

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....



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PASTORAL LETTER MAY 2022 Revd Sue Cooper writes:

Dear Friends, I hope you are well. As we enter May, we are noticing that the beauty of our gardens and lanes are beginning to really come into their own. It has felt like a long winter but I think this reflects the tiredness that many are still feeling after the last two years of Covid's presence in the world, and the situation in Ukraine.

If we have learnt one lesson out of all of this it is that life is fragile, and it can all change in an instant. This should lead us to reflect on how we want to live in this world and what our values really are. Before Covid everyone was so busy just getting through the days and so never really had the time or energy to think about where our lives were going. But Covid has changed so many things, not least the way we reach out and care for others. We have seen this highlighted even more starkly in recent weeks with the outpouring of love and concern and charity towards the Ukrainian people in their plight.

I am also more aware of how our children and young people are not afraid to get involved in the difficult challenges that are facing the world, especially the climate and environmental issues. Much of this comes down to the good teaching and education they have had. Teachers have had a much harder time dealing with Covid than most. I have been amazed by their ability to manage their workload amidst the constant changes and challenges that they have been dealing with, and they still have many challenges ahead as they seek to make sure that all children catch up on missed learning over the past two years.

I am especially grateful for the way values are taught in school to our children. Things like charity, respect, love, forgiveness, justice, and courage; these are all Christian values which, when taught, give our children a good grounding in life and help them find depth, meaning and purpose throughout life.

Over the past few months many people have come to me and told me they feel as though they have lost their way in life, and sadly I see that what's been lost is connection connection with God, and connection with any values or purpose they may have once felt.

Our Christian faith and values are like a compass; they guide us and lead us on our journey of life. In the tough times, or when we feel lost, they always point the way to keep us going on the right path and direction in life. All of us lose our way sometimes and struggle to find the path and direction we feel we should be travelling on, and that's when our faith and our values behave like a compass; they point to the things that are truly important in life, and help us navigate a way forward, step by step, and day by day with God.

Our connection with God is simple to restore, it is only ever a prayer away, and that prayer can be as simple as saying “Lord, please help me”. Our connection with our values has to be navigated daily as we journey on, but our values become a measuring stick by which we can decide whether something is good or not, and whether we should be involved in, and connecting with something or someoneor not.

Most of us want to live lives that have charity, respect, love, forgiveness justice and courage at the core and centre of everything we are and do...and in reality we need God to keep us on this path daily, and then we need to think about, and move in the direction of, the things, values and people that we can connect with that will help keep us on the right road.

If you feel as though you have lost your way I encourage you to reach out to God with a simple prayer every morning, even before you get out of bed, but especially before you start the day in earnest,,, because a simple “Please help me Lord “ is enough to help you feel that you are connecting with God, and he will help you. If you keep your connection with God, he will guide you, lead you and keep you safely in his love and care. God bless you.

With love Rev Sue.

Isaiah 48:17 This is what the Lord Says, your Redeemer, the Holy one of Israel: “I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.” Amen



SPEEDING IN FARTHINGHOE

Concerns regarding vehicles speeding through our village have once again been brought to the attention of the Parish Council by residents, one of whom has suggested that we consider engaging with the Northamptonshire Police Community Speed Watch Scheme.

The Council would like to gauge the level of support amongst parishioners for such action.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

- Is a volunteer programme run by Northamptonshire Police in conjunction with the Northamptonshire Safer Roads Alliance. It enables local people to be actively involved in road safety, reducing speeding in their community.
- Volunteer groups are given training and equipment to enable them to operate roadside speed monitoring patrols in their area over a four-week period between March and October.
- Drivers detected as speeding by CSW receive a police warning letter and their records are held for 12 months to identify any repeat offenders. Anyone detected three or more times will be visited by police officers.

Anyone interested in finding out more can use the link:

<https://www.northants.police.uk/CSW>

VILLAGE NOTICES

Coffee, Cake and Chat

On Friday, May 6th, from 10 – 11am in the Church Vestry. Bring & Buy and also a raffle. It would be lovely to see you there!
Coffee and cake is £1 – chat is free!

The Coffee, Cake and Chat in June will be on the first Friday when our lovely Church will be beautifully decorated with flowers etc. in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Advance notice – the Fete will hopefully be held on July 24th! More details later.

VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Following the resignations of Dave & Wendy Hancock, we are now running the hall with a committee of five people - Lisa Wenmouth (Treasurer), Sharon

Turner (Head of Farthinghoe School), Pip Clayton, myself and a Parish Council Representative.

Lisa has agreed to take on the role of interim Chairman until the AGM in July when hopefully we will have some new members and a permanent Chairman can be appointed.

If you are interested in joining the committee and want to find out more, please contact:

Lisa(treasurer@farthinghoevillagehall.org) or
Myself(bookings@farthinghoevillagehall.org)

We are also looking for someone to act as a Handyman for the hall, to help out with general maintenance issues, like changing light bulbs and keeping things running smoothly.

In the meantime, progress is ongoing with updating the facilities at the hall. The new hot water system was installed during April and the new flooring in the meeting room kitchen, toilets and entrance hall will be installed in the second week of May.

The hall is proving increasingly popular for childrens' parties, with every weekend in May booked, and we have four weddings booked during the summer months. It also continues to be used by our long-term regular hirers and a new group for parents and toddlers started in the middle of March, which has proved very successful. The table tennis group meets on Monday evenings and would welcome new players, so please come along at 7.30 if you are interested. Also, with the help of Lynne and Joan, we are still running the regular Books & Bakes afternoon tea and chat on the last Friday of every month.

Marjorie Morris
Bookings Secretary

WINNERS!

200 Club Winners – April 2022

1st prize £25 - No 132 Rachel McCullough
2nd prize £15 - No 102 Nicki Sneath
3rd prize £10 - No 31 Henry Bankes-Jones



THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Jubilee Lunch

We now have 159 villagers and relatives who will be sitting down for lunch on Sunday, 5th June on Baker Street - should be quite an event! I will be writing to attendees separately from now on with arrangements. If anyone is interested there will be crown making workshops for children, throughout Friday at Egerton Hall in Brackley.

A right Royal Quiz and Lighting the beacon

The beacon will be lit at 9.45pm on Thursday, 2nd June - along with beacons around the country. Our beacon is in the Starvation field - two fields from the play park, off New Lane, towards the main road. There will be a quiz in the Fox that evening, which will cost £8 to enter and will include hot food. I'll let you know the start time. We will break at 9.30pm to walk around to the beacon and then come back to the pub to mark the answers. Please let **The Fox** and **Margaret Rogers** (margaret@kirkstone.me.uk) know as soon as possible if you will be taking part in the quiz.

Ideas for Gestures of Kindness:

Joining the Charity Dog Walk

Please join the charity dog walk on Saturday, 4th June in the morning - everyone welcome, with or without a dog! Dave Clayton has kindly agreed to arrange the route and he will be choosing the charity we will be supporting. Please meet in the field next to the playpark, opposite Queen Street at 10am - with pockets heavy with silver - or, even better, notes with the Queen's head on.

Contributing flowers for the Church Flower Festival

We have some lovely village ladies arranging flowers for us in the church on Thursday, 2nd June. Please bring flowers along to help fill the church, if

possible, on the Wednesday - leave them in the porch or inside the church, or during Thursday morning.

If there is a village resident or a loved one you wish to remember, please bring a photograph and, or, some words about them to be placed with your flowers.

You are very welcome to visit the church anytime during the Jubilee holiday - Rosemary Jarvis opens the church each day. There will be a coffee morning in the vestry on the Friday morning - so come along for a coffee and cake and to admire the flowers. On Sunday morning there will be a service.

Helping plant bulbs purchased by the Parish Council

We will be appealing for volunteers in September.

The Queen's Canopy

The Parish Council are purchasing an oak tree which will be planted in the children's play park. Ruth Brittain has kindly volunteered to be in charge of this and the Jubilee Committee will be purchasing a plaque. I'll talk to Ruth about when she expects to plant the tree and we can all go to the park to witness it being planted. Ruth has volunteered to nurture the tree while it establishes itself.

Any further ideas, please contact anyone on the Jubilee Committee:

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MEMORIES OF THE CORONATION

It is 1953 and I am 6 years old. In a normally quiet suburban street we are celebrating the Coronation of our new and beautiful Monarch, Queen Elizabeth 11. My Grandparents are fortunate to have acquired one of those 'new-fangled ' Television sets, and along with my parents, several neighbours and assorted children we are crammed into the front room to watch the ceremony.

I can see it all even now. Our Queen in her sparkling white gown - all the Ladies in Waiting also in splendid white gowns;, and the myriads of diamonds with which they are all adorned sending rainbow like beams all around Westminster Abbey. It is mesmerising.

The glorious music reaches a crescendo as the Archbishop of Canterbury lifts the Crown of King Edward above the Queen's head. And then - the moment - she is crowned. The Choir sings joyfully and from outside the cheers of thousands of people can be heard . 'Vivat Regina '.

The Queen returns to Buckingham Palace in the golden coach pulled by 6 Greys, where she will appear upon the balcony with the other members of the Royal Family We have never witnessed anything quite like this and in my grandparents house we sit silent and in awe as we gaze at the small black and white screen.

Then it's time for the party. Outside in the street long trestle tables have been laid with crisp white cloths and buntings and Union Jack flags are fluttering in the cool breeze. The weather has not been very kind today. But nobody cares. We children are in Fancy Dress. I am dressed as 'off the ration ' (sweets having been taken off the ration for the Coronation) in a pink and white 'candy striped' dress and a matching pill box hat - with boiled sweets pinned all over. We parade up and down and somebody wins a prize (not me!). The feast begins, oh joy. Fish Paste and egg sandwiches, crisps, jelly, blancmange (ugh) and iced Fairy Cakes. Bliss. My mother is playing her piano that has been pushed out on to the pavement. All the old favourites - 'Roll out the barrel', 'Mother Kelly's Doorstep', 'When your'e Smiling' all good for the 'sing song'. Someone says, "doesn't your Florrie play well by ear?" I am puzzled as she is using her hands.....

My grandmother, known as Nelly, leads a troupe of jolly elderly ladies out to dance 'Knees up Mother Brown' which elicits rapturous applause. And so this day of celebration continues.., long into the night..

It was a wondrous occasion, a historic day that I shall never forget.

God Bless and God Save the Queen.

Lynne Lee



**KATHARINE
HOUSE
HOSPICE**

FROM KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE, ADDERBURY

For inclusion in your May edition
(By email)

It's a busy time at the hospice with so many events and services opening up again. Whether you join us to take on a challenge, sign up to be a volunteer or shop with us – your support makes a difference! Without the generosity of our wonderful community, we couldn't keep caring for local people when they need us the most. Thank you!

Walk this way!

Our Fundraising Team is busy getting ready for the Moonlight Walk on Saturday 16 July. This year, we're going back to the 80s for our flagship fundraising event – and it's going to be spectacular. Get the date in your diary and tell your family and friends. Tickets are available on our website now. khh.org.uk/moonlight

Given HALF a chance...

The Oxford Half Marathon is back on 16 October! Join Team Katharine House for the 13.1 mile run around Oxford's most iconic landmarks and help raise money for our hospice. We'll be there to support you every step of the way. All runners will receive a branded running vest, as well as expert fundraising advice and top tips on training. Sign up now! khh.org.uk/oxford

Dig deep for a good cause

If you love spending time in the great outdoors, then don't miss out on our Open Garden events throughout the spring and summer months. We have some fabulous villages taking part, as well as some private tours and events with limited availability. You can find the full list of our Open Gardens on our website. khh.org.uk/gardens

Welcome return

Our Living Well programme of events is back up and running on Mondays and Thursdays! We are now able to offer bookable sessions for patients and family members to take part in art/craft & photography, mindfulness, hand massage and reflections. We welcome referrals from carers and families of people with a life-limiting illness over the age of 18. If you would like to find out more about Living Well or book one of our sessions, please contact the Living Well team on 01295 228500 or visit the website. khh.org.uk/livingwell

Art with heART

We're on the lookout for Volunteer Artists to support with our Living Well sessions. Could it be you? You don't need to be a modern-day Monet or a budding Banksy! We're looking for people with a keen interest in art who can share knowledge or teach new techniques to encourage our patients to achieve their goals. Without our wonderful volunteers we couldn't offer these valuable sessions to our patients – so we'd love to hear from you. khh.org.uk/volunteer

Did you know...?

As well as our six local shops we also have an eBay store selling a wide variety of items, ranging from men's and women's fashion, through to books and DVDs. So if you can't make it into one of our town centre shops, why not take a look online from the comfort of your own home?

khh.org.uk/ebay

Find out more

Head to our website for more details, events and news: khh.org.uk.

Astwick Vale Benefice May 2022

DATE Altar Colour	TIME/ SERVICE	CHURCH/LEADER	READINGS
1st May 3rd Sunday of Easter white	8.30am Said Holy Com 11.00 Holy Com With Baptism 11:00 Morning Worship 11.00AM WEDDING	Farthinghoe SC Aynho TR Hinton ML EVENLEY SC	Zeph 3:14-end Rev 5:11-14 John 21: 1-19
8th May 4th of Easter white	9.30am Holy Com 9.30am Morning Worship 10am Morning Worship 11.am Holy Com with Baptism 6pm Evening Prayer	Croughton SC Farthinghoe CO Aynho Lay Led Evenley SC Steane SC	Gen 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9.8-13 Acts 9: 36-end John 10: 22-30 Ps 113
15th May 5th of Easter white	10.30am Holy Com (Sue Off)	Benefice Service Aynho TR	Gen 22: 1-18 Acts 11: 1-18 John 13: 31-35
22nd May 6th of Easter White Rogation sunday	9.30am Morning Worship 11:00 M Worship 11.00 Holy Com 4pm Evening/P	No Service at Aynho Evenley ML Croughton TR Hinton SC Farthinghoe Lay Led	Ezek 37: 1-14 Acts 16: 9-15 John 14: 23-29 Ps 126
29th May white 7th Sun Easter Ascension.	10.30am Holy Com	Benefice Service Coughton SC/HW	Ezek 36: 24-28 Acts 16: 16-34 John 17: 20-end

Please note the services in red print for either time changes or special services.



FARTHINGHOE PRIMARY SCHOOL

‘Where all children are valued and given the opportunity to thrive’



The Governors of Farthinghoe Primary School would welcome interest from any potential new Governors committed to raising educational outcomes of all children at our popular village school.

Potential new governors should have a willingness to:

- Work positively with others as part of a team to provide strategic leadership and challenge to the head of school.
- Develop their knowledge and understanding of their role and of the key issues and priorities facing primary schools by; attending training, reading papers, attending evening meetings (6 per year), and visiting the school.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Governor and how to apply for one of our vacancies, please contact Lauren Hayes, senior governance professional to the Warriner Multi Academy Trust l.hayes@warrinermat.org