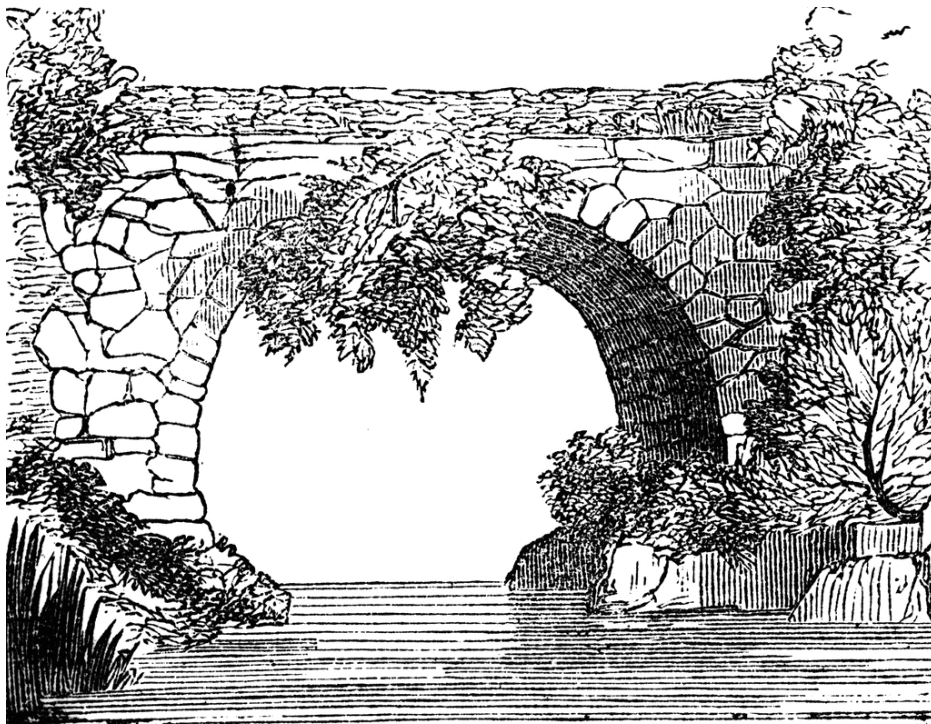


THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....



All of us by now will have been impacted in some way by the closure of the bridge on the A422 below the village near the recycling and reuse centre. There are of course some benefits, in particular the greatly reduced flow of traffic – and more so now that drivers have realised that the signage is in fact correct and aren't executing 3-point turns all over the village! However, businesses in Farthinghoe will inevitably be hit and we have been asked to urge everyone to “go local” when you can, and to spread the word that businesses are open as usual.

For more information about the road and how the Parish Council is working on your behalf, please see the Chairman's note inside, where you'll also find all the usual items.

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RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS – SEPTEMBER 2018

Our Harvest services will begin with a quote from scripture “*As long as the earth endures, seed-time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, will never cease.*” *Genesis 9.22* This promise comes just after the explanation of creation and God’s promise not to wipe human kind from the face of the earth. It sets the scene for our harvest thanksgiving, and those who help to produce it for us.

It also reminds us that everything we have comes from God. The farmer plants the seed and also harvests the grain, but they cannot make a seed grow, that is God’s gift of life. Harvest is about giving thanks for God’s gifts. For generations, even back to biblical times, people have brought harvest gifts to show their thankfulness.

Yet this year the harvest has not been easy for many. The long hot summer helps some crops but not others. The wild fires have destroyed other crops and livelihoods, flash floods and broken dams have left others washed out. The micro plastics in our oceans are being digested by the fish we eat. All is not rosy and yet all is not lost either.

The change in our climate is becoming harder to deny and many would say that we are coming to a tipping point. If things get only a little bit warmer, then the climate will run away on a warmer course and there will be nothing we can do about it.

So maybe now is the time to decide to make a difference. The church of England has a strategy to reduce its energy footprint and its effect on our planet’s ecology, so what are we doing as individuals and as community? There is much good advice about the subject if we want to read and act on it.

Yet those who are being most hurt by these changes are those who can least afford the suffering. Many third world producers struggle to survive let alone make a profit or plan for the future. And if the weather changes were not enough to cope with, then Brexit rears its head. As we prepare to leave the EU then so we prepare to leave the fair trade deals with many countries that have taken years of hard work to put in place. As our negotiators argue for the best deal for the UK as is their directive, I would want them also to negotiate for fair trade deals with our third world producers as well. Just look at our food cupboards and see how much is home grown and how much we import.

The world is created for everybody and there is enough for everybody, and I would argue it is everybody’s responsibility to care for this creation, this planet we live on. May we take the opportunity that harvest gives us to focus our thoughts on the world and the food it produces and those who produce it for us to eat. May we look back with thanks and also look forward with hope and determination to do our part as stewards of creation to help ensure the seed time and harvest for future generations and peoples.

May God bless you one and all,

Revd Simon Dommett, 01869 810903, the.revd.simon@gmail.com



We are pleased to announce that, following the resignations earlier this year of Ross van Geest and Jenny Forbes, we are welcoming two new councillors. James Harrison attended the primary school in the village and has lived the majority of his life in the parish. His parents were active members of the community and James is keen to do his part. James will be sitting as the second councillor for Steane.

Trevor Jarvis currently lives in Charlton but is shortly moving to Cockley Road, where he and his wife have been farming Cockley Barn Farm for the past 30 years. They are currently converting the barn into a home for themselves. Having lived in Charlton since 1991, Trevor is looking forward to being part of the Farthinghoe community once again.

Please join us in welcoming James and Trevor to the Parish Council; we are sure they will bring different and valued viewpoints and will contribute well to our community.

Regrettably, Sally Thomas has recently resigned from the Parish Council, which means that there is now a further seat available. Sally has served on the council for many years and her thoughtful, clear thinking will be missed. We would like to thank Sally for all her support for the community and in particular, more recently, for her input into bringing the provision of the defibrillator into life. The position will be advertised on the noticeboards shortly, but if you are interested in standing, please contact Pip Clayton, clerk@farthinghoeparishcouncil.org.

A brief update on an incident involving an HGV which occurred at the pedestrian crossing. Cllr Grant wrote to and pursued the company concerned and we have been informed that the driver was sent on additional training as a result of the incident but has since left the company.

In her report at the Annual Parish Meeting, Cllr Breese mentioned the “Home Safe” scheme. This is offered by Care & Repair (Northamptonshire) Ltd to provide a range of practical services to support older, disabled and vulnerable people. The Handyperson service offers a range of small home improvements at a low cost and can be contacted on 01604 782250, e-mail office@care-and-repair.org.uk, www.care-and-repair.org.uk. Examples of the jobs they will do include fixing of curtain rails, hanging curtains, fitting shelves, fixing gates and doors and replacing locks. They can also advise on other services available, such as energy saving solutions to keep homes warm.

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on **Wednesday, 12th September 2018** at 7.00pm in the village hall. Public time will be from 7pm to 7.15pm.

Farthinghoe Parish Council

CLOSURE OF THE A422

Mick Morris, Chairman of Farthinghoe Parish Council writes:

We were all taken by surprise by the speed of closure of the A422 & none more so than NCC Highways it seems. The professionalism of their traffic management arrangements has left a lot to be desired as we have all experienced. Things have quietened down a lot now but there are still things to be done.

Cockley Road is now the main concern—We have requested that temporary speed limits are put in place (20 mph within the village confines & 40 mph outside. Parking on Cockley Road within the village limits has to be addressed & we have asked for this to be done.

School starts back on 6th September & we are very concerned by the lack of action by NCC, despite constant reminders

Some road resurfacing has taken place on Cockley Road, but much more is needed & to a much better standard.

During the first week of closure we have had to be constantly in touch with NCC highlighting the shortcomings of the signage & asking for changes.

These changes included specific & more clear signage to stop HGVs using the A422 & at our request Digital Signage was put at the A422/A43 junction & the A422/M40 Junction, although even this digital signage had to be subsequently adjusted to be more apparent.

Improved signage had also been requested for the Barley Mow roundabout (A421/A43), for the Brackley West roundabout, for the Cockley Road/Welsh Lane diversion route + miscellaneous signage within the village.

During the first chaotic day of the road closure we had requested Police attendance to help control a developing situation which was in danger of escalating out of control with tempers fraying. Their solution of reporting this to Street Doctor did not seem, in our eyes, to be a suitable & proportionate response.

Following the old maxim of “no gain without pain” then for the time being please enjoy the heaven of our village without the constant A422 traffic.

Practice in preparation for the future we hope!

More to follow as we learn more of the plan of action re the A422

FARTHINGHOE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE NEWS

There has been no meeting this month due to holiday clashes. However, the 150 Club draw has taken place:

£25: 47 - Bob Osbourne £15: 31- Paul Hunter £10: 111 - Andrew

The Events Committee will be meeting on the 31st August to plan the next Ball. 'A Winter Wonderland'. The event will take place on 24th November and anyone interested in helping would be very welcome. Please contact Wendy Hancock (01295 711345, wendy.gainford@gmail.com)

We have submitted an application for a grant to upgrade the loft insulation as a precursor to the planned heating upgrade. Several estimates for the heating have indicated a high investment is required so we will need to increase our fundraising efforts prior to applying for grants.

An asset audit is currently underway prior to constructing an inventory for future Committees to track Village Hall assets. This includes a trawl through the accounts to ensure all previously purchased items are held at the Hall.

The building works to the rear of the Hall have been greatly assisted by the generous donation of paving slabs etc. by Jackie and Dom Affleck from 'The Stable House'. Thank you also to Val for her donation of fabric for bows for the chairs.

David Hancock, FVHC Chair



We would firstly like to say a huge thank you to all our loyal customers for joining us, despite the impact of the partial road closure on the A422. It's been fantastic to see the efforts made by so many people to still make their way to Limes Farm. Our Breakfast Craft sessions and Gnome Hunt have both been very well supported so far, so a big thank you to all our lovely little customers for making them a success. These will continue to run until 10 September.

News in from our tea-room: we have two new chillers which will be stocking some essentials like milk and butter (farm fresh so are subject to availability), as well as savoury and sweet treats made right here at Limes Farm, including seasonal tarts and cakes and fresh meats and sausages from our trusted suppliers. We are launching a Farthinghoe village delivery service of our breads, cakes and tarts. E mail us at orders@limesfarm.com to place your orders or find out more information.

Our most exciting news comes in the form of the new "Seasons Restaurant". From 21 September we will be launching Friday-evening meals, serving fresh, seasonal food-bistro style! The menu is being created using only the best, seasonal produce and will be freshly prepared. Our new chef, Andy has a wealth of experience and we are excited to implement new ideas. There will also be themed evenings and booking will be essential. The menu for the launch of "Seasons" is just being finalised so if you would like to make a booking please email us at intouch@limesfarm.com

VILLAGE NOTICES

- ❖ Church Cleaning: Tuesday 11 September from 8.30am
- ❖ Church Tree Cutting: Tuesday 11 September from 6pm – any help with trimming the trees and generally tidying the churchyard would be much appreciated
- ❖ Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning: 28 September from 10-11am in the Church Vestry. Bring & Buy and also a raffle. If you would like to contribute but are unable to attend, please leave donations with Rosemary Jarvis.
Cheques payable to Macmillan Cancer Support
- ❖ Harvest Festival: advanced notice – this will be on Sunday 7 October. Any help with donations of fruit, flowers or vegetables, as well as decorating the church would be most welcome!

ALLOTMENT HOLDERS

Please note that rent payment is due at 7pm on Monday 3 September in the Church Vestry.



Double Marathon for Cancer Research

I am a cancer survivor, many of my friends have not been so lucky, lots are still fighting it, everyone is left scarred by it, whether or not they have been directly touched by it. It's a horrible disease that doesn't care who it touches.

Well, I am going to try and do a little something to help Cancer Research raise some much-needed funds to help find a cure or two.

On the 14 and 15 September I will attempt to skate and then run around the Berlin Marathon, just 69 days after putting on a set of skates for the first time in my life.

26.4 miles on skates and then 26.4 miles running it, less than 16 hours later.

Follow my journey via my Facebook page where my young daughters are doing a great job of narrating my journey with little videos covering my training.

But please more importantly if you can spare a few quid please sponsor me online at <https://fundraiser.cancerresearchuk.org/page/steves-giving-page-167>

Thank you, Steve Sneath

AUNT SALLY UPDATE

As August comes to an end, and with two matches left to play in the 2018 Aunt Sally season, the team from The Fox is poised at the top of Division 6, with the heady prospect of moving up to Division 5 next season. This is a scary thought for some of us, as we are enjoying the stress-free evenings where the fun of the competition, rather than the outcome (except for the beer leg!), is what we go for. Still, I am sure Division 5 teams are as friendly as Division 6 and a far cry from the serious and skilful proponents of the game in the top divisions.

We have won all but 2 of our matches so far, which is hard to believe, given how low some of our individual scores have been (I speak for myself here). Luckily, it is the team that wins the game and we have some reliable high scorers on our side who carry the rest of us to glory. Most notable among these are Sid, Mick, Joel, Richard, anyone called Dave and anyone called Steve. At the other end of the spectrum, there is intense competition to get the fewest “blobs” (nil score) as that results in a 50p fine so it’s a personal hit as well.

We have been to some brilliant pubs in the area including The Duke of Cumberland’s Head at Clifton, The Swan in Banbury, the Blinking Owl, North Newington, The Bell in Adderbury; I could go on! A move to Division 5 will open up a new range of pubs for us to visit and people to meet.

We will finish off the season with a party at The Fox, which is paid for out of the £1 subscription per player per game plus the 50p fines for “blobbing”, and the money raised on the football cards at home games. It promises to be a cracking night and is a “thank you” to all the team members, regardless of their prowess.

I would like to say big “Thank you” to The Fox, for hosting our team and in particular for providing a super supper for both teams after every home game.

Long may it continue!

Ruth Brittain, Captain



Benefice Worship

2nd September - Trinity 14

Aynho	11am Communion
Evenley	6pm Taize
Farthinghoe	9:30am Said Communion
Hinton	11am Morning Worship

9th September - Trinity 15

Aynho	11am Matins
Croughton	9:30 Communion
Evenley	11am Communion
Farthinghoe	10am Family Worship
Steane	6pm BCP Evensong with the Gompertzes

16th September - Trinity 16

10am Communion at Evenley

25th September - Trinity 17

Aynho	11am Communion
Croughton	9:30am Communion
Evenley	11am Harvest Family Worship
Farthinghoe	6pm Evensong
Hinton	11am Communion

30th September - St. Michael & All Angels

10am Benefice Communion at **Farthinghoe**

Book your table on: 01280 705 801 enquiries@crewearms.co.uk

**8PM
START**

**ARE YOU WISE
ENOUGH FOR
THE NEXT
CREWE QUIZ?**

**MONDAY 10TH
SEPTEMBER**