

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....



Photograph kindly provided by John Deeley (sitting front left).

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Pastoral Letter July 2022. Revd Sue Cooper writes:

Dear Friends, as we launch into the second half of 2022 it's worth reflecting on how quickly things can change for us all.

At the beginning of the year we were in the thick of the newest variant of Coronavirus, the dreaded Omicron variant, which threatened to be the most easily transmissible Covid variant so far. Thankfully, although very transmissible, it did not make people as ill as had been expected and we have continued to learn to live with Covid very well; in fact it rarely even gets a mention on the news these days.

We have changed the way we do a lot of things since Covid.... not least the way many people now work... with more and more people enjoying a mixture of home working as well as going into the workplace.

The biggest change this year so far was in February, when we were all taken by surprise by the Russian invasion of Ukraine. This conflict has ravaged their country and displaced its people, and it has changed the way we all thought that peace in Europe was secure; making us question how much has really been learnt from the terrible lessons of World Wars One and Two.

The first half of this year has seen a rise in the cost of living that has shocked us by the sheer speed at which it has affected just about everything we spend our money on, and is changing our spending habits. But I think the biggest change has been in the way we think now. For a long time we were all saying we just want things to get back to normal after Covid, but we have learnt that life is never going to be the same as it was just a few short years ago, but that life is still good, and we can still enjoy it in many different ways.

We have just celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and it was a much needed time of joy and celebration, with our Queen thrilling us all with her appearance with Paddington Bear, and the revelation of where she keeps her marmalade sandwiches!! But as we enjoyed those images of our Queen and her family on the balcony of Buckingham Palace, one could not help but notice that change is coming to our Monarchy, as the Queen is no longer able to do as much as she used to. It is reassuring that Prince Charles and Prince William are ready to step in when necessary.

Everything changes... and as it does we either embrace the change, and change with it... or we mourn the past and can become stuck.

For those of you that have not heard, I will be leaving the Astwick Vale Benefice at the end of August. Change is coming to our Churches once again. I have very much enjoyed my time here, albeit with many challenges and times of personal loss. You have all made me feel very loved and appreciated and I thank you all for your support during

my time here, and I leave with many fond memories and valued friendships that will continue into the future.

In life we all know that everything we do is only ever for a time and a season, and when we serve God in any role or ministry we are aware that we are on God's time schedule and not our own, and for some time I had been feeling that my time as incumbent of the Benefice was coming to an end. This means that God has something new, and someone new, in mind for you all here in this Benefice. So as I make plans to leave, I am praying that your next Vicar is feeling the prompting for change in their own life, and hears the call of God to minister in this place. I am here until the end of August, and so hope to see many of you before I leave. God bless you.

With love, Rev Sue.

Romans 8: 28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Amen.



FARTHINGHOE BRIDGE DAMAGED WALL

Having raised concerns regarding the protracted interval between the wall becoming damaged and signs of any remedial action being taken on this hazardous stretch of the A422, the Parish Council have received the following response:

Dear Cllr Morris,

Thank you for your email, received 9th of June 2022, regarding your concerns relating to the condition of the wall of Farthinghoe Bridge (near the recycling centre).

Firstly, please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to you. We have liaised with the Structures team, responsible for overseeing Highways maintenance of this nature in this location, in order to discuss this matter further. They have advised they that have got a repair programmed for the 8th of August, under a road closure, to resolve this matter fully.

We have been trying to attend to the matter before this date; however, due to material resourcing and road space, we are unable to do so.

Thank you, once again for bringing this issue to our attention.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Leighton, Community Engagement Manager, Northamptonshire Highways

Switching from *destruction* to the prospect of *construction*, the following letter has been received in relation to the proposed **Copse Lodge Solar Farm**:

THE RT HON. DAME ANDREA LEADSOM DBE MP



HOUSE OF COMMONS
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26 May 2022

Ref: HW/AL27000

Dear Cllr Morris,

Thank you for your recent email regarding the proposed Copse Lodge Solar Farm and Farthinghoe Parish Council's objections.

As always, I encourage residents to object directly to planning applications, however, I am grateful to you for bringing this important issue to my attention and entirely appreciate what you say about the environmental impact the solar farm will have on the beautiful country landscape. Additionally, I fully appreciate and make very serious note of the detrimental impact that HS2 will have on Farthinghoe and other local communities.

Accordingly, I have written to Ms Anna Earnshaw, Chief Executive West Northamptonshire Council, calling for an urgent review of the important issues you raise and enclose a copy of my letter. I hope that we receive a positive and helpful response shortly but in the meantime if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to let me know.

With best wishes,

The Rt Hon. Dame Andrea Leadsom DBE MP
Member of Parliament for South Northamptonshire

Encl.

FARTHINGHOE VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

Roll up, roll up! It's that time of the year when your £12 subs are due for the monthly draw.

The year starts from 1st July. A few of you pay by standing order (thank you very much!) and if anyone else wants to pay that way then that is great.

Ideally payment to the village hall bank account is the best way for the committee (we are low in numbers) but if not, shout out and we can call on you, or you can drop round a cheque, coins or notes - anything as long as it is legal tender.

We do offer *PayPal* on the website but we do get charged for that so could that be as a last resort - but that's fine too!

If you want to know your numbers and how much is due, then just let me know.

There are spare numbers which we would love to be filled so if you used to have a number (or two), or if you have never been in the draw, then now is the time to change that.

You only have to win a third prize once a year to get (most) of your money back.

So for £12 a year you go into a draw each month for £25, £15 or £10 prize money. And that's each month!

The bank details are:

Account No - **00205971**

Sort Code - **30-11-08**

In the name of: **Farthinghoe Parish Council Village Hall**

WINNERS!

200 Club Winners – June 2022

1st £25 No 71 - Duncan Richardson

2nd £15 No 80 - Joel Pearson

3rd £10 No51 - Cathy Mellor

VILLAGE NOTICES

Coffee, Cake and Chat

On Friday, July 8th, from 10 – 11am in the Church Vestry.

Bring & Buy and also a raffle!

Hope to see you there!

Church Cleaning

Will take place on Tuesday, July 12th, from 8.30am.

Many hands make light work!

Books & Bakes

Join us for Tea & Cake at the Village Hall.

Friday 22nd July from 2.30 to 4.00pm.

Farthinghoe Church Summer Fête

Details of this year's Fête can be found overleaf.

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The Farthinghoe Beacon was one of an estimated 3,500 Jubilee Beacons lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and British Overseas Territories on 2nd June. Many thanks to all who made this possible and to Dr David Chidwick whose saxophonic impersonation of a bugler was very much appreciated.

Despite the best efforts of the typically British June weather, the Jubilee Lunch was a rip-roaring success. It was fantastic to see so many of the village coming together for a right-Royal knees-up. The standard of catering undoubtedly exceeded expectations in terms of both quality and quantity. Pass-the-parcel went down very well with the children - although some seemed to think that certain adults were indulging in a spot of subterfuge! No doubt the copious libations consumed during the toasts explain the somewhat idiosyncratic singing of *The Twelve Days of Jubilee!* It may also account for the impromptu Conga line which seemed to so amuse the children. A delighted Felix Booker was the winner of the best crown competition.

Sadly, space in this issue doesn't permit a more in-depth report, but if people would like to share their memories of the Jubilee with the editor (nicoshunt@aol.com) then we can include these in the August issue.

Lastly, a massive Farthinghoe *THANK-YOU!* to all those who made this such a success including our wonderful band, the volunteers, the attendees/caterers, and of course the Jubilee Committee: Wendy Hancock, Margaret Rogers, Diane Jones, Pippa Parnell and Clare Booker.

Farthinghoe Church

Summer

FETE

Sunday
24th July 2022

1pm start

At : Farthinghoe Lodge
NN13 5NX

Stalls, Raffle and Games

Tea, Cakes and BBQ

Farthinghoe Village Hall - Thanks

Over the last six years, led first by Pip Clayton and then by Dave Hancock, the Village Hall has been transformed – a new bar area and storage, new flooring throughout, new kitchen, stage curtains and other curtains, the creation of the library, the BBQ, the arch, the gardens – the list goes on.

We thank all those who have worked tirelessly, some visibly and others less so – without you, the hall would not be as it is.

Committee Members Urgently Needed

We need new committee members to continue to move things forward and from that we would also be looking for a new chair. We have meetings approximately six times a year.

Everyone has something to offer, new faces bring new ideas! Please don't think you that you don't have anything to offer – because you do!

Speak to Lisa (07785 341001) or Marjorie (07900 590808) to find out more.

200 Club

See elsewhere in the Chronicle about this, but in short it only costs £12 a year and you have the chance to win £25/£15 or £10 each month – and support the village hall too. What's not to love?

And finally – our Annual General Meeting

Another year has passed and we now need to have our AGM.

Under our constitution, all current committee members have to resign at the AGM and (hopefully) offer themselves up for re-election. New members will also be elected.

The meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7pm on **Wednesday 27th July 2022** and we will post the yearly report on the website a week before (www.farthinghoevillagehall.org).

The Village Hall Committee



ALLOTMENTS UPDATE JULY 2022

The allotments are looking great at this time of year – full of new harvests of soft fruit, salads, peas, beans and spinach, as well as plenty more exotic and unusual produce, and masses of flowers, both wild and domestic. Well done to all those who work hard to cajole Mother Nature into relinquishing these prizes.

The first Monday in September is when rents are due and is your opportunity to have a piece of land to work on and grow vegetables. There are a couple of plots available currently, including two plots near the big oak tree opposite the school which Martin Deeley has very kindly cleared of blackthorn and scrub and brought back into a usable state. Huge thanks to Martin.

There is also likely to be a chicken allotment, opposite Church Piece, available in September.

Please contact **Ruth Brittain 07951 755 171** or come to the Church Vestry at 7pm on **Monday September 5th** if you are at all interested.

FARTHINGHOE VILLAGE SCHOOL ALLOTMENT CLUB

Under the expert tutelage of Mrs Thompson, an enthusiastic group of budding Sarah Ravens and Monty Dons have been hard at work turning fallow ground into fecund. The eminently green-fingered Mrs Thompson had this to say to our Horticultural Correspondent:

Following the children's hard work to prepare the plot; we enjoyed planting radishes, carrots, beetroots and potatoes - the children even named their own potatoes!

So far, we have had 2 very successful harvests of radishes and the carrots and beetroot are due soon.

Next week we will be digging our potatoes and the children cannot wait to see how well their named spuds have grown!

Thank you

As many of our friends and neighbours know, we are leaving Farthinghoe to be with our family in Australia.

We would be unable to thank all of my wonderful friends and neighbours in person for all your immense kindness and support, so as everyone gets the Farthinghoe Chronicle, we felt that this was the best way to show our appreciation of the many years of pleasure we have experienced during our 44 years in Odd Cottage.

We came here in 1978, with our 2 teenagers, 2 dogs, a cat and a horse. The village was a very different place then. We had a thriving shop and post office, a petrol station, a daily milk delivery and also our own village "bobby" We had a wooden village hall and a school that was threatened with closure due to low enrolment numbers.

Some of you will remember the many cups of tea consumed in numerous gardens, while we "put the world to rights" There was very little traffic and the villagers who drove, knew how to look out for the elderly residents, children playing in the streets, escaped sheep, cattle and wandering bulls, as well as dogs looking for somewhere other than their own garden to find a friend!

We've seen lots of children start primary school, go on to further education and sometimes marry, all within our time here. We've also lost a lot of friends due to age or ill health.

Through all those 44 years we have been blessed with lovely friends and neighbours, people who cared about each other and supported them with their friendships.

The Parish Council is always working hard to improve our lives. The village hall is a very modern purpose-built facility, thanks to long term residents and a dedicated team of volunteers. The village hall committee is strong and have managed to put on so many great events over the years, touring theatres, film shows, special celebratory evenings, etc.

Our beautiful church has never closed except during Covid and is open 7 days a week from dawn to dusk. A dedicated group, though small in number, keep fund raising. In spite of a very limited congregation, we have regular services throughout the year. Thank you to all those volunteers!!

We wish all of you good health and happiness and hope you continue to offer each other the support and friendship that we have been privileged to receive.

So, it's farewell and thank you to all who have made our 44 years here such a joy. Our memories of Farthinghoe and its people will never dim.

Goodbye and thank you

Bud and Pauline

Post script to the above !!

We would like to thank everyone involved with the surprise farewell "send off" for us at the Fox. It was so unexpected that I was speechless! (Something Bud says doesn't happen very often, he says I would "talk to a rock if it would answer me back!!")

Thank you so much for all the kind words and good wishes. We will remember everyone with great affection.

Pauline and Bud

Fabula Community Choir

We are a very welcoming group and are open to anyone who enjoys singing in a group for fun.

We meet at 6pm on Tuesdays during term time in Charlton Memorial Hall and we are always looking for new members.

About the choir
We started in 2018 with just 12 members but have grown over time and we currently welcome 25 happy singers to rehearsals. We cover all areas and styles of music and sing in 3 or more parts.

We hold two concerts each year : a Festive Celebration and a Summer Spectacular. During the Spring term, we also hold an open rehearsal for anyone who wants to come along and see what we do. Performances are relaxed and welcoming and we always have drinks and nibbles to reward the choir

If you are interested in any element of the choir, do get in touch with us

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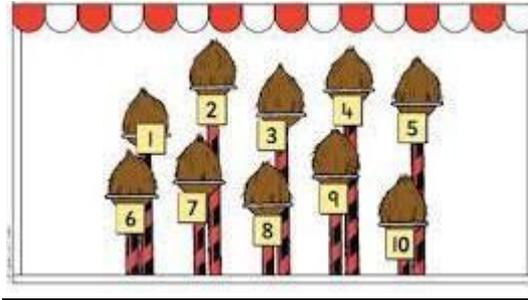
We will be delighted to hear from you!

Come along - its fun!



<https://www.fabulaarts.co.uk>

FABULOUS FARTHINGHOE FESTIVALS



As the Festival season is upon us, I thought the following account of Farthinghoe Festivals past may be of interest:

(T)he high spot of the year was, without any doubt, the Village Tea and Festival, that is to say, Mrs Rush's Treat. This glorious event has left in many people's minds the most vivid memories of all. It was held at the end of the summer term, and earned a special holiday. It started with a bumper tea, for children and adults, in the old Sunday school (which stood on the ground behind John Newman's Queen Street house). The scene then shifted to the Bowling Green field, where swings had been erected, and coconut shies and a horse-drawn roundabout. Standing in the midst of all this colour and bustle was a stately figure, tall and slender, wearing always a black dress and a black hat, and carrying a black umbrella. The distinguished benefactress stood surrounded by eager children, lightly tossing bull's-eyes into the air, for them to scramble after. If an artist had wished to paint just one picture of life in Farthinghoe, he would surely have chosen this scene for his record.

Extract from *Farthinghoe 1877-1987*



**KATHARINE
HOUSE
HOSPICE**

FROM KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE, ADDERBURY

For inclusion in your July edition
(By email)

We're gearing up for a summer of fun and fundraising – and there's something for everyone. As well as our Moonlight Walk and challenge events, there are some great days out in aid of Katharine House thanks to our wonderful supporters. A big thank you to all our participants, organisers, fundraisers, visitors and volunteers that help to make it all possible. We couldn't do it without you!

Moonlight Walk – the final countdown

Our biggest fundraising event of the year is taking place on 16 July – and we want to make this year's Moonlight Walk the best one yet. Celebrate those that we've loved and lost with a special personal challenge and a glorious evening of fun and frolics all in aid of Katharine House Hospice. Get into the groove with live 80s' music and a pre-walk 80s' party picnic! If you haven't already signed up, then there's still time! We'd love to see as many people taking part as possible.

khh.org.uk/moonlight

Challenge accepted

Our challenge events have proved hugely popular – and we have plenty more coming up!

- Extreme Abseil: Tackle the 418 feet National Lift Tower in Northampton on 3 September
- Thames Path Challenge: Trek along the famous Thames Towpath on 10-11 September
- Swim Serpentine: Take the plunge in a major outdoor swimming event on 17 September
- Chicken Run: Sign up for the cracking Brackley 10k Chicken Run on 18 September
- Oxford Half Marathon: Secure your spot for the 13.1 miles around Oxford on 16 October

Find full details, plus even more events, here: khh.org.uk/challenge.

Days out for your diary

We're so grateful to our local community for raising more than just a smile with events in aid of Katharine House. You can find a list of supporter events on our website that help to raise money for our hospice. From the Open Gardens running throughout the summer, to country fairs and family fun days. Keep checking back as new events are added throughout the year. And don't forget to let us know if you're holding an event to raise money for our hospice!

khh.org.uk/supporter-events

Three cheers for our volunteers

We simply couldn't do what we do without the incredibly selfless people willing to give up their time to make a difference. We're looking to recruit volunteers across a number of areas, including: shop volunteers, gardeners, hospice companions, receptionists and artists for Living Well. Could you spare some time – either on a regular basis or occasionally? Find out more

here: khh.org.uk/volunteering.

Caring for our carers

Did you know that as well as caring for people with an incurable illness we also offer support for their carers and family members? Our services include an online Carers Café, social work support and our Hospice Companion Service that aims to reduce loneliness and isolation. If you'd like to find out more about the support we offer, visit our website: khh.org.uk/carers-support

Astwick Vale Benefice July 2022

DATE Altar Colour	TIME/ SERVICE	CHURCH/LEADER	READINGS
3rd July Red Thomas the apostle 3rd Sunday after Trinity	9: 30 Holy Com 11.00 Holy Com 11:00 Morning Worship	Farthinghoe SC Aynho SC Hinton CO	Hab 2: 1-4 Eph 2: 19-end John 20: 24-29
10th July Green 4th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Holy Com 9.30am Morning Worship 10.00 Morning Worship 11.00 Holy Com 6pm Evening prayer	Croughton TR Farthinghoe ML Aynho Lay Led Evenley SC Steane SC	Deut 30: 9-14 Col 1: 1-14 Luke 10: 25-37 Psalm 77 (1-12)
17th July Green 5th Sunday after Trinity	10.30am Benefice Service Holy Com	Farthinghoe SC/HW Ministry Team	Gen 18: 1-10a Col 1: 15-28 Luke 10: 38-end
24th July Green 6th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Morning Worship 11:00 M Worship 11.00 Holy Com 11.00 Holy Com 4pm Evening/P	Evenley SC Croughton CO Aynho TR Hinton SC Farthinghoe Lay Led	Gen 18: 20-32 Col 2: 6-15 Luke 11: 1-13 Psalm 88 (1-10)
31st July Green 7th Sunday after Trinity	10.30am Benefice Service Holy Com	Hinton SC Ministry Team	Eccles 1:2, 12-14, 2: 18-23 Col 3: 1-11 Luke 12: 13-21

Farthinghoe
Primary School

SUMMER FAIR

Sunday 10th July
11am – 2pm
Farthinghoe Village Hall

Spread the word!

Free Entry!

* Bouncy Castle * Craft Stalls * Games *
* 'Water Wars' * Raffle * Tabletop Sale *
* Meet Emergency Services Crew *
* Food & Drink and much more...!

Warning: Risk of children getting wet!

Parking available in field opposite village hall, off Cockley Road.

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Member Association