

# THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

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



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## PASTORAL LETTER MARCH 2022 Revd Sue Cooper writes:

Dear Friends, it is good to welcome the longer daylight hours, and it's good to look forward to celebrating the festival of Easter. Easter is the greatest of the Christian festivals during which we remember with joy and thanksgiving Jesus' victory of good over evil and life over death. This year more than ever we cling to these gospel truths. We have seen so much pain and suffering on our television screens as we have witnessed, from a distance, the horror of the invasion of Ukraine by Russian military forces, which has resulted in an exodus of many women, children and elderly folk who are now refugees and displaced by war. There are many more millions left behind living (and dying) in war zones and under siege. With so much evil and death set before us every night in the news it's hard to even contemplate that good will triumph, and that life conquers death. But we must hold onto our hope, as we know that evil has its day, but that Jesus came to defeat it.

Sacrifice is a word that we don't hear very often,,,, we hear it on Remembrance Sunday as we remember the fallen of the Wars,, but perhaps the only other time we recall the word "sacrifice" is in conjunction with Good Friday, when Jesus died on a cross. Jesus said *"Greater love has no one than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."* Jesus did this for us, he sacrificed himself for us, and laid down his life. To lay down your life is the ultimate sacrifice, and most of us will never do this, but the people in Ukraine are now living with this sacrifice daily. Men and women who, just a few short weeks ago, were living ordinary lives. They were working, cooking, gardening, and living just like us, but who are now hiding or fleeing, or having to take up arms to defend their homeland and their freedom.

We can barely believe it, especially after the Worlds battle with Covid, where globally everyone has worked together for the good of all, and many sacrifices have been made in order for the majority of us to survive. But this is a very dark day in history. The vast majority of Russian people will not want this conflict, they will not want to lose their loved ones either. But sadly some World leaders give their people misinformation and lead them into conflicts that they really do not want to be involved in, and we have all learnt that from history. However, the thing that shines brightly in this dark day is the bravery and integrity of the Ukrainian people...which is clear for us all to see. Our hearts break for them, and we must do everything we can realistically do to help. Everyone's response to this crisis will be different according to our own situations and challenges in life. But the question is: is there any hope for the future? Can things change?

The answer is yes, **things can and do change**. I am writing this on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and by the time you read this events in Ukraine will have changed somewhat. Recently things changed for Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe. After six long years of being held prisoner our prayers have been answered and Nazanin has been released, which is wonderful news. But we cannot rest on our laurels because, we can never truly be free until all people are free (a sentiment echoed by Nazanin herself), and we can never truly be at peace... until peace is a reality for everyone.

The people of Ukraine are sacrificing everything to remain free, and we stand with them and grieve with them. Sacrifice is painful, messy... and it costs something. In Ukraine the full

human cost of this conflict, and the sacrifices made, are not yet known... but behind the cost is a man or a woman, someone's Husband, Wife, Father, Mother, Son, Daughter, Brother or Sister, who has laid down their lives for their friends. It is a terrible reminder that freedom isn't free.

Every year Good Friday reminds us that evil, darkness and death may have its day, but also that it never has the last word. Jesus' resurrection from the dead on Easter Sunday reminds us that **love, light and life always triumphs in the end.**

God bless you, with love Rev Sue.

*John 15:12-13 "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."*

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## **SOLAR FARM PLANNING APPLICATION - UPDATE**

*The Parish Council have received the following communication regarding the progress of the planning application for a Solar Farm in our vicinity:*

### **To All Farthinghoe & Steane Residents**

Most of you will be aware that during the latter part of 2021 Farthinghoe, Steane, Greatworth & Halse were faced with the possibility of having our beautiful valley destroyed by an unwanted & unwarranted huge Solar Farm.

Fortunately our stubborn & factual resistance caused the Developer to withdraw their Application on the final day before the Officers report was due to be made available to the Committee for their judgement to be made.

All of the events leading up to this withdrawal can be seen on the link below designated as **Old**.

At the very start of these initial deliberations we realised that Neighbour's Objection Documents would no longer be made available for all to see & read.

This change followed a decision made by WNC Planning, a decision which Parish Councils were not pre-warned about, a decision which considerably hampered the ability of everyone to fight this threat.

Fortunately this decision has now been rescinded and all responses to the new portal can now be seen & read.

The downside is that Planning Law means that despite the fact that the Developer chose to withdraw the previous Application at the very last minute they do not have to make any contribution to the costs of handling the new Application—WNC Tax Payers have to fund it 100%!! –An absolute injustice.

To study it detail the latest Application can be accessed on the link below marked **New**.

Your comments & objections can also be made directly from this same link.

Even if you made comment on the first Application it is still important to do so again as your views may be overlooked.

We must save this beautiful food producing valley and local amenity from 40 years of desecration.

Below I have also included direct links to the Action Group website & to their ePetition.

### **New**

<https://snc.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/display/WNS/2022/0557/EIA>

### **Old**

<https://snc.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/WNS/2021/0935/EIA>

### **Link to ePetition**

[https://www.change.org/p/stop-copse-lodge-solar-farm-2022?utm\\_source=share\\_petition&utm\\_medium=custom\\_url&recruited\\_by\\_id=67dec7b0-a62d-11e4-bdd2-8f32cdbe495e](https://www.change.org/p/stop-copse-lodge-solar-farm-2022?utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=custom_url&recruited_by_id=67dec7b0-a62d-11e4-bdd2-8f32cdbe495e)

### **Link to Action Group Website**

[www.copselodgeactiongroup.co.uk](http://www.copselodgeactiongroup.co.uk)

# WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Last month, WNC launched the following newsletter. Limited space in The Farthinghoe Chronicle means that I have only included the first two pages, however, the additional content is summarised below. *Ed.*



## Keeping you updated on all our latest activities



*Dear Town and Parish Colleagues,*

Welcome to the first edition of our new Town and Parish Briefing, which aims to provide you with a monthly round-up of the latest news, activities and information about West Northamptonshire Council.

We hope you'll find these regular briefings useful and informative and encourage you to share them widely within your organisations. We want to support the important role you play within our local communities by keeping you regularly updated and engaged on the services and issues that matter to you and your council.

We're keen to ensure this briefing is both timely and relevant to you, so would welcome all your ideas, input and suggestions you may have on future content – please email us at [communications@westnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:communications@westnorthants.gov.uk). We look forward to hearing from you!

Moving forward we'll also be looking at further ways to develop how we communicate directly with your communities, including the launch of a new monthly e-newsletter plus a six-monthly residents magazine which will be delivered to all homes across West Northants from later this year.

*Cllr Jonathan Nunn, Leader of West Northamptonshire Council*

## Join our Big Conversation and let's work together to make West Northants thrive

Town and parish communities across West Northants are being encouraged to get involved in the biggest conversation yet about shaping local services and improving our community.

This week West Northamptonshire Council launched the *Thrive West Northants Big Conversation* – an online forum where residents and businesses can have their say on anything and everything to help develop future plans to make our area thrive.

With our Corporate Plan in place setting out our bold vision and objectives, we have a clear view on what we need to deliver across West Northants and it's really important to us that we understand what this means to town and parish councils in your locality and what your priorities are.

Together we will agree what we need to improve and focus on, thinking about the future sustainability of West Northants, the shaping of good local services for your area and setting out what we expect from each other. We will use your feedback to help shape how we, at West Northamptonshire Council engage, involve and interact with local communities.



The conversation forum is anonymous and open 24/7 over the next three weeks, enabling people to comment, discuss and suggest ideas. Residents who are unable to access the internet can join in the conversation by visiting their local library. The conversation runs until 21 March when the comments will be analysed. Please join in the big conversation at [thrive.westnorthants.gov.uk](http://thrive.westnorthants.gov.uk)

## Subscriptions open for garden waste service

**With residents in your area currently signing up to the forthcoming year of garden waste collections, we'd really appreciate your help in providing residents with key information about the service and how they can subscribe.**

The optional, chargeable subscription service is already in place for homes in the former Daventry District and Northampton Borough areas, but from April 4 will also be introduced to all households in the former South Northants area too. Everyone who wishes to use the service for the year ahead will need to sign up, including those who wish to renew. Here's a round-up of how households can sign up.

### How to subscribe

The annual subscription charge for the fortnightly service from April 2022 to the end of March 2023 is £42 per bin, and people have a range of options for how to subscribe.

**Online:** The quickest and most popular way to subscribe is via the website using a debit or credit card at [www.westnorthants.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/gardenwaste)

As most people are subscribing online, this can create a large demand which may occasionally cause issues with the payment portal. If this happens, please try again later – residents can sign up at any time before the new service starts on 4 April, and there's no deadline before then, so they won't miss out. We would encourage anyone who can sign up online to do so, as it's the quickest and easiest way to sign up.

**Over the phone:** People can also sign up by calling us on our main number 0300 126 7000, where a customer advisor will take their payment. Sometimes our lines can be extremely busy, but if this happens please try again later.

**In person:** Residents who do not have the internet, or who are not confident going online, can use the PCs in the reception areas of our offices in Towcester, Daventry or Northampton, where a customer advisor will be happy to guide them through the process.

**Credit and debit card payments:** Please be aware that banks have recently changed the way online and over the phone credit card payments are authenticated. Under this new process users are sent a code - via email, text or via an app - to verify payment.

### Alternatives to signing up

Residents who do not wish to sign up can easily compost garden waste at home, in a compost heap, or in a compost bin. The council is offering a limited number of 220-litre home composting bins are available for only £10. To receive this offer type in your postcode at [Get Composting](#) or call [0844 571 4444](tel:08445714444).

If you do not wish to home compost, you can also take your garden waste for recycling at your nearest [household waste recycling centre](#).

To find out more about the service, including a comprehensive list of FAQs, can be found on our website at [www.westnorthants.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/gardenwaste)



## **WNC TOWN & PARISH BRIEFING – ADDITIONAL CONTENT**

### ***Join us in our pledge to cut carbon emissions***

- WNC has signed up to the UK100's Net Zero pledge which commits councils to cutting their own emissions to Net Zero by 2030 and those of their residents and businesses by 2045

### ***Have your say on new measures for dog owners***

- Consultation on a proposed Public Spaces Protection Order ends on 4th April 2022 (visit WNC Consultation Hub to provide input)
- £100 fine for failures including picking up faeces and carrying the means to do so

### ***StreetSafe tool to improve community safety***

- A map which we can use to highlight areas of the community where we feel unsafe and thereby inform Police decision making

### ***Reminder over latest bird flu restrictions***

- Explains the current measures for tackling the outbreak and how to contact DEFRA if you find a dead wild bird, especially gulls and birds of prey

### ***Are you getting involved in jubilee celebrations?***

- Provides links to Arts Council and Sport England Jubilee funding sources, how to organise tree planting and more

### ***Council tax and budget setting update***

- We'll be getting letters soon!

### ***Farthinghoe and Daventry recycling update***

- The Farthinghoe centre was due to reopen on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### ***This month's new releases from WNC***

- A list of links which can be accessed via their website on: <http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/news>



## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at the Village Hall on  
Wednesday 20 April 2022 at 7.30pm.

**All parishioners are invited to attend.**

## **VILLAGE NOTICES**

### **Coffee, Cake & Chat**

On **Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**, from 10 – 11am in the Church vestry.  
Bring & Buy and also a raffle. Hope to see you there!

### **Church Cleaning**

Will be on **Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>** from 8.30am. Many hands make light work!

### **Decorating the Church for Easter**

We will be decorating the Church on **Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**, time to suit you. We would welcome anyone who would like to make our Church beautiful with flowers and foliage! Many thanks!

## **WINNERS!**

### **200 Club Winners – March 2022**

1st prize £25 no 56 - Ruth Brittain  
2nd prize £15 No 104 - Neil Downing  
3rd prize £10 no 36 - Rachael Gwynne

## **A TRIBUTE TO CYRIL GEORGE JARVIS**

Cyril George Jarvis was born in Farthinghoe, the oldest resident left who was born in the village, he was the youngest of five children born to Annie and Frank Jarvis.

He attended Farthinghoe School and then the senior School in Brackley. On leaving school at 18 he worked at the Village Bakery then joined the R.A.F. to do his National Service.

After his discharge he qualified as a teacher and taught Maths and Physics at Stanbridge School Banbury.

In 1963 he married Rosemary and had three children and six grandchildren. He retired from teaching in 1985 and the following year took over running the Village Shop and Post Office for 11 years.

Cyril served as Governor of Farthinghoe School, Chairman of both the Village Hall and Parish Council, where he was instrumental in fighting for a Village bypass, even then!

He played cricket, football and table tennis for the village and as a couple enjoyed dancing and holidays with friends and family, he also enjoyed his garden. He was often seen metal detecting with two friends in the fields around the village hoping to find a fortune.

His great faith sustained him through occasional bouts of ill health. He was a gentleman of the old school and will be missed by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him.

The family wish to thank everyone for all the support, cards, message and floral tributes they have received.



## THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

With winter behind us and spring well and truly sprung, the Jubilee Committee would like to update you on the plans for the big event.

### FARTHINGHOE'S BIG JUBILEE LUNCH

We've had a fantastic response for our Big Jubilee Lunch on the 5th June. Already, 75 adults and 19 children have said they want to join in the celebrations.

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR FORM RESPONSE NEEDS TO BE WITH ME BY 1ST APRIL** - either post the form through my door - London Barn, Main Road, opposite Baker Street - the post box is around the back of the house; or email [wendy.gainford@gmail.com](mailto:wendy.gainford@gmail.com)

If you haven't received a form, or the dog chewed it or the cat peed on it, please let me know!

#### THE PLAN:

We will walk from the village hall to Baker Street starting at 1pm. Hopefully we will all be wearing crowns - bought, homemade - and the best will win a prize fit for royalty. Our oldest female, long-term resident in the village (to the best of the committee's knowledge), Ruth Dashwood, has kindly agreed to lead our parade, with the children immediately behind. We will publish our route through the village so that you can join us if you wish.

There will be a long table down Baker Street with a white cloth on it. Each party will be assigned a group name of one of the Queen's residences, so you'll know where your space is on the table.

You will be able to decorate your space on the table from midday - again, there will be a prize for Best Dressed Royal Table.

Please arrange with your group what you will be eating and bring your own picnic, cutlery and crockery with you. The Jubilee Committee will be providing cup cakes. If you wish the pub to provide your food, please book this beforehand.

We will be providing music and fun and games!

## LIGHTING THE VILLAGE BEACON

On Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June we will be lighting the Farthinghoe village beacon at 9.45pm along with the Queen's beacon in The Mall and over 1,500 others nationally and internationally.

The lighting of beacons has been a feature of Jubilee celebrations since Queen Victoria's day and Farthinghoe also proudly participated in the national *WW1 Beacons of Light* event to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Armistice Day in 2018.

To make the most of a special evening, we plan to hold a quiz at *The Fox* prior to the beacon lighting ceremony before returning to the pub, hearing the answers and announcing the winner. More details to follow.

If anyone either is or knows a bugler/cornet player happy to play a short piece at 9.40pm that evening, then please contact any member of the committee or the Editor ([nicoshunt@aol.com](mailto:nicoshunt@aol.com)).

Likewise, if anyone wants to volunteer as an unofficial Village Crier to announce the beacon lighting around the village at 2pm, please make contact (otherwise I'll have to do it! **Ed.**)

## PLATINUM JUBILEE GESTURES OF KINDNESS

Remember our idea of Gestures of Kindness? Contributing flowers, vases (on loan) and jam jars etc to decorate the church would be a lovely, community-minded gesture. We also need volunteers to help put the flowers around the church on Saturday morning (4<sup>th</sup> June) - no flower arranging skills are required, just loving the idea of our old church being full of flowers will be sufficient. Please let anyone on the committee know if you can help with this.

We are also hoping to plant bulbs around the village: the school will be happy to help with this, but we will need more volunteers. Hopefully, we can organise a plant sale too.

Please get in touch if you have any further ideas of gestures of kindness - and you are willing to offer to help!

If anyone can fix the weather for the day then we would be eternally grateful!

**The Jubilee Committee: Wendy Hancock, Margaret Rogers, Clare Booker, Pippa Parnell, Diane Jones, Nick Hunt**

### FARTHINGHOE SCHOOL RED NOSE DAY: UKRAINIAN FUNDRAISER

The brainchild of Farthinghoe's very own Daisy Booker (school Charity Ambassador), this event has so far raised the impressive total of **£1,255.94**.

A very big *thank-you!* to all concerned.

It was great fun watching the children race around the playground during their Wheelathon: they all put everything into it!

These children are our future and how wonderful that they can give their time and effort so generously to help others.

**WELL DONE!!**



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

With the evenings getting lighter and signs of spring all around us, it's time to ditch the weekends stuck inside and get back to enjoying the outdoors. We have plenty of ways that you can support our hospice while getting some fresh air – from taking part in events to volunteering for one of our collections. We couldn't keep supporting local people without your help. Thank you!

### **Moonlight Walk - UPDATE**

Our Moonlight Walk has a new date and venue! Our much-loved fundraising event will now take place on 16 July, setting off from Easington Sports Football Club in Banbury. We're bringing back all the best bits of the 80s – so get some friends together and have your leg warmers at the ready! Tickets are on sale now. All that's left is to choose between our 6- and 10-mile walk.

### **Open Gardens return**

We have an incredible seven dates for our Open Garden scheme running throughout the spring and summer – with more to come! A huge thank you to all our green-fingered supporters who are opening their gardens to help raise money for our hospice. If you're looking for some fun family days out in the months ahead then take a look at our Open Gardens page to find out more.

### **Out on the town!**

We're always on the lookout for more volunteers for our street collections. Each collection slot lasts for 1.5 hours – so it's a great introduction to volunteering if it's something you've been thinking about. Find out how you can get involved on the volunteering page of our website.

### **A cracking 10k**

Ready to step-up your running this autumn? We've teamed up with Brackley Running Club and are excited to offer places on the 'egg-cellent' 10k Chicken Run! Join the Katharine House team to take on this popular local running event and raise money for a fantastic cause.

### **Walk the walk**

If you love nothing more than lacing up your walking boots and getting out to see the world then we have three new challenge events that will be right up your street.

- Cotswold Way Challenge - 25 June
- Thames Path Challenge - 10 September
- Halloween Walk - 29 October

So whether you fancy something beautifully scenic or a little bit spooky – we've got you covered! Find out about these challenges and more on our website.

### **Digital monthly newsletter – keep up to date with your hospice**

Sign up to receive our Katharine House digital monthly newsletter, which is designed to keep you in touch with all our latest news and fundraising events at the hospice.

### **Find out more**

Head to our website for more details, events and news: [www.khh.org.uk](http://www.khh.org.uk).

## **BURNING BRAZIER BEACON BRIEFING (Can you spot the April Fool?)**

- Beacons come in various guises ranging from a simple open fire, to lighthouses, to the complex electronic devices used in modern aviation.



## Astwick Vale Benefice April 2022

DATE Altar Colour	TIME/ SERVICE	CHURCH/LEADER	READINGS
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> April</b> <b>Purple</b> <b>5th Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>9:30 Said Com</b> 11.00 Holy Com 11:00 Morning Worship	<b>Farthinghoe SC</b> Aynho SC Hinton ML	Isa 43.16-21 Phil 3;4b-14 John 12; 1-8
<b>10<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Red</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b>	10.30am Holy Com Palm Sunday	Croughton SC/TR 10.30am Benefice Service	Isa 50; 4-9a Phil 2; 5-11 Luke 22; 14 – 23; 56
<b>Weds 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>7pm Night Prayer</b> <b>(Compline/ Prayers for Ukraine)</b>	<b>Farthinghoe SC</b>	<b>Leader to Bring</b>
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	7.00pm Holy Com with foot/hand washing	Aynho Ministry Team	Exo 12; 1-4 11-14 1 cor 11; 23-26 John 13; 1-17, 31b-35
<b>Good Friday</b>	11.am Family Worship 2pm Hour at the Cross	Evenley CO  Hinton SC	<b>Leaders to bring</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>White</b> <b>Easter day</b>	<b>9am Holy Com</b>  <b>10am Holy Com</b> <b>10.am Morning Worship</b>  <b>11am Holy Com</b>  <b>11.am Holy Com by Extension</b>	<b>Farthinghoe SC</b>  <b>CroughtonTR</b> <b>Evenley Jose</b>  <b>Aynho SC</b>  <b>Hinton ML</b>	Isa 65;17-end Acts 10.34-43 Luke 24; 1-12 Or John 20. 1-18
<b>24<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>white</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sun Easter</b>	9.30am Morning Worship <b>11:00 Morning Worship with Baptism</b> 11.00 Holy Com  <b>4pm E/Prayer</b>	<b>No Service at Aynho</b> Evenley CO  <b>Croughton TR</b>  Hinton SC/HW  <b>Farthinghoe Lay Led</b>	Exod 14; 10-end, 15; 20-21 Acts 5; 27-32 John 20; 19-31  Psalm 16

Please note the services in red print for either time changes or special services.