

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE



Village news, notices and events....

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Editors Welcome

Happy New Year Everyone

At this time of year my thoughts turn to the Roman God Janus. The two-headed animalistic spirit of gates, beginnings, transitions and duality. It is indeed a period of new beginnings and is a transition from the old to the new. A time when we might celebrate past achievements and look forward with optimism towards the future. Perhaps take up a new hobby or interest, something to cheer us through those dark and chilly January days. Or simply sit by the fire and read a good book. Both for me are enjoyable and bring reasons with which to relish the new season.

In the UK we celebrate New Year with all manner of parties and jollities. During our years in Normandy we found other ways to celebrate with our French friends. I recall being invited for New Years Eve to the home of Sophy and Gerald, our Dog Trainers and good friends. Before training in Animal Welfare Gerald had worked as a Chef, so we knew that the food would be good. Along with our dogs, we were welcomed to their cosy cottage to join a few relatives and other friends. The Champagne was flowing and Gerald offered delicious hot canapes. We sat around the table as he prepared Raclette - a popular French dish consisting of melted Raclette cheese into which one dips frites, strips of veg, celery, and peppers, and then you just keep going until you can eat no more. "Do you like it?" they asked. "Bien Sure" (you bet!) we replied. This was followed by Petits Fours and chocolates made by Gerald and amidst much laughter, as usual, the singing began. On the stroke of midnight twelve grapes must be rapidly eaten and then it's time to wish each other Bonne Annee et Bonne Santé (Happy New Year and Good Health) before more Champagne and lots of kissing! Of course we had to introduce them to First Footing. John went outside, and amongst bemused looks, gave Gerald a log and a hunk of bread. "Quoi "(what?) we then got them to link crossed hands as we sang 'Auld Lang Syne'. As ever our French friends found our customs puzzling, but amusing, and as ever it was a wonderful evening.

However you spent New Year I hope it was wonderful too, and I wish you all Good Health and Happiness for 2025.

Lynne.



The Parish Council hopes that everyone in Farthinghoe and Steane has enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and wishes everyone a very Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

It seems that the A422 will be closed to through traffic from 8.00am 7th January 2025 till 5.00pm 8th January 2025

This will be to carry out Scanning and Drainage investigation work at the Pinch-Point at the Junction of Baker Street and the Main Road

VILLAGE NOTICES

CHURCH COFFEE MORNING

Coffee, Cake & Chat

On Friday, January 10th, from 10 -11am in the Church Vestry.

There will be a Raffle. All welcome, and it would be lovely to see you there!

CHURCH CLEANING

On Tuesday, January 14th from 8.30am.

To everyone who helped to decorate the Church for Christmas, or helped with the various services a big thank you!

TONY DEELEY

Tony Deeley passed away on October 28th 2024 aged 90 years old. He was the oldest person to have been born in, and still living in Farthinghoe.

He was born at Manor Farm in Farthinghoe, and at the age of 5 years old went to the Village School, and then on to Miss Mellor's School in Banbury.

On leaving school he joined his father and brother on the family farm; until at the age of 18 years old he signed up for National Service. He served in Egypt and Kenya from 1952 - 1954. On his return home he continued to work on the family farm until his retirement.

He married in 1959 and celebrated 65 years of married life in May 2024. Tony is survived by his wife Jill, 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

JOHN STUBBS

It is with sadness that the death of John Stubbs is announced. A long time Farthinghoe resident with his beloved wife, Sue, and family. John passed away on 21st December in The Horton Hospital. At John's behest, there will be no formal funeral but he will be remembered very fondly by family and friends.

VILLAGE HALL

PANTO - SATURDAY 21st DECEMBER

TPB Productions from Middleton Cheney gave a very good performance of **Jack and the Beanstalk** at the Village Hall on the above date, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. We hope they will return in the not too distant future with some further entertainment.

HALL IMPROVEMENTS

The solar panels are being delivered on Monday 6th January and the installation will take place on 14th / 15th & 16th. We would therefore appreciate some help to get them safely stored in the hall until the installation takes place, so if you have any free time on Monday 6th please get in touch with Marjorie on **07900 590808**.

We have also cleared the two sheds now and they are ready to be taken down and broken up, so again if you can help with this please get in touch.

BOOKS & BAKES - FRIDAY 24th JANUARY - 3.00 - 4.30

We had a really good turnout for the December Books & Bakes and we look forward to welcoming you all back in the New Year for tea/coffee & cake and lots of catch-up chatter.

REGULAR SESSIONS :

Art -	Tuesday 10.00am - 12.00 & Friday 10.45am - 1.15pm
Ballet -	Monday 5.00pm - 7.00pm & Saturday 9.00am - 1.00pm
Martial Arts -	Sunday 11.30am - 1.30pm
Pilates -	Tuesday 6.30pm - 7.30pm & Friday 9.30am - 10.30am
U3A -	Spanish 1st & 3rd Thursdays 2.00pm - 4.00pm Spanish for beginners 1st & 3rd Fridays 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Yoga -	Sunday 10.00am - 11.00am

150 CLUB

NOVEMBER WINNERS

1st Prize £25 - 91 Becky Wright
2nd Prize £15 - 47 Pippa Parnell
3rd Prize £10 - 59 John Grant

DECEMBER WINNERS

1st Prize £25 - 13 Val Walker
2nd Prize £15 - 108 Lois Ashburner
3rd Prize £10 - 114 In Memory of Ruth Dashwood

Rector's Ramblings

It is January. Christmas and New Year have come and gone, and 2025 holds all the possibilities of the future. However, many people find this a rather difficult time of the year, and post-holiday blues are not uncommon.

We fix in our minds all the joy, excitement, and fulfilment that these special days can hold and find that other days, weeks, and months can pale in comparison. It can be the same when we make resolutions about those aspects of ourselves we would like to change. We place our hopes for ourselves and our futures into reforming milestones, and then are dashed when the next day comes and we are untransformed.

The truth is, we are not defined by a handful of days, and we can't change deep-rooted aspects of our lives in an instant. In the same way, a desire to change something - no matter what - isn't a once and done, we must keep deciding to do it. Expecting it to happen at once is like swinging a hammer at a block of marble and being disappointed when Michelangelo's David doesn't appear. The reality is we have to keep chipping.

The bad news is that Christmas doesn't last all year and New Year's Resolutions rarely manage the full twelve months either. The good news is that the love and joy of Christmas, New Year - and any of the other big celebrations in your life - are already in our lives. The things that we gather into those few annual days of celebration, friends, family, joy and companionship, exist in our lives through all the year. Even if we tend to bunch them together more conspicuously at certain times, they are always there.

I pray you find the joy and love of the holidays in every day. For our resolutions, the prayer of St. Francis puts it best 'God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference'.

God bless you all.

George Frost

LOCAL EVENTS TO ENJOY IN JANUARY

Evenley Wood Garden

Every day from January 13th
Snowdrop Days.

The Mill Banbury - Jan 25th

The Signatures . Northern Soul
£28-50 Book online.

The Mill Banbury - Jan 26th

Jack and The Beanstalk,
£12.00 Book online.

The Lounge Cafe Bar - Jan 31st

The Courtyard
Brackley
Funhouse Comedy Club
£18.00.

Farthinghoe Service Details

January 2025

5th January White Epiphany	9.15am Communion	Rev. George Frost Lead/Preach	Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
12th January White Baptism of Christ	5.30pm Evening Prayer	Rev. George Frost Lead/Preach	Isaiah 43:1-7 Acts 8:14-17 Psalm 46, 47	Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22
19th January White 2nd of Epiphany	Invited to Join with Aynho			
26th January White 3rd of Epiphany	9.15am Morning Prayer	May Leng Lead/Preach	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21

Hinton-in-the-Hedges with Steane Service Details

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5th January White Epiphany	6pm Evensong	Carrie Oregan Lead/Preach	Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:1-12 Psalm 98	Matthew 2:1-12
12th January White Baptism of Christ	11am Morning Prayer	Carrie Oregan Lead/Preach	Isaiah 43:1-7 Acts 8:14-17	Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22
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