

# THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

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

## FARTHINGHOE VILLAGE BIG JUBILEE LUNCH SUNDAY 5TH JUNE 2022

Baker Street

CROWN PARADE

From the Village Hall  
to Baker Street

STREET PARTY

1.30pm-5pm

Food, fun and games for the  
Platinum Jubilee

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## PASTORAL LETTER MARCH 2022 Revd Sue Cooper writes:

Spring has sprung, and how happy we are to see the beautiful snowdrops, daffodils and crocus's which herald the beginning of brighter longer days to come. But as I write this (on Feb 19<sup>th</sup>) we have just had another storm with high winds. Storm Dudley! During the night I was kept awake by the howling of the wind and the banging a crashing of goodness knows what outside. I was worried what I might wake up to in the morning, but strangely, all was well and nothing had moved!,,just a few branches were slightly bent. However just two days later we had Storm "Eunice" and parts of the UK were severely affected. Some property and trees were ripped up and thrown down; such is the ferocity and unpredictable nature of these things. But I think we are all becoming more resilient in the face of these events since having to learn how to manage our lives through the pandemic and its variants.

Life can be unpredictable sometimes; when storms of circumstances keep coming at us, threatening our peace and wellbeing, or the peace and wellbeing of our loved ones. These can be storms of sickness, storms of redundancy or financial hardship, storms of personal pain due to conflict within our families or workplace or schools, or a storm of pain that we feel for our children and loved ones, when they are beset by the troubles of life. Sometimes it feels as though the storms just keep coming, with ever increasing strength, and threaten to overwhelm us; this can be both frightening and wearying.

I often hear folk say that all they want in life is peace. Peace of heart and mind for themselves and their loved ones,.....but where is it to be found?

Although not fashionable,,, routines and good habits are invaluable for helping us to stay on an "even keel" and to keep things in perspective. Sadly, in our day and age, if we are not constantly "improving ourselves" or "challenging ourselves" with endless life goals we are thought of as rigid and stale.. but this is just not true.. because some things in life do need to remain constant and permanent for a sense of wellbeing to be felt .

Church and religion has come under a lot of flak in recent years, with some folk seeing them as part of an old institutional way of life that needs throwing overboard. And whilst there are certainly some things in Church and religion that do need to give way to new life, it is wrong to "throw the baby out with the bath water" so to speak.

Having faith in God, and practicing religious routines, such as praying daily and attending Church weekly, are solid foundations on which we can build our lives upon. People have been doing this for centuries. Because when everything around is in turmoil and the storms of life are battering us, and when we look for something or someone to cling to or escape to ...**God is there**...and so is The Church.

Practicing holy habits such as praying daily and attending Church every week can be the very things that keep us standing strong and steady in the hard times. Because when we pray we bring God into our situations, and then we no longer feel alone in it all; trying to hold everything together in our own strength while waiting for the storm to pass. And at Church we experience a warm welcome, and kindness from others, who understand that life is sometimes hard. But together with our friends and with God, we can face any storm, no matter how bad. And by sharing our troubles with God and others we may well find that the things that are troubling us the most turn out to be just "storms in a teacup".. and, after a very short while, the storm blows over, and all is well again.

God bless you all,  
With love Revd Sue.

***2Thessalonians 3:16 "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you".***

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## **FARTHINGHOE BYPASS**

**The Parish Council would like to make us all aware of the following correspondence with West Northants Council:**

Attention: Fiona Unett, Assistant Director Highways and Waste

### **Interim Traffic Solutions for Farthinghoe Village.**

Firstly, we would like to thank you for the courtesy extended to Mick Morris and the writer during the meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2021, to discuss the above subject.

We have advised our colleagues of the suggestions that were discussed at the meeting and have to report that they were not initially received with enthusiasm, as it is felt that a Bypass is the most feasible solution to our traffic problems. We will obviously await your final proposals and ensure these are presented to our Village. In fact, we would like to take you up on your offer to allow a representative from WNC to present the proposals.

We keep coming back to the suggestion made by Dame Andrea Leadsom that you should approach National Highways and make a strong case for a "Weight Restriction" on the A422 through Farthinghoe. All the financial expenditure and physical resource associated with the Interim Solution could be avoided if you could

make the case for a weight limit to be imposed on the A422 through Farthinghoe.

Perhaps you would consider this suggestion and move quickly to approach National Highways, before too much time and finance is spent on the Interim proposals.

As a matter of courtesy, we are arranging for a copy of this letter to be sent to Dame Andrea Leadsom and our District Councillor, Rebecca Breese.

We look forward to receiving your positive response.  
Yours respectfully

J.D.Grant  
Councillor Farthinghoe Parish Council

*Dear Cllr Grant,*

*Thank you for your feedback regarding Farthinghoe Parish Council's continued preference for a bypass. Whilst I understand this preference, unfortunately for the reasons we discussed when we met, we have paused work on the development of the Farthinghoe bypass, until Government funding (that we believe we would have a good chance of securing) becomes available. We will focus instead on developing a robust solution to alleviate the issues on the A422.*

*With regards to the suggestion of introducing a weight limit on the A422, we believe this would only be possible if the A422 and the B4525 were re-categorised. The Council will consider this option further, taking into account the Government's guidance for road classification.*

Dear Fiona,

Thank you for your response, dated Friday, February 11, 2022, regarding the above. Whilst we fully acknowledge that you have advised us that work on the development of the Farthinghoe Bypass has "paused", you must realise this does not diminish our desire for a Bypass and we would rather see your efforts in finding ways to "make it happen" rather than expend monies and resources on interim solutions.

Your response regarding a possible Weight Limit suggests to us that you have arbitrarily determined this will not receive a hearing and have discounted the suggestion. We do not understand your reluctance to address this issue, because the precedent has already been set in Northamptonshire and National Highways would have to justify their decision if they refuse permission. This then becomes a matter which our MP, Dame Andrea Leadsom, can take up with the powers to be.

What we do not understand or accept is your decision to "pause" at this juncture. Both SNC & NCC committed "legacy" monies towards the design and we question when the decision was made to withhold the use of the balance of these monies and who made the final decision to do so. We have examined Minutes of WNC Cabinet Meetings and can find no mention of any discussion on this aspect. This is hardly democracy in action or transparency of Council actions. Had we seen this we may have been able to raise a flag at an earlier stage.

We are not likely to ever obtain Government funding until we have a fully worked up "Business Plan" and there is no chance this is likely to happen now you have decided to withdraw any further efforts towards implementing a Farthinghoe Bypass. As you well know, we are never likely to receive 106 monies towards the cost of a Bypass as we are surrounded by agricultural land, therefore we have to ask what special efforts does WNCC intend to take to make a case for funding a Bypass.

We quote a line from Minutes of the September WNC Cabinet Meeting "to progress the delivery of the A422 Farthinghoe Bypass, which is a priority scheme for the Council". We are confused by the word "priority" in this instance when we take into account the subsequent action since September. When do you anticipate you will put these words into action and "make it happen".

We look forward to our meeting on Monday 28th February, 2022.

Regards

John Grant  
Councillor, Farthinghoe Parish Council



## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 20 April 2022 at 7.30pm.

**All parishioners are invited to attend.**



## **POLICE VISIT**

The Brackley Neighbourhood Police Team are bringing the Beat Bus to Farthinghoe Village Hall on Wednesday 9 March between 12.30 and 2.30pm. It is a great opportunity to go along and talk to local officers and PCSOs about any policing issues.

## **EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT SERVICE**

The West Northamptonshire Employment Support Service, delivered by WNC's Economy team, is a free service which is available to every resident and employer in West Northamptonshire. The wide range of services include support with job-searching, interview tips & tricks, help with CVs and support with confidence, mental health and wellbeing. Plus, much more. For more information on the West Northamptonshire Employment Support Service, please visit:

<http://www.westnorthants.go.uk/%20employmentsupport>



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17 February 2022

Dear Andrea,

Thank you for your email of 7 February, enclosing correspondence from your constituent, Mick Morris of 3 The Old Rickyard, Manor Lane, Farthinghoe, Northants NN13 5XT, about HS2 lorries using the A422.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. Your constituent's query was raised with HS2 Ltd, given that it relates to an operational matter.

I understand that, whilst there is no specific project commitment (known as an Undertaking or Assurance) which prohibits the use of this route, neither is it an approved HS2 lorry route. Approval for a designated lorry route is required from West Northamptonshire Council where more than 12 HGVs a day would use a route. As such, your constituent is correct that this route should not be used by HGVs on HS2 business.

I understand from initial enquiries that, regrettably, some of the vehicles identified in your constituent's email as being on the A422 were working on HS2 business. HS2 Ltd's contractors in the area (EKFB) have now identified the supplier for which some of their drivers have been using the A422 as a short-cut between their depot and HS2's sites. This contravenes the instructions to the supplier and the Driver's Pack that is issued to their drivers. As a direct result of this investigation, the following steps have been taken:

- This contravention has been communicated to the company concerned along with a firm reminder of the requirement to stick to authorised routes;
- EKFB are implementing the use of a new 'Driver's App' (phone application) that will enable GPS tracking of HGVs whilst on HS2 business and monitor for compliance against authorised routes;
- Consideration is being given to the use of additional 'no HS2 traffic' signage along the A422.

I have been informed that the HS2 Ltd Engagement teams will contact Farthinghoe Parish Council to discuss the issue in greater detail shortly.

I hope this response is reassuring and would like to thank your constituent for reporting this matter so that prompt action could be taken. Any further concerns can be reported to the HS2 help desk.



**ANDREW STEPHENSON MP**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT**

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## **VILLAGE NOTICES**

### **CYRIL JARVIS**

Sadly, Cyril Jarvis died on Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.

His funeral will be held on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, at 11a.m. in Farthinghoe Church.

Thank you to everyone who has sent cards and flowers, your kind thoughts and prayers are much appreciated by the family.

Rest in Peace.



## **FARTHINGHOE PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

Plans are underway to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee in fabulous Farthinghoe style!

We will be holding a big quiz at the Fox at 7pm on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June before joining the rest of the country by lighting the village beacon at 9.45pm. Funds raised from the quiz will be used to buy a commemorative plaque in recognition of the Jubilee.

On the afternoon of Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> June, we will be inviting children and adults to participate in a Crown parade from the village hall. Crowns of all types – home-made creations, shop-bought or earned as part of your heritage – will be very welcome and we may even award some prizes for the best!

The parade will terminate at a traditional street party on Baker Street, which, thanks to the enthusiastic support of its residents, will be closed to traffic from 10am to 6pm. We are hoping the street will be a riot of patriotic colour, there will be tables and chairs down the centre of the road and lots of food and drink. There will be music throughout the afternoon, including a live band, and other fun activities for adults and children alike.

We would like this to be a true community event and the committee will be looking for volunteers to provide refreshments – sandwiches, savouries, cakes – to spread the load. We will need lots of help on the day as well.

We will be holding further fundraising events to help to pay for provisions and would very much welcome any ideas that you may have to help swell the coffers!

Flyers about the event will be coming through your doors very soon, and these will ask you to let the committee know who will be attending, to help us with planning refreshments. The event is open to village residents and we will also be extending invites to families from outside the village whose children attend the village school. We would love to have as many people there as possible to celebrate with our lovely village community.

***Farthinghoe Platinum Jubilee Committee***

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## BOOKS IN THE VESTRY - TIDELANDS

This month I'm putting Philippa Gregory's new book in the church vestry. Please feel welcome to take it to read and perhaps leave a small donation towards our church - the box is next to the door.

Most readers know Philippa Gregory for her excellent historical novels about royalty - she has an extraordinary ability to take the facts and weave them into a fascinating story.

In her new book, *Tidelands*, she has used these skills, but, this time, her story involves a young woman with a family struggling to survive in 1648 when the king is in exile and England is in the grip of the civil war. Alinor's husband has disappeared and life is very difficult for a woman on her own - surrounded by suspicious villagers, in the tidelands of Sussex, where land and sea join together.

She helps a stranger through the treacherous marshes one night into the village - not knowing she has led a spy into the community. Oooh village life, heh?! Read and enjoy!

*Wendy Hancock*



## Jubilee Flower Festival at Farthinghoe Church

The Jubilee Committee thought it would be lovely to hold a flower festival in our beautiful, old church for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

As part of the Jubilee **Gestures of Kindness** initiative, which we are planning (see page 11), bringing a simple vase of flowers, or an arrangement, to display in the church for the above dates would be a lovely gesture.

The Queen will have been on the throne for 70 years and it would be nice to remember villagers past during the weekend. If you would like someone to be remembered, then along with your flowers, please bring a card, momento or a photograph to bring back memories for us all.

Please let me know if you like this idea and would like to contribute in any way. [wendy.gainford@gmail.com](mailto:wendy.gainford@gmail.com)

More details will follow...

*Farthinghoe Platinum Jubilee Committee*



## TIME TO GET WALKING AGAIN!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Northamptonshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/northants> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more.

Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said *‘There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Northamptonshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you’.*

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

***John Harris***

### WINNERS!

#### 200 Club Winners – February 2022

1st prize £25 No 99 Maxine Roberts  
2nd prize £15 No 10 Lynn Deeley  
3rd prize £10 No 25 Graham Atkins



**FROM KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE, ADDERBURY**  
For inclusion in your March edition  
(By email)

## Springing into action

Just like this time of year, we've got lots of exciting things coming up! From new partnerships and improvements, to a whole range of incredible events to raise money for our hospice. It's thanks to your ongoing support, we can continue to care for local people and families when they need us the most.

### **New lease of life for Banbury shop**

We're excited to announce that we have signed a new 10-year lease and will be staying right where we are – at the heart of the Banbury community.

But that's not all. We will also be giving our Banbury shop some TLC with a revamp that will make the most of all the fantastic donations we receive, as well as improve the shopping experience.

### **Recycle more with Paw Paw**

As part of an exciting recycling initiative, Paw Paw will donate 5p to Katharine House for every plastic container that is returned in good condition when a customer orders their next meal. It's great news for our hospice and also helps cut down on plastic waste! The recycling scheme runs across all three of Paw Paw's Chinese takeaways in Banbury, Leamington and Warwick.

### **Growing our Open Gardens**

We're always touched by the enthusiasm of our supporters to open their gardens for us – and we'd love to see our events grow...

You can find out more about how to get involved and where this year's events will be taking place on our website. We already have six Open Garden events lined up! But keep checking back for others added throughout the year.

### **High and mighty**

Are you looking for a BIG challenge this year? Then why not sign up for the world's highest static abseil? At a staggering 127 metres tall, the National Lift Tower in Northampton makes Big Ben look positively little! Our Extreme Abseil event is taking place on 2 April and we'd love YOU to be part of Team Katharine House and help us to raise money for our hospice.

### **A run for everyone**

The Blenheim Fun Run is back and taking place on 15 May. Run, jog or walk in the spectacular grounds of the World Heritage site in Oxfordshire – and raise money for Katharine House at the same time. The beauty of the Blenheim Fun Run (aside from the stunning grounds) is that you can choose from the main 7km race, the 4-mile run suitable for buggies or wheelchairs, or the 1-mile route for under 15s. There's even an event for dogs so your four-legged friends don't miss out!

### **On your bike!**

Are you ready for the ride of your life? The RideLondon-Essex 100 event is taking place on 29 May and we've managed to secure three places to ride in this highly sought-after event. If cycling 100 miles on traffic-free roads through the heart of London and neighbouring Essex sounds like the event for you, then sign up today.

### **Find out more**

Head to our website for more details, events and news: [www.khh.org.uk](http://www.khh.org.uk).



## Farthinghoe Village Platinum Jubilee Gestures of Kindness

The Jubilee Committee is working hard to come up with celebratory ideas for the village to enjoy the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

We are hoping that villagers would like to participate in Gestures of Kindness that will benefit our community.

We have thought of some suggestions.

For example:

- The Parish Council will pay towards us purchasing at least 70 bulbs which can be planted in various areas around the village for all to enjoy.
- The Village Hall Committee are happy to purchase 70 lavender plants to put in around the drive of the hall.
- Contributions of flowers to the church flower festival would also be appreciated.
- A plant sale

If you have any further ideas and/or are happy to volunteer, please let us know, by contacting Wendy Hancock. Email: [wendy.gainford@gmail.com](mailto:wendy.gainford@gmail.com)

### FARTHINGHOE STATION

- Located at what is now the (currently closed) Recycling Centre, the station opened in 1851 and closed in 1963.
- Train times for the station were published in George Bradshaw's highly successful Victorian train timetables, made famous once more by Michael Portillo in his Great British Railway Journeys programmes.
- It had a single siding for goods, dealing mainly with agricultural traffic but also coal for the local Coal-Merchants, W. Palmer & Son.
- The adjoining meadow was used to hold cattle and sheep in-transit and now forms part of the Farthinghoe Nature Reserve
- During WW2, it also handled vital ammunition supplies for RAF Hinton-in-the-Hedges.
- The Village School logbook records that the railway bridge took 4 explosions to demolish its 120 ft, 3-arch span in 1969.

## Astwick Vale Benefice March 2022

DATE Altar Colour	TIME/ SERVICE	CHURCH/LEADER	READINGS
<b>Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b> ASH Wednesday	7.00pm Holy Com with Ashing	Aynho SC (TR to bring Homily)	
<b>6<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Purple</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>9:30 Said Com</b> 11.00 Holy Com 11:00 Morning Worship	<b>Farthinghoe SC</b> Aynho SC Hinton CO	Deut 26.1-11 Rom 10. 8b-13 Luke 4. 1-13
<b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Purple</b> <b>2nd of Lent</b>	9.30am Holy Com  <b>9.30am Morning Worship</b>  10.00 Morning Worship  11.00 Holy Com	Croughton SC <b>(banns)</b> <b>Farthinghoe ? Lay Led</b>  Aynho Lay Led  Evenley SC <b>banns</b>	Gen 15. 1-12,17-18 Phil 3. 17- 4.1 Luke 13. 31-end
<b>20<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Purple</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> of Lent</b>	10.30am Benefice Service Holy Com 1pm WEDDING	Hinton TR  AYNHO SC	Isa 55. 1-9 1 Cor 10. 1-13 Luke 13. 1-9
<b>27<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Purple</b> <b>(4th of Lent)</b> <b>Mothering sunday</b>	9.30am Morning Worship  11am Holy Com  <b>11:00 Morning Worship</b> 11.00 Holy Com  <b>4pm Evening/Prayer</b>	Evenley CO  Aynho TR  <b>Croughton ML</b>  Hinton SC  <b>Farthinghoe Lay Led</b>	Exod 2. 1-10 Col 3. 12-17 John 19. 25-27  Psalm 30



## Calling all green-fingered gardeners!

Keen gardeners are being invited to take part in Katharine House's popular Open Gardens scheme this summer.

The hospice has just launched its Open Gardens scheme for 2022 and is calling for green-fingered residents to sign up and help raise much needed funds. As part of the Open Gardens scheme, residents in local villages open up their beautiful gardens to the public, raising money for the hospice in the process, with whole villages often getting involved. Visitors are asked to either buy tickets or make a donation in return for a blooming marvellous day out.

Community and Events Manager Cherida Plumb: "The ever-popular Open Gardens for Katharine House have given a vast amount of pleasure to thousands of people over the years and are also a great opportunity for you to show off your gardening handywork!"

"We've been very touched by the enthusiasm of our supporters to open their gardens for us over the years and are looking forward to seeing how the gardens have developed over the last year, and being introduced to new ones too."

Katharine House provides specialist palliative care for adults with life-limiting conditions across North Oxfordshire, South Warwickshire, and South Northamptonshire, relying on generous donations from local businesses and its local community.

To find out more about the Open Gardens scheme, contact Sandra Price on [GetInvolved@khh.org.uk](mailto:GetInvolved@khh.org.uk) or visit our website at [khh.org.uk/gardens](http://khh.org.uk/gardens).