

# THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

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



**Village Barn Dance – Saturday 19 May – see inside for details....**

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## RECTOR'S LETTER – MAY 2018

**Thy Kingdom Come 10<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> May:** May 10<sup>th</sup> marks the 40<sup>th</sup> day after Easter when the church celebrates Jesus' Ascension into heaven and his last earthly bodily manifestation. It starts a period of waiting as Jesus' disciples waited for the gift of Holy Spirit Jesus had promised to them. The Holy Spirit is God's presence that would dwell in his followers. He is not a physical presence like Jesus bounded by time and space. But is the Holy Spirit of God that enabled Jesus followers to know God's presence with them, directing and guiding them where ever they are in time or space.

At Pentecost 10 days latter God filled his disciples with the Holy Spirit and enabled them to go and boldly proclaim the Good News of God's saving love and power. And gave them the command to go and make disciples of all nations and peoples.

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. This started out as an invitation from the Archbishops' of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England and now has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

The hope is that:

- people will commit to pray with God's world-wide family - as a church, individually or as a family;
- people will be empowered through prayer by the Holy Spirit, finding new confidence to be witnesses for Jesus Christ.

As a church we will be holding a special Evening of Candle Prayer on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May at All Saints Croughton, from 7pm -8pm. The candle lit church will be open for people to come in and pray, or to light a candle for somebody they are praying for. Although our focus will be on praying for people to know the reality of Jesus through the Holy Spirit, you may just want to come and enjoy the atmosphere or the peace.

On 16<sup>th</sup> May we will be joining with other churches from our deanery at Chipping Warden to hear from Rev Steve Benoy about his teams work about encouraging people in discerning God's call on their lives. The meeting starts at 7:15 with refreshments and finishes by 9pm. Lifts available please ask the rector.

13<sup>th</sup> May starts our season of Summer Services at St Peter's, Steane with a special Choral Evensong with the Fiori Musicali Choir and guest preacher the Ven John Duncan.

We end Thy Kingdom Come on 20<sup>th</sup> May-Guest Speaker from CMS at our 10am Service at St. Michael Aynho.

After the service I will then start my Sabbatical or study leave and I am very grateful to Rev Terry Richard and rev Hugh Warwick, who with our Readers Carrie O'Regan, William Usher and Mayleng Chong and Bill Richards will be taking the services while I am away on Study leave. Please contact them or your local church warden in the first instance in June and July.

Revd Simon Dommett, 01869 810903, [the.revd.simon@gmail.com](mailto:the.revd.simon@gmail.com)



April saw the Annual Parish Meeting take place, where we welcomed our District and County Councillor, Rebecca Breese, along with 21 members of the Parish. We were also delighted to be joined by Wendy Whitehouse, Head of Farthinghoe Primary School. Although as a Parish Council we still have lessons to learn about the way these meetings are conducted, the move towards making it more interactive appeared to be a positive one, with plenty of opportunities for questions to be posed.

Full copies of the reports are available on the Parish Council website, [www.farthinghoeparishcouncil.org](http://www.farthinghoeparishcouncil.org).

One of the key topics was road safety and traffic issues. Cllr Grant outlined the steps that had been taken to date regarding speeding along Queens Street, but asked that parishioners contact him with any further ideas they may have to improve the situation. Similarly, an appeal was made to report incidents occurring at the pedestrian lights by the school. There have been several near misses where traffic, in particular travelling from Banbury towards Brackley, has gone through the lights when red, narrowly missing pedestrians and it can only be a matter of time before someone is seriously injured. The Parish Council needs evidence of these incidences to strengthen the case for something to be done. Please either email [traffic@farthinghoeparishcouncil.org](mailto:traffic@farthinghoeparishcouncil.org), or post a note through the letterbox at Magnolia Cottage on Main Road.

Cllr Breese, in answer to a question, gave an overview of the current situation at Northampton County Council, where it is expected that it will be put under the control of commissioners in the very near future, with a proposal on the financial situation to be adopted by the end of June; it was suggested however that this timetable may not be realistic.

Parishioners were also asked to be vigilant regarding road repairs conducted within the village, preferably keeping a photo diary of the efficacy of the repairs. Again, only with proof of poor workmanship can the Parish Council insist on remedial work taking place. Steve Sneath presented a slide show of the historical picture project which was very well received. It prompted much discussion around the location of the properties shown and the characters and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Our thanks go to Steve for the time and effort he has put into this, ably assisted by Nicki of course. If anyone is interested in sponsoring a picture to be mounted on the wall in the hall, please contact the Clerk.

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on **Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018** at 7.00pm in the village hall. Public time will be from 7pm to 7.15pm.

**HARRY'S HILLBILLIES AND MEGHAN'S  
FLOOZIES**  
**A Western Celebration of the Royal Wedding**

**BARN DANCE AND KARAOKE**

**Saturday, 19th May 2018**

**Farthinghoe Village Hall**

Doors open at 6pm, dancing from 6.30pm - 10pm

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or The Hancocks @ London Barn

## VILLAGE NOTICES

- ❖ Fete Meeting: 1 May at 7.30pm at Farthinghoe Lodge. Please show your support for this event!
- ❖ Church Cleaning: On Tuesday 8 May from 8.30am. All help much appreciated!
- ❖ Coffee Morning: On Friday 11 May from 10-11.15am in the Church Vestry. There will be a Bring & Buy, and also a raffle. Hope to see you there!

### ALMSHOUSE VACANCY

A single vacancy will become available at the Farthinghoe Almshouses, Northamptonshire. The property is a one bedroom end of terrace cottage with garden.

Trustees invite candidates to apply who are resident in the parish of Farthinghoe or the surrounding area at the time of appointment. Although preference will be given to those aged 60 and over who are able to live independently, younger applicants are very welcome to apply. Charity Commission rules and regulations apply which will be explained the information pack.

**Please apply in writing for an application form to:**  
**The Charity of Thomas Amphlett/Vacancy**  
**c/o Mrs J Forbes, Manor House, Steane, Brackley, Northants**  
**NN13 5NT or contact**  
**[almshouses@farthinghoeparishcouncil.org](mailto:almshouses@farthinghoeparishcouncil.org)**



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## FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL



### **Appointment of Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer**

The Parish Council is seeking applications for the post of Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer. The position is becoming vacant upon the resignation of the current clerk.

As Parish Clerk, you will be responsible for the administration of the business and the finances of the Parish Council. You should be suitably qualified (additional training is available via NCALC where required), highly motivated and community focused. You will work from home and should have good IT and administration skills (you will be provided with a computer and printer), be able to work on your own initiative, be flexible, and a good communicator.

The position will require attendance at one evening meeting per month, usually the second Wednesday in the month. The salary is in accordance with nationally based terms and conditions (LC1 SCP 23-25; currently £11.28 to £12.01) for 10 hours per month.

Applications are invited by a covering letter and CV to the Chair of the Parish Council, Mick Morris, by email ([chairman@farthinghoeparishcouncil.org](mailto:chairman@farthinghoeparishcouncil.org)) or by mail to 3 The Old Rickyard, Manor Lane, Farthinghoe NN13 5XT.

A job description is available by emailing [clerk@farthinghoeparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@farthinghoeparishcouncil.org).

**The closing date for applications is 25 May 2018.**

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**Chairman:**

Mr Mick Morris  
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## Queens Street Speeding

Farthinghoe Parish Council has for some years now, been in dialogue with Northamptonshire County Council regarding the number and speed of vehicles using Queens Street. We believe that drivers use Queens Street as a “rat run” to avoid the pedestrian lights outside Farthinghoe School.

Despite our concerns, NCC refuse to take any action and as an act of frustration we recently instigated our own traffic speed/count to identify if we were becoming paranoid.

Equipment was installed in November 2017 and the following is a brief synopsis of the data collected, over a 7 day monitoring period, at a cost of £200.00 for the 7 days.

<b>Total Number of vehicles counted:</b>	<b>1820 (2 way)</b>
<b>7 day average:</b>	<b>260</b>
<b>Number of vehicles in excess of Speed Limit:</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Percentage of vehicles in excess of Speed Limit:</b>	<b>1.2%</b>
<b>85% percentile Speed</b>	<b>21.5</b>

We considered that the above figures justified our concerns and expenditure and wrote to NCC accordingly. We forwarded them a copy of our report and pointed out that the report data shows 22 vehicles exceeding the speed limit over a one week period which amounts to 1144 vehicles/annum exceeding the speed limit.

**This is excessive and dangerous in our language.**

NCC replied – “You are absolutely correct”

However, using the data obtained by yourselves and taking a very rough estimate you have 1144 vehicle movements travelling at 31mph or more, of which 260 are travelling at 35 mph or above, vehicles that we and the police would consider as “Speeding”. These figures are per annum and are set against a total vehicle movement of 94640 per annum. This equates to 1.2% which is a very low figure.(1144 as a percentage of 94640)

As a resident you see these figures as significant, but as an outsider assessing the data, they do not meet our thresholds, by a long way, for intervention. You are looking at around 1% travelling at 31 mph or above, well below the local, and national, average.

You are correct in your surmising that the results obtained were similar to those obtained by myself, which did not even indicate the necessity of a 20mph limit as the majority of the traffic, (85%) was travelling at that speed or less.

You are correct in your assessment that I have not considered all traffic calming measures, because in essence I have an insignificant amount of traffic to calm. And whilst traffic may have increased over the years, 1820 movements is a very small amount for a week’s data.

If I can put this data gathered into some sort of perspective, the police, before they consider intervening and assessing the possibility of intervention, would be looking at an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile

of 35mph or more, and at least 15% of all traffic travelling at 35mph or more. Within Road Safety I would be looking at 3 collisions or more where speeding was a significant factor, over a period of 3 years.

To sum up, whilst I admire your actions on behalf of your residents, there is nothing in the data you have gathered that would suggest there is any form of significant speeding or rat run issue in Farthinghoe.

We will, as we do throughout the county, continue to monitor the situation and will react to any change that we note. I am sorry that this is not the result you would like to hear, but we cannot allocate our small budget to areas where there is no evidence of any issue”.

FPC cannot believe that NCC do not consider 260 vehicles/annum travelling faster than 35 miles/hour, on Queens Street, does not warrant intervention, but it would appear we are not going to get anywhere with the contact we have, and need to escalate our concerns. If you agree vehicles are speeding up/down Queens Street, please join with us and bring this matter to the attention of your local MP, The Rt. Hon. Andrea Leadsom, Westminster.

We propose to raise this subject at the next Annual Parish Meeting.

Cllr John Grant

**Open Garden at our local Hospice – Katharine House, Adderbury.  
Sunday 3 June 2018**

For those who like to plan their diaries for the weeks ahead, perhaps you would like to consider making a note of the Open Garden at Katharine House Hospice, Adderbury, on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June from 2pm to 4.30pm. Entrance is £2.50 pp and children are free of charge.

It is held annually to show the gardens off to the public and to provide an enjoyable afternoon for strolling around them, listening to the music of Deddington Silver Band playing a medley of music while you enjoy a piece of delicious homemade cake and cup of tea. And of course, there`s the raffle and the plant sales at very good prices! It all makes for a very pleasant afternoon out locally and we do hope you can come to support us.

The gardens, which are maintained and improved by a trusty group of volunteer gardeners, are appreciated considerably by the Hospice staff and patients and their families and friends. However, they do need upkeep, new plants, equipment, repairs to machinery etc., so we are very grateful for the money raised at this event to provide this for us.

Peter Waite.  
Volunteer gardener.

## BENEFICE WORSHIP IN MAY

### 6 May - Easter 6

Aynho 11am Baptism  
Evenley 6pm Taizé Worship  
**Farthinghoe 9:30am Said Communion**  
Hinton 11am Morning Worship

### 10 May - Ascension Day (Thursday)

10am Communion Aynho

### 13 May - Easter 7

Aynho 11am Matins  
Croughton 9:30am Communion  
Evenley 11am Baptism  
**Farthinghoe 10am Family Worship**  
Steane 6pm Choral BCP Evensong

### 17 May (Thursday)

7pm-8pm Candle Prayers Croughton

### 10 May - Pentecost

10am Communion at Aynho - *CMS Speaker*

### 27 May - Trinity Sunday

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

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# Bank Holiday Brunch at The Fox

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May

10am to 12 noon



Taking bookings on: 01295 713 965  
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