

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....



**PLATINUM JUBILEE
CELEBRATION**

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PASTORAL LETTER JUNE 2022: Revd. Sue Cooper writes

Dear Friends, as I sit writing this letter the view from the Rectory window is glorious. The garden has exploded into a riot of colour and the flowers and shrubs look wonderful. There is constant birdsong, and the peace and tranquillity has the ability to calm the mind after busy times. There is a poem that says we are closer to God in the garden than anywhere else on earth, and I think that is a good assessment.

June is such a wonderful month. We have traditional events like the Wimbledon Tennis Tournament, & we have the longest day on June 21st, better known as the Summer Solstice and the Church will be celebrating Pentecost, which is considered to be “the birthday” of the Church. Everything seems better in the summer, and this year many of the events and festivals that have not taken place over the last two Covid years are now back. Live music is back. Life is back. Hooray!!

This June is exceptional as we are celebrating 70 years of Queen Elizabeth II reign. This really is a glorious event. Our Queen has served faithfully, under God, for longer than any other monarch in our history, and it truly has been a blessing to us that we have had her for so long. Our Queen has a very strong faith, and she has never been afraid to bear witness to God’s sovereignty over her rule and reign, as well as over her personal life. We cannot begin to comprehend the challenges and sacrifices she has made over the years in order to fulfil her duty, but it’s still easy to forget that she is only human like the rest of us. She has the same hopes and fears for her own family as we do, and like us, she has the same desire and concern to see communities across the land living in peaceful harmony, where children and elderly folk are safe and nurtured. She has the same need to be loved and valued as the rest of us, and none of us will forget the sad images of our Queen sitting alone in St George’s chapel in Windsor Castle due to Covid restrictions, as she said farewell to her beloved husband Prince Philip at his funeral last year. She is only human and she suffered like the rest of us during that awful time.

None of us choose the family into which we are born. But all of us are special to God and he desires that we all live lives of purpose and meaning. We are not all born with equal advantage or opportunities in life, but God can certainly open doors and avenues to us that we are not able to access

ourselves. Queen Elizabeth is very aware of God's hand on her life, and the grace that she has received from him to do the work she has been destined to do, and God's grace is upon all of us who faithfully seek to live our lives under his sovereignty. Our Queen is 96yrs old, and she may have slowed down in recent months but she is still making a difference to the world by her contribution. And like her..no matter how young or how old we are, as long as we have life and breath in us we can all contribute in some way to the betterment of society, and to this world.

I do hope you enjoy celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee; it is a once in a lifetime event that we have been truly blessed with.

God bless you all, and God save the Queen.

With love, Rev Sue.

Psalm 71:17-18 "Since my youth, God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvellous deeds. Even when I am old and grey, do not forsake me my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come." Amen.



FARTHINGHOE REUSE AND RECYCLING CENTRE

The Parish Council has received a Press Release from West Northamptonshire Council regarding the reopening of our local reuse and recycling facility:

The new operators of Farthinghoe's popular reuse and recycling centre say they are thrilled with the welcome they have received from the local community.

Lorna Hall and Nick Rodwell, of Ace Reuse Recycling Ltd, took over the running of the facility in mid-March, following its refurbishment by West Northamptonshire Council.

The pair come to Farthinghoe having been successfully rescuing and processing reusable items from Northamptonshire's Household Waste Recycling Centres for the last 12 years, and say they want to maintain the centre's community atmosphere.

Lorna said: "One of the first things I learnt following the reopening is how much of a community space this is. Everyone has been so welcoming and pleased that it has reopened. We want to continue that feeling of community and inclusivity, and welcome all people.

"The site is teeming with wildlife thanks to the nature reserve. It's a unique spot really, unlike any other recycling centre, so while we have plans to make improvements, such as a new compactor to improve cardboard recycling efficiency, we want the centre to continue to have the same feel it has always had."

Lorna and Nick are working with Grow Wild Outreach, a not-for-profit community interest company that supports people with disabilities and mental health challenges to connect with environmental and conservation activities.

"We will be supporting Grow Wild through profits made in the reuse shop on site, so we would like to thank everyone for their kind donations so far – it's really been wonderful," said Lorna.

"We will also support Grow Wild by offering traineeships and volunteering opportunities on site. We will be employing a sub-contractor to service repair appliances on site, and we also are hoping to offer an apprenticeship this year."

The facility, off the A422 Banbury Road, between Brackley and Middleton Cheney, operates five days a week in line with other household waste and recycling centres across the county, closing on Wednesday and Thursday.

Open from 9am to 5pm, the site will continue to accept the same range of materials for recycling and reuse as previously.

New Facebook and Instagram pages have also been launched to help promote the centre.

"It's important to reuse items wherever possible, as it create less waste being sent for recycling or to landfill, said Lorna.

"It also offers affordable items to people with different budgets. The way we consume goods and products has to change, and we need to think more about how we manage our waste.

“Nick and I have been in this industry for years, so you’d think we’d have seen it all by now, but we still get the odd surprise at what people throw away!”

Councillor Phil Larratt, Portfolio Holder for Environment, Highways, Transport and Waste on West Northamptonshire Council, said: “We’re delighted this excellent facility has re-opened and to hear the way the new operators have been welcomed by the local community. I’m sure they will do a fantastic job of running the centre.”



COVID-19 UPDATE

The Parish Council has received the following communication from West Northamptonshire Council:

“The latest figures show that the drop in COVID-19 case rates has been slowest in the over 70s. Sadly we are still seeing deaths from COVID-19 in Northamptonshire and nationally. As our older population were some of the first to get their vaccinations, along with those who are immunocompromised, it’s vitally important to make sure their protection from COVID-19 is topped up, as vaccine effectiveness appears to wane with time. The Spring Booster campaign began in March.

Anyone over 75 who got their previous booster around six months ago is invited to get an additional booster dose of vaccine. Residents of older adult care homes are also eligible to receive the Spring booster jab, as well as people aged 12 and over who are immunosuppressed. This additional booster is currently being offered to those at extremely high risk to help minimise the chance of becoming severely ill with COVID-19 and having to be admitted to hospital.

Will you check if loved ones who are older or immunocompromised have had their Spring Booster? Or have been invited but not yet booked an appointment, or taken up the offer? This can be accessed online at <http://nhs.uk/covidvaccine> or by calling 119.”

FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL



Farthinghoe Parish Council has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor to represent the ward of Steane.

Expressions of interest are welcomed from anyone who is over 18 years old and has an interest in the community.

As a councillor representing your community you will help keep it a great place to live and work. You will be supported in your role and will be expected to undertake training. You should be comfortable working electronically. You should have a positive outlook and a can-do attitude and be willing to work as part of a team.

If you are interested in joining the council, please contact the Clerk, on 07920 888250 email clerk6102@outlook.com or Councillor Mick Morris email chairman@farthinghoeparishcouncil.org for more information.

The Parish Council currently meets in the evening on the second Wednesday of each month in the village hall at 7pm. If you care about your community and would like to help to make a real difference, then why not...

Become a Parish Councillor!

The council is holding a meeting on **8 June 2022 at 7pm**. You will be invited to come along and say briefly why you wish to join the council. There will then be a vote of the existing councillors.

WINNERS!

200 Club Winners – May 2022

- 1st £25 No 71 - Duncan Richardson
- 2nd £15 No 80 - Joel Pearson
- 3rd £10 No51 - Cathy Mellor

Coffee, Cake and Chat

On Friday, June 3rd, from 10 – 11am in the Church.

There will be a raffle. Come and see the Church decorated for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee! All welcome!

Church Cleaning

On Tuesday, June 14th, from 8.30am. Many hands make light work!



MEMORIES OF THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE 1977

At the ripe old age of eight, we had just moved from Bicester to Plympton in Devon when my late father, Ian, was posted to the Royal Navy's Maritime Communications Headquarters in Plymouth: not only a new home and a new school to deal with, but the frenzied excitement of an impending Jubilee. At the time, I had no idea what a Jubilee (of any colour) was and even less that there was a second verse to our National Anthem.

Woodford Primary School was a revelation after the musty, crusty, cane-wielding Victorian austerity of Oxford House in Bicester: a nature reserve, a swimming pool and a sports field. Moreover, there were plenty of classmates from military families who were determined to make the most of the Jubilee celebrations and we launched ourselves into preparations wholeheartedly; with the notable exception of making bunting, a task which soon lost its appeal with the tedium of repetition.

Crowns, orbs and sceptres were, however, a different kettle of fish entirely and our four school ‘houses’ (named after famous local ships – mine being *Revenge*) soon became fiercely competitive. Pity our poor parents whose offspring became increasingly strident in demanding the very best of raw materials necessary to assemble acceptable facsimiles of various elements of the Crown Jewels. Whilst our teachers advised that cotton wool was adequate for ermine and blobs of varnished poster paint were a good match for precious stones, we begged to differ – after all, precious House-Points were at stake! This meant only one thing: a trip to the haberdashery department of Dingles department store in Plymouth which proved to be an experience worthy of an episode of *Are You Being Served?*

Furnished with the necessary paste gemstones, gold beads, purple cloth and fake white fur by a rather haughty lady who really could have passed for Mrs Slocombe, I boarded the bus back to Plympton to construct my pride and joy: a Coronation crown.

Sadly, the ‘quality’ of the raw ingredients did not translate into excellence in execution and despite my best efforts, the object that was presented to my eager classmates looked more like a partially deflated gold and purple Space Hopper with a few gaudy trimmings. It was certainly no match for their resplendent orbs and sceptres; a salutary lesson for a callow eight year old to listen to a teacher’s wiser counsel.

Thankfully my sense of embarrassment and shame wasn’t to last long as in spite of my best efforts to sabotage our house’s chances, my colleagues proved rather more skilled in the manufacture of fake Crown Jewels and we came away with a healthy haul of House-Points – my contribution being a paltry single point ‘for effort’.

It’s hard to believe that 45 years have separated my first experience of a Jubilee with that of my sons, Max and Monty. Farthinghoe School celebrated in a much more appropriate style with a Commonwealth Food Day where each pupil made a national dish from a wonderfully diverse group of countries rather than trying to emulate baubles. I’d like to think that Her Majesty would approve.

Nick Hunt, Ed.



**KATHARINE
HOUSE
HOSPICE**

FROM KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE, ADDERBURY

For inclusion in your May edition
(By email)

It's a busy time at the hospice with so many events and services opening up again. Whether you join us to take on a challenge, sign up to be a volunteer or shop with us – your support makes a difference! Without the generosity of our wonderful community, we couldn't keep caring for local people when they need us the most. Thank you!

Walk this way!

Our Fundraising Team is busy getting ready for the Moonlight Walk on Saturday 16 July. This year, we're going back to the 80s for our flagship fundraising event – and it's going to be spectacular. Get the date in your diary and tell your family and friends. Tickets are available on our website now. khh.org.uk/moonlight

Given HALF a chance...

The Oxford Half Marathon is back on 16 October! Join Team Katharine House for the 13.1 mile run around Oxford's most iconic landmarks and help raise money for our hospice. We'll be there to support you every step of the way. All runners will receive a branded running vest, as well as expert fundraising advice and top tips on training. Sign up now! khh.org.uk/oxford

Dig deep for a good cause

If you love spending time in the great outdoors, then don't miss out on our Open Garden events throughout the spring and summer months. We have some fabulous villages taking part, as well as some private tours and events with limited availability. You can find the full list of our Open Gardens on our website. khh.org.uk/gardens

Welcome return

Our Living Well programme of events is back up and running on Mondays and Thursdays! We are now able to offer bookable sessions for patients and family members to take part in art/craft & photography, mindfulness, hand massage and reflections. We welcome referrals from carers and families of people with a life-limiting illness over the age of 18. If you would like to find out more about Living Well or book one of our sessions, please contact the Living Well team on 01295 228500 or visit the website. khh.org.uk/livingwell

Art with heART

We're on the lookout for Volunteer Artists to support with our Living Well sessions. Could it be you? You don't need to be a modern-day Monet or a budding Banksy! We're looking for people with a keen interest in art who can share knowledge or teach new techniques to encourage our patients to achieve their goals. Without our wonderful volunteers we couldn't offer these valuable sessions to our patients – so we'd love to hear from you. khh.org.uk/volunteer

Did you know...?

As well as our six local shops we also have an eBay store selling a wide variety of items, ranging from men's and women's fashion, through to books and DVDs. So if you can't make it into one of our town centre shops, why not take a look online from the comfort of your own home?

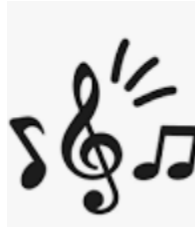
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Astwick Vale Benefice June 2022

DATE Altar Colour	TIME/ SERVICE	CHURCH/LEADER	READINGS
5th June Red Queens Platinum Jubilee. (Pentecost)	9:00 Holy Com, with thanksgiving 10.00 Thanksgiving 11:00 Thanksgiving	Farthinghoe SC Aynho TR Hinton SC	Josh 1: 1-9 Romans 13: 1-10 Matthew 22: 16-22
12th June white Trinity Sunday	9.30am Holy Com 9.30am Morning Worship 10.00 Morning Worship 11.00 Holy Com 6pm Evening prayer	Croughton TR Farthinghoe SC Aynho Lay Led Evenley SC Steane SM	Prov 8: 1-4, 22-31 Rom 5: 1-5 John 16: 12-15 Psalm 73; 1-3, 16-28
19th June Green 1st Sunday after Trinity	10.30am Benefice Service Holy Com Revd Hugh's relicensing	Evenley SC/HW	Isa 65: 1-9 Gal 3: 23-end Luke 8: 26-39
26th June Green 2nd Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Holy Com 9.30am Morning Worship 11:00 M Worship 11.00 Holy Com 4pm Evening/P	Aynho SC Evenley ML Croughton TR Hinton SC Farthinghoe Lay Led	1 kings 19: 15-16, 19-end Gal 5: 1, 13-25 Luke 9: 51-end Psalm 59



BRACKLEY JUBILEE CHOIR ARE RECRUITING

The Brackley Jubilee Choir is a non –auditioning community choir and has been performing in Brackley and surrounding villages for over 40 years.

We sing formal choral works and some concerts of lighter works.

We meet at the Brackley Baptist Church on a Tuesday evening during term time from 7.30pm to 9pm.

If you are interested or have any questions please contact the Secretary; Karen Lesniak 01280 706692 (landline) or 07730 461492(mobile).

New members welcome.
