

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....



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RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS – AUGUST 2016

School's Out, the summer holidays are in.

In many ways it might seem strange to be thinking about schools during the holidays, but although the children might not be at school, the wheels of governance move on.

Recently, the old government's policy to change all schools into academies was reversed because of pressure and outcry. Yet for many schools this may still happen on the quiet. Under the current OFSTED inspection scheme if a school doesn't perform then it can be made into an academy. But few people realise that if the local authority fails its OFSTED inspection, on how it is supporting schools, then the schools it isn't supporting to OFSTED's standards can also be made into academies, so that they can function without reference to what might be considered a failing local authority. If that were to become the case for South North Hants then it would affect our local schools.

Now I don't have anything against academies in principle. We all want children to get the best education possible and I believe that all children should receive the same high standard of education, without reference to race, faith or their post code.

One of the things about academies is that they control their own admission process—they can decide who they want to attend their academy. They can also opt out of the national curriculum and teach their own preferred subjects. The control of the school starts to move from the head teacher and governors to paid board members looking after several schools, physically divorced from each other.

Already some private providers run large "chains" of schools, and some of these grew very fast - taking on more schools than they could cope with. This led to some of the largest chains being stopped from taking on any more schools. The control is patchy and detached—which may remind some of what it was like under a local authority. Recently, the Ofsted chief Sir Michael Wilshaw criticised seven sizeable academy chains for failing to improve the results of too many pupils in their schools, while paying board members large salaries.

On top of all this, there are added issues for Church schools both voluntary aided and voluntary controlled. Currently these schools have foundation governors that have an interest in preserving the Christian nature and value of the school. But if they are forced to join with other non-church schools, (nothing wrong with that in principal as there are many good schools). But as the control passes up the chain to the board of governors, then it will become harder in the school and classroom for our schools to remain Christian in character. Where schools can decide on their own curriculum or it is decided by an external governing board, where do we expect the place of assemblies and worship to fall, if not out of the bottom of the agenda.

The department for education confirms that “collective worship...helps shape fundamental British values of tolerance, respect and understanding for others’.

Children can already opt out of attending collective worship but rarely do “as the children enjoy this time of day”.

We now have a new Education Secretary Justine Greening. It has been reported that she is ‘open minded’ about the education system so maybe now is the time to write to her and let her know how important church schools are, especially in our rural communities, and help to support them in the future.

Have a good holiday
Simon



I have now been in the role as your Police and Crime Commissioner for just over a month, and so far have found it to be an extremely fast-paced, challenging yet exciting job.

It has been fascinating to learn more about the great work Northamptonshire Police undertake each and every day. No police officer can ever predict what will happen when they go on shift and it has been a privilege to see at first hand the courage and professionalism of our officers.

I have been very clear that I will protect frontline policing in Northamptonshire. Also following the success of National Specials Weekend I have reaffirmed my support to Northamptonshire Police's Special Constabulary. The strategic use of Special Constables will be an important priority for my term in Office. I want to see a focus on maintaining the number of volunteers policing the county at a ratio of approximately one special constable to two full-time police officers.

I am currently developing my Police and Crime Plan, which will set out my aims and ambitions as Commissioner to make Northamptonshire safer. One of my key priorities is to ensure our children are safe and protected. I would also like to see a greater use of technology to enable more officers to be out on the front line rather than stuck in stations filling out paperwork and to combat issues such as the exploitation of children, domestic violence and online crime.

Most importantly, I want the people of Northamptonshire to have trust and confidence in both the Police and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Should you wish to contact me regarding any concerns you may have, please email me at Commissioner@northantspcc.pnn.police.uk, or should you wish to report a crime please phone 101 or 999 in an emergency.

Stephen Mold
Police & Crime Commissioner
Northamptonshire

A Tribute to Nancy King

Rosemary Jarvis writes:

Nancy and John came to live in Farthinghoe in 1961 at Odd Cottage. She was involved with many organisations including the W.I., Young Wives, Mothers' Union and Farthinghoe Friends, as well as the original W.I. market in Brackley.

She was a valued member of the Church and served on the Parochial Church Council for many years, helping with the Sunday School, cleaning, arranging flowers, and also delivering the Chronicle.

She loved her garden and keeping goats, but occasionally the two were not always compatible! In 1976 they moved to Baker Street and took over the Post Office and Stores, with Nancy as Sub-postmaster.

In 2005 they moved to Middleton Cheney, and more recently to a flat overlooking the canal in Banbury.

Nancy loved to go dancing, until her health prevented it. She belonged to Banbury Social Dance Club and Kings Sutton Afternoon Sequence group.

We enjoyed many holidays organised by Nancy, and evenings playing cards, especially cribbage.

She was a true friend, and is greatly missed.

Rest in Peace



SEPTEMBER 10TH

The Events Committee are organising another evening of spectacular entertainment, following on the success of the Masked Ball, Horse Racing and May Day!

'The Good, The Bad and The Ugly'

The night the Wild West rides into the village hall in Farthinghoe....

Lasso the date. Brush off your Stetsons. Spit and polish your dancing cowboy boots and moccasins.

More smoke signals to follow shortly!



Welcome to The Fox

Summer Salads & Strawberries Lunch Deal 2 courses £12

Choose one of our summer salad bowls:

Chicken Caesar, salad leaves, Parmesan, croutons, egg, anchovies
& our special sauce

Poached salmon salad, new potatoes, garlic mayo

Five bean salad with roasted tofu

Sweet chilli beef & egg noodle

followed by

Fresh Strawberries & cream

Monday to Friday Lunches during July & August

Come and enjoy some of our summer drinks too!

Large jugs of Pimms & Lemonade

Charlie Wells Triple Hopped IPA

Estrella Damm Lager from Barcelona

Now we have a choice of 14 gins to choose from

Cocktails and bubbles

August Bank Holiday Party Night

Sunday 28th August

BBQ & Entertainment

Check with us for more details!

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STREET LIGHT ASSESSMENT

Councillor Morris writes:

The Parish Council is considering the possibility of replacing all of the streetlights in the village, which are adjacent to the Main A422 with low energy LED lamps.

There are 10 of these streetlights & the added benefits are claimed to be different & better quality light which would hopefully make the Main Road safer for vehicles & pedestrians alike especially during the dank winter nights.

An added benefit of LED lamps is that they only use 30% of the electricity of the existing lamps & have a much lower maintenance cost.

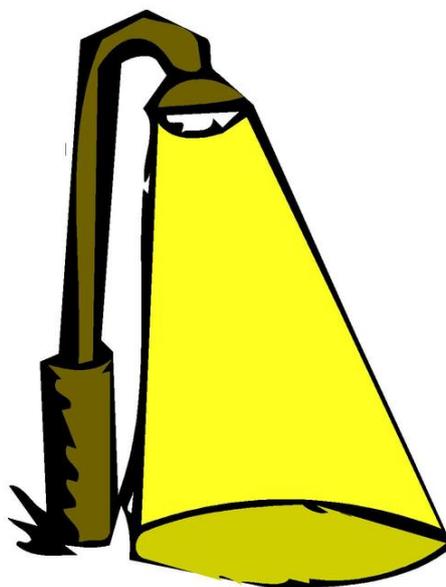
Balfour Beatty have kindly installed a sample LED lamp on loan to enable us to make a practical assessment of the visual benefits.

This lamp is located next to Manor Lane at the junction with the Main Road.

To help in considering if this investment is worthwhile we would welcome the thoughts of anyone in the village who would be kind enough to take the time to have a look & let me know.

Please let me know by email on planning@farthinghoeparishcouncil.org

Mick Morris



VILLAGE NOTICES & NEWS

- Allotment Meeting: this will be held in the Vestry in the Church at 7pm on 5 September
- Mothers' Union: On 9 August we are invited to join members of the Deanery M.U. at Helmdon Church at 7pm to celebrate Mary Sumner Day, and to say thank you to Helen for completing a sponsored walk of 140 miles to raise funds for M.U. causes.
- Church cleaning: Will be on Tuesday 16 August 16th from 8.30am. onwards.
- Coffee, Cake and Chat: There will be no meeting in August.
- Parish Council: The next meeting will be on 10 August in the Beasley Room in the Village Hall. Public time will be from 7-7.15pm

Compost Corner

Mrs Trellis is on holiday on a plant finding expedition. The details of this trip are a closely guarded secret; sightings of her in a carpark in Leamington Spa have proved false. However, the editor has been told that providing the dangerous animals that inhabit the forests she is exploring can be kept at bay she will be back at her typewriter, with tales of derring-do to keep us amused in Spetember, no doubt warming up for the season of autumn mists and mellow frutfullness.....





Calling all Schools, Businesses, and Community Groups! Kärcher Accumulator Challenge 2016

Kärcher has once again teamed up with the Katharine House Hospice to present the Accumulator Challenge for the third year, and the two local organisations are calling on local schools, colleges, community groups and businesses to take part in the challenge. Each group will receive a £50 start-up fund from Kärcher and will need to use their creative and entrepreneurial skill to turn this in to as much money as possible for Katharine House. Last year, £10,000 was raised for the Hospice. To take part, please contact Daphne Robertson, Partnerships Fundraiser, on 01295 816 484.

10th Midnight Walk Raises an Astonishing £75,000!

At the end of June, over 600 walkers and 200 volunteers stayed up through the night to take part in our 10th Midnight Walk. We are very pleased to announce that the event raised over £75,000 for KHH. A huge thank you to everyone who played their part in raising such a fantastic sum for your local hospice. KHH patients, staff, and volunteers are hugely grateful to you for helping us to carry on caring for people in the local community.

Festival of Open Gardens – August & September

Why not come along to the ever popular Festival of Open Gardens this summer and enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of some beautiful local gardens? In its 6th year, the festival supports the work of your local hospice.

Gardens open on the following dates:

Sunday 14th August – Upper Heyford

Saturday 3rd September – Broughton Grange

Sunday 11th September - Bloxham

For a full list of gardens, please visit our website:

<http://www.khh.org.uk/event/festival-of-open-gardens>

BENEFICE WORSHIP IN AUGUST

7 August – Trinity 11

Aynho 11am Communion
Farthinghoe 9:30am SBCP Communion
Hinton 11am Morning Worship

14 August - Trinity 12

Aynho 11am Matins
Croughton 9:30am Communion
Evenley 11am Communion
Steane 6pm BCP Evensong
 -Speaker Author Rosie Rushton

21 August - Benefice Sunday

10am Communion - Hinton-in-the-Hedges

28 August - Trinity 14

Aynho 11am Family Communion
Croughton 9:30am Communion
Evenley 9:30am Family Worship
Farthinghoe 6pm BCP Evensong
Hinton 11am Communion CW



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ON THE DELICIOUS BREAD
AND TASTY FILLINGS FOR
THE SANDWICHES AND
HOW FRESH THEY WERE -
IT WAS SO NICE TO HAVE
HOMEMADE. THE LOVELY
SPREAD REALLY MADE OUR
CELEBRATION SPECIAL!”
Debbie & Family

We provide event catering for local businesses and for your special occasion. So whether it's a birthday party, christening, office party or even a wedding, we can help.

We have a wealth of experience in catering for many different events and the Limes Farm Catering Team can tailor our menus to your exacting requirements. We also provide help, advice and creative ideas to make your event just that little bit extra special.

We only use the finest ingredients, sourced locally wherever possible, including from our own farm. All the food is freshly prepared and brought to your venue on the day to set everything up ready for you. And we can even stay on to serve your guests if you would like this additional service.



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