

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....



FARTHINGHOE PLAYPARK

Phase A of the renovation of Farthinghoe Playpark is now complete and an official opening was held on Friday 23 October.

A blessing was provided by Reverend Shamil Mathew, and as a gesture of village thanks to the Dashwood family's generosity for the donation of the plot of land, Mrs Ruth Dashwood, was asked to perform the ribbon cutting ceremony.

The new playpark will now be formally known as the Dashwood Playpark.

This project has taken a couple of years to come to fruition and has been achieved thanks to the vision, fundraising and hard work of four village mums - Rachael Boyd, Jenny Johnston, Beste Bragg and Louise Reid.

The recent Cocktail Evening & Auction was a wonderful initiative and provided a huge financial contribution toward the Playpark. Other projects are in the pipeline and if these are supported in similar fashion, we will be able to support other schemes to benefit the village.

Phase B for enhancement of the Dashwood Playpark is scheduled to take place, Spring 2016, and a questionnaire seeking village views will be circulated early 2016.

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MASKED CHRISTMAS BALL

The Ball Committee would like to open Farthinghoe's Christmas celebrations this year with a Masked Ball on Saturday, 28th November. All villagers, friends and relatives invited!

Venue: The Village Hall, hired by us and fabulously decorated

Time: 7pm

Ticket price: £15 - to include Fizz and canapes on arrival and a live band, 'Under The Covers'!

Bring your own food and drink and enjoy:

- ❖ A Christmas themed photo booth
- ❖ Individual competition for the best mask
- ❖ Team competition for the best dressed table
- ❖ 'A Surprise on the night' competition
- ❖ Christmas games - with fabulous prizes
- ❖ Dancing to the band

Reserve a table as a group -

Tables of 8 and 10 available. Please book early to avoid disappointment

Decorate and name your table - the best wins a bottle of very expensive champagne!

Individual ticket purchases are also welcome

If you would like to pre-order additional fizz for your table at £5 per bottle, let us know by the 21st November

Dress code: Masked and Marvellous

Dance until you can dance no more

For tickets and further information contact Pip Clayton, pipsandel@live.co.uk Kerry van Geest, kerieve@hotmail.co.uk Wendy Hancock, wendy.gainford@gmail.com or Nicki Sneath, nickiandsteve@sky.com

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The Ball Committee: Pip Clayton, Kerry van Geest, Wendy Hancock and Nicki Sneath (Any other volunteers greatly appreciated)

RECTOR'S LETTER NOVEMBER 2015

November is full of special services. Starting with Service of All Souls on 1 November when we remember our loved ones departed and light a candle for them. The theme of candles is continued through the month with the weekly evening candle prayer service.

November 8th sees our communities gathering around our war memorials as we remember the fallen, those who gave their lives for others. At Aynho, Evenley and Croughton this will be at the outside memorials and at Farthinghoe and Hinton in the churches.

A special family service will take place on November 15th at 4pm At Saint Michael and All Angels church Farthinghoe where we will be blessing our Christmas Cribs and figures before they start their journeys around our villages on their way to our Christmas Crib services. If you have a Christmas Crib, you are invited to bring it to this service for a blessing. During the service we will also be making Advent candles wreaths in preparation for our count down to Christmas. During Advent the 24 days before Christmas the blessed cribs from the church also known as the 'Holy Family' will be traveling around various homes in our villages. Here they offer your family a chance to be part of the Christmas preparations, echoing the journey Mary and Joseph took on their way to Bethlehem. The end of their journey culminates on Christmas Eve, more details next month.

If you would like to offer the 'Holy Family' a room for the night please let me Simon (01869 810903), Shemil 07401 587151 or Carrie O'Regan (01280 702300) know before 22nd November so their route can be planned.

On 22nd November we will be holding our annual 'Toy' service at 11am in Evenley. Each year we collect toys for children's centres in Banbury which support families with young children in the local area. Many of these children will receive few gifts for Christmas and our donations are used for presents and in the play areas of the centres. New or used toys, games, books, DVDs for babies and children (up to aged 10) in **good working order** are gratefully received. We cannot accept any soft toys thank you. Donations may be brought to the service in Evenley or contact Carrie on 01280 702300, carrioregan1@btinternet.com for collection.

Advent Sunday 29th November sees the start of the New churches year as it counts down to Christmas. This is a new venture this year and I would want to encourage everybody to come and enjoy the celebration.

God Bless you all, **Revd. Simon Dommett**

The Rectory, Croughton Road, Aynho, Banbury, Oxon OX17 3BD

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The highlight of October's Parish Council meeting was receiving the report on the completion of the village playpark. This was a major project for the village and has been achieved through the significant efforts of a number of dedicated people. The Parish Council will be thanking those directly involved individually but thanks must also go to all of the villagers who have supported the numerous fundraising activities that have taken place over the last few years. It's testament to what can be achieved when the village comes together and I am very proud to be a part of such a fantastic community.

It has been observed that people have made use of the entrance to the playpark as a parking area. This is obviously very unsafe, both for users of the playpark and for motorists reversing back out onto New Road. The Parish Council will be erecting a post in the near future to prevent this from recurring.

I mentioned in October's Chronicle that we would be looking to hold an exhibition on the potential bypass routes for the village. The dates have yet to be finalised, but we are currently looking at a Friday and Saturday on consecutive dates in December. It is likely that the exhibition would be open from 1pm to 7pm on the first day and from 10am to 2pm on the weekend day. Hopefully that would accommodate the majority with regard to working hours. Once the dates have been finalised, these will be advertised on the parish noticeboards and through the email database. If you haven't already subscribed to the database and would like to do so, please complete the registration form on the Parish Council website, or email clerk@farthinghoeparishcouncil.org with your name, home address and email address.

Just a reminder that the Village Hall Committee is holding its AGM on Wednesday, 28th October at 7.30pm in the village hall. Please come along and offer your services, whether it be as a new committee member or as a willing volunteer for future events.

The next Parish Council meeting will be Wednesday, 11th November at 7pm in the Beasley Room at the Village Hall.

VILLAGE NOTICES

Mothers' Union: On Tuesday 17 November Mrs Heather Dommett will talk to us about her trip to Kenya. The meeting will start at 2pm at the Village Hall. Everyone is very welcome!

Church Coffee & Mincepie Morning: On Friday 27 November from 10am – 12 noon in the vestry. Bring & Buy and also a raffle.

Macmillan: Many thanks to everyone who supported the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in September. We raised **£270**, which was wonderful.

Farthinghoe Friends: No meeting this month. The next meeting will be Tuesday 8 November at the Village Hall 2.30 - 4pm.



LIGHTS OF LOVE

Our annual Lights of Love Remembrance Services will be held at St Mary's Banbury on Monday 30th November 7pm, and St Peter's Brackley on Wednesday, 2nd December, 7.30 pm. Christmas trees will be placed in Horsefair, Banbury and in St Peter's Church, Brackley, and the lights will be dedicated to those being remembered. If you would like to dedicate a light in memory of a loved one, you are invited to complete a dedication form and return it to the hospice by Monday, 9th November. Previous contact with the hospice is not required. Further details from Sheila on 01295 816484.

SANTA FUN RUN

Why not kick-start the festive season with this family fundraiser?! Our 6th Santa Fun Run will be taking place at 11am on Sunday, 6th December at Spiceball Park, Banbury. Entry fee is £13 for adults, £7 for children aged 6 – 16 years and free for under 6's. This includes a Santa suit, mince pie and medal and you are asked to raise a minimum of £20 per adult or £40 per family. To take part, apply online at www.khh.org.uk or call the Fundraising Office on 01295 816484 and we can pop an application form in the post.

CHRISTMAS BAG PACK DAYS- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As part of our Christmas fundraising, we are holding three supermarket Bag Pack Days and are looking for volunteers to help on the day. Do you have 1.5 hours available to help pack shoppers' bags? We have been offered:

Sainsbury's Banbury store on Wednesday 9th December

Tesco's Banbury store on Tuesday 15th December

We have 1.5 hour shifts available from 9.30am – 3.30pm and would be delighted to hear from anyone who'd like to come along and lend a hand. Please call Sarah Brennan on 01295 816484 or email sarah.brennan@khh.org.uk

Our annual Town Centre Collection Day is scheduled for Thursday 10th December. Do you have 1.5hrs free to hold a tin for us? Slots available from 9.30am. Please contact Wendy Crosse on 01295 816484.

CHRISTMAS QUILT RAFFLE

Tickets are now on sale for our annual Christmas Quilt Raffle, with the chance to win one of two beautiful handmade quilts. The Material Girls Quilting group from Banbury have made a 60" x 60" lilac, blue and white appliqued quilt, whilst an Adderbury supporter has made a brightly coloured children's alphabet quilt in a small single size. Tickets are £1 and can be purchased from KHH reception and any of our seven charity shops.

CHRISTMAS CARDS – please see our website www.khh.org.uk .

KHH Lottery

Our lottery is a vital income source for Katharine House, having raised over £1 million since May 2000. If you're stuck for a Christmas present idea, we have a variety of Lottery Gift Membership solutions. For £1 per week you might get a phone call on a Friday morning from Wendy our Lottery Administrator telling you that you've won £1,000 - Wendy loves making that call! For more information call the Lottery Office on 01295 816484 or email lottery@khh.org.uk.

For fundraising information, please contact Sarah in the Fundraising Department at the Hospice, tel: 01295 816484, email: sarah.brennan@khh.org.uk or visit our website: www.khh.org.uk



Halloween Family Fun Day

Saturday 31st October 10am-4pm



We're running a Halloween Fun Day with lots of spooky treats and activities for all the family to enjoy

- Halloween Farm Hunt
- Face Painting
- Spooky Bouncy Castle & Slide
- BBQ
- Cupcakes
- Teas & Coffees
- Hot Chocolate & Soft Drinks
- Devil Joust
- Penalty Shoot Out



Free Entry
(refreshments & some activities chargeable)

All the activities are taking place the cover of our big barn down on the farm so you don't need to worry about the weather, just come along and join in the spooky fun – are you brave enough?

www.limesfarm.com

Limes Farm, Main Road, Farthinghoe, Brackley, Northamptonshire NN13 5PB

COMPOST CORNER



Some people get depressed at this time of year as the weather turns colder and the days shorten; not me. There are plenty of pleasurable jobs to do, both outside and in.

What about preparing your tools for winter? I love getting out the linseed oil and rubbing it lovingly into the long shafts, lingering over the job so that there is plenty of time for penetration into the wood, to keep it supple and smooth when gripped. The smell of linseed brings back happy childhood memories of preparing the tortoise for hibernation in a not too dissimilar way.

Then there are the bonfires to light; you can't beat the hissing, smell and smoke of burning vegetation finally achieved after using up a boxful of matches and a month's worth of newspaper, having madly flapped at dwindling plumes of vague smouldering, and the fascination of poking about in the embers trying to keep the fire going after the initial rage has died down after two seconds.

And it is time to treat the allotment to a large dose of manure, being sure to put lots on to your rhubarb (although I know some people prefer custard).

Talking of food, it's that time of the year for Halloween and Bonfire parties, being outside on chilly evenings when there's nothing better to have than a big hot sausage inside you to keep you warm and happy.

Happy days!
Mrs. Trellis

Is sight loss making life difficult for you?
Your Local Sight Loss Charity is here to help

For more than 115 years, Northamptonshire Association for the Blind (**nab**) has been the leading provider of specialist advice, support and information for anyone who is blind or partially sighted living in Northamptonshire. Still today **nab** remains a wholly independent charity run by local people for local people.

nab has helped thousands of visually impaired adults and children to regain their dignity and confidence so that they can lead full and rewarding lives. Our services are here to help everyone, so if you or someone you know has poor or failing eyesight, get in touch with us today.

Why not use our countywide **Enable Service** which can help with friendly advice, information, practical assistance and equipment to reduce the impact of visual impairment for you, and your family or carers. Arrange your free home visit today

Drop-in to our **Sight Centres** in Kettering or Northampton for advice and support plus a wide range of aids and equipment. Alternatively visit our Mobile Sight Centre when it is in a town near you!

Come along to our regular **Social & Support Groups** around the county, an ideal chance to make new friends, or learn new skills at our **Computer Groups**.



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www.nab.org.uk



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BENEFICE WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER

1st November – All Souls

9:30am BCP said Communion ~ FARTHINGHOE

11am Holy Communion ~ AYNHO

11am Morning Worship ~ HINTON

6pm All Souls Service _ EVENLEY

8th November ~ Remembrance Sunday

10:15am Service followed by Act of Remembrance AYNHO

10:50am Act of Remembrance on the Green EVENLEY

10:50am Act of Remembrance CROUGHTON

10:50am Remembrance Service at HINTON

6pm Remembrance Service at FARTHINGHOE

15th November ~ Blessing of Cribs

10am Benefice Communion at AYNHO

4:00pm Crib Blessing -Pizza Praise ~ FARTHINGHOE

Family Service with PIZZA or HOT DOGS

22nd November

9:30am Communion ~ CROUGHTON-Reading Room

10:30 for 11am Family Service ~ AYNHO

11am Family 'Toy' Service ~ EVENLEY

11am Communion ~ HINTON

6pm BCP Evensong ~ FARTHINGHOE

29th November ~ Advent Sunday

9:30am Said Communion EVENLEY

6pm Advent Carols by Candlelight at AYNHO

Thank you from the Cocktail Committee

We are thrilled that the recent cocktail evening, held to raise funds for Farthinghoe play park, was such a huge success and wanted to thank all of you who participated, either by being a cocktail maker, providing the venue, helping decorate the marquee, sponsoring a bottle, donating an auction promise, or coming along on the night and making the party go with such a swing.

We have now calculated the total amount raised for the playground...are you sitting down...?!

We raised an astonishing **£2,441.10!**

Together with a figure of £221 from Waitrose from their green token scheme in August, the total amount raised is **£2,662.10**

Needless to say we are absolutely delighted with this, and it is due to the generosity and support of the village that we have been able to achieve such a wonderful result.

From The Cocktail Committee: Nicki Sneath, Beste Bragge, Becky Wright, Wendy Hancock and Jane Mills - with a lot of work from their husbands!

FARTHINGHOE VILLAGE SHOW

What a day!

Hard luck to those of you who missed it, the Village Show continues to be more than just a Village Show! The Dakota Flypast was awesome, the Marching Band superb and the minute's silence perfect. We paid our respects in style with the Churchill and we did remember them.

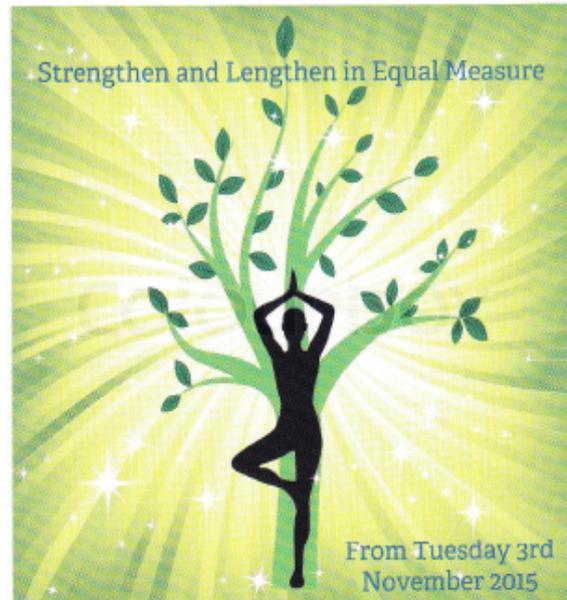
A high standard of entries to the show this year left **Will Dorward** winning Best in Show for the Garden and **Susan Hampson** winning the prize for the kitchen.

Many thanks to all who helped, Please get next year's show in your diary now- 10th September 2016- Be there!

Pete Hampson, Farthinghoe Village Hall

YOGA

Strengthen and Lengthen in Equal Measure



From Tuesday 3rd
November 2015

Tuesdays during term time 0930 - 1045 @
Farthinghoe Village Hall, Cockley Rd, NN13
5PD

£7.00 per class or discount on block
booking each term. For further details
please contact Sandra Grant 07944 077832
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SEVEN SISTERS TREE SITE

An Introduction: Many older residents of Farthinghoe remember Sam and Dorothy Deeley, parents of Jim, Tony and John. Sam continued the family tradition of farming and Dorothy is remembered for her numerous village activities including the W.I., Chapel Sunday school, a village school governor; she organised coach trips to Wickstead Park and Hunstanton, the village carol singers and she was leader of the village Red Cross Branch where the younger generation learnt First Aid, etc. In addition she still found time to be a keen gardener and look after a growing family which increased during the '39/'45 War when German and Italian prisoners of war were employed on Limes Farm. One of those Italian prisoners wrote to the Deeley family after the peace in 1946 thanking them for their kindness. He wrote that he "felt like one of the family" and Dorothy was his "English mother" – a fine tribute to her and the Deeley family. Thus when John's Millennium Tree Site idea was proposed on Jim's hilltop location for the use of Farthinghoe they continued their mother's community service.

This is your site, your trees, your garden area, your chance for community service and to establish a pocket park here at Farthinghoe.

The completed Site Work so far -

We have fenced the site area on the Cockley Road hill, purchased and planted seven oak trees, now 20 years old, and registered the site.

We have created and buried a time capsule with contributions from residents and the school children of Farthinghoe in the year 2000.

We have provided seating, good access and car parking and set up a website:
www.farthinghoesevensisterstreesite.co.uk

The next objectives -

The planting of wild flowers beds etc. with defined areas for all residents of Farthinghoe and friends so each can have a personal "family garden" with a pleasant mown grass area for picnics with seating and thereby establish a "pocket park" for Farthinghoe; and we wish now to appoint additional trustee conservation volunteers to join our group to help us achieve this.

A trustee volunteer will be able to:

- ❖ Access the Site at all times for their personal enjoyment of the area together with their relations and friends;
- ❖ Have a personal "golden key" to access the Tree Site – for insurance purposes the site is locked at all times.
- ❖ All trustees may have their ashes spread or interred at the Site and after 10 years' membership this would be free of charge.
- ❖ All trustees will be able to register for a small (2 sq.m) conservation family garden in which to plant their choice of wild flowers.

Since the site is on a perpetuity annual rental basis a trustee will be able to donate this garden to their children/grandchildren if they wished to continue the annual membership rental. All trustees have automatic membership of The National Conservation Volunteers and have personal accident cover through this large society.

From our hilltop Site there are excellent views of the area but also excellent viewing of the stars above and the International Space Station and flight details are always available to members upon request.

Trustee membership is open to all residents of Farthinghoe, their relations and friends who have an interest in conservation.

Our group meets twice a year for general discussion meetings for the future of the Tree Site when all ideas are welcomed! We should love to hear from any interested volunteers.

The Seven Sisters Tree Site is a very special place where we can enjoy today as well as remember our family and friends.

John King, Hon. Sec.



This Month at The Fox ...

Free wine when you try our new menu

Bring this voucher any lunch or evening, Monday to Thursday and if two of you each have a starter and main course from our new main menu there is a free bottle of one of our house wines just for you

Halloween Story Night—just for adults!

Sunday 1st November from 8.00pm

“We are lead to believe fairy tales were created to send children to a blissful sleep” Our very own **Tanita Gibbs** will be telling fairy tales in their original form and they are definitely not for children Tales from 8pm. Book a table for Sunday supper menu 4pm to 8pm Ask us or check Facebook for more details & get your free tickets now

Plan your Christmas Party

We have some great festive menus to choose from, pick your date and come and book now

Foxy Cocktails

Got some great new ones—try the Gin 75, or maybe a Woo Woo!

01295 713965

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