestry. There will be a *Bring & Buy* and also a *raffle*. Coffee and cake is £1 – chat is free! *Please support our Village Church!*

Service of Remembrance - On Sunday, November 14th, at 6pm.

BOOKS IN THE CHURCH VESTRY

Lynne Lee and Wendy Gainford have been putting some of the books that are in the Village Hall Library - which is only accessible once a month - in the church vestry, to improve access. Books can be borrowed and returned at any time and will remain part of the Village Hall Library.

A voluntary contribution towards a project to deliver a toilet and running water in the Church would be appreciated - there is a box to the left of the door.

Here are two recommendations from the books available to borrow: -

Father Brown by G.K. Chesterton

I am sure most of you have caught some of the delightful series of Father Brown on television, featuring the gentle sleuth surrounded by a wealth of wonderful characters. This is one of the original books containing some of the stories featured in the series. The character was based on Father John O'Connor, a parish Priest in Bradford. G.K. Chesterton was considered one of the finest writers of the 20th century.

Lark Rise To Candleford by Flora Thompson

If you have not read this book then you are in for a treat. It is a rare and enduring record of the life of the peasant, yeoman and craftsman in a world of work and poverty at the end of the 1800's. Flora lived locally and you can visit many of the places that she writes about - for example, the village of Cottisford. *Highly recommended – I read this as a teenager and it was one of my late father's favourites. Thompson should be mentioned in the same breath as Thomas Hardy and Laurie Lee – Ed.*

New Editor – The Farthinghoe Chronicle

With the 801st issue of The Farthinghoe Chronicle comes a change of Editor: **Ollie Cornock** has passed-the-baton after years of dedicated service to The Chronicle, and thus to our village – very many thanks Ollie.

Thankfully, we have an enlightened Parish Council which continues to publish this valuable record of village life on our behalf. Whilst the bare-bones of the Chronicle such as timings of church services, fetes and a whole host of other events, fulfil the stricter definition of a chronicle, it is the other material that truly brings any chronicle to life, not only for us but for those who might read the publication in the future.

On that note, I would encourage all villagers to submit short items such as village history, seasonal recipes, gardening tips, etc., for consideration. Although I cannot promise that all will appear in printed form, those that do would undoubtedly add to the overall picture of village life.

When Anna and I first arrived in the village, Ruth Dashwood proudly presented us with a booklet entitled FARTHINGHOE 1877 – 1987 and with which many will be familiar. For those who haven't read it and those, myself included, who haven't done so in a long while, I thought the following snippets might amuse and/or inform:

- The first meeting of our Parish Council was held in the School in 1894 although it took until 1952 before the first woman, Mrs S. Deeley, was elected.
- St. Michael & All Angels has seen some colourful rectors including: Rev. Tom Jeffcoat, arrested in Italy as a suspected French spy, and Rev. John Mullins, the first of our rectors to appear on television.
- Without appearing to be dropping a hint in respect of our own Monarch's upcoming Jubilee, I note that Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1887 was celebrated in various ways, including a feast served to no fewer than 250 guests by Mr. Coleman, landlord of The Fox.
- Ten years later, during Diamond jubilee celebrations, the notorious Farthinghoe fire-starter, George Wilkins, is said to have set fire to several hayricks.
- Our village school has, since it was founded in 1877, played an active part in village life including picking 1270 pounds of blackberries to make jam for soldiers in the First World War, nettle gathering 'to help the war effort' in the Second and swelling the crowd at the Purston Races in 1923 when 23 out of the 36 pupils went truant.

As a final thought, it's worth bearing in mind that we as a community are actively generating village history. We also live in an age in which it has never been easier to record and document events. I look forward to hearing from you all.

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FROM KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE, ADDERBURY
For inclusion in your November/December newsletter
(By email)

What's coming up later this autumn and into winter?

As we head into winter, we've got some fantastic events lined up to see us into the festive season with a smile. Your support helps us to keep making every moment matter for local families living with a life-limiting illness. Here are just a few things that are coming up...

Are you a wrap star?

If you're nifty with ribbons and a dab hand at wrapping, then we need your help! We're looking for volunteers to help with our gift wrapping on 3 and 4 December at Banbury Castle Quay. These sessions help us to raise much needed funds for the hospice, so if you could donate some time to help then email getinvolved@khh.org.uk or visit www.khh.org.uk/collectiondays to find out more.

Care for a Curry

This autumn, why not host a #CareForACurry event and help raise money for Katharine House? Simply pick a date, get some friends and family together and enjoy! It's a simple and tasty way to raise money for Katharine House.

What's on the cards this Christmas?

We have a fantastic range of Katharine House charity Christmas cards this year. As well as some great traditional designs, we have cards ranging from snow-covered local scenes to a rather glitzy partridge in a pear tree! So why not stock up on your Christmas cards now and get ahead of the game. Cards are available to buy in our shops as well as online.

Santa Fun Run – 5 December

Forget mistletoe and wine, if you truly want to feel festive this Christmas then make sure to sign up to our Santa Fun Run. The race is taking place on Sunday 5 December at Spiceball Park, Banbury, and you have a choice of the 1.5km route or the full 5km – kitted out in stylish Santa suit, of course. Tickets are available to buy online now!

Schools Santa Run

Why should schools miss out on all the festive fun? We're bringing back the Schools Santa Run – and this year we plan to make it even bigger and better. We'd love to see as many local schools as possible helping to put the 'fun' in fundraising, so if you know of a nursery, primary or secondary school who might like to take part, then let them know.

RC Baker Christmas Tractor Run – 18 December

The RC Baker Tractor Run is making a welcome return, bringing all the glitz and glam of Christmas. On Saturday 18 December, a fleet of fairy-lit tractors will be taking a tour around local villages to spread some Christmas cheer and raise money for Katharine House Hospice.

Digital monthly newsletter – keep up to date with your hospice

Sign up to receive our Katharine House digital monthly newsletter, which is designed to keep you in touch with all our latest news and fundraising events at the hospice.

Find out more

Head to our website to find out more about all these events and news: www.khh.org.uk.



An update

Dear All,

We understand that the jungle drums have been getting louder and louder with regard to the Farm!

To be clear, we are not selling Limes Farm and have no intention to do so in the future.

Myself, my dad John and the kids are just planning a well needed break and doing all the jobs around the place that you always put off because you are too busy.

To confirm, we have closed the Tea Room & Drive Thru for a few months, with the intention to reopen in Spring next year, and are excited to what the future may hold.

We do hope all is well with everyone and hope to see you soon,

Our warmest regards,

Nicky, & Family

BENEFICE WORSHIP – NOVEMBER 2021

DATE Altar Colour	TIME/ SERVICE	CHURCH/LEADER	READINGS
7th November (Red) 3 rd before Advent Trinity 23	9.30am Holy Com (BCP) 11.00 Holy Com 11.00 Morning Worship	Farthinghoe SC Aynho SC Hinton ML	Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 Heb 9: 24-end Mark 1: 14-20
14th November (Red) Remembrance Sunday Services at all Churches	10.15 10. 45 (With Holy Com) 10.45 10.50 6.pm	Aynho TR Croughton SC/HW Hinton ML Evenley CO on the Green Farthinghoe SC	Dan 12: 1-3 Heb 10:11-14, 19-25 Mark 13:1-8
21st November (Red) Christ The King	10.30am Benefice Service Holy Com 3.00pm Deanery Confirmation Service	Evenley SC/ Ministry Team Bless the Travelling Cribs Brackley St Peters	Dan 7: 9-10, 13- 14 Rev 1: 4b-8 John 18: 33-37
28th November (Purple) Advent Sunday	9:30 Morning Worship 9.30 Morning Worship 11:00 Holy Com 11.00 Holy Com 6pm Evening Prayer	Croughton SC Evenley CO Toy Service Aynho TR Hinton SC Farthinghoe Lay Led	Jer 33: 14-16 1 Thess 3: 9-end Luke 21: 25-36



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