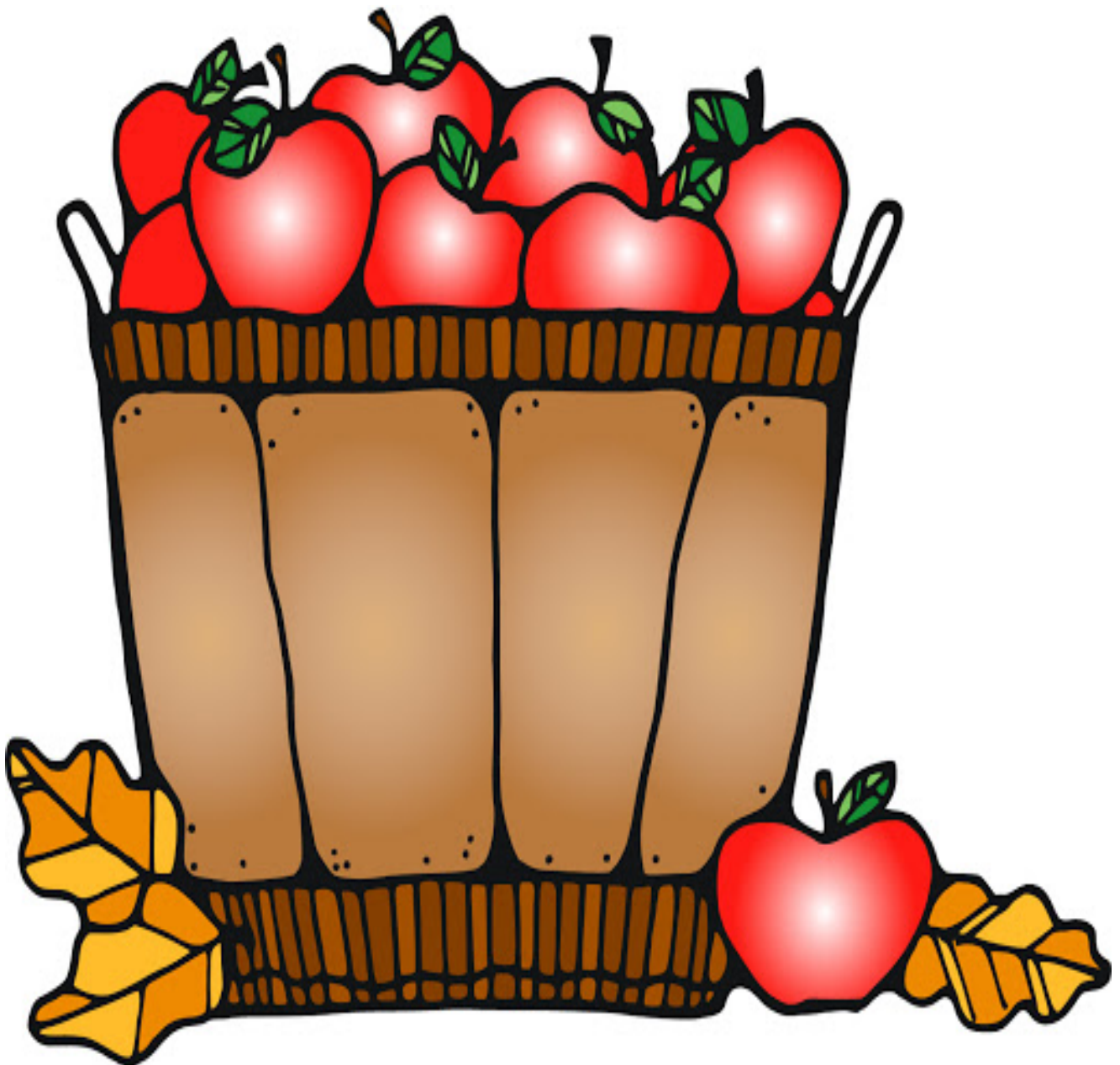


THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....



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Pastoral Letter – September 2020

Dear Friends, as I write this letter I am just about to take two weeks annual leave. I am looking forward to spending some time in the Rectory Garden with my Husband Nic, and going down to London to visit my Mum, and my Brother and Sisters. Usually when I am on leave I take some days out visiting towns or cities, or other interesting places. This year, everything feels different and there are places we are not able to go still.

My Husband works at Stowe School, and last summer we had the pleasure of taking my Father in law and his wife for a visit to Stowe House and Grounds. I worked there some years ago too, and I was looking forward to visiting again. I had a very happy time working at Stowe, but the strange thing was that, it all seemed different to how I remembered it. I was now seeing Stowe as a visitor. We had a tour guide take us around to explain the history of the place, and it was as if I was seeing Stowe for the very first time. Although I had worked there and knew the place well, I was now seeing it through “new” eyes, and I was surprised and delighted. It made me think about revisiting other places to see what else I had missed.

Revisiting places is a good thing, but it is also good to revisit our thoughts and ideas because, with the passage of time, things change; and we change as we get older too.

It greatly saddens me when I speak to folk who are not prepared to revisit their thinking about God, and the Church. Some don't believe in God and sadly some of them have had a bad experience of Church or Christians and so are not willing to ‘revisit’ them again. But what has surprised me even more than this is how many people I speak to who have made up their minds on preconceived ideas about Christianity. They are people who have had no personal knowledge or experience of God, or Church, or Christians to base their understanding on, and so they are basing their understanding and judgement on what they have heard, or been told by someone else, and even on television portrayals of Church and Christians, which are greatly misrepresentative. However, just like any other organisation or institution, the Church has changed greatly in recent years. It was not too many years ago that it would have been unthinkable for a woman to be a Priest or Bishop in the Church of England.... but now, here I am. Some folk I have spoken to sadly have a mental image of Church that involves the Vicar scowling at them from the Pulpit breathing threats of hell fire and brimstone, and they cannot conceive of a message of hope and love and grace that would bring joy and peace to their busy stress filled lives, and this is a great shame.

The thing is...God hasn't changed, and neither has the gospel of good news in Jesus Christ, but Church has changed; and yet there are still many people who are stuck with an idea of a Church that existed over 50 years ago. I guess the point I want to make from all this is....are you holding any preconceived ideas about God, Church, and Christians, that you could revisit in the Spirit of open mindedness? Or has something that happened in the past put you off, and given you reasons to hold onto ideas about God and Church that may be outdated and which could be revisited now?; because Church has changed,, and you are a different person now too. This year so many things are having to be completely revisited and seen with ‘new’ eyes because things have changed. Maybe it's time to open your heart and mind to discover, or rediscover, the things of God, Church and faith for your life... and you would be most welcome to join us at any of our Churches.

God bless you, with love Rev Sue

Important news from Copse Lodge Action Group

The current proposal to build a **321-acre solar farm** on land between Farthinghoe, Halse and Greatworth was mentioned in the Farthinghoe Chronicle in August & this will known as **Copse Lodge Solar Farm**. South Northamptonshire Council have now required the company behind this proposal, JBM Solar, to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment.

This was the outcome of Planning Application: S/2020/1172/SCR, with over 100 local residents making their voices heard by demanding that an EIA was essential. The Council echoed local concern by concluding that **'the proposed development would have the potential for significant environmental effects on landscape and visual impact.'**

As a part of this process, the company are now engaging in a period of public consultation and have created a website detailing their plans which can be found at: <https://www.copselodgesolar.co.uk/>

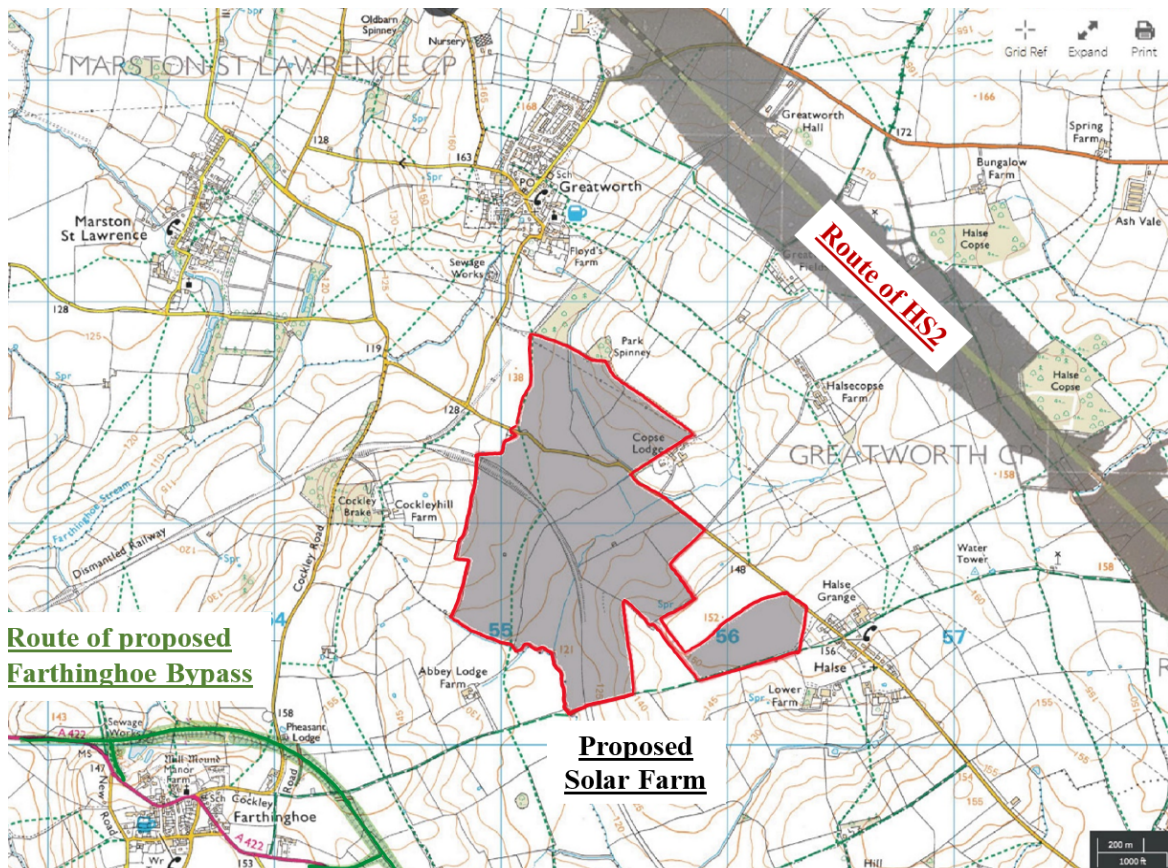
We urge you to make a comment either on this website, or by emailing copselodgesolar@pegasusgroup.co.uk

To keep JBM Solar accountable to the local community the Copse Lodge Action Group request that you **copy any comments to the following email address** in order to keep a record of local opinion which cannot be disputed by the company: copselodgesolar2020@gmail.com*

JBM Solar insist that public opinion will be taken into account as they shape their Full Planning Application, so this is a vital chance to make local feeling known on the issue.

The closing date for comments to be made to JBM Solar is **5pm on 11th September**.

*We will only hold your comments for the duration of the planning process and for the purpose of accountability, in strict accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018.



FARTHINGHOE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

200 Club

£25 Dave Clayton No 121, £15 Dave Hancock No 57,
£10 Rosemary Ewen No 50

I reported last month that the Hall is open to a small number of regular Hirers. This restricted opening has allowed us to test our Covid 19 procedures and everything seems to be working well. We have had to increase fees to cover the additional costs of cleaning/sanitising, but the increase will also cover the cost of running the new heating system in winter. Our other regular hirers will be starting as the schools return, but for the time being the Committee Room and Kitchen remain out of bounds and there will be no social bookings at present.

The Committee will be meeting in early September for the first time since March as we gear up to be more proactive. However, the events planned for Halloween and Christmas remain tentative as we monitor which way the Government is heading.

The Committee has changed somewhat with Fiona George, Di and Graham Osborne and Jenny Phipps leaving us but being replaced by Geoff Wenmouth (200 Club), Lynne and John Lee, Marjorie Morris (Bookings), Pip Clayton (Events). A massive thank you to those who have left after helping to make a real difference to the Hall facilities and income - you helped build a fantastic team. It is really good to have found replacements and I welcome the enthusiasm of the new Members to help take us forward to the next goals which will be published before the end of the year.

David Hancock

BRACKLEY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL 2020 TRUST UPDATE – 1 August 2020

It's time to spread a little more good news about the new hospital and the fundraising efforts over the past couple of months.

Hot off the press, our latest donation has come from the INEOS Community Fund which has granted us £10,000; thanks go to Mercedes AMG Petronas for the introduction here.

Over the past six weeks we have received £6,000 from the Town Mayor's Charity which reflects the tremendous work achieved by Tony Bagot-Webb and his wife, Kareen, during a rather strange year of office which eventually lasted some 14 months but for which events were curtailed after less than 10 months.

We were the recipients of a grant of just over £5,000 from a group of local Masonic lodges which included contributions from Brackley, Banbury, Silverstone and Towcester.

As was reported last month, three local organisations (Brackley Rugby Club, Starlight Dance Academy and Brackley Spiderman) have undertaken their own initiatives and these together have brought in nearly £5,000.

Our Treasurer, Paul Bennett, had itchy feet and was very conscious of fundraising events being either cancelled or postponed. He had planned a street collection which was thwarted and he therefore produced a small leaflet inviting personal donations to the trust. Initially, he had 4000 leaflets printed and these have all been distributed around town; he is now on his second batch of 4000 which will include some coverage of surrounding villages. Individual donations, several of them anonymous, have totalled so far around £1,500 – we can only thank Paul and a few volunteers (whom I shall not name for fear of omitting one or two that I might not even know about!) for doing this. And a massive thank you to all our contributors for their quick response.

The thermometer is therefore now well over £150,000 and we are within 10% of our original target of £165,000. This, however, will not be the end of it as, once the target for the x-ray machine has been reached, we will then start on raising money for the ultra-sound scanner, recliner chairs and television sets.

A final major donation – though not monetary – was the gift of an almost new high-spec recliner armchair from a Brackley resident. This was purchased for his father who sadly died before he could really benefit from the purchase. Ideally, the NHFT would like to have one of these chairs, which cost over £2,000 each, in each bedroom on the second floor, so this gift is another great boost.

With the goodwill and amazing generosity and initiative of local individuals, organisations and businesses, the targets will be reached, and our Community Hospital will be a flagship facility of which we can all rightly be proud.



Pub opening hours:

Monday 12.00-15.00 – 17.00-22.00
Tuesday 12.00-15.00 – 17.00-22.00
Wednesday 12.00-15.00 – 17.00-22.00
Thursday 12.00-15.00 – 17.00-22.00
Friday 12.00-23.00
Saturday 12.00-23.00
Sunday 12.00-20.00

Food opening hours:

Monday 12.00-14.30 – 18.00-21.00
Tuesday 12.00-14.30 – 18.00-21.00
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Saturday 12.00-14.30 – 18.00-21.00
Sunday 12.00-17.00

We are still offering takeaways throughout the week and weekends.

To book a table or place and order for takeaway please call us on 01295 713965

Church Piece Allotments - September 2020

In recent weeks, there have been more applications for allotment tenancies and we are pleased to say that all plots on the allotment are now occupied.

Rental monies are due on the first Monday of September; this year, Monday September 7th. The charge for allotments remains at £12 per individual plot.

As usual, rental monies will be collected in person in the Church, starting at 7pm.

In order to comply with social distancing requirements, monies will be collected from the Church Porch outside the Church itself instead of in the Vestry.

In light of the present social distancing measures in force due to Covid 19, however, and if you are unable to attend, we are very happy for rental monies to be provided through the following alternative methods listed below:

Cash payments:

In an envelope, with details showing plot holder's name, contact details and number of plots. Please post into letterbox at Bell Cottage, Queens Street.

Cheques:

To: **Farthinghoe Rector Churchwardens Tst Church Piece**. In an envelope, with accompanying note to show plot holder's name, contact details and number of plots. Please post into letterbox at Bell Cottage, Queens Street.

Internet/mobile banking:

Account Name: **Farthinghoe Rector Churchwardens Tst Church Piece**

Account number: 41727885

Sort code: 40-09-02

Reference: Plot holder's name

We would be extremely grateful if you could confirm online payments with an accompanying text message to 07951 755 171 to indicate how many plots have been paid for.

Ruth Brittain and Henry Bankes-Jones
Trustees

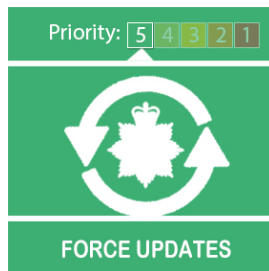


Pine

Garden design and landscaping services

Got a garden project but need an extra pair of hands? Consultancy or inspiration? Hedges, garden maintenance or a one off weeding session? Email pine landscape and horticulture today! We offer one off, weekly or biweekly sessions. And get 20% off your first session (10% off Farthinghoe residents. Services end for winter November 1st.

glouisxx@gmail.com or +447563758106 on Whatsapp or on mobile.



Hi Tech Investment Will Tackle Travelling Criminals

A major initiative will add around 100 new cameras to the ANPR network in Northamptonshire as part of an investment strategy to disrupt crime, support road safety and deny criminals the use of the county's roads.

The £1.3 million investment - agreed by the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold and Chief Constable Nick Adderley - will see new, fixed cameras across the county and marks a significant expansion of the ANPR network.

The cameras will be used by Northamptonshire Police to fight crime and keep people safe, providing additional tools to detect crime, disrupt criminals who are using the roads and deter them from committing crime in this county.

The investment plan includes additional cameras:

- on the county's major, strategic routes and at the county borders
- an increased ANPR footprint in rural communities, with cameras at strategic routes on roads in rural areas
- increased coverage in the county's major towns

The plan also includes increased mobile ANPR capacity in police vehicles as well as mobile rapid deployment cameras that can be sent to hotspots around the county.

The fixed cameras will be deployed in areas that analysis shows are the most likely to effectively support the investigation of crime. Consultation with local people will take place before any new cameras are deployed.

The expanded camera network is part of a wider strategy to strengthen crime fighting and links several initiatives, including the establishment last year of the road crime team to focus on denying criminals the use of the roads and the soon-to-be-deployed rapid response Interceptor cars.

Taken together, these initiatives significantly strengthen the tools available to help Northamptonshire Police fight crime and keep the county safe.

ANPR - Automatic Number Plate Recognition - reads the registration of passing vehicles and checks them across a number of databases, raising the alert if a vehicle is stolen or linked to crime.

The cameras will also support police in tackling antisocial driving and identify uninsured vehicles - research shows that drivers who drive uninsured are more likely to be involved in serious road traffic collisions and be involved in other types of criminality.

A programme of activities to engage with authorities and the public will be taking place over the coming months and it is hoped that the cameras will be in place by next spring.





FANTASITC NEWS

Our beautiful tearoom will reopen from 1st August for fabulous private dining experiences

You can hire upstairs or downstairs for 2.5 hours exclusive use for 10-20 people.

THERE IS NO HIRE CHARGE

Saturdays we will be offering;

Family breakfast menu from 9:00am – 12:00noon

Afternoon Tea Menu from 12:00noon – 5:00pm

Sundays we will be offering;

Family breakfast menu from 9:00am -12:00noon

Sunday Roast Dinner Menu 12:00noon – 5:00pm

Afternoon Tea Menu from 12:00noon – 5:00pm

To book your table please email orders@limesfarm.com where we

will happily answer any questions and take your booking.