

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....



The clocks going back, autumn leaves and chillier weather can only mean it's getting time for Bonfire Night! But there's a lot more than just 5th November to remember....

For a start we have the **Farthing-Hoe-Down** this month on **Saturday 19 November**. Do come along and join in the fun. Then, on **Friday 25 November**, the Village School has its **Christmas Fayre** to get us all in the mood for the festive season.

For further details on this and much more, see inside

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RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS – NOVEMBER 2016

You cannot get away from the Christmas marketing in the shops, you may already have eaten your first or second mince pie. I am told they don't taste the same after Christmas, I have been told by others that money is short at this time of year because of Christmas. I assume because of presents to buy rather than donations to charity. So as we all start to get ready for Christmas, let us start to think also about the man behind the celebration.

So let me tell you a story: Once a man fell over a cliff and, half way down, managed to grab hold of a shrub and break his fall. Dangling precariously, he looked first up, then down, and realised that if he was going to survive he would need a miracle. Lifting his eyes to the heavens, he shouted, 'Is there anybody up there?'

To his amazement, a voice inside his head whispered, 'Yes, I am up here.'

'I need help!' he screeched.

'Put your foot on the tiny toehold, reach your hand to the jutting rock, let go of the shrub, and inch by inch I will stay with you all the way to the bottom of the cliff.'

Terrified at the prospect, the man pleaded, 'I was thinking of something more miraculous.'

'That's not the deal on offer,' came the voice. 'But if you trust me, I won't leave you at any moment until the very end.'

There was a long, thoughtful silence. And then the man called out, 'Is there anybody else up there?'

Not a true story, of course, but full of truths! The most important is that humans did not invent God; God invented humans. Our challenge, as centuries have gone by, has been to work out what that God is like. Christians, and before them, the Jews, believe that the sole God, stupendously powerful though he is, is one who can be known. And, more remarkable still, God knows each human as an individual.

We are not alone! Great, humble, young, old, able-bodied, disabled, believer, atheist, or half way down a cliff - no one is alone!

God Bless you all, Revd Simon Dommett

At October's Parish Council Northamptonshire County update on the bypass proposal. Responses from 3 of the 4 Environment Agency, Historic



meeting, Chris Wragg of Council Highways provided an statutory respondents, the England and Natural England,

had been received. All three responses advised on potential concerns as would be expected at this early stage. No response had been received from Canals and Rivers, but as there is nothing to affect these areas, this was not unexpected. South Northants Council acknowledged the fact that work is being done and whilst it is recognised to be at an early stage, welcomed the principle.

In summary, there was nothing in the responses to cause inherent problems by contradicting the results of the public consultation. Chris Wragg will now be writing the paper to present at the November Cabinet meeting, when he will ask to Cabinet to add the bypass to the council's forward programme of road schemes. That decision will add the project to the official list; it will not confirm any funding.

The increase in traffic with the building which is taking place locally would add weight to the argument for the bypass and it is therefore important to continue to monitor the traffic situation. It was recognised that increased distribution centres in the area are having an impact on traffic through the villages and that weekend traffic has picked up significantly, presumably due to the Banbury Gateway retail park.

It was clarified that the £800K to £1M required to take the project to the next stage would come from the annual budget, which is government funded and therefore relatively safe. Full funding would come primarily from bidding for government funds. If it were possible to get matched funding from elsewhere, this would increase accessibility to government funds. Should the project be approved for listing and funding be provided for further investigation, more detailed work will be needed, in particular from an environment point of view, and this would need to be completed before determining a preferred route. Environmental research would cover such areas as housing, traffic impacts, noise, air quality, landscape, use of natural resources, historic heritage and bio diversity. This work will lead to making a more formal decision on the preferred route. It is expected that a further consultation will take place at some point during that process, as the route may be slightly revised.

Parish councillors are looking to attend the November cabinet meeting and we also hope to have a further update from Chris Wragg at the December parish council meeting.

On more day-to-day matters for the parish council, we continue to monitor the service provided in respect of street and pavement sweeping, grass cutting and weed treatment, which is believed to be less than satisfactory. We are clarifying the amount paid to the council for these services to establish whether it would be a viable alternative to take the responsibility directly, giving us greater control over the standard of delivery.

On street parking in the village is always an issue. Please park considerably and in particular, keep pavements clear to allow general pedestrians, the visually impaired and parents with prams and pushchairs to walk about the village safely and without having to move into the roadway.

The next Parish Council meeting will be Wednesday, 9th November 2016 at 7.00pm in the Beasley Room at the Village Hall. Public time will be from 7.00pm to 7.15pm.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE NEWS

The Village Hall AGM took place on Wednesday 26th October. A new committee was voted in and Philippa Clayton has succeeded, Pete Hampson as Chairman. Considerable thanks must go to Pete for all his hard work and enthusiasm over many years associated with the Village Hall. He leaves a strong legacy - a good financial position and a well maintained hall.

The new committee consists of representatives from the Parish Council, Parochial Church Council and David Hancock (Secretary), Philippa Clayton (Chair), Stephen Bunce (Treasurer), Jonathan Hampson, Wendy Hancock, Beste Bragge, Diane Jones, Ryan Jones and George Beasley who was invited to become an honorary Committee member.

Many thanks to all who attended the Annual General Meeting for taking an interest in a very important village asset. The new committee will be making contact over the coming months to ensure the facility is meeting the needs of the village. Next month's update will include contact details for those wishing to become more involved.

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THE FARTHING-HOE-DOWN

THE GOOD THE BAD AND THE UGLY

Saturday 19TH November
The Village Hall

Doors open at 7.30pm, with a free Kicking Cowboy cocktail.
Dancing starts at 8.00pm to a live band and caller

Get ready to jingle those spurs and kick those Cuban heels!

- Cowboy supper of Apache chilli and jackets, veggie option, too
 - Bring your own drinks (and glasses)
 - Ticket Price £15 each
- Western themed karaoke slot games.

Cowboy Heads and Tails Competition:

-  Submit photos of your Cowboy's ass in jeans
-  Cowgirls with a moustache and disguised with a cowboy hat pulled down low
-  Then send the pictures to Pip by 14 November to go in the Wanted gallery

Spectacular Prizes for Best Dressed - and, Best Dancer!

Are you a Bad Cowboy, a Good Mexican or just ugly?

Tickets available from Pip Clayton 07717 855727 or Wendy Hancock 01295 711345

We are appealing for the following:

Karaoke machine
Empty beer bottles and cans

EVENTS COMMITTEE: Pip Clayton, Lucie Pearson, Lois Ashburner, Wendy Hancock, Jane Mills

Please book early so that we have an idea of numbers



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ON THE DELICIOUS BREAD
AND TASTY FILLINGS FOR
THE SANDWICHES AND
HOW FRESH THEY WERE -
IT WAS SO NICE TO HAVE
HOMEMADE. THE LOVELY
SPREAD REALLY MADE OUR
CELEBRATION SPECIAL!”
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**KATHARINE
HOUSE
HOSPICE**

KATHARINE HOUSE HAS A NEW LOOK AND A NEW WEBSITE!

Over the next few months you'll notice a difference in the way we look. We're still the same Katharine House that has looked after local families facing life-limiting illnesses for over 25 years, but we've updated our look and feel to prepare us for the next 25 years, because we believe it's important to truly reflect what an organisation is like; its philosophy, its vision and what it feels like when you walk through the door.

On our website you can now securely donate, register for the Santa Fun Run, or buy a Christmas card with the click of a button on your computer, tablet or phone. It's much easier for you and it saves us time and money when we process everything at our end. We've also changed the structure of the site so that it's easier for you to find what you need and clear for you to understand. That's how we'd talk things through with you if you visit us in person, so we think it should be the same on our website. You can see all the changes at www.khh.org.uk

SANTA FUN RUN – SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER, SPICEBALL PARK

We hope you'll join us for our 7th annual Santa Fun Run to raise funds for your local hospice. You can run (or walk!) the route for fun, fitness, or in memory of family or friends. Bring your family, or sign up to run with co-workers or your sports team. For further information, visit <https://www.khh.org.uk/Event/santa-fun-run> or pick up a leaflet from one of our shops.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Our ever popular Christmas cards are now on sale in our shops, and you can also buy them direct from our new website. To buy your cards online, please visit our online shop at <https://www.khh.org.uk/pages/shop/departments/christmas>

LIGHTS OF LOVE SERVICES 2016

We'd like to invite you to our Lights of Love services this December. If you'd like to remember someone special, or just want to be around other people who are also thinking of loved ones this Christmas, we hope you'll join us in Banbury or Brackley. If you'd like to dedicate a light in memory of someone special, please visit www.khh.org.uk or pick up a leaflet from one of our shops. The services are as follows:

LIGHTS OF LOVE SERVICE – BANBURY: THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER, 7PM AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH

LIGHTS OF LOVE SERVICE – BRACKLEY: THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER, 7.30PM AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH

VILLAGE NOTICES

- Church Cleaning: This will be on Tuesday 8 November from 8.30am onwards. Are you good with a duster? Then why not come and join us!
- Advance notice of Christmas Coffee & Mince pies morning on Friday 2 December in the Vestry, from 10am - 12noon. Bring & Buy and also a Raffle.
- Mothers' Union: The Travelling nativity starts its journey around homes in the village on Advent Sunday (27 November). If you would like the nativity to stay at your house for the night please let me Rosemary Jarvis know on 01295 711130.



Farthinghoe School will be holding their Christmas Fayre on **Friday 25th November**, from 6-8 pm in the Village Hall.

Please join us for an evening of festivities – there will be stalls, activities, refreshments, and maybe – if we are all good – a visit from Santa! Hope to see you there.



COMPOST CORNER NOVEMBER 2016

The days are shortening and cooling down - November is here! However, there is still plenty that can be done in the garden. Whatever you do, enjoy the garden - don't "put your garden to bed", as some authorities advise.



Leaves will still be falling - they can be collected for leaf mulch, spread on an empty bed, or packed loosely into a waterproof container, such as an old compost bag, to rot down into leaf mold for next year's compost.

Prune roses down by one third to help avert wind damage, should you be suffering from wind.

Plant some tulips, perhaps, ready for a dramatic spring display. Make sure the bulbs are planted at least 4 inches deep below the surface and in very well drained soil or compost, perhaps placed on a bed of grit.

Winter bedding plants such as primroses, pansies and the smaller, prettier violas will brighten up the garden right now. What about putting them on top of the places/pots where you have planted the tulips?

Now is the time to think about what seeds to buy next year. Try some new varieties, perhaps. Here are some of my favourites:

Runner beans – Enorma

Peas – Hurst Greenshaft

Hyptis capitata – Knobweed, which needs hardening off after pricking out.

But what I *really* want for Christmas is a B.M.W. No, silly! Not a car, but *Rhodochiton volubilis*; a climbing plant carrying purple bell flowers with purple, black protruding centres.

What does B.M.W. stand for? Answers in the Christmas Quiz at The Fox...

Happy gardening!

Mrs. Trellis

BENEFICE WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER

6^t November – Trinity 24

- 6pm** **Taizé Worship ~ FARTHINGHOE**
11am Holy Communion ~ AYNHO
11am Morning Worship ~ HINTON
11am Holy Communion ~ EVENLEY

13th November ~ Remembrance Sunday

- 10:15am Service followed by Act of Remembrance AYNHO
10:50am Act of Remembrance on the Green EVENLEY
10:50am Act of Remembrance CROUGHTON
10:50am Remembrance Service at HINTON
6pm **Remembrance Service at FARTHINGHOE**

20th November

- 9:30am Communion ~ CROUGHTON-Reading Room
11am Communion ~ AYNHO
11am 9:30 Family 'Toy' Service ~ EVENLEY
11am Communion ~ HINTON
6pm **BCP Evensong ~ FARTHINGHOE**

27th November ~ Blessing of Cribs

- 10am Benefice Communion at EVENLEY
4:00pm Pizza Praise ~ EVENLEY
 Family Service with PIZZA

**Croughton All Saints Church - Cheese and Wine party
At Croughton Village Hall
On Saturday 19th November - 7:00pm**

with singing and entertainment from
Heather Dommett and Kevin O'Regan and Friends
Tickets in advance from
Angie Robbins 01869 811445
Mary Marriot 01869 810267
only £10
includes a complimentary glass of wine.

Christmas at The Fox

Great Food & Drinks

A choice of menus with our Feast Menu, see over, suited for parties & groups of all sizes from 2 to 40+

Our Main Menu for smaller groups with all our traditional favourites & some seasonal touches

Lunchtime lighter meals including our sandwich menu

What do you fancy A reserved area to drink & a buffet to Suit? Ask for suggested menus & more ideas

Mulled Wine Winter Warmer Ales
Plenty of Bubbly The Fox Cocktail List

Bedrooms

Don't forget we have 4 lovely en-suite bedrooms & can offer some great rates for staying over after a meal, or for your visitors over the festive period

Events

- Sunday 4th Big Karaoke Night
Sunday 18th The Fox Village Quiz Night
Sunday 25th Christmas Day open for drinks 11.30am to 1.30pm
Saturday 31st Dine, if you wish from our big menu, or just come along for a few drinks, then stay & see the New Year in with a great playlist and bubbly through to 1am

Details

For more details of all our December menus & events please go to the Christmas pages on our website, call us or pop in and pick up the information you need & make your booking

The Fox at Farthinghoe

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