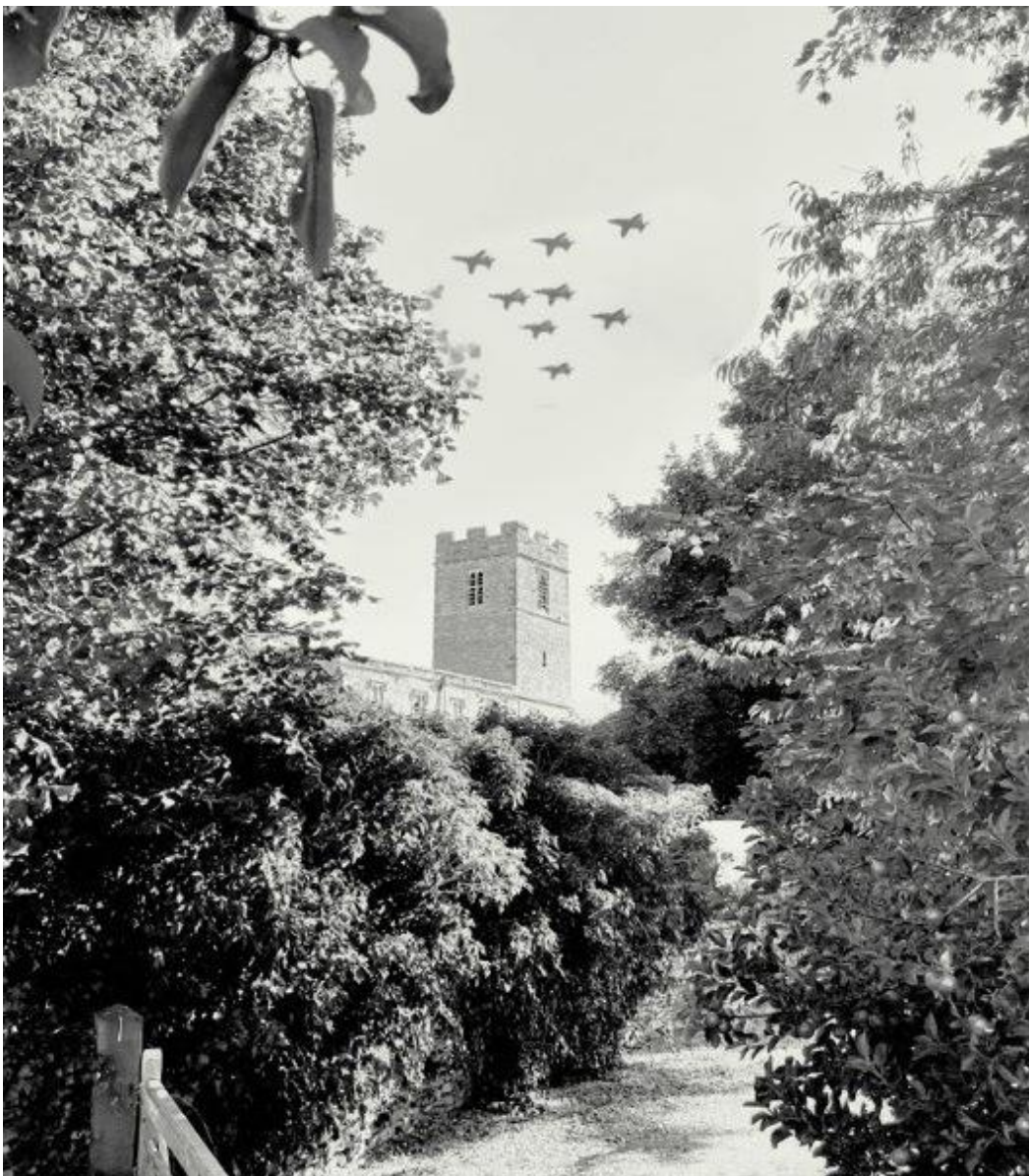


# THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

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



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**PASTORAL LETTER AUGUST 2022 – Revd. Sue Cooper writes:**

Dear Friends, as we enter high summer, many folk turn their thoughts to holidays or day trips out, and to keeping children or grandchildren happy and occupied during their school summer break. Do you remember when you were a child, how great it felt when school broke up for the six weeks through summer. The possibilities for fun and adventure were endless. Childhood is different these days as children don't have the same freedoms that we had when we were younger. We felt safe, and could be out playing for hours on end without our parents needing to worry. The simplicity of our childhoods was a wonderful thing, and there was not much that upset us.

Last week I had the great pleasure of attending the school leaver's assembly at Farthinghoe, where the children that are leaving the school this summer to go up to seniors had written a play and performed it for us. The play had them all meeting up for an imagined reunion later in life, where they had all gone on to do wonderfully interesting things. It was great fun listening to their imagined futures. But as the play continued the group began to reminisce about school days, and about things they had done,...the people they had met,,, and the teachers that taught them, and how much they had enjoyed it all. It was a very emotional assembly; the children received awards for their skills and achievements, and they were celebrated by us all. But after the assembly it was time to say goodbye, and there were lots of tears.

These children had formed relationships, and for most of them it was the first time that they were leaving somewhere significant and saying goodbye to people who had impacted their young lives in very positive ways, and the reality of the moment was quite overwhelming.

As we go through life, we know that this kind of situation is repeated many times as we journey on. Leaving places and people that we have grown fond of and that mean a lot to us is hard, and it doesn't get any easier the older we get; but it's all part of life's rich tapestry, and on the positive side, we continue to make lots of new friends along the way.

I will be saying goodbye to you all at the end of August when I leave the Astwick Vale benefice, and it feels painful. I have made lots of friends and had lots of happy times in the benefice. There have been tough times too as we have all gone through the past few years of Covid crisis together and had to navigate our way through it all. But I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your kindness and support towards me during my time here. I particularly want to thank our wonderful Ministry team and Church Wardens for all their hard work in the Benefice Churches. They are an amazing group of people whose commitment to the Lord and the Churches is outstanding; thank you all. Then there are all the members of our PCC's, who keep the Churches going; I thank you all. Thank you to all the Church organists, flower arrangers, church cleaning teams, folk who tend the Churchyards, our welcomers at Church, the folk that set up our altars for

Communion, the choir, the bell ringers, the folk who produce our parish magazines, the fundraisers, all those involved in our Sunday Services reading lessons, leading prayers, and serving refreshments. What a blessing all these folk are to us, and I thank you all.

I also want to thank our Congregations for their friendship and fellowship which has meant so much to me, and for the wonderful times of worship we have shared together. I want to thank the people of the villages for the many messages of support and goodwill that I have received over the years in support of my ministry here.

Special thanks go to Norman White our benefice treasurer who has the most wonderful sense of humour, and has always made me laugh a lot. And finally, my special thanks to Joyce Stevens who produces the Pews News for us, and always manages to include lots of interesting little snippets of information to inform and inspire us; her support and friendship has been a great source of encouragement to me. But most importantly I thank God for my time here among you all.

Thank you all, and may God bless you richly. With much love always, Revd Sue.xxx

***Eph3:20-21 “ Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”***



## **FARTHINGHOE VILLAGE PLAY-PARK**

There are increasing incidents being reported of groups of people misusing the play-park equipment and in particular climbing on the roofs of the towers.

The play-park equipment is designed for the use of children to a maximum age of 12.

If anyone becomes aware of such instances they should immediately call the Police on 101

## **HS2 TRUCKS**

As most people will now be aware we have an agreement with HS2 that their construction machinery will not use the A422 through Farthinghoe.

This mostly applies to tipper trucks and ready-mix concrete trucks.

All trucks conducting official HS2 business will have a blue “HS2” sign displayed in the windscreen

All of these trucks are live tracked via mobile phone apps and can be identified in retrospect.

If anyone sees one of these trucks working against HS2 management wishes then please email me with Company’s name/exact time/direction of travel

I will then pass the details to HS2 Management for Action to be taken

My email address is [gendiesel@btinternet.com](mailto:gendiesel@btinternet.com)

## **COPSE LODGE SOLAR FARM PROPOSAL**

Parishioners may be interested in the following Banbury Guardian article:

<https://www.banburyguardian.co.uk/news/people/three-banburyshire-villages-up-in-arms-over-monstrous-solar-farm-plan-on-their-doorstep-3790677>



*The Parish Council wish to make all residents aware of the following letter written by Cllr. Morris to Cherwell District Council:*

**Planning Application Reference Number 22/01488/OUT dated 19/5/2022 Subject – OS Parcel 5616 South West of Huscote Farm and East of Daventry Road. Banbury**

Dear Samantha

Please accept this document as an official OBJECTION from Farthinghoe Parish Council to the above-mentioned Planning Application Number 22/01488/OUT.

Already there are a plethora of documents lodged on your allotted website and these detail a large number of reasons why this development should not be allowed to go ahead, which we agree with entirely.

We would also point out that with great anxiety we await the news that Planning Application 21/02467/F has been rejected for what it is because in

Farthinghoe we see this Planning Application as a thinly & poorly disguised attempt to add the final part of the jigsaw to complete the Motorway Service Area applied for in 2017 on Planning Application 17/01044/F. Now we have Planning Application 22/0148/OUT to consider.

Before this dust settles we hear that consideration may well follow to add more warehousing to the south side of the A422 with of all things direct access onto the A422 at a new roundabout planned to be located half way between the Middleton Cheney roundabout and Junction 11.

In 2017 we could only look at the initial planned proposals with dismay. Now in 2022 we can actually see the partly constructed monstrosities which were the first part of what appears to be a growth plan and that plan is becoming more and more clear.

It is the beginning of a nightmare which will destroy our beautiful area without any consideration for the people who live here.

It is the end product of the relaxation in planning regulations being introduced.

Little wonder that the people of Amersham and Chesham along with Tiverton and Honiton have reacted the way they did at the ballot box and the recipe is right for others to have no other choice than to follow.

We agree with almost all of the objections tendered so far on this Planning Application but in addition Farthinghoe has its own unique problem which will be exacerbated by this particular planned development, A problem which has been profoundly added to each time Cherwell District Council passes plans for yet another warehousing & logistics complex without any due regard for our problem. "Our" meaning the residents of Farthinghoe along with the thousands of drivers who traverse the A422 daily.

Farthinghoe is the sole remaining village in our county which is located on a designated Strategic County Highway and which remains without a desperately needed bypass. As anyone who travels regularly between Banbury & Brackley will know our village is a severe traffic pinch point and such pinch points bring with them considerable frustrations and associated dangers.

Your previous actions have made it very clear to us that our village predicament is unlikely be taken into account during the considerations for this proposed development and our situation, which is currently at breaking point, will just continue to get worse.

There seems to us to be a complete shortage of apparent interaction between the relevant County Councils and Unitary Councils when considering such developments which are taking place close to County or District borders, developments which have significant side effects on either side of such borders.

We believe in developments which are designed to increase prosperity and the right kind of job opportunities in our area, but we also believe that only lip service is being paid to the oft touted phrase “but adequate infrastructure should first be in place”

This infrastructure plan should be in place and budgeted before such developments are even considered.

How can we possibly win when even our own Unitary Council feels that our much needed bypass can be considered solely on financial grounds with a financial equation to decide this being best described as a wing and a prayer guess.

The main problem Farthinghoe has is a very restrictive pinch-point, the effects of which are deliberately excluded from this financial equation, along with a number of assumptions which include there being no projected traffic growth on the A422 through Farthinghoe after 2038.

This same Unitary Council seems unable to have meaningful dialogue with neighbouring Councils at either end of the 14 mile Northamptonshire stretch of A422/A421 Highway between Mixbury and J11 of the M40. (designated in 2013 by Northants County Council as part of a Strategic Freight Network).

In 2013 Northants County Council predicted that the daily traffic flow through Farthinghoe would be 13,000 vehicles by 2026 and thus followed an abortive round of discussions in 2015 to finance a Farthinghoe bypass.

If one considers the important weekday traffic flows through Farthinghoe then the 13,000 vehicles per day was eclipsed most probably by 2017, maybe sooner.

I say probably because data is collected on a very random basis and despite the fact that our Parish Council made a senior officer at Northants County Council aware of a traffic count being in situ in January 2020, no concerted attempt was made to locate that data. In situ meaning on the A422 at its junction with Main Road, Middleton Cheney

This SFN is mostly a through road for Northamptonshire with the main financial beneficiaries being four-fold

Oxfordshire (Banbury)

Buckinghamshire (Milton Keynes)

National Highways (Contribution to National network + free use when there are closures on the M40 and A43)

Central Government eventually by increased Business taxes.

We have noticed mention of the use of Junction 11 by HS2 Construction traffic on a number of other objections. It is only relatively recently that this data has become available & this data alone is very concerning.

According to the HS2 Traffic Plan their construction traffic will use the J11 roundabout entering & leaving on both the A361 and the A422.

On the A361 there will be up to 1000 HGV Movements per day along with 1500 other vehicle movements per day

On the A422 the movements will be up to 1000HGV + 2000 other vehicle movements per day

There is a lot of scepticism locally that the planned changes to the traffic light system will even cope with these HS2 projections let alone the building and use of a Motorway Service area along with a multitude of warehousing & distribution complexes.

Does Banbury need these warehouses, do they comply with the Local Plan, do we need the minimal employment they bring allied to the destruction they cause? We think not and therefore we urgently request Cherwell District Council to reject this planning application in its entirety along with any other similarly destructive plans which might follow.

Farthinghoe is very fed up with being caught between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea with negligible help, understanding or communication from either party

**Cllr Mick Morris**

## **FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL EMAIL DATABASE:**

### **GET REGISTERED... STAY INFORMED... HAVE YOUR SAY...**

**The issues currently being addressed by the Parish Council, and which affect us all, include:**

- An ever increasing number of planning applications (see above)
- The village bypass
- HS2 traffic
- A village Emergency Plan – particularly important given current climatic conditions and the resultant spate of rural fires around the country.

On these and other issues, the Parish Council are keen to keep us all informed as rapidly and efficiently as possible i.e. by email. If you haven't already done so, then it's very simple to register your email address on their database. Simply visit **<https://www.farthinghoeparishcouncil.org/>** Click "Contacts" and the application form appears...

## **WINNERS!**

### **200 Club Winners – July 2022**

1st prize No 104 - £25 - Neil Downing  
2nd prize No 111 - £15 - Andrew Deeley  
3rd prize No 51 - £10 - Cathy Mellor

*The Editor would like to apologise for his failure to publish the correct list of June's lucky winners in the July issue of this venerable organ – mea culpa. Our Financial Correspondent reliably informs him that the correct list should read as follows:*

## **WINNERS!**

### **200 Club Winners – June 2022**

1st Prize £25 - No 90 - Katie Gunn  
2nd Prize £15 - No 192 - Theresa Bullock  
3rd prize £10 - No 60 - Geoff Hovland

## **VILLAGE NOTICES**

### **Church Cleaning**

Will take place on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, from 8.30am.  
Please come and help if you can!

### **Coffee, Cake & Chat**

On Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, from 10 – 11am in the Church Vestry.  
Bring & Buy and also a Raffle. It would be lovely to see you there!

### **Church Fete**

We were blessed with a fine afternoon. Among the attractions were a Barbecue, Cream teas and various stalls and activities.

Our thanks go to all those who helped in any way – the people who erected the marquee and stalls, and those who manned them. All who supplied raffle prizes (and those who sold the tickets!), thanks to everyone who made cakes, gave bottles and Bric a Brac, also those who looked after the Aunt Sally, Bean bags and skittles. Especial thanks to Ryan for stepping in at the last minute with his music, and to Mrs Dashwood for allowing us to use her garden.

The total raised will hopefully be just over £1000 (final figure not yet available).

## **CHANGES AT THE CHURCH**

As many of you may have heard, our Rector Sue Cooper is leaving us for retirement at the end of August. The Church Council and all the people in the village who knew her, I am sure will join together in wishing her the very best in this new stage of her life.

If you would like to give any contribution to a leaving present, please give it either to **Rosemary** or **Lisa** by 15th August. There will also be a card circulating. Her last benefice service will be on 21st August when it is planned to give her the present.

Farthinghoe Church and the other 4 churches in our Benefice will then go into an 'Interregnum'. The church representatives met this week and keen to keep as many of our services as possible, but with one person less to take services, there will need to be some adjustment from 1st September.

The first and third Sunday of each month will be a Benefice service - all at one church and so Farthinghoe will have one out of every five services on these Sundays. On the 2nd Sunday we hope to have our Morning Service (the said service) and then our Evening Prayer on 4th Sunday.

This is all from 1st September, August continues as planned.

All the new dates will be in the next Chronicle.

**And just to save the date - Sunday 25th September will be our Harvest Festival (4pm or 6pm time to be agreed).**



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

The first half of the year has flown by, and we're not slowing down in the months ahead. We've still got spaces on some of our brilliant challenge events as well as the return of our popular Make a Will Fortnight. Whether it's taking part in events, donating to our hospice, volunteering your time or making the most of our shops – your support and generosity means that we can continue to care for local people and families when they need it most. Thank you!

### **Ready and WILLing**

This year Make a Will Fortnight celebrates its 10th anniversary and will be running from 3 to 10 October. Six local solicitors have generously agreed to waive their fee for writing or amending a basic will during the two week event and are instead asking for donations to Katharine House. If you've been putting off making a will, then it's the ideal time. For a list of participating solicitors and to find out how to make an appointment, visit [khh.org.uk/make-a-will](https://khh.org.uk/make-a-will)

### **In the running**

There's still time to sign up for the Oxford Half Marathon 16 October! Missed out on the ballot? 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](https://khh.org.uk/oxford)

### **Scaring is caring**

Gather your bravest guys and ghouls and sign up for the Halloween Walk on 29 October... if you dare! Choose either a 10km, half marathon or full marathon for your spooky sponsored night-time walk around London. Do something a bit different this Halloween and help raise money for our hospice. Find out more about this spooktacular event and fundraising options on our website. [khh.org.uk/halloween](https://khh.org.uk/halloween)

### **The value of volunteering**

Did you know that volunteering has been proven to reduce stress, combat depression and improve physical health? It's also a great way to learn new skills and meet new people. Plus, you get to work with a brilliant team supporting your local hospice. What's not to love? We're looking for volunteers right across the hospice, so there's bound to be a role that's right for you. Find out more [khh.org.uk/volunteer](https://khh.org.uk/volunteer)

### **Digital monthly newsletter – keep up to date with your hospice**

Sign up to receive our Katharine House digital monthly newsletter, which is designed to keep you in touch with all our latest news and fundraising events at the hospice.

### **Find out more**

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

**Astwick Vale Benefice****August 2022**

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| <b>7<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><b>Green</b><br><b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after</b><br><b>Trinity</b>                                                  | <b>9:30 Said Com</b><br>11.00 Holy Com<br>11:00 M/W                                                                                     | <b>Farthinghoe SC</b><br>Aynho TR<br>Hinton CO                                                                            | Gen 15:1-6<br>Heb 11:1-3, 8-16<br>Luke 12:32-40                                        |
| <b>14<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><b>Green</b><br><b>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after</b><br><b>Trinity</b><br><b>(Sue OFF)</b>                             | 9:30 Holy Com<br><b>9.30 Morning</b><br><b>Worship</b><br>10am Morning<br>Worship<br>11:00 Holy Com<br><br>6.00pm Evensong              | Croughton HW<br><b>Farthinghoe ML</b><br><br>Aynho Lay Led<br><br>Evenley TR<br><br>Steane SM                             | Jer 23:23-29<br>Heb 11:29 -12:2<br>Luke 12:49-56<br><br><br>Psalm 119: 17-32           |
| <b>21<sup>st</sup> August</b><br><b>Green</b><br><b>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after</b><br><b>Trinity</b>                                                | 10.30am<br>Benefice Service<br>Holy Com                                                                                                 | Aynho SC                                                                                                                  | Isa 58: 9b-end<br>Heb 12:18-end<br>Luke 13:10-17                                       |
| <b>28<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><b>Green</b><br><b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after</b><br><b>Trinity</b><br><br><b>(Bank Holiday</b><br><b>weekend)</b> | 9:30 Morning<br>Worship<br>11.00 Morning<br>Worship<br>11.am No service<br>at AYNHO<br><br>11.00 Holy Com<br><br><b>6.00pm E/Prayer</b> | Evenley SC<br><br>Croughton ML<br><br>No Service at<br>Aynho<br><br>Hinton SC<br><br><b>Farthinghoe Lay</b><br><b>led</b> | Prov 25: 6-7<br>Heb 13: 1-8, 15-<br>16<br>Luke 14: 1, 7-14<br><br><br>Psalm 119: 81-96 |