

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....



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PASTORAL LETTER SEPTEMBER 2021

Dear Friends,

I hope you have had an enjoyable August especially if you have been away on holiday. As we head into September thoughts of autumn and Harvest festivals fill our minds. Harvest Festival is still one of the major Christian festivals of the year in our Churches, and there is something very nostalgic about it. It reminds us of happy times when all kinds of produce were brought into Churches and schools; and Harvest continues to allow us an opportunity to give thanks to God for the food we eat, and for the cycle of seasons that produce it, along with farmers, factory workers,, lorry drivers and shops who supply it. In our Churches folk will donate an array of produce, which will either go to the foodbank to help families, or be auctioned off and the money given to Charity. In the past we saw a lot of fruits and vegetables at our Harvest festivals, but we are just as likely to see packets of pasta, tins of tomatoes and boxes of cereals now. Harvest festival allows us to reflect on, and be grateful for, all the food we have in the UK; we are very blessed.

In the past few weeks when I have gone shopping I noticed (for the first time since the toilet roll shortages last year) there were empty shelves in the supermarkets, and staff frantically stuffing goods onto shelves to fill the empty spaces. There have been supply problems due to covid related staffing problems and a shortage of lorry drivers. It made me realise how much I take for granted. We are fortunate in the UK that there is still plenty to go around, but it did make me wonder what would happen if the shelves could not be stocked?

In recent years in the Church of England September has been designated as “Creationtide Season”, where we focus on issues such as living with a focus on sustainability, and tackling climate change, and in recent months all of this is fast becoming an urgent imperative for the whole of society, rather than just a personal life style choice.

Our planet is a beautiful gift from God, who created it just right for us to live on,,,,,but sadly in our generation we are seeing so much loss on the planet because of humankind’s unsustainable appetite for consumption. I have found myself longing to live in simpler ways and reminiscing back to a time when the milk float used to come round every morning. It was an electric vehicle and the milk was in glass bottles which, when empty, were collected and washed and reused. In those days ham and cheese were bought at a shop counter, cut to your required needs, and wrapped in paper. We used to live in a sustainable way! Where did it go wrong?

There certainly is a growing movement for simpler living and it seems that we will all be driving electric vehicles in a few years’ time. But now it is not just about wistfully looking back to when things were simpler and more sustainable, now it is about consciously looking forward to preserve our planet for future generations.

In our Creation story in the Bible, God gave humans the responsibility of looking after the earth and the animals, the wildlife, the vegetation and everything he had created. It is a big responsibility, and we cannot take any of this for granted anymore...it is all a gift, and it is in our power to cherish it, or to just use it up and wear it out. It is in our power to preserve it for our children and grandchildren, or to leave them with problems that may be irreversible. Harvest has always been a great time to thank God for all of his gifts in creation. This year however we can do more than give thanks...we can choose also to change certain aspects of the way we live, in an effort to ensure a lasting future for those we love...and for those coming after them. God bless you all,

With love Rev Sue x



Please find the following which we have received from West Northamptonshire Council:

Consultation on four northern route options was undertaken between 6 November 2020 and 3 January 2021. The intention was to designate a preferred route which would then be the basis of further work to develop the scheme. Owing to coronavirus restrictions, the consultation was hosted on-line with two webinars being held. A total of 400 leaflets were distributed to the village and surrounding area, and 430 responses were received.

The first consultation question asked whether Farthinghoe needed a bypass:

- 87% supported a bypass
- 11% did not support a bypass
- 2% did not know

The second question asked about preference for a northern or southern route:

- 65% supported a northern bypass
- 13% supported a southern bypass
- 10% did not support a bypass
- 12% did not know

The next question asked about support for the specific northern route options which has been presented:

	Strongly Support	Support	Neither support nor object	Object	Strongly Object	Don't Know
Northern Route V0/Blue	10%	20%	22%	19%	24%	5%
Northern Route V1/Orange	48%	16%	12%	6%	12%	5%
Northern Route V2/Purple	18%	27%	25%	9%	16%	5%
Northern Route V3/Magenta	18%	24%	24%	9%	20%	6%

These results show clear support for a bypass and for a northern route over a southern route. Of the four options presented for consultation, there was a clear preference for Northern Route V1/Orange over the other three.

I hope that this is helpful. The full Consultation Report will shortly be published on the website at <https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/northamptonshire-highways/major-highway-projects/Pages/a422-farthinghoe-bypass-consultation.aspx>.

A report is being prepared for September's WNC Cabinet meeting to update Cabinet on the consultation and to recommend how best to progress the scheme.

I should also stress that the outputs from the consultation will be used alongside other technical information to guide any recommendation to WNC's Cabinet regarding a preferred route.

Kind regards,

Nick Henstock, **Head of Highways and Transport, Place and Economy Directorate**



Below are 2 excerpts from the Summer Update which have just been received from Andrea Leadsom MP:

We hope to be able to circulate a further update concerning the Bypass once the West Northants Cabinet meeting has taken place on 11 September.

The mention in the HS2 element concerns the possible migration of everyday traffic from the Welsh Lane to the A422 once HS2 Construction begins in earnest. I had presented this scenario to Andrew Stephenson MP requesting to know what measures could be considered to mitigate this fear. A reply is awaited

Farthinghoe Bypass

I have met with representatives from West Northamptonshire Council to argue for work on the Farthinghoe Bypass to begin. The authority has confirmed that an update paper regarding the Farthinghoe Bypass will be brought to West Northamptonshire Council's September Cabinet meeting. The paper will provide the results of the latest consultation and the work proposed to progress this scheme with a view to developing an application for the Levelling Up Fund. The highways team are also considering shorter term options to help alleviate traffic issues in the village.

HS2

I continue to raise individual constituent problems directly with the HS2 Minister, and I was pleased that one of his very first 'line of route' visits post the lifting of lockdown restrictions was to South Northamptonshire. Andrew Stephenson MP visited Radstone and Chipping Warden, hearing directly from constituents about their concerns. He also met with the South Northants Active Travel Group and heard about the impact of HS2 construction traffic on Farthinghoe.

200 CLUB WINNERS – AUGUST 2021

1st Prize £25 – 75 Bud Mason
2nd Prize £15 – 16 Val King
3rd Prize £10 – 17 Christine Hunt

FARTHINGHOE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The hall continues to be very busy with parties - carefully vetted - and the regular hirers. For those of you new to the village - a BIG welcome. In addition to our very friendly local pub, which, incidentally, does lovely food we have several other regular community events. Besides the church services, a friendly Coffee and Chat Friday morning is held once a month in our beautiful old church. The Village Hall also hosts a Books and Bakes afternoon, when we offer tea and cake for £1.50 and a library of books to browse through and take away to read. Lots of opportunities to meet the villagers and chat too. These events are all advertised in the Chronicle.

Please look on the Village Hall website for further information and contact numbers www.farthinghoevillagehall.org

If you want to hold an event at the hall, all you need to know is on the website too. You will find our Booking Secretary, Marjorie Morris very helpful and she will happily show you around the hall. Email marjoriemorris@hotmail.co.uk The hire charge for villagers is only £5 an hour!

Our new kitchen has been purchased and we are now awaiting fitting.

Books at the Church

We realise it might not be easy for you to attend our monthly Books and Bakes sessions but you like reading. Therefore, we are putting a monthly changing selection of books in the vestry of the church. You are welcome to take books away or add to the selection. The next project to improve our church will be to provide a toilet. It would be very much appreciated that in return for your book you contribute some money towards this asset in the locked safe next to the door.

Here are two of the books that Lynne Lee and I have both read and would thoroughly recommend this month. You will find them in the church:

The Lido by Libby Page

This is a lovely read about community, friendship and how ordinary people can come together and make a stand.

'The lido holds so many memories for us all.

For children who have never been to the seaside.

For parents it is the memory of seeing their child swim for the first time - that moment when you just have to let go and let them fly'

We read the book for our Book Club that used to meet before lockdown and we all loved it!

The House Opposite - by Barbara Noble

Published in 1941 'The House Opposite' is an evocative and well crafted illustration of life in London during the Blitz. The author herself lived through this terrible time; and her writing provides a vivid and poignant portrayal of the horrors of war; and of the stoicism and bravery displayed by those 'ordinary' Londoners who had to try to survive as best they could.

An excellent read, especially for those who enjoy Social History - and a true depiction of 'how things were' during the dark days of WW2.

Our next Books and Bakes afternoon will be Friday, 24th September starting at 2pm. Coffee / tea and a slice of cake is £1.50. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Farthinghoe Church

Summer

FETE

Sunday
5th Sept 2021

12.30pm start

At : Farthinghoe Lodge
NN13 5NX

Stalls, Raffle and Games

Tea, Cakes and BBQ

VILLAGE NOTICES

- Church Fete: Sunday 5th September from 12.30 to 4pm at Farthinghoe Lodge, by kind invitation of Mrs Ruth Dashwood. Stalls, games, raffle, teas and B.B.Q. The Melochords will play for us during the afternoon!
- Church Cleaning: On Tuesday 14th September from 8.30am
- Macmillan Coffee Morning: Will take place on Wednesday 15th September from 10 – 11.15am in the Village Hall. Bring and Buy and Raffle. Please support people living with cancer.
- Harvest Festival: On Sunday 26th September at 6pm. Any gifts of flowers etc. most welcome, and help in arranging them! Gifts of tinned or dry goods will be given to Brackley Food Bank.

ALLOTMENTS

A reminder to all allotment holders that rents are due on the first Monday in September. Each plot costs £12 per year.

Ruth Brittain and Henry Bankes-Jones, the allotment trustees, will be in the church vestry from 7pm on Monday 6th September to receive rental monies. Alternatively, payments may be made via online banking, specifying the account details, below:

Account name: Church Wardens Tst Church Piece

Sort code: 40-09-02

Account number: 41727885

Reference: Plot holder's name

N.B. If you make your payment via online banking, PLEASE ALSO send a text message to Ruth Brittain on 07951 755 171 to confirm that you have done so.

If anyone intends to vacate their allotment, please could you advise the trustees so that the plot can be offered to those on the waiting list.

The Village Show

Before the last village show in 2019 villagers created some fantastic scarecrows - Pauline and Bud Mason won with their clever depiction of Doctor Foster went to Gloucester. Well I didn't appreciate how difficult it is to create a scarecrow until we started to make Humpty Dumpty!

So this year, to get us in the mood, let's make it celebratory and dress up the village - but let's make it simple!

Please hang bunting on your house. Either handmade or bought and we are celebrating Autumn and the Harvest Festival. Let's make the village look cheerful and colourful, in time for the Village Show. A prize will be awarded for the most imaginative bunting and the winner will be announced at the show. To ensure we all have a chance to enjoy the dressed up village, would you please put your bunting up by the 21st September. We will decorate the church porch too.

The children at the school will be completing a quiz which will involve them looking for letters in windows or on doors or gates which when put in the correct order will create a sentence - the length of which will depend on how many of you are happy to have a letter on display. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE WILLING TO DISPLAY A LETTER, email me on wendy.gainford@gmail.com - I will assign you a letter, please make it large enough to be spotted easily - just simple or in colour, as you like, in lower case.

Here's what's happening on Show day!

Sunday 26th September

Doors to open for produce competitors - 10am
Judging to take place at 11am

Midday - SHOW OPENS!

Bar open

BBQ from 12.30pm

Cream teas and ice creams from 2.30pm

GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

Bouncy Castle

Morris Dancers - Sharp and Blunt

Our Schoolchildren will be Singing Songs from the Musicals

Dogs for the Good

Table Tennis Tournament - come and demonstrate your skills and perhaps win a prize

Stocks - come and throw a wet sponge!

Tug of War

Guess the Teddy's Name and win the Teddy

Aunt Sally

School Children Singing Songs From the Musicals

This year we have some lovely craft stalls, plus Smith and Clay, the Butchers.

Please see Farthinghoe Chat for details of the stalls, or the Village Hall website
- www.farthinghoevillagehall.org

Competitions at the Show

We hope you have managed to grow some good produce despite our miserable summer!

Produce - One medley of any of the listed fruit or vegetables (examples of 3 of each chosen)

Vegetables

Runner beans
Courgettes
Tomatoes (any type)
Beetroot
Onions
Squash/pumpkins
Potatoes
Carrots

Fruit

Raspberries
Plums
Apples - cooking or eating
Grapes
Pears
Blackberries

Comedy category of vegetables - interpret as you wish!

Arrangement of flowers and/or grasses - fresh or dried on the theme of An English Autumn - ages 8+

Children's Category - a painted stone age 7 and under

Jams and Chutneys

Homemade Liqueurs - to include fruit gins, vodkas etc

Cake Competition - Homemade Victoria sponge, sandwiched with jam, or scones - fruit or plain

Photographic Competition - open to all on the theme of Autumn

The Church will be holding their Harvest Festival Service at 6pm - if you are happy to contribute your produce and flower arrangement please let us know on the day and we will take it to the church.

Programmes for entry to the show will be offered in advance for £1 per adult, free to children 12 and under. The programme will contain a quiz - please bring your completed quiz to the show by 3pm for a chance to win a £50 cash prize - the winner will be announced at 3.30pm. Good Luck! Programmes can be purchased by emailing wendy.gainford@gmail.com or at The Fox from the 12th September

Entry at the gate on the day will be £1.50 for adults. Free to children 12 and under.

Wendy Hancock, Lisa Wenmouth, Lynne Lee, Marjorie Morris, Pip Clayton and Sam Wise

Astwick Vale Benefice September 2021

DATE Altar Colour	TIME/ SERVICE	CHURCH/LEADER	READINGS
5th September (Green) 14th after Trinity	9.30am 11.00 Holy Com 11.00 Morning Worship	Farthinghoe SC Aynho TR Hinton SC	Isa 35:4-7a James 2:1-10,14-17 Mark 7:24-37
12th September (Green) 15th after Trinity	9.30 holy com Harvest Festival 9.30 Morning Worship 10.00 Morning Worship 11.00 Holy com Harvest Festival 6.00pm E/Prayer	Croughton SC Farthinghoe ML Aynho Lay Led Evenley SC Steane SC/ML	Isa 50:4-9a James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-end
19th September (Green) 16th after Trinity	10.30am Baptism x2 Benefice Service Holy Com	Aynho SC	Jer 11:18-20 James 3:13-4:3,7-8a Mark 9:30-37
26th September (Green) 17th after Trinity	9:30 Morning Worship 9.30am Morning worship 11:00 Harvest Festival 11.00 Holy Com 6pm Harvest Festival	Croughton ML Evenley CO Aynho SC Hinton TR/HW Farthinghoe SC	Num 11:4-6,10- 16,24-29. James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50

***HARVEST READINGS: Joel 2: 21-27, 1 Timothy 6: 6-10, Matthew 6: 25-33**



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