

# THE Farthinghoe Chronicle

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**The 5th Annual  
Farthinghoe  
Village show**

**Saturday 6th September 2014  
@ The Farthinghoe Village Hall  
Judging @ 12. Show @ 2pm.  
£1 for ages 12 to 120.  
1 Lucky ticket will win prizes  
(under 12's and over 120's go free)**

**Raffle with cash prizes  
Produce Show  
Car Boot Sale  
Bouncy Castle  
Treasure Hunt  
Charity Stalls:  
McMillian nurses  
steane Chapel Roof**

**Tractor Run & Show  
Model Planes &  
Aerial display  
(Weather permitting)**

**Entertainment:  
Magic Martin  
Bodicote Morris Dancers  
Live music:  
Aces & Eights  
Katie Wicken**

**Refreshments:  
Burgers and Hot dogs!  
Tea and Cakes  
Ice Cream**

**And  
Much More!**

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## ***Deadline for October***

***Farthinghoe Chronicle:***

***Friday 19th September***



# Village News and Events

## ***Church Piece Charity***

Collection of Allotment rents will take place on Monday, September 1st, at 7pm in the Church Vestry.

## ***Churchyard clean up***

On Wednesday, 3rd September, from 5pm. or as convenient. Could you help?

## ***Church cleaning***

On Tuesday, September 9th, from 9am. Brass to be cleaned by Mrs Redrup.



## ***Macmillan Coffee Morning***

To be held in the Church Vestry on Friday, September 26th from 10am - 12noon. Bring & Buy and a raffle. Please support this event! If you would like to help please contact 01295 711130.

## ***Harvest Festival***



On Sunday, September 28th, at 6pm. If you would like to donate fruit, vegetables or tins of food, please bring them to the Church on Friday or Saturday. It would also be wonderful to have more flower arrangers! And lots of people at the service!

***Farthinghoe Friends:*** No meeting this month.

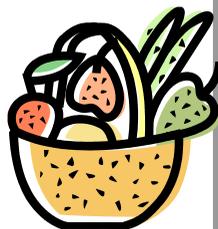
***Farthinghoe W.E.A.:*** The Autumn course will be "Tudor England" - A look at how & why the Tudors were as they were: their dress, culture & food, and how economic, political & religious factors made them precursors of the modern age. Tutor: Martin Sirot-Smith. Fee: £50. Five meetings at the Village Hall plus a field trip, beginning on Friday 19th September, 7.30 - 9.30pm. Contact Lin Deeley on 711938 for more information



# Rector's Letter

## September and Harvest

September sees lots of exciting services around our benefice of five villages as we come back from our holidays. We start our Harvest celebrations giving thanks for God's gifts to us and the marvel of creation. It is always good to say thank you and remember those who have worked so hard to produce the harvest. We are very fortunate in our rural communities to know the farmers and see the labour of their hands. We also remember those less fortunate than ourselves in our harvest collections. Some of these will be sold at auction and the money given to various charities. Less perishable food stuff will be given direct to food banks to help those who are struggling to feed their families. All gifts are welcome at all the churches, why not come along and help decorate your local church for harvest or bring your gifts to the Sunday services. The appeal from the food bank is for cereals, sugar, long life milk, Pot Noodles and jam.



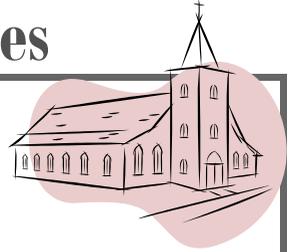
Heather and I will be visiting our new in-laws in Kenya 7-20<sup>th</sup> September and will also be looking for a school or orphanage to make a possible benefice link. During that time rev Hugh Warwick and rev Shemil Mathew will take good care of you all. We will have house sitters at the Rectory looking after our dogs and chickens so do say hello to them if you see them.

**Simon**

## Space Academy Blast Off

Our Summer holiday club attended by around 60 children from all five benefice villages was a fantastic success again this year. It was great for Heather and myself to lead the team of willing leaders and younger helpers from the benefice and for children to come from our five villages and beyond. The week was full of learning new songs, games, activities and crafts, and finding out about Daniel and his friends Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. On Sunday our Final takeoff at Croughton Church was packed with children, parents, friends and congregation and was a fantastic way to end the week. A great big thank you to everybody who helped before or during the week and to those who kept us in their prayers.

# September Church Services



## Details at

[www.astwickvale.co.uk](http://www.astwickvale.co.uk)

St. Michael Aynho, All Saints Croughton,  
St. George Evenley

St. Michael and All Angels Farthinghoe,  
Most Holy Trinity Hinton-in-the-Hedges

## Tuesday, 2 September

10:00 CROUGHTON Home Communion

## Sunday, 7 September

09:30 FARTHINGHOE ~ Communion  
BCP

11:00 AYNHO ~ Communion

11:00 HINTON ~ Morning Worship

11:00 CROUGHTON ~ Communion and  
Baptism

(yes I do mean 11am)

## Sunday, 14 September

09:30 AYNHO Communion

09:30 CROUGHTON ~ Communion

11:00 EVENLEY ~ Communion

10:00 FARTHINGHOE ~ Family Service

18:00 STEANE ~ Evensong BCP with Rev  
Peter & Mori Gompertz

Monday, 15 September

10:45 EVENLEY ~ Home Communion

Sunday, 21  
September

10:00 BENEFICE ~ Communion HINTON-  
in-the-Hedges

Monday, 22 September

11:00 Aynho ~ Home Communion

## Sunday, 28 September

09:30 CROUGHTON ~ Communion

11:00 AYNHO ~ Family Harvest Service

11:00 EVENLEY ~ Family Harvest Service

11:00 HINTON ~ Communion

18:00 FARTHINGHOE ~ Harvest  
Evensong BCP

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## E100-The Second Half

Our E100 studies groups will form in September and start looking at the New Testament section of the bible. New and old members are welcome to come along for about an hour of discussion and reflection and of course tea and coffee. Details of venues will be published in the local churches and the weekly Pews News.

[www.astwickvale.co.uk](http://www.astwickvale.co.uk) or email me on  
[astwick.vale@gmail.com](mailto:astwick.vale@gmail.com) for updates.

**Pets as Therapy** is a national charity founded in 1983. It is a community based charity providing therapeutic visits to hospitals, hospices, nursing and care homes, special needs schools and a variety of other establishments from volunteers with their pet dogs and cats. They are looking for local volunteers – if you would like more information have a look at the website [www.petsastherapy.org](http://www.petsastherapy.org) or phone local coordinator **Carole Galloway** on **01295 814 929**.

**Wardington Manor Open Gardens,  
Wardington OX17 1SW,  
1pm- 5pm,  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September  
Entrance £5 (children free)**



Beautiful four acre garden with a wide variety of plants and shrubs and tree-lined walks. Refreshments and hospice stall. Dogs on leads welcome.

In aid of Katherine House Hospice

# Farthinghoe School News



## Farthinghoe Community Primary School Garden Party

Thank you to everyone who supported the Garden Party on Saturday 12th July. We had a wonderful day with cream teas and games for the children, however the new garden was definitely the star of the show and enjoyed by all. We also raised over £1,100 which will be used to enhance the learning experience of every single child in the school. We hope you enjoyed the day as much as we did and look forward to seeing you at our future events.

## School Ties PTA

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**Farthinghoe Primary School** are looking for a lunch time supervisor for 1 ½ hours per day, 3 days a week (with some opportunity for additional lunchtime hours up to 5 days) starting in September 2014.

The role will involve setting up for school lunches, supervising the children while they are eating and supporting them during lunchtime breaks. If you are interested in the post and would like more details please telephone the school office on 01295 710406 and leave an answer machine message with your contact details and we will be in touch.

## Fisherman's Instinct by *Julia Pepler*

Gary quaffed the dregs of his cloudy Cornish cider. He stoically resisted the urge to have another and instead left the pub with Julia and the girls.

'Lets have a quick walk on the beach', he said and they strolled down the slipway. The beach was narrowed by the high tide, and a couple of lads were preparing to fish. Gary watched them. Not two hours earlier, he himself had patiently fished from another slipway close by. The sea had gently rocked and twinkled in the late afternoon sun but had given up nothing. Almost smug, it had seemed. In fact the only catch was by Lola, their cocker spaniel, scooping up the cadaverous head of a fish. (The girls only realised it was a fish head once it had been prized from Lola's jaws as she struggled to guzzle it down. That made them squeal).

The sun was gone and the evening air was fast moving and chilly.

'I'm bored now; lets go. Apple pasty and clotted cream waiting at home in the warm', said Julia. So they left the beach and stepped up the narrow street on the hill rising through the village and above the sea. Julia and the girls paced ahead, but Gary hung back, and when he reached the gap in the cottages that freed the view high over the bay, he stopped. Julia looked back for him and was about to chivy him along. But 'look at that', he said, 'I knew something was going on'. And the girls had stopped too. Julia walked back to where they were all now leaning on a wall, craning their necks to see.

'What is it?' she asked, seeing the sea darkening in giant swirls near the beach.

'Look at them all!' Gary exclaimed. There were boys now, lots of them (and just one girl), arriving on the beach in wet suits armed with rods and buckets and carrier bags.

'Look at the beach!' The girls squealed, for the second time that day. Julia peered down and saw that along the tide line the beach was writhing with silver, as tiny little dots of fish vainly jumped and flipped on the grey sand. Gary pointed away from the shore.

'Look out there!' Above the dark swirls in the sea, which were evidently huge shoals of whitebait, the surface of the water looked whisked as dozens of mercury-blue mackerel leapt and dived, gorging themselves with mouthfuls of the miniature fish they had so cunningly corralled into the bay.

The four of them scuttled back down the hill to the beach. By now the sand was coated with a shimmering carpet of whitebait, beaching themselves in

their desperation to escape the mackerel, more arriving and perishing with each breaking wave. Children scooped up handfuls of them and piled them into buckets; adults gawped and laughed, marveling at the whitebait to mackerel food chain in action. Seagulls swooped and wailed with sheer delight.

The real prize was the mackerel. Lads glibly plucked them from the sea in their dozens. The poor fish were too greedy to avoid being fooled by the lured fishhooks dragging through their huge whitebait shoal. Gary dashed home and grabbed his rod. He caught plenty of big juicy ones. (Small ones were returned). At home later he carefully filleted them and the next day fried them in garlic butter.

'The best mackerel I have ever tasted', Julia reckoned. How easily she would have missed them. Without Gary.

The next meeting of the Parish Council, will be on **Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014** in the meeting room at the Village Hall at 7.00pm. Public Time is from 7.00pm – 7.15pm.

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**Pet Praise Service-For October** Come and celebrate and give thanks for our pets, real, imaginary or cuddly toys. As part of our celebrating creation season, we remember the creatures that God has given us to help and comfort us and also to work for us. Everybody is invited to our service on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 4:30pm at St. George's Evenley to



bring your pet large or small, please take great care of your pet and make sure other people's pets are safe as well. If the weather is dry we will be outside church, but if wet we will go inside. Suitable for all ages and pets.

Hope to see you there  
rev. Simon Dommett  
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# Compost Corner

Allotment holders are never satisfied with the weather they get; there is always a misgiving, whether it is too much rain, too dry, too hot, too windy. You know the scenario. The lovely hot dry spell we had in July played havoc with our courgette crop; mercifully, you might add, if you have ever experienced a courgette glut. My crop suffered from blossom end rot, a simply descriptive phenomenon in which my blossom ends simply rotted and dropped off, owing to irregular water supply.



Duncan's was flaccid and floppy, although Lois, clearly more tolerant or perhaps just better at watering, did not complain.

The subsequent downpours in early August revived everyone's vegetables, if not their spirits. Duncan's courgettes regained their turgidity almost to point of excess, gaining in size to marrow-like proportions and in numbers with which the average human should not be expected to cope. In conversation, I foolishly expressed a penchant for a marrow and Duncan very kindly gave me one.

I noticed Joel's plums were looking good this year, plump, purple and juicy, dangling outside the front of his house, catching the warm rays of the afternoon sun. He has been very generously sharing them with friends and neighbours, although he has been heard to complain that over the years his capacity to share his plums is diminishing; something to do with them shrinking and being too



wrinkly. I may have misinterpreted what was said as I must confess to not paying too much attention at the time, being distracted by the image that sprang to mind.

A word of encouragement for any allotment holder currently feeling that it is all too much and considering throwing in the towel. Shirley and Neil reached this point recently and were poised to hand in their notice when it dawned on them what they would be losing – the open space, the sunshine, the camaraderie, the doubles entendres. Having decided to carry on with their allotment, they made a ceremonial re-entrance to the plots, at which point the Red Arrows tore across the sky, in formation, right above their heads! If that is not a vindication for making the right decision, I don't know what is.

Welcome back Ed and Mr.Ed!

**Mrs. Trellis**



## Care for a Cuppa!

There's still time to organise your own Care for a Cuppa event! We're inviting supporters to organise a coffee morning or afternoon tea for Katharine House between Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September. You provide the 'cuppa', cake and chat and we will provide a Care for a Cuppa fundraising pack complete with posters, balloons, recipes and top tips to make your event a success. Simply ask for donations on the day for coffee and cake, or hold a raffle or sweepstake for something a little different- the possibilities are endless! To receive your pack, please call Sarah Brennan on (01295) 812161, or email [sarah.brennan@khh.org.uk](mailto:sarah.brennan@khh.org.uk). We would also love to hear from local schools & playgroups, Lions & Rotary clubs, WI's & NCTs. In fact, we'd be delighted to hear from any local business or community group who'd like to hold an event.



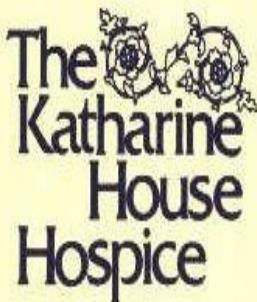
## Coach and Horses Fun Day, The Green, Adderbury

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September from midday. Attractions include a classic car show, Morris Dancing, bouncy castle, beer festival, a variety of stalls, traditional fete games, treasure map, Historical Society quiz and a grand raffle in aid of Katharine House. Part proceeds to KHH.

**Lynn's Day' – Family Fun day 8am till late on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September, Chipping Norton Football Club** Car-boot from 8am - 11am; pitches are £6 and can be booked by calling 07855 290012. A football match, pool competition and horse racing will held, alongside children's stalls, games, face-painting, BBQ, raffle and auction. This will all be topped off by live music from the band, *Chaser*. All proceeds to KHH.

## Ladies Pamper Evening and Shopping Evening-Feldon Valley Golf Club,

**Lower Brailes** An extra-special shopping and pamper evening from 7am on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Pampered Chef, Forever Living, La Peach, Bagalicious, Tropic Skincare, Arbonne, Snowdrop Gifts, Usborne Books, Orange Tree Toys, Phoenix Cards and Velvet Paws. Raffle with fabulous prizes. Fully Licensed. Entry £2 to include a glass of bubbly for the first 50 ladies. (tickets available). All profits to Katharine House Hospice.



# September at The Fox

**Great new menu**

**Special dishes every weekend**

**Real Sunday roasts with all the trimmings**

**Food to take away**

**Great choice of three real ales**

**Happy Hour Friday 5pm to 7pm**

**Plus use this voucher for  
20% off your food bill**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Your Post Code \_\_\_\_\_ Month of Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Age Range 18 to 25 26 to 35 36 to 45 46 to 55 55plus

This voucher is for 20% off your food bill when up to 4 adults eat from our main menu in the pub at lunch or dinner, Monday to Saturday throughout September. It excludes other offers, takeaway, nibbles, special menus (Ladies, voucher etc.)

*Please complete your details so we can send offers direct to your inbox*



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