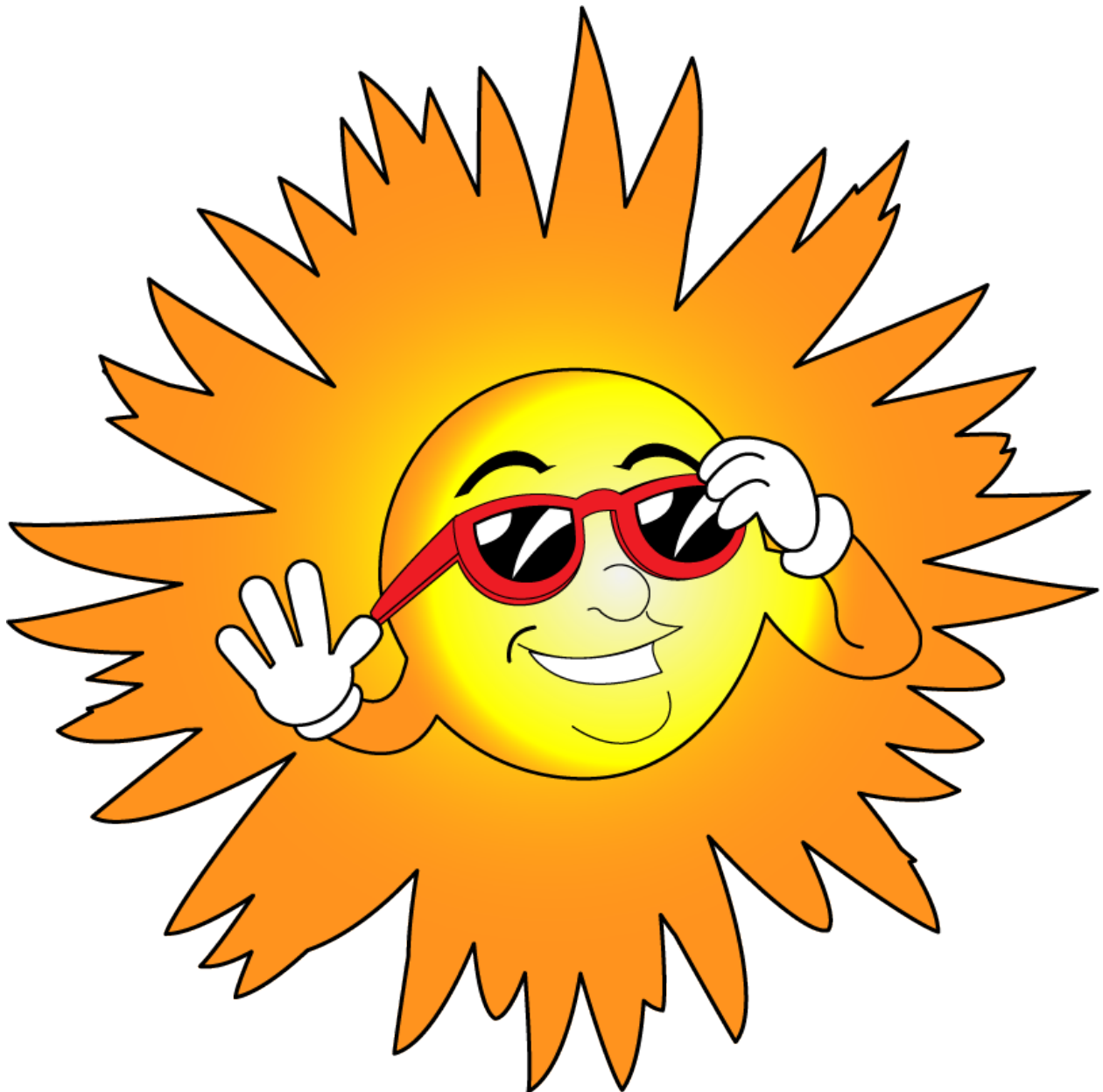


# THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

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



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## Pastoral Letter – June 2020

Dear Friends, can you believe that we are almost half the way through this year already! And what a year it has been. It's hard to tell where we are at with regards to coronavirus, there are so many competing voices; some want to lift lockdown to get everything going again, others are very fearful that any lifting is going to open the door to another spike in cases and lead to many more deaths. There is no easy answer to all of this, and we must pray for all those in Government, and for people who influence decision making, such as scientists. This leaves the ordinary 'man in the street' in an uncomfortable position, of either feeling in limbo and constantly waiting for something to happen, or feeling in a constant state of flux where we feel things are constantly changing and we can't keep up.....what a terribly conflicting position we are in; and this is taking its toll on everybody.

As I write this letter, we are just entering into a week that has two big themes; 'Mental Health Awareness week', and 'Thy Kingdom Come' Season in the Church. And I see the two as very much connected.

As its theme this year Mental Health Awareness week is focusing on 'Kindness'. The interesting thing is that Kindness is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. The fruits of the Holy Spirit are a kind of litmus test to show Christians where we are in regards to our walk with the Lord. If Christians are not displaying the fruits of the Spirit, it will damage the credibility of the Church, and raises questions. But the fruits of the Spirit come to life in a person who is connected to the tree as it were; fruit cannot appear from nowhere, it has to grow on a tree, and get its life from the tree. So it is with the fruit of the Holy Spirit; we need to stay connected to Jesus, who said of himself, I am the true Vine. The main way we stay connected to God is through prayer. And Jesus is our example, as he was always taking himself off to quiet places to connect with his Father in prayer, and to be refreshed and empowered for life.

Most people are kind to others, and we have even seen a wonderful increase in kindness in our communities, but many folk are not kind to themselves, and that is a shame. I spoke about this recently in one of my regular messages by email, because God has been speaking to me about this. We are coming through this terrible time, and one thing that is evident is that everybody is doing the very best they can to help, and to offer kindness in any way they are able to, given the restrictions. The other thing that is evident is that more people are praying. Please be kind to yourself, you are doing the best you can, and please know that God is with you and loves you.

God bless you, with love Revd Sue



## **Chairman's Summary for the 2019/2020 year**

This has been a most unusual year, the kind of year that few of us have ever experienced before, nor want to experience again. It has been a year in which most communities have had to react with considerable discipline and fortitude.

As a Parish we have certainly stood up to be counted and I am so very proud of that. Of particular significance was the establishment of a volunteer group by Julia to assist with the shopping and other needs of those designated to be most vulnerable.

There is a billowing atmosphere of Community Spirit everywhere & a tremendous will to help those who need help the most.

It had been intended that the Farthinghoe & Steane Annual Parish Meeting for 2019/2020 would be held in the village hall on Monday April 27. However, the rapidly changing situation with the onset of the Coronavirus resulted in public gatherings being prohibited by the Government and thus the consequent postponement/cancellation of the APM.

The APM was to have incorporated a Farthinghoe Primary School Presentation and Video of a project prepared by staff and pupils over the course of the 2019/2020 academic year.

Along with the school presentation, we had hoped to incorporate a presentation by the Brackley Community Hospital 2020 Trust outlining the progress so far and their aims & needs for the future. Details of the intended Hospital presentation were published in the May edition of the Farthinghoe Chronicle. It is intended that we revert to these presentations at a convenient & safer time in the future.

During this year there has been a change within the Parish Council with Mary Amos resigning in June from her role as the Farthinghoe and Steane Parish Clerk. We are indebted to Mary for her considerable efforts whilst working with the Parish Council and for staying on in the post until such time as her replacement could be found and indeed helping us greatly in the ensuing search & procedures.

In October 2019 Dave Weston was welcomed as our new Parish Clerk. Dave is a retired Police Inspector from the Northants Constabulary hailing from Pattishall, near Towcester

Dave has immediately immersed himself in contributing to the village needs and events.

The responsibilities of a Parish Clerk have considerably increased in their complexities recently, encompassing many added tasks and legalities. Keeping up to date with and implementing these changes has resulted in the working hours needing to be doubled in the last 18 months. We have also been warned that we need to prepare for more responsibilities once the Unitary Council becomes operational. At this stage we have received no indicators of what those responsibilities might entail, but we must try to be ready.

Road Safety and the Bypass have majored again during this year. Despite several setbacks in 2019 sufficient funding has now been committed jointly by SNC and NCC to enable the Farthinghoe Bypass Project to be progressed & designed to the point of full Planning Approval being obtained. We would like to thank Cllr Rebecca Breese, our County and District Councillor, for her diligent and patient endeavours in helping to broker this joint County & District Council initiative.

This is a big step forward as it will enable all parties involved, including our MP Andrea Leadsom, SNC, NCC, and SEMLEP, to push hard with various Government Departments to seek and obtain further funding sources for the actual building phase of the road. Andrea Leadsom has planned a meeting with all parties during June to progress this subject, a meeting which John Grant and I will be attending.

A report of this meeting, be it actual or virtual, will be circulated as soon as it is available. In the interim period we have been awarded a £95,000.00 Road Safety grant by HS2 which will be used to improve the safety of the school crossing traffic lights along with the road on the approaches to the lights. This work was originally planned for May, but has now been fixed to begin on August 24th.

We have been waiting for a long time for NCC and HS2 to combine to provide us with data concerning the potential migration of traffic from the Welsh Lane to the A422 once HS2 construction begins, but continually promises made are not being kept. Herein hides another important additional reason why we need a bypass in place at the earliest possible juncture.

It is also the intention of the Parish Council to lobby SNC and NCC to seriously investigate schemes to address the continued use of Queen Street as a rush hour rat run. This will be followed up as soon as daily life returns to some normality.

The Parish Council has responsibility for the two village bus shelters to ensure that they are in good condition and are fit & safe for purpose, allowing us to meet the obligations of our Public Liability insurance and to provide adequate protection to bus users, both from the weather & from the wind & spray generated by the ever increasing passing traffic. It is now clear that both of the shelters are in need of considerable repair & updating. Quotations have been received for such repairs, but with more Government Grants becoming available (some of which may need a Parish Council contribution) it is

now apparent that a better course of action may be to research the supply and installation of new and more protective shelters. An application has now been submitted to SNC under their recently introduced Community Grant scheme and we should learn more during July.

For some considerable time now, several years in fact, there have been serious problems with sewers and drains, particularly on the Main Road and in Chapel Lane. It has not been easy to identify the responsible authority and then to get them exercise that responsibility. However, we believe that this problem is now solved, but we will still be keeping a close eye on the situation throughout next winter to verify this.

Farthinghoe Village Hall started the 2019/2020 year in rude shape, but thanks to the continued fine efforts of the Village Hall Committee & the Events Committee it has become even better. This year it has acquired a lovely wooden floor made from bamboo, along with which a new skirting board heating system has been installed, as has wi-fi. More improvements are planned including the introduction of water heating & Solar Panel electricity generation. Our thanks to all who have been involved.

Again, we have Ollie, Rosemary, Vivienne & Jenny to thank for the monthly preparation & distribution of the Farthinghoe Chronicle along with Ellie & Alice recently.

The Playpark is again looking in fine fettle with thanks to Jon for his sterling efforts.

The Precept for next year has been increased to take care of some considerable additional needs this year which include:

Increasing the working hours of the Parish Clerk considerably to meet the additional responsibilities

- To contribute to the replacement of the bus shelters if required.
- To prepare for future repairs or replacement of IT equipment

N.Calc had advised us that as a Parish Council we are under prepared for possible future responsibilities following the switch to a Unitary Council, but as mentioned earlier we have to second guess these needs at the moment.

I would like add that I feel so privileged to call this village my home.

Yours Sincerely,  
Mick Morris  
Chairman

## FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Main Road, Farthinghoe, Brackley, Northants, NN13 5PA.



On the afternoon of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, under Government instruction, Farthinghoe Primary School closed its doors to its staff and pupils. It was a sad and difficult day, but we reassured ourselves with the timely and appropriate message “We’ll meet again”.

During our national lockdown, we have continued to open our doors to those children of key works and all of our pupils have been working through literacy and maths work packs. The children have completed the work diligently and have had regular online meets with their teachers and peers.

Along with the educational packs, our pupils and their families have been encouraged to complete a weekly activity, set by our staff.

Week 1 was Mr Elson’s 2.6 challenge – encouraging everyone to keep active, whether it be cycling 2.6km or jumping on the trampoline 26 times!

Mrs Farrell’s gardening challenge was hugely successful, with many of our families creating their own miniature ponds in their gardens.

Our Art challenge, set by Mrs Whitehouse showed just how artistic our pupils are, and we were amazed by the quality of the work they produced.

Ms Turner sent us all on an ‘Around the World in 80 Days Challenge’ which saw many of us visit different places across the world via virtual tours and guides.

In recent weeks our families have been inspired to ‘Become a Designer’ and using their Design & Technology skills, they have been making some fantastic miniature vehicles.

During our closure we have encouraged our families to share photographs of all they have been doing and enjoying. During the VE Celebrations, we invited everyone to a virtual picnic and loved to hear about the way our families celebrated with their neighbours – one of our pupils held a social distancing BINGO game and another held a charity cake sale. The photos have been collated into an online gallery – please do take a look on our website (<http://www.farthinghoeprimaryschool.co.uk/school-closure---gallery.html>)

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June we will reopen our school gates to our Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils. Things will be a little different in school but we are all hugely excited about the children returning. We will continue to follow Government guidelines and we truly hope it won’t be long before “We’ll meet again”.



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## **St Michael and All Angels Church, Farthinghoe**

Work to replace the roof on the Church's south aisle will be starting on 15th June and there will be external scaffolding going up. The contractors anticipate that it will take approximately 4 weeks to complete.

### **Numbers Quiz - Answers**

1. In the 12 Days of Christmas which number are swans associated with? (7)
2. How many days in a year? (365 apart from in a leap year)
3. How many dots on a standard dice? (21)
4. In latin quattuor and sex add up to? (4 plus 6 equals 10)
5. Roaring is used to describe which 20th century decade? (20s)
6. Purity gold has how many carats? (24)
7. Referring to being on cloud what refers to being very happy or even elated? (9)
8. How many miles in a marathon? (26.2)
9. Traditionally what number of years in an anniversary is symbolized by silver? (25)
10. Each player begins with how many pieces in a chess game? (16)





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Miss B Johnson

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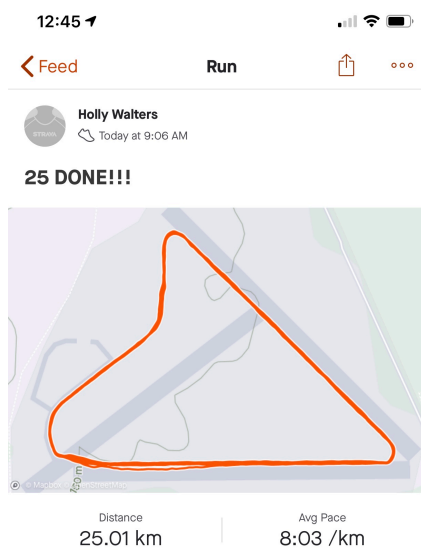
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# Thank you Farthinghoe, 25 Kilometre run complete!



Sunday 24th May 2020. Luckily the weather was fine and sun came out although at times I was fighting the wind.

My family came to support along with some people from the village which was a huge help thank you.





Below is a list of meals The Fox at Farthinghoe is offering each day throughout the week, along with a list of groceries we offer.

**Monday - Closed**  
**Tuesday - Burger night between 5-8pm**  
**Wednesday - Pizza night between 5-8pm**  
**Thursday - KFC fakeaway between 5-8pm**  
**Friday - Fish and chips between 5-8pm**  
**Saturday evening - Curry/Steak night between 5-8pm**  
**Sunday - Roast dinners between 12-4pm**

Our shops is also open every evening (excluding Monday's) between the hours of 4.30-8pm. We have bread, milk, flour, butter, orange juice, beer, larger, wine, cider, eggs and bottled water. We can also order in selected supplies.

For any more information please call us on 07870828048 or 01295 713965.

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**Sarah and Scott would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support.**



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THE SANDWICHES AND  
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CELEBRATION SPECIAL!"

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