

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....



*The Roman God Janus, one face looking forward into the future
and the other back into the past, is the root of this month's
name*

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To All Farthinghoe and Steane Residents

On the 3rd August 2022 the following Planning Application was received by West Northants Council for the construction of an Anaerobic Digester at the Barley Mow at Evenley.

See link <https://wnc.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/WNS/2022/1557/EIA>

Anticipating potential detrimental effects to Farthinghoe we quickly requested to be included as a Consultee and to receive all updates to the Planning Application.

There are substantial doubts about the Green Benefits of any such installation which also has the potential to emit very unpleasant odours along with other local disadvantages.

Most of this detail can be seen on the replies to the Planning Portal shown on the above link

As many of us already know there have also been explosions and ferocious fires at similar Anaerobic Digesters in Cassington, Wallingford and Avonmouth near Bristol—Investigations still continue into these to determine the exact causes and dangers.

Closer to home we had a more immediate threat, that being the possibilities of HGVs and large Tractor/Trailer deliveries coming through Farthinghoe to service the site along with HGV Tankers carrying the highly volatile Biomethane gas produced at the Digester to the National Grid gas injection site at Grimsbury.

Three times since August 2022 Farthinghoe Parish Council have objected to the site but in the event that it passed Planning we also requested assurances that none of the above vehicles would come through Farthinghoe and that for any rogue trips all vehicles could easily be detected by having clear signage.

I spent Monday afternoon at the Planning Meeting although it had been made clear to me that I could not speak on behalf of Farthinghoe Parish Council by the WNC Constitution because Farthinghoe does not have a common border with Evenley.

The department who controls these Constitution rules is ironically called the Dept for Democratic Services and Standards.

It is a conundrum when Democratic Services does not allow a Councillor to speak out in protection of Community Safety.

Just prior to a Committee decision being made I did learn that in the event of the Planning Application being agreed there would be Planning clauses controlling site vehicles from coming through Farthinghoe and that all vehicles would be clearly marked.

However it was finally decided late in the afternoon that the Planning Application would be rejected as noted on the following link to a report from the Banbury Guardian

<https://www.banburyguardian.co.uk/news/people/major-application-rejected-for-biogas-plant-on-nearly-nine-hectares-of-open-countryside-near-brackley-4444844>

Rgds

Mick Morris



The Bus Fare Cap scheme is a government initiative which started on 1st January 2023 and has been extended until at least June 2024.

During this time, most single fares on eligible Stagecoach routes in England will cost £2* or less.

Tickets can be bought on board or on the Stagecoach Bus App.

VILLAGE NOTICES

Coffee Cake and Chat

On Friday, January 12th from 10 – 11am in the Church Vestry.

There will be a Bring & Buy, and also a Raffle.

Hope to see you there!

Church Cleaning

On Tuesday, January 16th from 8.30am.

Thanks

To Wendy for organising the Christmas Trees in the Church, and the Carol singing around the village. The money raised from these and a percentage of the Crib collection will be sent to The Children's Society. The total will be announced in February Chronicle.

WINNERS!

1st Prize - £25 - No 47 - Pippa Parnell
2nd Prize - £15 - No 116 - Jenny Phipps
3rd Prize - £10 - No 9 - Steve Kerby

VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

FUTURE EVENTS

BOOKS & BAKES - FRIDAY 26th JANUARY

Come and join us for tea/coffee and cake, and make use of our library.

EARLY SPRING SOCIAL EVENT - date to be arranged

A social event to be held at the end of February/beginning of March is in the early stages of being organised and further information will be on our website and on social media as soon as it is available.

FASHION SHOW

Following the very successful Fashion Show at the beginning of December Jackie Allen is keen to hold another one at the hall around Easter time and a date for this will be agreed in the next few weeks.

CONCERT - 11th MAY

Brackley Chamber Music Group have booked the hall for another concert to be held in May. Further details and ticket information will follow next month.

REGULAR SESSIONS :

Art - Tuesday 10.00am - 12.00 & Friday 10.45am - 1.15pm

Ballet - Monday 5.00pm - 7.00pm & Saturday 9.00am - 1.00pm

Ballroom - Thursday - 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Martial Arts (Adult) - Sunday 11.30am - 1.30pm

Martial Arts (Children) - Friday - 5.30 - 7.30

MiniMayhem - Wednesday 9.30am - 11.00am

Pilates - Tuesday 6.30pm - 7.30pm & Friday 9.30am - 10.30am

Table Tennis - Monday 7.30pm - 8.30pm

U3A - Spanish 1st & 3rd Thursdays 2.00pm - 4.00pm

 Victorian Literature 2nd Thursday 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Yoga - Sunday 10.00am - 11.00am

If you are interested in any of the above and want further information please contact me.

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Christmas Trees and Carols

A big thank you to those villagers and businesses that kindly supplied and decorated a Christmas tree in the church. We raised £65 for the Children's Society, which is the charity that our church currently supports.

Thank you also to the Carollers who sang around the village on the 23rd of December. Many people had left for sunnier climes or relatives and friends, but those villagers that were home generously contributed £104.07, which is also going to the church's charity. Thank you also to Rosemary for keeping the church open in the evening so we could all meet inside. Perhaps next year we should sing a week earlier and if you want us to sing outside your house then if you could let us know, we'll make sure we call - something to be thought about for Christmas 2024.

Many thanks to the Events Committee who put in so much work, despite them having busy, full time jobs - in the main, caring for others.

We hope you all enjoyed your Christmas and let's hope we have a peaceful 2024.

Wendy Hancock, Pippa Parnell, Lisa Wenmouth, Becky Wright, Margaret Rogers and Ruth Brittain. (We all miss Pip's valuable contributions).

Astwick Vale Benefice
January 2024

<p>7th January</p> <p>White</p> <p>First Sunday of Epiphany</p>	<p>10.30 Benefice Holy Communion</p>	<p>Croughton (TR)</p>	<p>Genesis 1.1-5 Acts 19.1-7 Mark 1.4-11</p> <p>Psalm 29</p>
<p>14th January</p> <p>White</p> <p>Second Sunday of Epiphany</p>	<p>9.30 Morning Worship</p> <p>11am Holy Communion</p>	<p>Farthinghoe (ML)</p> <p>Hinton (SL)</p>	<p>1 Samuel 3.1-10[11-20] Revelation 5.1-10 John 1.43-5</p> <p>Psalm 139.1-5,12-18</p>
<p>21st January</p> <p>White</p> <p>Third Sunday of Epiphany</p>	<p>10.30 Benefice Holy Communion</p>	<p>Evenley (TR/ML)</p>	<p>Genesis 14.17-20 Revelation 19.6-10 John 2.1-11</p> <p>Psalm 128</p>
<p>28th January</p> <p>White</p> <p>Fourth Sunday of Epiphany</p>	<p>9.30 Morning Worship</p> <p>10.30am Holy Communion</p> <p>11am Morning Worship</p> <p>11am Morning Worship</p>	<p>Evenley (CO)</p> <p>Farthinghoe (CP)</p> <p>Croughton (LL)</p> <p>Hinton (LL)</p>	<p>Deuteronomy 18.15-20 Revelation 12.1-5a Mark 1.21-28</p> <p>Psalm 111</p>



Hospice new campaign calls for support

Katharine House is calling on supporters, current and new, to pledge their support to the hospice this year and help ensure it can carry on its care in the community.

Whether people want to try something new, give back to the community, take on a challenge, be more sustainable or get fit in 2024, the hospice has an initiative for everyone.

As part of its *I Am Katharine House* campaign, the hospice is asking supporters to visit www.khh.org.uk/lamKHH and state what they will be doing for Katharine House Hospice (KHH) in 2024. They will then be added to a special KHH pledge page.

Some of the simple ways someone could support the hospice this year include putting some coins in one of the KHH collection bucket, visiting a shop, or making a one-off donation.

Or for those looking for something more on the adventurous side, the hospice is offering people the chance to take part in a host of bucket list activities such as: a 100ft Extreme Abseil off the tallest permanent abseil tower in the world; an adrenaline raising 160ft bungee jump at Bloxham Steam Rally; and an exhilarating skydive through the clouds from 13,000ft!

Other challenges include an extreme bike ride through the Cotswolds as part of Broughton Sportive,; the gruelling Blenheim Triathlon; a 100km walk through the picturesque Cotswold villages and a hair-raising hike around some of London's historic haunts.

Karen Welsh, KHH spokesperson said: "It takes our whole community to keep the hospice going, and everyone who supports us, be it through fundraising, volunteering or working with us, becomes part of the Katharine House family. The *I am Katharine House* campaign aims to encourage more people to join that family.

"It costs £12,995 every day to run Katharine House and every single thing our supporters do, be it big or small, helps us to raise these the vital funds we need to care for people affected by life-limiting illnesses.

How will **you** be Katharine House in 2024? Visit www.khh.org.uk/lamKHH to find out more about the *I am Katharine House* campaign.

To view the *I am Katharine House* video, visit <https://youtu.be/MwvsjL00Mb0>.

For further information, please contact Karen Welsh, Head of Marketing at Katharine House Hospice on 07969 992416, or email karen.welsh@khh.org.uk