

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....

Farthinghoe Our Best Kept Secret

The Council said a while ago
That Farthinghoe was pretty
slow.
Not moving forward was their
whine,
"It's just a village in decline".

Well, come and visit
Farthinghoe,
You clearly haven't been
for there's progress in the village
that you surely would have seen.

It's easily explainable
why Farthinghoe won't die,
the village works together.
A united D.I.Y.

There's Pilates, Read and Feed,
Hoe- down's and Black Tie Balls
Ballet classes, School events
and more, in the Village Hall.

The School is second to none,
And folks come from far and
wide to shop and eat at Limes
Farm, and stay in the Yurts
alongside.

Not forgetting both Church
and Pub welcome all,
Each fulfilling our needs
till last orders are called.

So just pay a visit to Farthinghoe.
It's a great place to live and to
stay.
It's small but unitedly thriving
And we'd quite like to keep it
that way.

Di Osborne

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Pastoral Letter – May 2019

It is a great pleasure for me to be writing my 1st pastoral letter. To begin I want to offer my very grateful thanks to everyone who was involved in, or attended, my Installation on March 30th. It was a wonderful day, and the welcome and hospitality that was offered on the day was truly outstanding, thank you all.

To give you some background information; I have been married to Nic for 32 years and we have two wonderful sons, Christian and Matthew. I have enjoyed two careers already before becoming a Priest. My first was as a hairstylist, a career I loved, and which I often compare with my role as a Priest; I held as many peoples secrets and troubles then, as I do now. And later I worked in care for the elderly, eight years of which were spent as an Activities Coordinator in a Care Home. These careers I enjoyed very much and helped to shape me for my work now. We are well into Spring now, and enjoying the longer days and warmer weather. But it struck me again just how quickly time flies. It is said that time flies when you're having fun, so I guess I must be having a whale of a time!!

Having just been enjoying another Easter season, I reflected on how many children and young people have no real knowledge of who Jesus is. They can tell me about the Easter bunny, but don't really know much about Jesus. Even amongst adults there is sometimes a big gap in peoples understanding of who Jesus is. Christians believe that Jesus is the Son of God, and that God sent Jesus, his own son, into this dark and troubled world to show us another way to live, a better way; you might even say a simpler way. Jesus himself said *"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."* (John 10:10 NIV)

There are many things in modern life that rob us of our time, energy and resources, and things which suck the life out of us, even good things can do this unintentionally. We live our lives at such a fast pace that days, weeks, months, and even years fly by at the rate of knots, and all the while we just want to slow the world down and take life at a slower pace so that we can enjoy it. Many folk I speak to are retired, or are supposed to be, and the comment I hear time and time again is that they are so busy now that they don't know how they ever found the time to go to work!

Whoever we are, and no matter what stage of life we are in, God loves us and wants us to enjoy life. He wants to be part of our daily lives and he wants us to come into a relationship with him, so much so that he sent Jesus to prove it. Life is a gift. Every day is a gift; it is a gift from God to you.

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

God bless you,
With love, Rev Sue Cooper



The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the village hall on 24th April, where we welcomed our County & District Councillor Rebecca Breese along with 18 members of the Parish.

Apologies for the confusion in the announced starting time.

Thank you to those who submitted reports for the meeting, and copies of these reports are now available for all to read on the Parish Council website, www.farthinghoeparishcouncil.org.

Should anyone want a printed copy of any of these reports then they are available on request.

Councillor Breese gave an overview to the current situation regarding the planned conversion to Unitary Councils. She explained in detail the work that had been underway so far, and also answered a question concerning the Northamptonshire County Council debt.

We will all be aware that there has been some very successful campaigning in support of a bypass for Farthinghoe, and April 26th saw the presentation to Andrea Leadsom, at her Brackley Surgery, of a Petition containing some 3500 signatures in support of a Farthinghoe Bypass. These signatures were collected from both an online e-petition and from some very successful petitioning in the local Tescos in Brackley and Banbury. Very well done to all of the volunteers who participated in this.

Signs can also be seen in the village directing drivers to the online petition at www.fbypass.com & these are working to good effect.

Now we wait important news during May & July concerning the Bypass progress & any news will be made available without delay through the Parish Council Website

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on May 8 2019 at 7pm, in Farthinghoe Village Hall. The public time will be from 7pm to 7.15pm.

FARTHINGHOE VILLAGE HALL

April 150 Club draw:
£25 - 87 Margaret Rogers £15 - 8 Beste Bragg £10 - 130 Jeremy Swan

The Hall facility continues to progress as planned with regular income now covering the running costs which have been trimmed further this year. Several successful fundraising events have seen income increase to give a current bank balance of around £17,500. The regular monthly income and expenditure statements are available from the website - www.farthinghoevillagehall.org as are the minutes and 150 Club results.

The Social events have been well received to the end of 2018 and the Film and Table Tennis clubs have been gaining traction. We are looking forward to a special Village show in September which is planned to be of interest to all the Village.

We now have an opportunity to install a wooden floor and electric heating from existing funds. This will have a massive impact on the environment and make the facility more saleable and enjoyable for the Village as well as improving the structure by providing a consistent temperature. The roof insulation has been installed and already makes a big difference. However, the running costs will increase until we have the funds to install Solar PV which will generate the electricity required to run the heating etc. This will be the subject of separate fundraising activity, including grant application etc.

The Committee has seen a number of changes during the year, but all members are active and committed to continue the development of the Hall and its processes and procedures. The Parish Council, Church and School have representatives attending every meeting, and I must thank all the Committee for their commitment and enthusiasm during the year.

The 2019/2020 Goals are published on the website which provides all the information required for Villagers to keep in touch with events.

David Hancock
Chair Farthinghoe Village Hall

VILLAGE NOTICES

- Fete Meeting: May 1st at 7pm at Farthinghoe Lodge. If you would like to help at the Fete on June 23rd – please get in touch – 01295711130. All help welcomed!
- Coffee, Cake & Chat: Friday 10th May from 10 – 11am in the Church Vestry. Bring & Buy and also a raffle. Hope to see you there!
- Church Cleaning: 14th May from 8.30am. Many hands make light work!

The Seven Sisters Tree Site

The Seven Sisters Tree Site is a very special place for the village. It may appear to be a private paddock with some trees, but it is in fact an area of contemplation and remembrance for all the village.

In the centre of the site a time capsule is buried which contains information on Farthinghoe and articles written by some villagers, and many items produced by the children of Farthinghoe School in 2000.

Those children may be parents themselves now, so they can tell their children that they helped to record the history of the village.

Situated on a hill, surrounded by beautiful countryside, the site is a peaceful resting place for the ashes of departed loved ones, who in life had enjoyed our lovely village.

A fee is charged to help with upkeep of the site, but this amenity is open to all villagers and visitors to the site are welcome to sit and enjoy the site, and we always need help!

Best wishes
Rosemary Jarvis
(Secretary)

Read & Feed

**Friday 3rd May
3 - 5pm**

This Friday's Read and Feed at the Village Hall is all about raising money for Pip Clayton's Moon Walk.

Just by coming to the village hall on Friday to meet friends over a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of homemade cake for a £1 (there will be soft drinks for children) you will help make Pip's walk of over 26 miles more worthwhile. Every penny we make will go to breast cancer research and support.

The usual gang of ladies will have made and contributed the delicious cakes.

Around 1 in 15 women will get breast cancer at some time in their life - I am sure you all know at least one woman - or man who has had it or currently has it. Fortunately, due to research the outcome is getting better and better all the time. This is thanks to all the amazing people who raise money for research towards beating the disease.

We are inviting you to help create a notice board of messages of encouragement to Pip on behalf of people you know who have either had breast cancer or are currently fighting it. There will be pink hearts for you to write your message on for a contribution of 50p to the fund.

There is also a room full of books to browse and borrow, including children's books.

We will be delighted to see you, your children and any other friends you wish to bring along to enjoy some time of chat and laughter.

The Read and Feed Committee
Farthinghoe Village Hall

VILLAGE HALL EVENTS – MAY 2019

READ AND FEED

Friday 3rd May, 3pm to 5pm

Our monthly read and feed event where you can come and purchase a drink and a cake for £1 whilst browsing our great selection of books to borrow.

This month, profits will be donated to Pip Clayton as sponsorship for her Moonwalk event. The Moonwalk is a 26.2 marathon walk around the streets of London at night. Participants are encouraged to do this in a highly-decorated bra! All proceeds go to Breast Cancer research and support.

So to indulge in something sweet, have a chat with friends, escape in the written work AND make a difference by supporting a charity, come along and join us.



Friday 10th May, 5.30pm to 8pm

Pip Clayton is running this fun bingo night to raise funds for her Moonwalk challenge, details as above.

Bingo ticket prices are 50p per ticket for children, £1 per ticket for adults or £5 per strip for adults. Hot food will be available for purchase, but bring your own drinks.

Children's bingo is from 5.30pm-6.30pm, food served between 6.30pm-7pm and adult bingo from 7pm-



CURRY AND CURLING

Friday 17th May, 5.30pm to 9pm

You've seen it in the Olympics now come along and try your hand at curling – in a slightly warmer environment! A fun game for all the family to try.

The fabulous Muzza van will be arriving at 7pm with their delicious curries and samosas. Food will need to be pre-ordered – a menu will be provided with prices before the event.

No charge for entry – just come and play!



The late Bob Osborne

Extracts from the eulogy given at his funeral by Sid Atkins

Bob moved to Farthinghoe with his wife Julia in 1986 having selected the location based upon the proximity to the Oxford & Grand union canals which enabled them to buy their beloved narrowboat 'Cloud'.

Bob & Julia immersed themselves in village life becoming involved with the village hall committee & helping out at village events wherever possible. Bob was working on ships radar systems which took him around the globe. He always looked forward to returning to the village and regaling events encountered on his trips in the Fox of a Friday or Saturday evening.

Much of Bob's time prior to his retirement was spent in Turkey working on a number of ships for the Turkish Navy. Sadly having witnessed first-hand the devastation caused in the 1999 Izmit earthquake. Bob was highly regarded by the Turkish Navy & was touched when they presented him with a plaque thanking him for his services when he retired.

Following his retirement many long voyages on Cloud were taken, traveling the length & breadth of the canal system including excursions along the Thames in London, the Nene, Ouse & Soar rivers before re-joining the canal network, often accompanied by their lifelong friends Dick & Linda.

Bob's best friend Dick, Linda's husband was sadly lost to cancer in 2004, 2012 saw the devastation of Julia losing her battle to cancer with Linda losing her closest friend and Bob being inconsolable.

Bob & Linda got together in 2013 and they enjoyed each other's companionship cruising the Caribbean travelling to China & Marrakesh. Bob divided his time with Linda between Farthinghoe & Billingborough and the pair of them would often be seen at film nights, church fete & village show helping with the entrance or manning stalls many a time.

With Bob's health deteriorating, losing Linda in October 2018 was a real blow from which he was never to recover.

I know that Bob will be sorely missed within the village for all of his support & encouragement to everyone who knew him.

Astwick Vale Benefice – May 2019

Date	Time/Service	Church
5 th May	9.30am Said Communion 11.00am Holy Communion 11.00am M/W 6.00pm. Taize	Farthinghoe Aynho Hinton Evenley
12 th May	9.30am Holy Communion 10 am. Family Service 11.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Matins 6.00pm Evensong	Croughton Farthinghoe Evenley Aynho Steane
19 th May	10.00am Benefice Communion	Aynho
26 th May	9.30am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Service 11.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion 6.00pm Evensong	Croughton Evenley Aynho Hinton Farthinghoe

Dear Farthinghoe,

Many of you will know me but I'm Alice and I've lived in Farthinghoe for 11 years. I went to Farthinghoe primary school and I'm now in year 12 at Chenderit in Middleton Cheney.

During the first week of the Easter holidays, I travelled up to the Isle of Coll, a small island (population of 170) which is about a three hour ferry from Oban, Scotland. I went there not for a holiday, but to attend a selection course with the charity Project Trust. The course was to filter who was ready to volunteer for a year abroad and after a week of patiently waiting, I've had the exciting news that I've been selected to teach English in Thailand - my first choice country! For a long time now, it has been a goal of mine to do something big to give back to a community and teaching for a year abroad is the most amazing opportunity to do this.

Project Trust Project Trust is an Educational Gap Year Charity, sending roughly 300 school-leavers overseas every year to volunteer in mainly teaching, Social Care and Outward Bound projects across Africa, Asia and The Americas. The charity is based on the Isle of Coll and provides all Volunteers with training and support before, during and after their time overseas, to maximise both the educational value of their experience and the positive impact they have in their projects and host communities.

Schools in Thailand are often under resourced, especially in rural areas. Often teachers are left to teach more than one subject at different academic levels. I will be undertaking the TESOL project - teaching English to speakers of other languages. I hope to build primary and secondary school aged students confidence when it comes to speaking English. I also plan to organise extra curricular activities to build the students skills and so that they can have fun!

In order to embark on my journey, I need to raise £6200 by the summer of 2020 (I will be leaving for Thailand around August in 2020). The money will go directly to Project Trust to pay for the accommodation, travel, insurance and living costs needed for the year. In order to do this, I plan to organise a host of events including a Thai pop up food evening, a Scottish ceilidh dance and a quiz night as well as the classic bake sales - I would love as many people as possible to come and attend! I also have a Virgin Money Giving page set up so online donations can be made no matter how big or small - anything would be massively appreciated (<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AliceRowe2>).

Future events will be advertised around the village and on the Facebook page, so keep an eye out if you're interested! If you have any further questions or want to know more then don't hesitate to email me at alicerowe2002@gmail.com or if you want to find out more about Project Trust then be sure to take a look at their website <https://projecttrust.org.uk>.

Thanks so much!

Alice Rowe



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“EVERYONE COMMENTED
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!”

Debbie & Family

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We have a wealth of experience in catering for many different events and the Limes Farm Catering Team can tailor our menus to your exacting requirements. We also provide help, advice and creative ideas to make your event just that little bit extra special.

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