

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....



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Farthinghoe Village Action Day on 8th February 2019 with the visit of the Rt Hon. Andrea Leadsom MP

Every household will have received a copy of an introductory letter from Andrea Leadsom MP announcing her intention to visit Farthinghoe for a Village Action Day & on the back of each letter was a Farthinghoe Residents' Survey. 112 completed survey forms were returned with 87% of answers for Q3 being in the "Important" or "Very Important" category

The day was planned to be in 3 distinct sections:

- Visit to School (10.00 am to 10.30 am)
- Visit to the Coffee Morning at the Church (10.30 am to 11.30 am)
- Visits to houses to which Andrea had been pre-invited to discuss specific subjects (11.30 am onwards)

1 School:

Andrea was welcomed to the school by Wendy Whitehouse. Steve Wilson & John Boyd.

Following this welcome the very impressive school project board displaying many items about road safety, traffic statistics & the by-pass was presented to Andrea & her questions were very competently answered by Maggie Bullock & Lauren Boyd.

This was followed by visiting the 3 classrooms in turn, sitting with the pupils to accept & answer many questions related to the by-pass & road safety. Very proud to call this our village school.

2 Coffee Morning at Farthinghoe Church:

It is always difficult to try to assess in advance the number of people who will attend such an event but I should not have worried.

To all of those involved in preparing the coffee & superb cakes a very big thank you for coming up trumps with more than adequate provision at very short notice.

Andrea bought us up to date in great detail about her quest to find funding for the design & construction of the by-pass, something she has been working on since early 2018 when it became clear that this could not be provided by NCC. The source of finance was identified as the MRN Consultation, but initially there were several criteria which might have precluded our by-pass project from qualification.

Andrea confirmed that these barriers had now been removed & both the A422 in general & the Farthinghoe by-pass in particular qualify to allow bids for finance.

It is agreed that the funding bid for our by-pass will be jointly prepared by NCC Highways, SEMLEP & EEHSA. Andrea will chair the joint meetings of these 3 authorities to ensure no undue delays occur & the first such meeting will take place on May 3rd. It is hoped that the bid will be finalised & submitted by July 2019.

There was increased optimism following this news, but It must be made clear that this is still at bid preparation stage & that finance is not yet guaranteed. Once it becomes clear that funding has been confirmed by MRN then Design & Planning can begin in detail as well as a resumption of dialogue with those people with detailed design concerns.

Andrea continued to take further questions from individuals about this & about other subjects which were of concern.

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At around 11.30 the meeting at the church came to an end with Andrea & her party moving on to their prearranged private meetings in the village.

Mick Morris
Chairman, Farthinghoe Parish Council

CCTV in Farthinghoe

In the last edition of the Farthinghoe Chronicle we highlighted an approach we had received from S. Northants C.C to install a CCTV system in Farthinghoe and connect this to a central police control room.

We responded to this initiative by confirming our interest and requesting further information on costs and technical information.

We have received the following response from S. Northants C.C:

“At the moment the proposal is being looked at in detail again, some of the costings have come back and we are having to work through where we go from here as they are not what we expected”

It would appear that this initiative has been shelved for now, but we will keep you informed if S. Northants C.C do decide to resurrect the project.

Our thanks to those who took the time out to comment on last month's article.

Farthinghoe Parish Council

COCKLEY ROAD

Northamptonshire Highways are requiring to carry out carriageway repairs along Cockley Road. To undertake these works safely will require that road is closed from the **28th February until the 14th March 2019** at off peak times only.

A plan showing the closure and diversion can be viewed here <https://roadworks.org?tm=112486573>

If you require more information about the works please contact Steve Cross on 01604 883400

The Rt Hon. Andrea Leadsom writes:

It was great to have the opportunity to speak directly with so many residents when I visited Farthinghoe on the 8th February; thanks to Mick Morris and John Grant for coordinating so well.

My team and I spent some time at the coffee morning in beautiful St Michael and All Angels Church, and I updated those present on our continued push to get the Farthinghoe Bypass built, as well as answering questions on a range of topics – including Brexit. I'd also visited Farthinghoe Primary School earlier in the day, and I'm grateful to Wendy Whitehouse for showing me around and introducing me to her fantastic team and students; I was very impressed with Lauren and Maggie who took the time to talk me through their concerns about the need for the Bypass, and with the questions from Years 5 & 6. I called on several residents directly who had asked to see me, and it was good to hear a range of views on a number of issues.

On the Farthinghoe Bypass itself, I am working with the County Council, the South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership, and our new sub-regional transport body England's Economic Heartland Strategic Alliance to explore how we can fund the road's construction as soon as possible. I have called a meeting for early May (the next point all diaries could be coordinated to get the various principals of each organisation in the same room) to look at putting a bid for money forward through the newly announced Department for Transport's Major Road Network Fund. I understand that the next round of bids for funding need to be submitted in July, and I am pleased to have an agreement in principle from all three groups (NCC, SEMLEP & EEHSA) that the Farthinghoe Bypass is a worthy cause.

In other news, residents may have seen the recent reports in the press that I continue to raise my constituents' views on HS2 at all levels, and have written several times to the Chief Executive of HS2 Ltd, Mark Thurston, to put concerns from people in South Northants about the business case across directly. You can find copies of these letters on the HS2 section of my website: www.andrealeadsom.com/news?category=HS2

And I know that everyone in Farthinghoe will join with me in welcoming that construction of the new Brackley Medical Centre has started. It is a fantastic project that will deliver huge benefits for the residents of Brackley and the surrounding area, and will include GP services, a pharmacy, 16 intermediate "step-down" care beds, x-ray facilities, a minor injuries unit and other services across three storeys.

As ever, if anyone has any specific concerns they wish to raise with me, please do get in touch via email (andrea.leadsom.mp@parliament.uk) or over the 'phone on 01327 353 124. I look forward to seeing you all again.

FARTHINGHOE VILLAGE HALL

150 Club: £25 - Millie Swan, £15 - Mark North, £10 - Jackie Affleck

It has proven to be a challenge collecting money this year and despite a number of attempts at reaching people, there are still 28 uncollected numbers. 15th March is the cut-off date, so if you have not renewed your membership, we will remove you from the scheme. It is very easy to renew - ring Wendy Hancock on 01295 711345 and she will collect the money.

Feed and Read: The next event is 1st March with another scheduled for 5th April, (this will be followed by a traditional film night showing A Matter of Life & Death [1946] starring David Niven and Raymond Massey). Come along to browse/borrow/exchange books for free. Tea/coffee and cakes etc. will be available as usual for £1 per tea/cake combination.

Winter Olympics Event: Unfortunately this Event has been cancelled due to lack of support. Tickets will be refunded in the next couple of weeks and we plan to run this next year on 4th May 2019.

New catering facility: There will be a regular Indian Curry van at the Village Hall on a Wednesday subject to the response from local Villages. There will be a flyer delivered to homes in Farthinghoe within the next two weeks, but the first opportunity will be in the carpark, Wednesday 6 March 7-8pm, for free samples of the food on offer in the following weeks. This should be a good addition to Village services as the Company regularly sells its food at the F1 Grand Prix at Silverstone.

2018 Achievements: The Committee is currently finalising its Goals for 2019, which will be published next month. However, it is worth pointing out the achievements for 2018.

- New comprehensive storage area within the Hall, replacing old bar and creating new bar facilities, with hot and cold water, fridge/freezer and glassware.
- Major themed events have raised significant funds; grants and other funding pursued and won.
- Improvements to gardens, planting and car parking area, BBQ area started.
- Improvements to décor, new shared library and audio/visual facilities, Fire safety, risk and asset assessments completed.
- Creation of a viable plan for the funding and installation of new heating and hot water system.
- New Storage container for school installed.

- Creation of transparent management structure, with minutes and ongoing plans available to the Village, with an enhanced relationship with regular hirers and stakeholders, Parish Council and School.
- New Website to allow bookings and events to be publicised, aiding marketing of the Hall and encouraging its use by both the Village and external hirers.

2019 Goals: These will be finalised at the end of March and available to view on the Village Hall noticeboard and Website (www.farthinghoevillagehall.org) where you can find all previous Minutes and various operational documents as well as a Calendar of Events and other information about the Hall.

VILLAGE NOTICES

- New Rector - The Induction and Installation of our new Rector, the Revd Sue Cooper, will be held at Aynho Church on Saturday 30 March at 3pm, followed by tea. All are welcome!
- Line Dancing - If you are interested in being active on a Monday afternoon, why not come along and join our class from 2-3pm at Aynho Village hall. £5 per session payable when you go! For more details contact Jill, 01295710335 or Rosemary 01295711130
- Coffee, Cake & Chat - On Friday 8th March 8th from 10 – 11am. There will be a raffle. All welcome!
- Church cleaning - On Tuesday 12th March from 8.30am. It would be lovely to see you there!



FARTHINGHOE FILM CLUB PRESENTS:

Our forthcoming screening

At Farthinghoe Village Hall, Cockley Rd, Farthinghoe

SAT MARCH 9th 7PM (DOORS) 7.30PM START



"EDDIE THE EAGLE" (2016 Cert PG 146mins)

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Snacks & beverages available (BYO alcoholic drinks)

**For details see Facebook@farthinghoeflicks,
or email duncanbragg@mac.com**



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BENEFICE WORSHIP IN MARCH

Sunday 3 March

Evenley	6pm Taize
Farthinghoe	10.30am. Communion
Hinton	11am Morning Worship

Wednesday 6 March - Ash Wednesday

Croughton	6.30pm Communion
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Sunday 10 March - Lent 1

Croughton	10.30am Benefice Communion
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Sunday 17 March - Lent 2

Evenley	10.30am Benefice Communion
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Sunday 24 March - Lent 3

Aynho	10.30am Communion
Hinton	10.30am Communion

Sunday 31 March - Mothering Sunday

Aynho	11.00am Family Service
Croughton	9.30am Communion
Evenley	11.00am Family Worship
Farthinghoe	10.00am Family Worship
Hinton	11.00am Family Service.

From Rachel Boyd – The London Marathon Runner

I'm running the London Marathon in April 2019 in aid of a Milton Keynes-based charity MK Snap which provides support for adults in our community with learning difficulties. I've been lucky enough to spend some time with them their learners recently and they're the most fantastic bunch of people who, thanks to MK Snap, now have a future full of possibilities. I was genuinely humbled by their determination and resilience so, running 26.2 miles is the least I can do.

I've been awarded a charity place to run the Marathon for MK Snap and I've committed to raising £1500. I'm trying to think up new fundraising ideas and perhaps host a couple of charitable events – I was thinking of a gin tasting evening!

Please consider sponsoring me:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=RachaelBoyd&pageUrl=1>



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