

# THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

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



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## RECTOR'S LETTER JANUARY 2016

Happy New Year to you all as we welcome in 2016.

Before Christmas, many of us will have written our annual letter to family and friends, giving an opportunity to look back over the year, when hopefully the good outweighs the bad. Now we look forward to a new year, I hope with eager anticipation. As we do so then, many will be looking at their New Year's resolutions, wondering if they will do any better than the few days they managed last year.

Well, that will all depend on you and what your resolution is. But why do we give up on the things we have started? Well, the Church of England is keen to try and understand why it is that as they grow up many of our children stop attending church. They have commissioned a survey that is in two parts, the first is for those aged 16-30, asking what people of this age like and dislike about the church, its services and people etc. You don't have to be a regular attendee, as the answers from those who either don't come or rarely come are as valid as those who come regularly. The second half of the survey is for parents who have children aged 11-30 (I qualify as my children are 25 and 27). I would ask all who can to take a copy of the survey from church and then return it to me, or you can return it to the CofE directly via a FREEPOST address.

Why our children stop coming to church is only one of the many puzzling questions in life. I am inclined to think that it is often linked with attitudes found at secondary schools towards those of faith, but this is only an opinion. On the other hand there does appear to be a groundswell of movement against the Christian faith. For example you may well have heard about how the short film showing people saying the Lord's Prayer was banned from being shown in cinemas. When a short cartoon about Hindu God's praying to protect the life of a young child was shown quite happily.

Maybe in 2016 we could all make a resolution to do something to help protect the freedom of people to express their faith? This could be simply a letter or a petition, calling for all faiths to be treated equally. Or, to allow people to express their faith at work by the wearing of crosses or other religious clothing. May 2016 be a year where we make a difference, if only a small one.

Lent Bible Studies: With Easter coming early this year, we find Pancake day (Shrove Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February) marking the start of Lent. This year we will again be holding our Lent Bible Study, Cuppa and Chat, and will be looking for people to host the meetings. If you could host a small group, we will come and lead the chat. Just let Shemil Mathew (07401 587151) or Simon Dommett (01869 810903) know ASAP. Many thanks.

God Bless you all – and happy new year! **Revd. Simon Dommett**  
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With the bypass exhibition having taken place just a few days before, a small number of villagers attended public time at the December meeting to discuss the proposals put forward by Northamptonshire County Council. The main queries centred around there having been no village meeting to discuss moving forward with initial investigations with NCC on potential routes and the fact that the leaflet appeared in their opinion to offer just two choices of route and no opportunity to make other suggestions. The Councillors responded that a great deal of time and effort had been put into campaigning over concerns regarding the A422 and its suitability as a main route through the village and that progress had been minuted in the Parish Council minutes and reported in the Farthinghoe Chronicle. The leaflet asks which option would be preferred but also includes a section asking for further ideas if the respondent did not support the options.

The opinion was expressed that parishioners needed as much information as possible before being able to make a decision. The Chair explained that at this point in time the parishioners have as much information as the Parish Council itself. The Parish Council expects to receive the report from NCC on the results of the questionnaire in January, which would indicate whether in fact the village wants a bypass or not.

Unfortunately, we have received reports of dog fouling in Old Lane and Queens Street. As well as breaking laws of common courtesy and responsibility, this is also a legal offence for which there is a maximum fine of £500. Whilst we believe that the majority of dog owners within the village are considerate, we would ask that everyone behaves in a responsible way and clears up after their dogs.

The next Parish Council meeting will be Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7pm in the Beasley Room at the Village Hall with public time from 7pm to 7.15pm.

Farthinghoe Parish Council



## **SILVER ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF OPEN GARDENS**

We're celebrating the Hospice's 25th anniversary in 2016 by organising the biggest Festival of Open Gardens to date. We'd like to invite any supporters proud of their garden, to open as part of this Silver Anniversary campaign. Why not get together a group of friends from your village or street and all open on the same day? We will support you with promotion for your events and will feature each garden/group of gardens in our 2016 Silver Anniversary Festival of Open Gardens booklet, to be sent out with our spring/summer 2016 newsletter.

Let's make our 2016 Festival of Open Gardens our most successful ever! Please contact Community Fundraiser Sarah Brennan on 01295 816484 or email [sarah.brennan@khh.org.uk](mailto:sarah.brennan@khh.org.uk) to open your garden and raise valuable funds for Hospice care. Closing date to registers gardens- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

## **SILVER ANNIVERSARY CARE FOR A CUPPA!**

**6<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

We're inviting supporters to take part in our extra special **Silver Care for a Cuppa** fundraiser as part of our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. Why not hold a coffee morning or afternoon tea for Katharine House between Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016 (or anytime convenient!). Invite your friends and family around for a cuppa, cake and chat and we will provide you with a Care for a Cuppa fundraising pack complete with posters, invitations, balloons, recipes and top tips to make your event a success. Simply ask for donations on the day for coffee and cake, or hold a raffle or sweepstake for something a little different. You can hold your Care for a Cuppa at home, at work, at school or at your local club or society – the possibilities are endless!

Call the fundraising team on 01295 816484 to order your Care for a Cuppa fundraising pack. Every penny you raise by organising a Care for a Cuppa event will make a tremendous difference to local patients and their families.

## **KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE LOTTERY**

Our lottery is a vital income source for Katharine House, having raised over £1 million since May 2000. If you're stuck for a birthday present idea, we have a variety of Lottery Gift Membership solutions. For £1 per week you might get a phone call on a Friday morning from Wendy our Lottery Administrator telling you that you've won £1,000- Wendy loves making that call! For more information call the Lottery Office on 01295 812161 or email [lottery@khh.org.uk](mailto:lottery@khh.org.uk).

Thank you, **Sarah Brennan** Community Fundraiser

For fundraising information, please contact Sarah in the Fundraising Department at the Hospice, tel:01295 816484, email: [sarah.brennan@khh.org.uk](mailto:sarah.brennan@khh.org.uk) or visit our website: [www.khh.org.uk](http://www.khh.org.uk)

## VILLAGE NOTICES

**Church:** Many thanks to everyone who helped to decorate the church for Christmas. I'm sure that everyone will agree that it looked lovely. Thanks also to all those who took part in our services.

**P.C.C:** Our first meeting of 2016 will be on 12<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm. at Farthinghoe Lodge.

**Mothers' Union:** No meeting in January - but subs. are due!

**Farthinghoe Friends:** No meeting in January, but lunch is booked for Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

**Farthinghoe W.E.A:** Tutor David Price returns with a new seven week course, "In tune with the Times: Part 2" - more social commentary & satire in musicals. Friday evenings, 7.30 - 9.30 pm, at the Village Hall, beginning on 29<sup>th</sup> January.

Price - £53.90. Contact Lin on 711938 for more details.





# LIMES FARM

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AND TASTY FILLINGS FOR  
THE SANDWICHES AND  
HOW FRESH THEY WERE -  
IT WAS SO NICE TO HAVE  
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CELEBRATION SPECIAL!”

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## COMPOST CORNER

Happy New Year, everybody!

It's Pythagoras here – Mrs. T's goldfish; we've met, before.

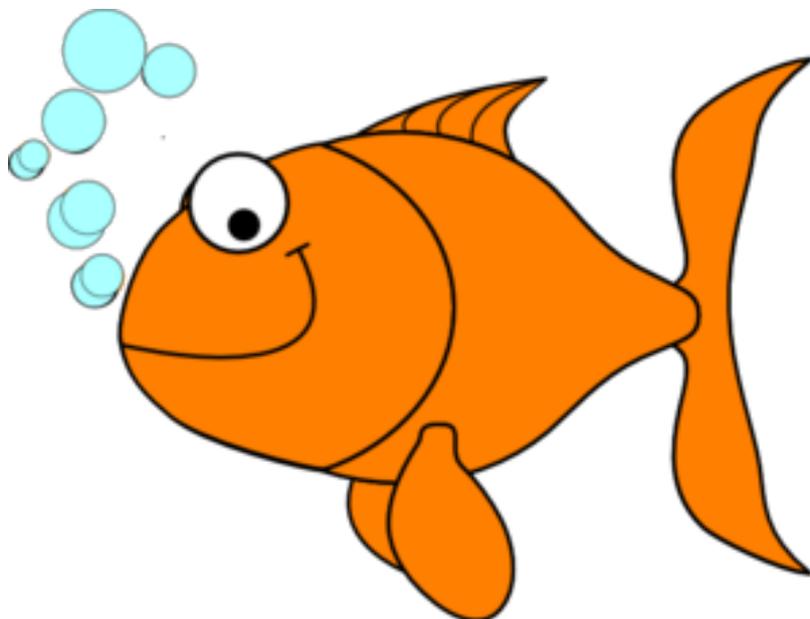
I've been asked to stand in for her as she has been sent to the editorial equivalent of Outer Siberia; Gulag 113, to be exact, where she will be cleansed of all thoughts deemed inappropriate for the Farthinghoe Chronicle. She was last seen, head covered by a tartan travel rug, being bundled rather roughly into the back of a silver blue Citroen Berlingo, which then drove off at speeds in excess of 15 mph, in an indeterminate direction. The driver was wearing a hat.

She was dumped, at an unknown location, approximately 30 minutes later, in front of several stacks of Barbara Cartland paperbacks and told not to expect to return home until each of them had been successfully expurgated of any reference, direct or indirect, to body parts or to natural metabolism other than that related to the digestion of reasonably sized portions of meat and two veg.

This is going to be a pretty tough challenge for my mistress, as she has become deeply immersed in the thought processes demanded by Compost Corner, as befits an artiste of her calibre. Changing the connections of one's neurones and dendrites cannot be done overnight.

We may meet again...

Pythagoras



## 60 Seconds Q&A with Karen Chidwick

*Years in Farthinghoe:* 31

*Most enjoyable thing about the village:* friendly faces

*Lark or Owl (are you a morning or evening person?)* Lark

*Summer, Autumn, Winter or Spring?* Summer

*Tea or Coffee?* Tea

*Fact or Fiction?* Fiction

*Thriller or Rom-Com?* Rom-Com

*Brackley or Banbury?* Banbury

*Swimming pool or beach?* Beach

*Football or Rugby?* Rugby

*Strictly Come Dancing or Britain's Got Talent?* Strictly

*Opera or Soap-opera?* Neither

*Chinese or Indian food?* Indian

*Wine, Beer or Lager?* Wine

*Marmite or Peanut Butter?* Peanut Butter

*Nigella or Jamie?* Jamie



# Is **sight loss** making life difficult for you?



Then get in touch with us today as we are your local sight loss charity providing a range of services to help adults and children experiencing sight loss.

Why not use our countywide **Enable Service** which can help with friendly advice, information, practical assistance and equipment to reduce the impact of visual impairment for you, and your family or carers. **Arrange your free home visit today.**

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## **BENEFICE WORSHIP IN JANUARY**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> January- Epiphany**

**9.30am Communion SBCP – FARTHINGHOE**

11am Communion – AYNHO

11am Morning Worship – HINTON

### **10<sup>th</sup> January – Baptism of Christ**

9.30am Communion – AYNHO

9.30am Communion – CROUGHTON

**10am Family Service - FARTHINGHOE**

11am Communion– EVENLEY

6pm Evensong - Hinton

### **17<sup>th</sup> January – Epiphany 2**

10am Benefice Communion –EVENLEY

4pm Pizza Praise - *Family Service* - EVENLEY

### **24<sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 3**

9.30am Communion - CROUGHTON

11am Matins - AYNHO

11am *Family Worship* - EVENLEY

**6PM BCP Evensong - FARTHINGHOE**

### **31<sup>st</sup> January – Epiphany 4**

10.30am Benefice Communion – AYNHO

*Visiting Speaker Becky Wills Archdeaconry Diocesan Youth Minister*

# January at The Fox



We have got some great things planned for the  
New Year!

## NEW SEASONAL MENU

Great new dishes on our main menu plus more lighter options at lunchtime and a regular coffee morning for a good gossip!

## QUIZ NIGHT

The Fox hosts a regular monthly quiz on the last Sunday of each month. Enjoy a pub favourites dinner from 6 to 8pm or just come along for the quiz from 7pm. £1 per person and the great prizes for the winner, and a lucky draw!

## THURSDAY NIGHT FEAST

On the last Thursday of each month, we plan a special menu on a theme. We start on Thursday 28th with a themed menu buffet for just £12. Tickets on sale in the new year.

## FRIDAY NIGHT HAPPY HOUR

After works perks .... Start the weekend off at The Fox, deals on beer, wines and gin from 5pm to 7pm,

## SUNDAY LUNCH

Fresh roasted meats, lots of veggie options and other dishes to choose from each week  
Noon to 4.00pm

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