

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE



Village news, notices and events....

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EDITORS WELCOME - The Oak: Alfred Lord Tennyson 1889.

Live thy Life,
 Young and old,
 Like yon oak,
 Bright in spring,
 Living gold;

 Summer-rich
 Then: and then
 Autumn-changed,
 Sober-hued
 Gold again.

 All his leaves
 Fallen at length,
 Look he stands,
 Trunk and bough,
 Naked strength.

Autumn is my favourite season and Tennyson's verses sum it up quite beautifully. He writes of the changing colours of the oak and of how nature remains powerful throughout the year. It is a time of unsurpassed beauty in the countryside. Not only do we see the gold of the leaves before they fall; but the bronze foliage and red berries in the hedgerows plus the sculptural images of such as thistles, and the deep hued branches of the dogwoods.

In my childhood and those of my children I recall Autumn as a bountiful season. Blackberries to pick for winter pies and crumbles, acorns and conkers to pick for games and the nature table in school. Of course, playing conkers in playgrounds is now forbidden and no doubt the powers that be have their reasons, but it's sad that such a simple childhood pleasure has been removed.

October in our old home was greatly productive. Time to pick the Cider apples and leave them to ferment in fields and gardens. The heady fragrance of the apples as we walked the lanes and fields of Normandy was almost intoxicating. Along with the woodsmoke drifting from the chimneys it is a delightful and sensory memory that I shall not forget. We were always gifted bottles of cider from our neighbours once it was ready to drink. Delightful but strong; and I recall warning some American guests who were staying in our gite, not to quaff the cider we had given them the evening before they were due to travel. They may well have missed their flight! The wildlife too became more visible in October. Deer and Hares, followed by Owls in the evening would bring much joy, with the murmurations of the Starlings providing a glorious spectacle at dusk. Taking the dogs for their nightly run was made even more pleasurable when accompanied by the sounds and sights of the Tawny and Barn Owls. The night skies were magnificent with huge orange moons resting low across the Marais, and deep blue velvet above us with millions of stars that one felt one could reach up and touch.

Of course, October here in England can be quite as enchanting. The aforementioned colours of the trees and hedgerows, the subtle changing of the light as the month progresses, and cold crisp days for brisk walks, returning to a warm home and perhaps a cosy log fire. Autumn can

bring a renewed sense of purpose following a long lazy summer. Enjoy this mellow month and its bounties however you choose to spend your time.

Lynne.



Lazily and thoughtlessly disposed of Dog Poo Bags

The Parish Council have recently received a complaint about a considerable number of used Dog Poo Bags being thrown in the hedgerows and trees. Mostly along the footpaths in the fields towards Purston

This is unsightly, unhygienic and illegal added to which the plastic bags themselves are a severe danger to the life and wellbeing of animals, be they farm stock or wild animals. Most of these bags are either black or green in colour and seem to emanate from the same sources.

Disposal of these bags in such a manner is contrary to the bylaw recently introduced by West Northants Council for which a fine of up to £1000 can be levied. It is also absolute unnecessary because a bin is provided at the junction of Queen Street and Clarks Lane or they could be taken home as most responsible dog owners do.

By coincidence WNC has just alerted us to the fact that they have substantially increased the number of Wardens they employ and that we just need to ask if we need their help to investigate such instances.

Be sure that if this continues Parish Council will ask for that help

Regards

Mick Morris

VILLAGE NOTICES

CHURCH NOTICES

Coffee Morning

October 10th Coffee Cake and Chat, from 10 -11am in the Church Vestry. There will be a Raffle. Hope to see you there!

Macmillan Coffee Morning. Thank you to everyone who helped, and all the people who supported this event, on the day, and who gave donations beforehand. The total raised was £468!

Harvest Festival

Brackley Food Bank asked us to thank everyone who donated at the time, much appreciated!

Church Cleaning

October 14th Church Cleaning from 8.30 am. We are very pleased to have 2 new helpers! Thank you!

WANTED - PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

We are looking to recruit an Administrator for the Astwick Vale Benefice working 3 hours a week at a rate of £15 per hour.

The role of Administrator works to ensure to smooth and ordered running of the Benefice Office, assists with and undertakes office administration, and is part of planning for the parishes. The Administrator is to support the Rector in his duties, and the work of the five parishes, by providing office support. Familiarity with computers, organisational skills, and the ability to work well with staff and volunteers as part of a team or under your own direction are essential.

Interviews will be held on the 27th August. For the full job description, to apply, or for all enquiries, please contact the Rev. G. Frost: rev@gfrost.name

Diane Elizabeth Jones

Diane passed away on 31st August and her funeral was held on 30th September at St. Michael and All Angels, Farthinghoe, with more than 100 family and friends from all around the area in attendance. This was followed by refreshments at the Village Hall and then a short service of committal at Banbury Crematorium attended by family only.

VILLAGE HALL

BOOKS & BAKES – FRIDAY 31st OCTOBER - 3.00 - 4.30

Come along and join us for tea/coffee & cake and lots of catch-up gossip.

REGULAR SESSIONS :

Ballet -	Monday 5.00pm - 7.00pm & Saturday 9.00am - 1.00pm
Martial Arts -	Sunday 11.30am - 1.30pm
Mother & Baby -	Monday 9.00am – 10.30am
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 (Hayley)
	Thursday 9.30am - 10.30am (Lisa)

VILLAGE SHOW - SUNDAY 14th SEPTEMBER

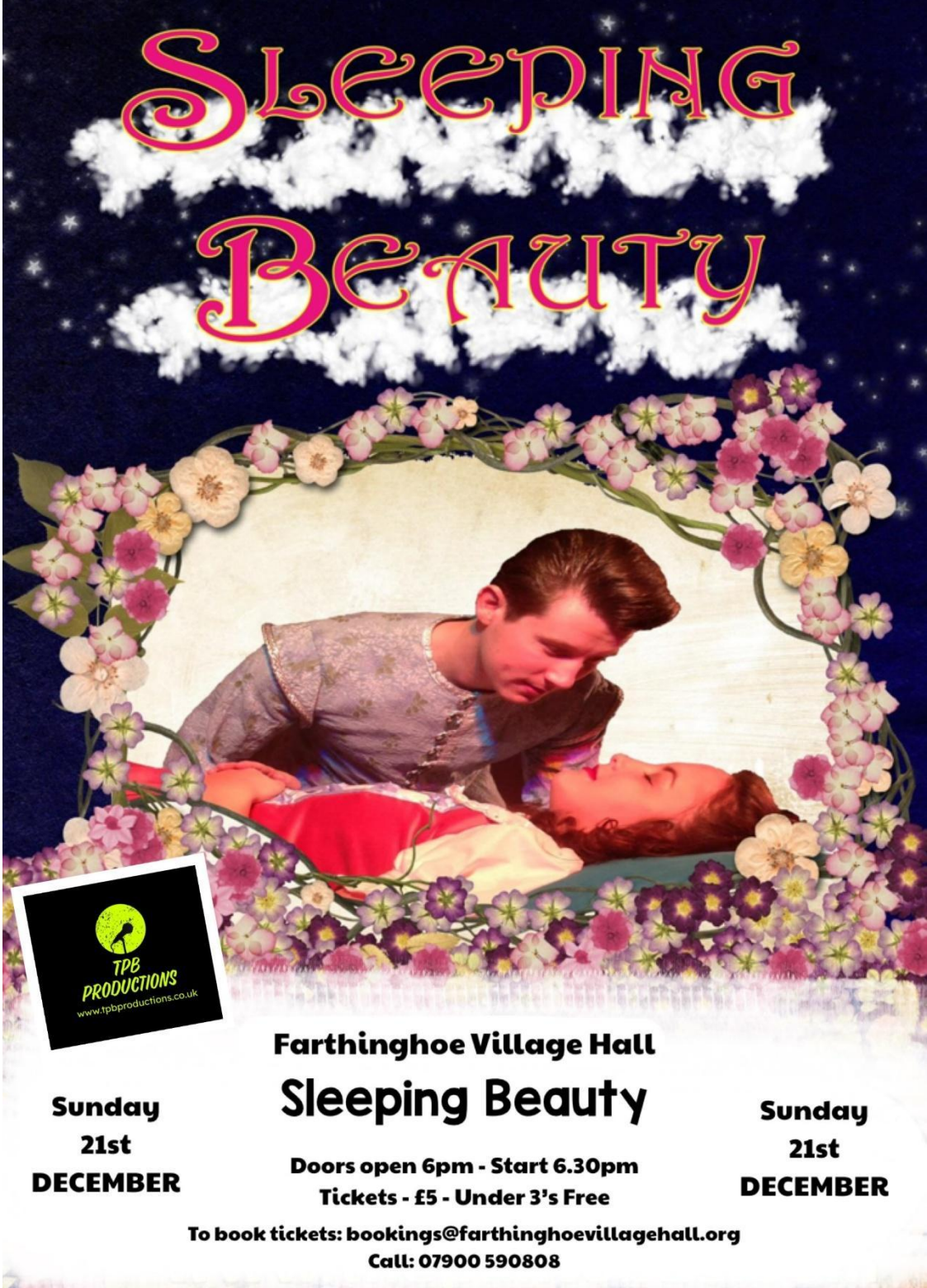
Despite the dreadful weather quite a few brave souls did venture out and come and support this event, which enable us to make a profit of £548.14 towards the defibrillator to be housed at the hall.

I would like to say a very big thank you to all the people who helped out on the day and with a little bit of juggling we managed to get most people inside the hall, or under cover in the case of the BBQ, except for Mick & Steve on the Aunt Sally and Val who very stoically sat at the gate all afternoon badgering people for donations.

Well done everybody.

150 CLUB JULY WINNERS

1st Prize - £25 - No. 119 - Mrs S Wilson
 2nd Prize - £15 - No. 76 - Paul Rogers
 3rd Prize - £10 - No. 44 - Robert Bunce

A romantic illustration of a prince in a purple patterned tunic leaning over a sleeping princess in a red and white gown. They are framed by a lush border of pink, yellow, and purple flowers. The background is a dark blue night sky with white clouds and stars. The title 'SLEEPING BEAUTY' is written in large, pink, stylized letters across the top clouds.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

A black square logo with a yellow circle containing a black silhouette of a person. Below the circle, the text 'TPB PRODUCTIONS' and the website 'www.tpbproductions.co.uk' are written in yellow.

**Sunday
21st
DECEMBER**

Farthinghoe Village Hall

Sleeping Beauty

Doors open 6pm - Start 6.30pm
Tickets - £5 - Under 3's Free

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21st
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To book tickets: bookings@farthinghoevillagehall.org
Call: 07900 590808

Rector's Ramblings

Growing up I regularly went to market at Thrapston, Rugby (the old one and the new), and Winslow. I cannot remember the first time I went to a market. I grew up with it as just a part of life. However, I can remember the first time that it hit me that it all connected directly into the food being sold in shops and supermarkets around the country. Now, I always knew this on some level, but looking around one day, I suddenly found it hard to picture.

The pens of animals of different types and breed, brought by a nimbus of local farmers because they thought their beasts were 'ready', or they had heard it might be a good trade there that day, or just because they always went to the sale on a Wednesday. It was hard to connect the old buildings and cracked concrete, the wobbly weighbridge with its lopsided shed, the sale bell, the old boy paid in cash and tea to spray vehicle wheels, and the tightfisted buyer who had turned up, the whole irregular lot, with the regimented white shelves, fridges and freezers in supermarkets that offered the same products every week, year in year out.

How could this chaos be part of something so ordered? Somehow it would seem that the amount of uniformity and reliability seen in shopping would need to come from something less organic, less uncontrolled, less human than the cattle market.

We are in the season of Harvest Festivals. A time when we give thanks for all we have. We don't just celebrate abundance, in the Church we are asked to mark and recall the fact that all we have, whatever it is - whether our harvest is in stooks of wheat or megawatts of data, a dearth or a glut - comes from God our creator, redeemer, and sustainer. To recognise that the universe around us is a gift from God, the gift of creation to creation. To remember what it is we have, as seeds and creatures multiply, flowers turn into fruit, and souls lift. That even when we cannot see it for the seeming chaotic swirl around us, we are part of a larger pattern that works its purpose, and which speaks of Divine love.

George Frost

LOCAL EVENTS IN OCTOBER.

Wednesday October 1st.
Brackley History Society. 7-30pm
A talk by John Moore : Thomas Cromwell.
Visitors £3.

Saturday October 4th
Barnowl Farm Shop. 5pm
Board Games Night
Admission free.

Saturday October 4th
Egerton Hall 5pm -11pm
Oktober Fest. Live Oompah Band, German Beers.
Tickets : <https://wegottickets.com/event/65879>

Saturday October 4th & Sunday October 5th 11am-5pm
Banbury Canal Festival.
Canal side - Town Centre.

Sunday October 12th 10am-4pm
Brackley Plant based market. Crafts & street food. Coffee & snacks.

Wednesday October 15th – Friday 17th
Banbury Michaelmas Fair.
Funfair with rides and attractions.

NEW YEARS EVE AT THE FOX

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Following the success of last year's party we are once again planning to hold a New Years Eve party for villagers and friends at the Fox in Farthinghoe.

The event will be ticket only and include:

Hot and cold buffet.

Music.

Free raffle.

Midnight toast to see in the new year.

Fireworks.

We are still finalising the details and will publish these shortly. In the meantime, please let us know if you are interested in attending so we can have an idea of numbers to help our planning.

With no commitment at this stage if you think you might like to attend could you please call or message Andy (07769 880668), Barry (07881 917212) or John (07957 862192).

We look forward to seeing you on New Years Eve for another great night

Request from SNVB volunteer centre in Towcester



I'm writing to ask for your support with our volunteer car service, which provides vital transport for community members who need help getting to their medical appointments. We are already assisting several residents in Farthinghoe, and with more requests coming in, we urgently need additional volunteer drivers from your area.

This role is completely flexible — you choose when you're available, and there's never any obligation to take on a journey. Every offer of time, no matter how small, makes a real difference. Passengers contribute to expenses at 45p per mile, so volunteers are never out of pocket.

By spreading the word within your community, or even considering volunteering yourself, you can help ensure that local residents continue to receive the support they rely on.

Thank you so much for helping us strengthen your community through this service.

Warm regards,

Rachel

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Challenge accepted!?

Are you part of a local business, community group, college or school? Do you have what it takes to beat the rest and become the ultimate accumulator? Katharine House will give you an initial £50 investment and task you with raising as much as you can between October 2025 and February 2026. Visit www.khh.org.uk/accumulator to find out more.

Play our lottery!

Playing the Katharine House weekly lottery couldn't be simpler! For just £1 a week, you can be in with a chance of winning one of our 20 weekly cash prizes. When you join the Katharine House Hospice lottery, you'll be supporting local people living with an incurable illness, as well as their families and loved ones. Players must be 18 and over. Find out more and sign up here: www.khh.org.uk/lottery.

Help us celebrate a community united since 1985

In July, we launched our hospice history campaign, inviting people to share their memories of Katharine House Hospice over the years. Our founder, Neil Gadsby, set up the official Katharine House charity in 1985 after his daughter, Katharine, sadly died of cancer at the age of 20 years. Your local hospice was named in her memory and opened its doors in 1991. Thanks to Neil's determination and the incredible support of local people, the hospice opened its doors in 1991. We're celebrating how he rallied the community to raise the funds needed to build the hospice — and how that support has continued ever since. Go to www.khh.org.uk/khh-memories to find out more and read shared memories.

Wanted! Volunteers to help us run our Christmas events smoothly

It's never too early to prepare for Christmas! And we at the hospice are no exception. The run up to Christmas is a hectic time for the fundraising team, with a frenzy of festive events taking place to help raise vital funds to support the incredible work of our hospice. We are only a small team and can't do this without you. Can you please spare some time and help us coordinate some of our fabulous events and be a special Santa's Helper? Find out more from early September at: www.khh.org.uk/santas-helpers.

Digital monthly newsletter – keep up to date with your local hospice

Sign up to receive our Katharine House digital monthly newsletter and keep in touch with all our latest news and fundraising events at the hospice. www.khh.org.uk/newsletter

Sunday Service Planner for the Astwick Vale Benefice October-November 2025										
	5 th October 10th after Trinity	12 th October 17th after Trinity	19 th October 24th after Trinity	26 th October Bible Sunday	2 nd November All Saints & All Souls	9 th November Remembrance	16 th November 2nd before Advent	23 rd November Christ the King	30 th November Advent Sunday	
Aynho	11am Communion	10am Morning Worship	10.30am Benefice Communion			10.15am Act of Remembrance	9.15am Communion			10.30am Benefice Communion
Croughton	9.15am Morning Prayer	11am HARVEST	11am Morning Prayer			10.45am Act of Remembrance	11am Morning Prayer			
Evenley	11am HARVEST	9.15am Communion	All villages invited to join together at			11am Morning Prayer	10.50am On Green Act of Remembrance	5.30pm Evensong		All villages invited to join together at
Farthinghoe	9.15am Communion	5.30pm Evening Prayer	Evenley			9.15am Communion	6pm Act of Remembrance	9.15am Morning Prayer		Hinton-in- the-Hedges
Hinton-in-the- Hedges with Steane	6pm HARVEST	11am Morning Prayer					10.50am Act of Remembrance	11am Communion		

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