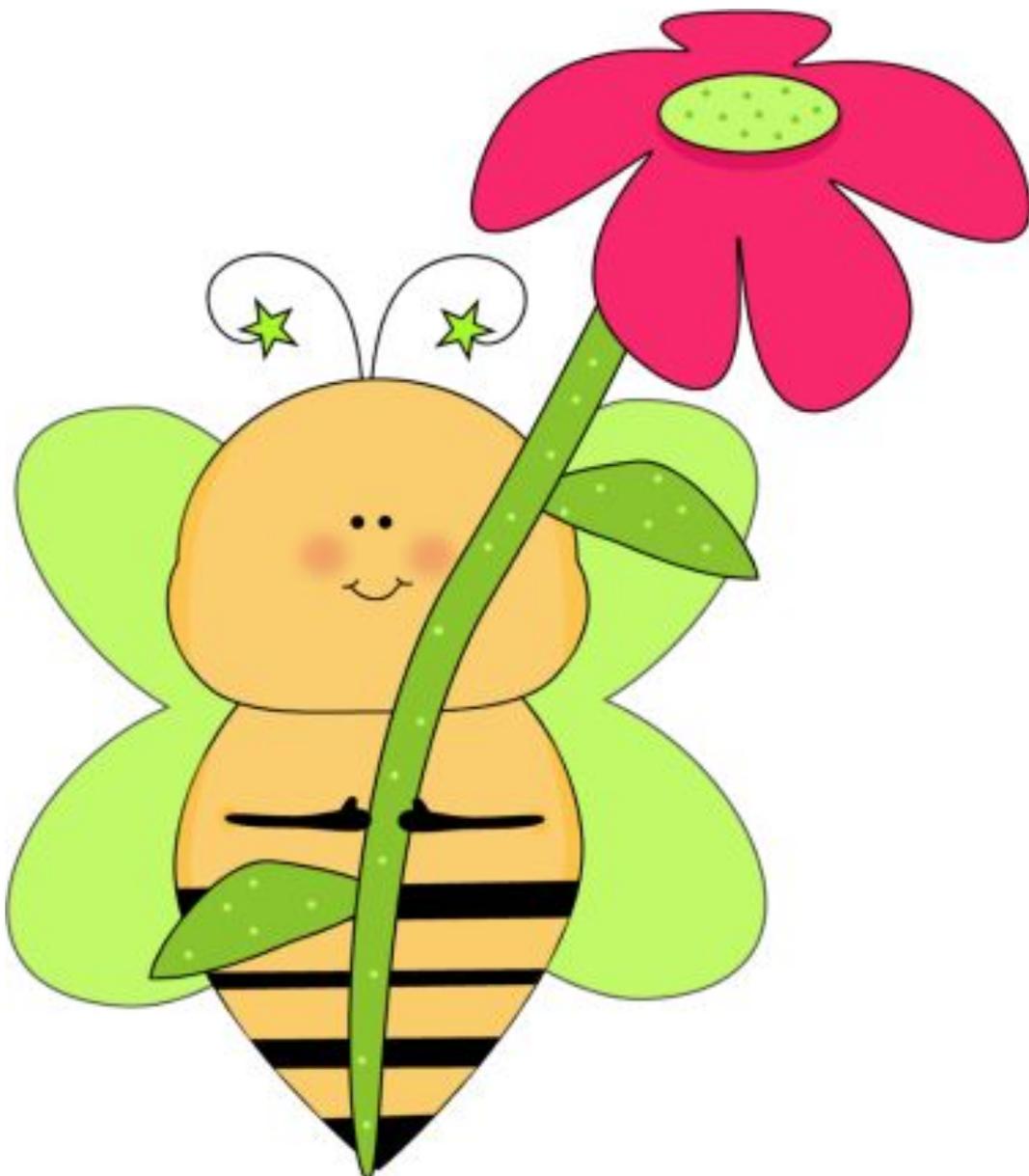


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Pastoral Letter – May 2020

Dear Friends, I hope you are all bearing up under the lockdown restrictions. It's hard to write about current events as they are changing almost daily, and I am writing this a couple of weeks before it is published. However, some of things we would traditionally be celebrating and enjoying together in May such as May Day celebrations, Maypole dancing; May Queens and Morris Men performing, will be sadly missed. There is however one celebration that will go ahead in our homes and that is the VE day celebrations.

VICTORY is a wonderfully uplifting word. Although it is often used in Military terms, victory is a word that can describe even the smallest triumph. Being a 'Victor' means that you have overcome something, and we all love an 'overcomer'. In our news recently we all got behind Captain Tom Moore, a War veteran from the 2nd World war. Captain Tom undertook to walk 100 lengths of his back garden before his 100th birthday in order to raise a modest amount for the NHS. As I write, the amount he has raised is in excess of £23 million pounds! This is extraordinary by anyone's standards. Captain Tom has become a symbol of Victory and triumph in our nation; he has taken the enemies of old age and frailty and withstood them, defying their hold and negative effects and he has triumphed in the face of them, and brought a good deal of good from it. His example has made us all realise that, even in adversity...we can still overcome and triumph.

Our VE day celebrations will commemorate 75 years since the end of the 2nd World War and Victory over Adolf Hitler and his enemy forces that threatened the whole world. The battle for victory took years and was hard won. There were many sacrifices and losses along the way. But at that time the whole nation stood together and eventually, with the help of many others, victory was won.

Our threat today is Covid-19; it is a worldwide enemy and we are all having to learn to cooperate in this time of great adversity and threat. We have only had a few weeks of lockdown, but it's been enough to let us know that our freedom is a precious gift, and never again will we take even a simple thing, like sitting on a park bench, for granted again. There has been a lot of introspection and folk saying they want to change the way they live, and indeed we can all see ways in which we would like to see permanent changes in society in the future, for the betterment of us all.

Christians have recently celebrated Easter. This is when we celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection because we believe that in doing this he won a great victory for mankind over our two greatest enemies, which are sin and death. These are two powerful enemies that defeat us all, and in and of ourselves we cannot overcome these. There are habits and sins, patterns of thought and actions that no matter how hard we try we cannot defeat or overcome them. Things like, anger, gossip, judging others or worse. Added to this we may struggle with an addiction of some kind. Jesus came to set us free and at liberty from these harmful things that separate us from God and others, and the things which make us feel bad about ourselves. Jesus also came to show us that death was no match for him. He was raised back to life and his disciples saw him, and all of them staked their own lives on this truth. They were not fantasists; they saw 1st hand how Jesus won the victory over sin and death.

We can all aspire to, or like Captain Tom, achieve a level of victory in our lives, but there is only one way to defeat mankind's two greatest enemies of sin and death, and that is to put your faith and trust in Jesus, who has already won the victory for us.

Have a great VE day celebration, and let's look forward to our freedom and liberty from lockdown and covid-19; determined to put lessons learned into practice.

God bless you all, with love, Rev Sue



Brackley Community Hospital 2020 Trust

I would like to refer you back to an article concerning the Brackley Community Hospital 2020 Trust which was included in the February 2020 edition of the Farthinghoe Chronicle. Following on from that article the Parish council had invited Caryl Billingham, Chairman of the Trust, to make a presentation to the village at the April Annual Parish Meeting in which she would explain the aims & needs of the Trust & the progress which has been made so far in the building of the hospital.

Public Meetings have now been forbidden & thus the APM has had to be cancelled for 2020.

However, Caryl has been kind enough to forward us written details which outline her intended presentation & these details follow this introduction.

Within these details is a request for local Parishes to each consider a donation of £500 towards the early needs of the hospital & it is the Parish Council's intention to approve this donation at the Parish Council Meeting in May.

It is felt that this donation will be a starting point, but as a Parish Council & as a community we should consider ways in which we can raise further donations to help to ensure that the trust meets its very worthy & beneficial aims.

The establishment of this hospital will be a tremendous asset for our parish, for Brackley & for all of the other Parishes in the surrounding district

If anyone has any thoughts of how we might establish regular fund-raising events, then we would be pleased to hear from you.

Rgds
Mick Morris

Chairman Farthinghoe Parish Council

Brackley Community Hospital 2020 Trust Presentation:

As the season of Annual Parish Meetings was approaching, I have to admit that I was very much looking forward to visiting so many of our local villages whose residents are patients of one of the two Brackley GP surgeries. I had intended to show the plans for the new Community Hospital and update you on the progress with fund-raising towards those items which are “over and above” standard NHS issue but which will help to make anybody’s time, however short or however long, in the new building an even nicer experience than it might otherwise be.

The building was scheduled to be finished by the end of May with fitting out anticipated to take some four to six weeks after that. Although some work on a limited scale continues at the site, this is dependent on the type of work. If a workman can operate alone or whilst maintaining the necessary social distancing, then the work can proceed – if not, well, you know the answer.

All fund-raising activity has necessarily come to a halt and events are being mothballed to be resurrected, with plans to be finalised, once “normal service is resumed”.

So, to update you on the building itself, the Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust (better known as the “NHS”) will be renting space for consulting rooms for visiting specialists; this will save many local residents trekking into Oxford and Northampton with their accompanying difficulties of heavy traffic and parking. There will also be a physiotherapy unit, podiatry, occupational health, some rooms to be used for wellbeing pursuits and health charities, and there will be a café on the ground floor. The second floor will be home to 16 intermediate care beds: these will be essentially “step-down” beds. I see these being used quite often if a patient is well enough to be moved from the acute care of one of our larger hospitals but not yet well or able enough to be discharged back to their home. They can also be used for a step-up purpose: building somebody up prior to major surgery, for example. Additionally, they will provide a facility for respite care and for end-of-life palliative care. There will be a family room for visitors to stay if appropriate, and there will be a kitchen and dining-room – all meals will be freshly cooked, a legacy from the old Cottage Hospital which the NHS was determined to continue. There will be a pharmacy on site.

The Brackley Medical Centre (formerly Washington House Surgery and Brackley Health Centre) will be moving, lock, stock and barrel, into the new building. They will have consulting rooms and reception on the ground floor with some administrative functions in rooms on the first floor. Their walk-in clinic facility will continue on this site. Springfield Surgery is remaining at its premises just off Pavillons Way: there are some negotiations ongoing as to whether the walk-in facility may have extended hours at which point it would become available to all patients of both practices (Springfield has its own system while the building is open).

But, rest assured, every NHS facility within the building will be there for any patient of either GP practice – and may even attract more from, for instance, Silverstone and Greens Norton.

Onto the money side, some of the things that we are seeking to contribute towards are:

- A digital state-of-the-art X-ray machine which will give better and faster results, but at a very high cost. This is estimated to cost £165,000 and is our initial target. The NHS will put in an x-ray machine but their funding would allow only a rudimentary model which would 'do the job' – eventually. Public fundraising can ensure something better for all our local residents.
- An ultra-sound scanner at a cost of approximately £40,000. Again, this would save the journeys to other hospitals and free up facilities which are going to be seeing increased demand as the housebuilding programmes continue and all our towns grow ever larger.
- Ideally, on the basis that many of the patients will be elderly, relatively infirm and not overly mobile, the NHS would like special, electrically-operated, rise-and-fall, recliner armchairs. These have a great therapeutic benefit alongside the psychological benefit of being out of the bed for long periods of the day. They do not, however, come cheap and cost around £2,500 each once the full specification has been taken into account. One for each room and that's another £40,000 on our list.
- It would be good to have a few, more basic, recliner chairs which could be moved from room to room and would enable a family member or friend to stay overnight with a patient who was near end of life. It is envisaged that these would cost about £1,000 each and that four would be adequate. Peanuts really, in comparison, but another £4,000 nonetheless.
- Finally, we would like to see a television set in each of the 16 rooms. These will not only offer entertainment for the patients but would be Smart TVs so they would have Skype and Facetime facilities enabling families to keep in touch with their loved ones, even if they are unable to travel to and from the hospital. The anticipated cost of one of these sets is £500; it is higher than you would have expected because there is a desire to make them compatible with the NHS Pathway which would ensure confidential discussions to take place remotely between consultant, patient and family. We are therefore looking at £8,000 here. It is important to add that these TV sets will be free to view.

It all stacks up quite alarmingly, but we are doing well so far. We have a thermometer on our website and the figure raised to date as at 10 April is £122,357, so we are three-quarters of the way towards our initial target. This has been boosted by some excellent fund-raising events and some very generous personal donations, but principally by a pledge of £95,000 from the Brackley Hospital Trust: this is the charity that was set up in 1991 to run the old Cottage Hospital and it was agreed that their residual funds, after closure, would in due course be used towards equipment for the new Community Hospital.

I had planned a 'sales pitch' for the Annual Parish Meetings. I appreciate that the sums mentioned above can seem quite overwhelming and totally out of reach, especially for a relatively small village. They are difficult to get your head round even in Brackley, which now has a population approaching 17,000. However, I was hoping to reduce it into bite-

sized chunks and I was going to ask each village whether they would consider organising one community event within the village with a specific target of raising £500 towards the new hospital. If 16 villages were able to do that, that would purchase all the TV sets in one fell swoop, and I know that several villages already had plans which have had to be put on hold.

I would therefore ask if you could consider taking on this challenge once we are all up and running again and help to make the new Brackley Community Hospital a facility in which we can all take pride, from which we can all benefit and in which we all have a sense of ownership.

The Brackley Community Hospital 2020 Trust is a charity that was set up specially to manage the publicly raised funds. Trustees will be happy to support your fund-raising events in whatever way they can – even if we are only required to offer a presence and answer any questions that may arise.

Your support is greatly appreciated, and I am happy to hear from any of you at any time.

Thank you.

Caryl Billingham MBE
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Answers to the quiz questions from the last edition:

1. Which minister of state had an affair with Christine Keeler? (John Profumo)
2. Ho Ch Min trail was a supply route during which war? (Vietnam)
3. The 1940 cartoon Puss Gets The Boot introduced which cat and mouse duo? (Tom & Jerry)
4. Which sparkling wine is named after a village in Trieste in Italy? (Prosecco)
5. St Patrick is said to have rid Ireland of what? (snakes)
6. The Golden Gate Bridge is in which US city? (San Francisco)
7. Farmer's daughter Anne Hathaway is said to have married which English playwright? (William Shakespeare)
8. Which M is a branch of philosophy involving first principles? (Metaphysics)
9. Which famous leader said that England is a nation of shopkeepers? (Napoleon Bonaparte)
10. John Sentamu took on which religious title in 2005? (Archbishop of York)

Farthinghoe Village Hall News

200 Club Draw

1st prize - 4 Stephen Bunce
2nd prize - 89 Barry Willett,
3rd prize - 129 Geoff Wenmouth

Prizes will be distributed with social distancing in mind!

The Hall is not being used, but essential maintenance continues with the garden planting and grass cutting particularly pertinent at this time of year. The water heating system has been purchased and will be installed as soon as it arrives at Farthinghoe - when the distancing rules have been relaxed. The skirting boards and lower hall walls will be painted at the same time.

We had a good Comedy Night in early March just before Covid 19 messed everything up. Everybody enjoyed the evening, including the Comedians, and another is planned as soon as Lockdown has been lifted.

We are aware that a number of people are using the grounds as a space to enjoy with their children. Can parents please ensure that bricks, stone and wood are not left on the grass as it obviously adds to the cutting regime if these need to be moved first.

Looking forward to socialising again soon.

Congratulations, Rosie and Fred!



During these strange times, loving relationships go on and there is no better example of this than in the village of Farthinghoe, when on the 22nd April Rosie and Fred Ewen celebrated their 70th Wedding anniversary!

A big party in the village hall had been planned, but of course, that wasn't possible, so the occupants of Chapel Lane were able to socially distance with banners made by the children and sing, 'Rosie, Rosie, give me your answer do' to the happy couple and a beautiful cake, created by Diane Jones, was cut and carefully shared with plastic gloves and napkins. Beautiful cards also made by the children were presented. Thankfully the sun shone throughout the celebrations.

Fred said the best anniversary present was a large consignment of manure delivered to his allotment in the village by a local farmer! The allotment is his pride and joy and the family enjoy fresh fruit and vegables regardless of what is happening in the world.

Numbers Quiz

1. In the 12 Days of Christmas which number are swans associated with?
2. How many days in a year?
3. How many dots on a standard dice?
4. In latin quattor and sex add up to?
5. Roaring is using to describe which 20th century decade?
6. Purose gold has how many carats?
7. Referring to being on cloud what refers to being very happy or even elated?
8. How many miles in a marathon?
9. Traditionally what number of years in an anniversary is symbolized by silver?
10. Each player begins with how many pieces in a chess game?

The answers will appear in the next edition.



Below is a list of meals The Fox at Farthinghoe is offering each day throughout the week, along with a list of groceries we offer.

Monday - Healthy ready meals between 5-8pm

Tuesday - Burger night between 5-8pm

Wednesday - Pizza night between 5-8pm

Thursday - Closed

Friday - Fish and chips between 5-8pm

Saturday morning - Breakfast baps and full English breakfasts 9-11am

Saturday evening - Curry night between 5-8pm

Sunday - Roast dinners between 12-4pm

Our shops is also open every evening (excluding Thursdays) between the hours of 4.30-8pm. We have **bread, milk, flour, butter, fresh fruit, vegetables, orange juice, beer, lager, wine, cider, eggs and bottled water**. We can also order in selected supply's.

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Sarah and Scott would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support.



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