

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....



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The Parish Council would like to wish you a Happy New Year, and hope that you and your families had a wonderful Christmas, and that you got everything that you wished for!

Certainly, the village got a surprise Christmas present in the shape of the re-opening of the A422 and a few hours ahead of schedule too! Sadly, though it does mean an increase of traffic through the village.

Hopefully, you will have seen our Chairman's note regarding Andrea Leadsom's Christmas message, and it would seem that progress is finally being made in the quest for a Farthinghoe Bypass. For those of you who haven't seen the note, it is now posted on our Village website under the "Traffic" tab. We now have a new page called "Farthinghoe Bypass Updates".

Alternatively, under the "Contact" tab you can sign up to receive Village updates by email as and when they occur.

The month ahead will see your Parish Council working hard to finalise the 2019/20 budget by the end of January and we will communicate that to you as soon as possible.

You will recall that we successfully obtained funds to replace the village street lamps, we are pleased to advise that the contractor has received the parts and intends to do the work during the first working week of January.

The next Parish Council meet will be held on Wednesday 9 January 2019 at 7pm in the Beasley Room at the Village Hall.

Farthinghoe Village Hall

150 Club

The Early Bird Christmas Draw winner was Lois Ashburner

The December 2018 draw:

1st - 121 Dave Clayton, 2nd - 56 Ruth Brittain, 3rd - 16 Val King

2019 subscriptions: A reminder

Next year's subscription is due in January and we are hoping to minimise the need to collect the money in the miserable cold weather. Payment can be made at anytime via BACS or PayPal through the Village Hall website - www.farthinghoevillagehall.org. BACS details: Sort code 30-11-08, **A/C 00205971**, Farthinghoe Village Hall. (ref 150 Club, Name/Number)

Should you wish to pay by cash or cheque, contact either Wendy Hancock or Jenny Johnston who will come and collect the payment.

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Winter Wonderland Ball:

A great success, having sold out well before the Event. A great evening in a fantastically decorated Hall (website for pictures). Overall we raised around £4,000 for the Heating fund thanks to many generously donated auction promises.

Thanks to all the organisers and contributors who made it such a success - these really are a 'must go to event) so look out for the next one and get in early.

Read and Feed:

All ages love books and books are written for every age. Everyone likes a cake too and so all ages are welcome to join us in the hall for tea, coffee, cake and squash while perusing the books and having a chat. Books can be borrowed and we are happy to receive books to extend our collection - watch out for future dates. The event on the 14th December was enjoyed by many from the Village with fantastic sandwiches made from Brackley Butchers' Turkey Crown - I over indulged on the cakes as well.

Heating Upgrade:

The first step in the heating project has taken place - an upgrade to the insulation in the roof space, preceded by repairing the seals around all the windows. You can now feel a temperature difference as you walk into the Hall and the heating system is yet to be installed! A decision on the new heating system will be taken soon, as we now have an option to install a system with our own funds and work towards a grant supported renewable system to power it.

Grand Allotment Tidy Up

Saturday January 26th 2019

In order to start the 2019 horticultural season on a fine note, a grand allotment tidy up is planned for Saturday January 26th.

We have a few distressed plots that need rescuing from Mother Nature's tenacious grasp, and the hedges and trees along the perimeter, particularly those growing in gardens alongside, could do with trimming in some cases and major pruning in others. Not every plot holder has the tools, expertise or physical strength to accomplish some of the more daunting jobs.

This is an invitation to anyone, not just allotment holders, to come along at 9am on Saturday January 26th, bringing any tools that they can use or wish to share or just their enthusiasm and a wish to help. I hope that we will get someone with specialist equipment or expertise to do the trickier tasks such as tree pruning, hedgecutting, and shrub removal.

The allotments will then be easier and more attractive to work on, be more productive and look like the village asset that they are. So get oiling those shafts so that your tool is in prime condition for January's challenge!

Thank you,

Ruth Brittain, on behalf of the Farthinghoe Church Piece Allotments Trust

Why go to the gym to work off all the Christmas excesses?

Did you know that there are around 12 miles of public rights of way in our Parish alone?

All are waymarked by a finger post where they leave the highway and by circular markers, for footpaths or bridleways.

Get out and enjoy the fresh air and beautiful countryside, on one of numerous circular walks from Farthinghoe, ranging from one and a half miles up to any distance when linking with adjoining parishes.

On some of the longer walks it's even possible to include a pub stop, don't worry, you can always walk it off afterwards!

Please remember the country code, keep to the paths, close gates, keep dogs on short leads around livestock, don't leave litter.

Your parish footpath warden

Circuit Training at the Village Hall

From 22nd January we will be welcoming Jason who will be running a Circuits Class at the hall on Tuesday evening 7.30 to 8.30pm. Some of the men in the village already know him and his excellent reputation - women are very welcome too. He is also trained to teach children fitness so children accompanied by an adult are also welcome.

Further information can be obtained from Jason on 07843 560286 or email jasonbcleeve@icloud.com



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VILLAGE NOTICES

- Church Cleaning: Tuesday 8 January from 8.30am onwards. We are always glad of new recruits!
- Coffee, Cake & Chat: On Friday 11 January from 10 – 11am in the Church Vestry. There will also be a Raffle. Hope to see you there
- Christmas: Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Church look lovely for Christmas, and to those who took part in our services.

Village Hall Clubs

The Film Club continues to be popular and has obtained a Grant from BFI for its next Comedy showing on 4th January - Life of Brian

A small group has been meeting on Monday evenings for a table tennis session. Any interested parties, please call Wendy Hancock for details.



CARE FOR A COCKTAIL?

Calling all cocktail connoisseurs! This new year please host a cocktail night to raise money for people facing life-limiting illness. Whether you hold it in your home or your favourite pub, pub or restaurant, there's no better time to get together with friends and help your local hospice. Find out how to get involved at www.khh.org.uk/cocktail

RESOLVE TO VOLUNTEER IN 2019

From drivers to gardeners, shop assistants to complementary therapists and receptionists to fundraisers, we're looking for volunteers to join our fantastic team in 2019 and make a real difference to the local community. Whether you have a couple of days a week or a couple of hours a year to spare we have a role for you! We're also excited to share details of two new opportunities to volunteer: supporting patients and carers at home as a Hospice Companion or helping people to get active as a Health Walk leader. Join us for coffee at the hospice on Friday 11 January from 10-11.30am or Tuesday 15 January from 5.30-7pm to find out how you can get involved. For further information or to sign up to attend email volunteering@khh.org.uk or call 01295 816 477.

DID YOU KNOW?

It costs £4.5 million to provide our services every year, and three-quarters of that funding comes from people in the local community, as well as local businesses and trusts and foundations.

Last year we supported more than 800 people facing life-limiting illness in our community. Without your help we simply couldn't do that without your generosity. Thank you for everything you do for your local hospice.

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE EVENTS

We're looking forward to a busy 2019 here at Katharine House, with plenty of fundraising and hospice events throughout the year. From Midnight Walks to mountain treks, open days to volunteer opportunities, you can find out more about what's happening at your local hospice at www.khh.org.uk.

ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE NEWS

THY KINGDOM COME

Join the global wave of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost [from 30th May – 9th June 2019](#).

The Archbishop of Canterbury is calling Christians to join a wave of prayer across the UK and around the world - praying that people you know might know Jesus.

Holiday Club 2019

Please keep the week of **29th July – 2nd August** free for this year's Holiday Club to be held at All Saints CE Primary School, Croughton

Bishop's Bible Day

To be held at Northampton High School [on Saturday 16th March – 9.30am – 4pm](#).

A day with the theme '**The Bible & Mission**'- for all church members. A day of studying the Bible with Bishop Donald.

Open to anyone who is interested in learning more about the Bible.

This event is free (donations welcome).

Rough Guide to the PCC - Parochial Church Council

The PCC looks after the general running of the Church and oversees the finances of the same by law.

The PCC consists of various members; the Rector; 6 or 9 elected PCC members, plus ex-officio member, namely the 2 Churchwardens; Deanery Synod Representatives, and the nominated officers being the **PCC secretary** and the **PCC treasurer**.

All Parochial Church Councillors are elected to and serve for a maximum period of three consecutive years, after which they are required to stand down before seeking re-election. It is ideal if 1/3 of the PCC's members are elected each year.

Any member of the church can stand for election onto the PCC as long as they have registered to be on the Church Electoral Role and are over 18 years of age.

You should find a list of your local PCC members displayed in your church with a list of members on the church Electoral role.

Look out for more 'rough guides' to other church posts in the coming weeks.

And finally - A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new. You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our Spirits to be born again. Thank you for this New Year for all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise Your glorious name. **Amen.**

Benefice Worship in January

Sunday 6 January

10.30am Communion – Farthinghoe

11am Morning Worship – Hinton-in-the-Hedges

Sunday 13 January

10.30am Communion, Croughton

10am Family Worship, Farthinghoe

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