

# THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

*Village news, notices and events....*



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## **CHURCH SERVICES UPDATE**

Now we are without a rector and in an 'interregnum' our service pattern is different across the 5 churches of the Benefice.

The first and third Sundays of each month (and the 5<sup>th</sup> - where there is one) are Benefice Holy Communion Services and are shared around the villages in alphabetical order.

Please check on the benefice website [www.astwickvalebenefice.org](http://www.astwickvalebenefice.org) for the service details.

At Farthinghoe, the second Sunday of each month will be a Morning Family Service at 9.30am.

A date to note in early November is that Farthinghoe has the All Souls' Service on Wednesday 2nd November at 7pm.

### **ALL SOULS' SERVICE**

Every year on or around 2nd November, we hold a special service to remember those who have died.

This year, the Benefice All Souls' service will be on Wednesday 2nd November at our church in Farthinghoe at 7pm.

During the service of hymns and prayers there will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of our loved ones. Their names will also be read out.

**There will be a list in church where you can add names of family/people you know, or contact Lisa (712510) or Rosemary (711130) for names to be included.**





To All Residents,

## **500 BUS SERVICE UPDATE**

**Some positive news concerning our bus service (*extracted from BANBURY GUARDIAN 27th September 2022*):**

Stagecoach West today (Monday) announced the reinstatement of a Sunday and Public Holiday service between Brackley, Middleton Cheney and Banbury. It was removed at the end of August. The route on Service 500 will resume from Sunday, October 16.

The returning hourly service will be financially supported by Oxfordshire County Council with a contribution from West Northamptonshire Council, on an initial agreement until August 2024.

Rachel Geliamassi, Managing Director, Stagecoach West said: “Our top priority is to provide a sustainable service enabling reliable travel for work, leisure and health appointments. However, on occasion, there are days of the week when we are unable to balance the revenue and the increased costs of operating the route.

“We are delighted that we have been able to find a solution to reinstate an hourly Sunday and Public Holiday service on the 500 thanks to financial support from both Oxfordshire County Council and West Northamptonshire Council. We encourage more people to consider using the bus for their trips to Banbury at weekends so the service continues to grow, sustaining it for the future.”

***To read the article in full:***

**<https://www.banburyguardian.co.uk/news/transport/banbury-brackley-sunday-bus-service-to-resume-this-month-3858426>**



## It's time to apply for your child's school place for September 2023

Parents and carers can now apply for a reception place in a primary or infant school, a year 3 place in a junior school, or a Year 7 place in a secondary school for the September 2023 intake.

Parents and carers will be able to apply up until 12 midnight on the closing dates for both Primary and Secondary applications, making the process easier and fairer for families.

Parents and carers can apply for a place in reception if their child will be four years of age on or before 31 August 2023.

The closing date for applications for places in reception and year 3 (junior school) is **15 January 2023 at midnight**.

The closing date for applications for Year 7 places is **31 October 2022 at midnight**.

All applications, whether postal or online, must be received by the closing date to be considered as on time.

Late applications will not be processed until after the National Offer Day and will be processed in monthly rounds.

All on time applicants will receive an offer of a school place on the National Offer Days – 1 March 2023 for secondary places and 17 April 2023 for reception places.

Applicants will then be provided with information on the next stage of the process.

There is a separate application process for children who have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan, details of which can be found on the **SEND admissions** page.

Cllr Fiona Baker, West Northants Council's Cabinet member for children, families and education, said: "I would encourage families who are applying for a school place for September 2023 to utilise the support and advice available on our website.

"We hope that the time extension to midnight means that it will be easier for families to submit their application before the deadline, giving them the best chance of getting a place at their preferred school and avoiding any disappointment."

An independent **admission appeals process** is available for families who wish to appeal against refusal of a place at any school for which they have applied. To find out more about applying for a school place in West Northamptonshire and to submit an application, visit the **school admissions** page.

**Contact Information: West Northamptonshire Council Communications Team [communications@westnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:communications@westnorthants.gov.uk)**

## VILLAGE NOTICES

### **Books & Bakes**

Friday October 28<sup>th</sup> - 3.00 - 4.00 pm.

Join us at the Village Hall for Tea, Cake & Chat.

### **Church Cleaning**

Will be on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 8.30am. Please come and help!

### **Coffee Cake & Chat**

On Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 – 11am in the Church Vestry.

There will be a Raffle. It would be lovely to see you there!

Thanks for helping to raise £211.05 at the Macmillan Coffee Morning, and also for supporting the Church Harvest Festival with flowers and items for the Brackley Food bank!

# **YOUR VILLAGE HALL**



The committee is meeting on **Tuesday 11th October at 5pm.**

We are a smaller committee than we would like to be so if there is anyone who is interested in joining the committee we would love to hear from you!

It is not a lot of time commitment, we promise, but it is a chance to help to continue to enhance this amazing village asset!

Contact Lisa (712510) or Marjorie (07900 590808)

## **WINNERS!**

### **200 Club Winners – September 2022**

1st prize £25 - no 200 - Keith Bullock

2nd prize £15 - no 57 - Dave Hancock

3rd prize £10 - no 50 - Rosemary Ewan

## FORAGING FARTHINGHOE: CRAB AND WILDING APPLES

Walk, cycle or drive out of the village, along Cockley Road for example, and you can't fail to spot the apple trees amongst the native hedging.

Crab apples (*Malus sylvestris*) are ancestrally related to cultivated/orchard apples (*Malus domestica*) and have themselves been cultivated into ornamental forms with bountiful blossom in spring and fabulous fruits in autumn.

Apples are highly promiscuous plants and don't come true from seed (which perhaps explains their association with love and fertility).

Many of our roadside apple trees are actually 'wildings' rather than true crab apples and may result from cross pollination between crab and orchard apple species or be orchard apple seeds that have been deposited in the hedgerows.

Crab apples (wild or ornamental) are high in pectin, making them particularly useful for things like crab apple jelly, fruit leather and as a natural setting agent for a variety of jams.

They make the basis of some particularly fine infusions and country wines as well as being a cider-making ingredient.

The fruits can also be roasted to accompany other dishes such as roast pork and even bubbled away whole in a shallow pan of butter and brown sugar to make an indulgent, warming dessert (with perhaps a splash of rum or brandy towards the end and some cream/crème fraîche to serve).

Wildings are especially attractive to cider and country wine makers as they can offer something unique. It's just a matter of trying the fruits from the trees you come across. Some as sweet as named cultivars and others sharper.

***Fred Filbert, AKA The Farthinghoe Forager***



## RECIPE IDEAS:

### CRAB APPLE VODKA

Making cider or wine at home requires significant investment both in time and specialist ingredients/equipment.

An infusion, on the other hand, is a much simpler way to enjoy your foraged fruit. In fact, cleaned and sterilised jars are the only equipment required (Kilner-type jars are ideal).

For each 500ml of Vodka you will need:

- About 250g of small crab apples
- About 130g sugar - feel free to experiment with type, but bog-standard caster or granulated is just fine.

Simply put the crab apples and sugar into the jar and top up with vodka.

Keep the apples submerged using scrunched up kitchen foil, close the lid and put in a dark place for the magic to happen.

Shake daily until the sugar has dissolved, and leave as long as you can resist (but no more than 6 months), before straining your infusion into bottles.

In a perfect world, you would leave the bottles for a year or two before drinking...

Other ideas may be found at:

- [bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/crab-apple-jelly](https://bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/crab-apple-jelly)
- [thesimplethings.com/blog/2016/11/14/recipe-crab-apple-fennel-seed-leather](https://thesimplethings.com/blog/2016/11/14/recipe-crab-apple-fennel-seed-leather)
- [victoriananursery.co.uk/Crab-Apple-Wine-Recipe/](https://victoriananursery.co.uk/Crab-Apple-Wine-Recipe/)
- [abelandcole.co.uk/recipes/crab-apple-whisky](https://abelandcole.co.uk/recipes/crab-apple-whisky) N.B. I haven't tried this one yet but love blackberry whisky.



**FROM KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE, ADDERBURY**  
For inclusion in your October edition  
(By email)

### **Coming up at Katharine House**

The arrival of autumn and winter is no reason to slow down. There are some brilliant events and plenty of ways to support our hospice in the next few months. We know that Christmas can be a busy time, so we're letting you know nice and early so you can get ahead of the game and head into the festive season with a smile. Your support helps us to keep making every moment matter for local families living with a life-limiting illness. Here are just a few things that are coming up...

### **Santa Fun Run – 4 December**

Forget mince pies and mulled wine, if you truly want to feel festive this Christmas then make sure to sign up to our Santa Fun Run. This much-loved event is taking place on Sunday 4 December at Spiceball Park, Banbury, and you have a choice of the 1.5km route or the full 5km – kitted out in a stylish Santa suit, of course. Tickets are available to buy online now! [www.khh.org.uk/santa](http://www.khh.org.uk/santa)

### **Schools Santa Run**

Back by popular demand! We can't wait to see the return of the Schools and Tots Santa Run. Last year, more than 10,000 tots, school pupils and staff took part in our festive fun run at school – and we'd love to make it even bigger and better this year. So if you know of a nursery, primary or secondary school who might like to take part, then let them know. [www.khh.org.uk/schoolssanta](http://www.khh.org.uk/schoolssanta)

### **Lights of Love – 8 December**

We will be holding our annual Lights of Love event on Thursday 8 December at St Mary's Church, Banbury. We'd love you to join us for a special gathering where we come together to remember and celebrate the lives of those we have loved and lost. Find out more [www.khh.org.uk/lights](http://www.khh.org.uk/lights).

### **RC Baker Christmas Tractor Run – 17 December**

We're thrilled to announce that the RC Baker Tractor Run will be bringing the bling once again this Christmas. On Saturday 17 December, a fleet of fairy-lit tractors will be taking a tour around local villages to spread some Christmas cheer and raise lots of money for Katharine House. Get the date in your diary now! [www.khh.org.uk/tractor](http://www.khh.org.uk/tractor)

### **What's on the cards this Christmas?**

We have another fantastic selection of charity Christmas cards this year. Sending a Katharine House card is a great way to support our hospice and to spread some joy. Cards are available to buy in our shops as well as online in our hospice eBay Shop. Take a look at all the designs on offer and order yours today. [www.khh.org.uk/christmas-shop](http://www.khh.org.uk/christmas-shop)

### **The Rose returns**

Our Autumn issue of our supporter magazine – The Rose – has landed. The issue is packed full of stories about our services, incredible examples of fundraising, facts and figures about how your support is making a difference, details about upcoming events and much more. You can download the latest issue here: [www.khh.org.uk/rose](http://www.khh.org.uk/rose)

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## WILD FARTHINGHOE - THE GOLDCREST (*Regulus regulus*)



On an otherwise calm September day, the 6ft high stems of our bronze fennel plant suddenly began swaying and shaking in violent animation. A tornado perhaps? Thankfully not - to our amazement we counted 6 tiny, squabbling Goldcrests flitting from stem to stem.

Having been puzzled by our fennel seeds disappearing all summer, we thought we had found the explanation. Alas not! It appears that Goldcrests are insectivores with a penchant for spiders, aphids, caterpillars, flies and insect eggs. They will even harvest insects trapped in spider webs - potentially giving them a bonus arachnid as well.

Goldcrests and the closely related Firecrest are our smallest bird, weighing a mere 6g (compared to the Wren's positively portly 7-12g).

Goldcrests are actually far more common than you might think, although not as numerous as the Wren (our commonest breeding bird).

They are said to prefer coniferous woodlands to broadleaf and their sharp beaks are adapted to winking out small insects from pine cones.

**Astwick Vale Benefice****October 2022**

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>  <b>Green</b>  <b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	10.30 Holy Communion (Benefice)	Farthinghoe (TR/HW)	Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4 2 Timothy 1.1-14 Luke 17.5-10
<b>9<sup>th</sup> October</b>  <b>Green</b>  <b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	9.30 Morning Worship  9.30 Morning Worship  10.30 Holy Communion  11am Morning Worship	Evenley (CO)  Farthinghoe (ML)  Aynho (JD)  Hinton (CO)	2 Kings 5.1-3,7-15c 2 Timothy 2.8-15 Luke 17.11-19  Psalm 111
<b>16<sup>th</sup> October</b>  <b>Green</b> <b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	10.30 Holy Communion (Benefice)	Hinton (HW/TR)	Genesis 32.22-31 2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5 Luke 18.1-8
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>  <b>Green</b>  <b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	9.30 Harvest Service  11am Harvest Service  6pm Evening Prayer	Evenley (CO)  Croughton (CO)  Farthinghoe	Isaiah 45.22-25 Romans 15.1-6 Luke 4.16-24  Psalm 119.129-136
<b>30<sup>th</sup> October</b>  <b>Red</b> <b>(Celebrating All Saints)</b>	10.30 Holy Communion (Benefice)	Aynho (TR/HW)	Daniel 7.1-3,15-18 Ephesians 1.11-23 Luke 6.20-31

