

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....



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Pastoral Letter – April 2021

Dear Friends, April is always such a cheerful month, and all the more cheerful this year with the hope of further restrictions being lifted. There is more joy coming in April in the way of Holy week and Easter Sunday (4th April) and it is a time of great celebration, especially for Children as they anticipate the fun of Easter egg hunts and chocolatey treats. In the fields the little lambs are jumping around, and the celebration of new life is all around us.

New life is what Christians worldwide celebrate at Easter. But to some, it seems strange to hear that, because they can only go as far in their thinking as recalling the events of a good man named Jesus who died on a cross on Good Friday; but that is only half the story.

On the first Easter Sunday a miracle took place; Jesus's body was not in the tomb where he had been laid to rest. This was strange enough, but then Jesus appeared, (alive and well) to Mary Magdalene and then to his other disciples; he had been raised to life, and this was a miracle. Our 21st century minds struggle with miracles because they cannot be understood or proved scientifically. And yet miracles and things that cannot be understood or explained do happen.

This past year the things we have witnessed have been depressing beyond belief. Death has stalked the whole world in the form of Covid, and over 126000 people have died either of, or with Covid in the UK alone. There is nothing that can be said or done to make this better.

But out of this devastation the promise and the hope of the 1st Easter morning still shines, which is the Christian gospel message that new life is found in Jesus after we die to this world. We can know this to be true because Jesus showed us this was possible by being raised to new life again himself, and we don't need to understand every detail of this to believe that it is true. The early Church and the Christian Gospel spread very quickly because the disciples were witnesses to something so remarkable that they could not keep it to themselves, even though they did not fully understand it.

New life through Jesus is not wishful thinking or hopeful fantasy, it is the reality that awaits us,, and it is for all of us. Miracles cannot be explained and this is why many folk turn their back on Jesus. Jesus's disciple Thomas couldn't make sense of what he had heard after hearing the news that Jesus was alive, and so he refused to believe...later Thomas could not explain what he was seeing when Jesus appeared to him. He could only respond with awe and amazement, and Jesus said to Thomas what he is saying to us ALL: "Stop doubting and believe. "

A very Happy Easter to you all, and God bless you.
With love Rev Sue.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Farthinghoe Parish Council

Election of Parish Councillors

for the Parish Wards listed below

Parish	Number of Parish Councillors to be elected
Farthinghoe – Farthinghoe Ward	Five
Farthinghoe – Steane Ward	Two

1. An election is to be held of Councillors for Farthinghoe Parish Council
2. Nomination papers must be delivered to the Returning Officer, The Forum, Moat Lane, Towcester NN12 6AD on any day after the date of this notice, on Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm (excluding bank holidays) but no later than 4pm on Thursday 8 April 2021.
3. Nomination papers may be obtained from <http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-council-elections-england>, by emailing elections.snc@westnorthants.gov.uk or from the offices of the Returning Officer, The Forum, Moat Lane, Towcester NN12 6AD, during the times stated above.
4. If any election is contested the poll will take place on Thursday 6 May 2021 in conjunction with the election for the Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner and any contested West Northamptonshire council elections.
5. Applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 12 midnight on Monday 19 April 2021. Applications can be made online: <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote> .
6. Applications, amendments or cancellations of postal votes and amendments or cancellations of proxy votes must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Civic Offices, Lodge Road, Daventry, Northants, NN11 4FP by 5pm on Tuesday 20 April 2021.
7. New applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Civic Offices, Lodge Road, Daventry, Northants, NN11 4FP by 5pm on Tuesday 27 April 2021.
8. Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election on the grounds of physical incapacity or for work/service reasons must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at The Forum, Moat Lane, Towcester NN12 6AD by 5pm on Thursday 6 May 2021. The physical incapacity must have occurred after 5pm on Tuesday 27 April 2021. To apply on the grounds of work/service, the person must have become aware that they cannot go to the polling station in person after 5pm on Tuesday 27 April 2021.

Dated Thursday 25 March 2021

Anna Earnshaw
Returning Officer



Housing Difficulties

South Northants Council want everyone to be aware of the following:

If you are living with family and/or friends during the pandemic and are having difficulties, please contact the housing team on 01327 322374 or email housing.options@southnorthants.gov.uk for support and help.

Farthinghoe Playpark

It is great to see a number of children using the playpark on a regular basis. However, we are receiving complaints about the parking of cars in surrounding streets. Can users of the park please remember to park considerately and not to block the highway when doing so. Northants Police have been informed of this and will be making checks. Any offenders are liable to receive a parking ticket. Also dogs should not be inside the park unless they are assistance dogs under any circumstances.

The council have ordered some bark to top up existing levels. Volunteers are needed for Saturday 3 April 2021 from 10am to assist in spreading the bark where needed. If you can help please come along with a rake or similar to help out. In order for this to be done, the park will be closed for playing on that day from 10am until approximately 1pm to allow this to happen safely.

Farthinghoe Village Hall

We are hoping to reopen the hall again in May and preparations are underway in line with current Government guidelines. We are still waiting for the floor to be repaired by the original installers, but we now have Stage curtains thanks to a grant from COOP and a lot of hard work from Lisa. The heating is working well and we now have fibre Broadband installed.

Marjorie Morris is now our Booking Secretary and has already booked a party from Greatworth which will bring in some money and is negotiating a wedding booking in 2022

Well done, Marjorie!

The following improvements have either been completed or are in the pipeline:

* The storage area has been fitted with a safety rail on the first floor and there is now access to a boarded area in the roof space which has made a massive difference to the organisation of the Storage area as a whole.

* It is planned to have the hot water system installed in time for opening. Thanks to John Lee for a lot of hard work and crawling around in small spaces - but no climbing up ladders!

* Mike Phipps is kindly constructing a Rose arch to cover our stone seat and make a good photographic opportunity for the weddings which are planned for this year.

Jenny has purchased some lovely roses to climb around it and has been working on the garden.

* Thanks to John Lee who has helped with a number of projects including a refit of the main mower shed which is finally all screwed together and rodent proof!

* We are applying for a grant from HS2 for solar panels on the roof which should pay for our electricity usage. We are also hoping to replace the kitchen this year - thank you to the Mills' for their oven.

The Clothing Bin seems to be well used and we will get an update in the next couple of months about how much money has been raised so far.



LIMES FARM

EVENT CATERING SERVICE

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THE STRESS OUT
OF CATERING FOR
YOUR NEXT EVENT?

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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!”

Debbie & Family

We provide event catering for local businesses and for your special occasion. So whether it's a birthday party, christening, office party or even a wedding, we can help.

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.

We only use the finest ingredients, sourced locally wherever possible, including from our own farm. All the food is freshly prepared and brought to your venue on the day to set everything up ready for you. And we can even stay on to serve your guests if you would like this additional service.



Call the Limes Farm Catering Team on 01295 711 229 to discuss
your requirements or email intouch@limesfarm.com

Limes Farm, Main Road, Farthinghoe, Northants NN13 5PB www.limesfarm.com

Letter about rights of way from local farmers

Over lockdown there has been a big increase in the numbers of people enjoying the great outdoors, and the footpaths have taken a pounding in the wet weather! It has been quiet over the winter, but now farms are gearing up for lambing, calving, spring turn-out, and the crop growing season. The airfield will soon get busy again as lockdown restrictions eases.

The spring is an important time for both farmers and nature. Straying away from the public rights of way will inevitably put you in the wrong place at the wrong time, and this could be dangerous for you. You might find yourself in the way of people shooting pests, around large farm machinery operating or, at the airfield at least, an airplane landing!

Many people believe it is fine to walk along the grass margins which surround many fields. These are spaces for nature, not a right of way. Regular disturbance will damage the survival and breeding chances of ground-nesting birds, small mammals, wildflowers, and insects.

We are not saying "Get off my land!" as we are all genuinely happy to see people responsibly enjoying the countryside, but unfortunately, there has been a sharp increase in people not behaving so well. We have faced animosity and threats from some people we have approached and none of us like a confrontation. We will never ask people legitimately using a right of way to stop. But, if we ask you to move back to a path, there is probably a good reason.

Some of the problems we have encountered include:

- Out-of-control dogs
- Threats to our livestock from dogs, gates being left open or people feeding our animals.
- Inconsiderate parking blocking access for our tractors to get to work.
- A massive increase in littering and fly tipping.
- Our fences have been cut or damaged.
- People constantly disturbing wildlife, away from paths in quieter corners of our farms

So, this is an appeal to local people to set an example to the many people visiting from outside. Please get back to using the extensive public rights of way system and check where they are. If you feel you have special permission to deviate from the paths, please check with the landowner that this is still the case, as situations change. Please remember that, if you see someone else do something, do not copy them unless you have permission to do so

The Countryside Code is clear:

- Be safe, plan ahead, follow any signs and bring a guide/map.
- Leave gates and property as you find them.
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home.
- Keep dogs under close control.
- Consider other people in the countryside.

We also wanted to say many thanks to the vast majority of you, who are responsibly using and enjoying the countryside. You are setting a good example for others and supporting farmers and their livestock by doing so. Thankyou

200 Club Winners

February

1st Prize £25 - No 17 Nicky Dorward
2nd Prize £15 - No 89 Barry Willett
3rd Prize £10 - No 132 Rachel McCullough

March

1st Prize £25 - No 153 Lynne Lee
2nd Prize £15 - No 101 Karen Chidwick
3rd Prize £10 - No 80 Joel Pearson

IMPORTANT: Please can anyone whose numbers have lapsed or is unsure as to whether they are paid-up, please call Geoff Wenmouth on 07747 621611



FARTHINGHOE VILLAGE SHOW 26th SEPTEMBER 2021 AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Competition Categories



One medley of any of the listed 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
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Comedy category of vegetables - *interpret as you wish!*

Flower arrangement Adult category aged 8+ - *On the theme of Sunshine*

Children's category - *a miniature garden or a wellington or a painted stone - shells and other materials can be used. Age 7 and under.*

Jams and Chutneys

Homemade liqueurs - *to include fruit gins, vodkas etc -*

Cake competition - *either a victoria sponge, sandwiched with jam, or scones - fruit or plain*

Photographic Competition - *open to all. Theme to be announced next month*

**Let's all get together and celebrate our
freedom and our community as only a
village can!**

Astwick Vale Benefice April 2021

DATE (Altar Colour)	TIME/ SERVICE	CHURCH/LEADER	READINGS
1st April Maundy Thursday (White)	4pm Said Holy Com 6.00pm Maundy Thursday Service of Worship	Aynho Sue Zoom Benefice Sue	Exod 12: 1-14 1 Cor 11: 23-26 John 13: 1-17, 31b- 35
2nd April Good Friday (Hangings Removed)	11.am Family Worship 2.pm Reflective Service	Evenley Carrie Hinton Sue	Leader to Bring
4th April Easter Day (White)	9:30 Holy Com 10.00am Holy Communion by Extension 11.00am Holy Communion, by Extension 11.00am Holy Com 11.00am Easter Worship 11.15am Easter Worship	Farthinghoe Sue Aynho Carrie Hinton May Croughton Terry Evenley Jose ZOOM Sue	Isa 25. 6-9 Acts 10. 34-43 John 20: 1-18
11th April 2nd Sunday of Easter (White)	9.30am Morning Worship 10.00am Morning Worship 11.00am Holy Com	Evenley Carrie AYNHO Lay Led CroughtonSue/Hugh	Exod 14; 10-end Acts 4: 32-35 John 20: 19-end
18th April (White) 3rd Sunday of Easter	9.30am Morning Worship 11.00am Holy Com	Farthinghoe May Hinton Terry	Zeph 3: 14-end Acts 3: 12-19 Luke 24: 36b-48
25th April 4th Sunday of Easter (White)	9.30am Holy Com 11.00am Morning Worship 11.00am Holy Com 6.00pm E/ Prayer	Evenley Sue Croughton Hugh Aynho Terry Farthinghoe Lisa/ Rosemary	Gen 7: 1-5, 11-18, & 8: 6-18, &9: 8-13 Acts 4: 5-12 John 10. 11-18 Psalm 105

SPRING CRAFT FAIR



- Open Air Stalls -

Saturday 17th April 2021



Covid Secure – Open air socially distanced stall based shopping

Please dress for the conditions

12 noon until 3 pm

'Alfresco' food and refreshments available from the Fox



Confirmed Stalls:

- Homemade Touches – beautiful decoupage home décor items
- JT Home Goods – home made soy candles
- Brackley Country Market – cakes and crafts
- Coates & - Handmade leather goods
- Beautifully Yours – personalised gifts
- GreenWeaverBird – macrame items
- Pogles – handmade wax and woodcrafts
- Love Planet Crafts – flowerpots, garden ornaments and dreamcatchers
- Flamingo Paperie – paper crafts
- Phoela Boo – wax melts and bath bombs
- Ruth – homemade preserves, jewellery and bags
- Brackley Hogwatch – charity stall

Please park sensibly in the village, plenty of safe parking at the Village Hall on Cockley Road