

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE



Village news, notices and events....

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EDITORS WELCOME

Titania – “what angel wakes me from my flowery bed?”

Bottom – “The finch the sparrow and the lark

The plainsong cuckoo grey,

Whose note full many a man doth mark,

And dares not answer nay”.

A Midsummer Night's Dream Act 3 Scene 1.- William Shakespeare.

One of my favourite Shakespeare comedies and so fitting to read or watch during June.

Published in 1600, it is the most lyrical of Shakespeare's plays and was most likely written to grace a wedding. It focuses upon love and marriage and June has remained a popular month for weddings.

June heralds in the Summer, and can be a beautiful time. Roses are in full bloom, along with many other flowers and we can adorn our gardens with hanging baskets filled with bright blossoms and weather permitting – enjoy barbecues and relish in enjoying time outdoors.

Midsummer's Day on June 21st has long been a time for celebrations. The Pagans, or Druids, flock to Stonehenge to observe the Summer Solstice at dawn. In pre-Christian days Midsummer's Day was feted by leaping over bonfires; a tradition still carried on in some parts of the country, especially in Yorkshire. Flaming torches would be held aloft to destroy the demons. In past centuries it was believed that Fairies might steal babies and replace them with changelings that resembled old men. St. John's Wort left to dry on a window ledge was used as protection against such evil spirits.

I cannot write about June without a mention of D Day, June 6th. Operation Overlord was launched at dawn and 160,00 Allied Troops crossed the English Channel to bring about the ending of the War in Europe. General Eisenhower wrote “The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you”. The Normandy Landings were successful though there was a great loss of life and many injuries were sustained. In Normandy there are commemorations in every town and village on June 6th. It is always a very emotional day and we would join our neighbours before going to the British Cemetery in Bayeux to lay our Poppy Wreath and stand in silence with the French, the English, The Americans, Polish and Canadians. French children carry banners reading “we shall never forget. Thank you”.

Lest we Forget.

However you celebrate June, and the start of (hopefully!) a lovely Summer; have a relaxing and summery month.

Lynne



ROAD CLOSURE

As many of you will already know there will be a planned road closure on the A422 from July 22 to August 4

The closure will stretch from the Chapel Lane junction to New Road junction but will not restrict movements of residents within the village.

This all sounds hunky-dory and straight forward, but we have experience of ALL such road closures in Farthinghoe over many years and I mean ALL end up paralysing Queen Stret and New Road and sometimes Baker Street and Chapel Lane.

At the moment we know that this road closure is planned, via the independent website "one network" but because of the abysmal communications of WNC we have not been told officially YET.

However, we want to be ready and to strike before we are struck.

Farthinghoe Parish Council will prepare a letter demanding to see the prepared traffic management plan which eliminates a repeat of all previous Traffic Closure nightmares. We would like as many people as possible to sign an addendum to this letter which we will present to WNC as soon as possible.

If you are ready to sign please send me an email to confirm your intention

Regards

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VILLAGE NOTICES

CHURCH NOTICES.

Church Cleaning

Will take place on Tuesday, June 9th from 8.30am. Please come along and help!

Coffee, Cake and Chat

On Friday, June 12th, from 10 -11am in the Church Vestry. There will be a Raffle. Please come along and support the work of the Church, and meet friends!

Corpus Christi

A reminder that Corpus Christi will be celebrated at 11am on the 4th June in All Saints' Croughton -all welcome.

Benefice Choir

Our Benefice Choir meets in the evening in the week before our Benefice Services (3rd and 5th Sundays) for an hour to sing. Anyone is welcome, and you can come regularly or for a once off. It is free. If anyone would like to be put on the mailing list for notices they should contact the Rector.

CHURCHYARD GRASS CUTTING

Would anyone be prepared to give a little time to keeping our churchyard clean and tidy? We are short of helpers with the grass cutting and any time you can spare would be greatly appreciated.

If you are able to help please contact Dave Clayton - daveclayts@live.com /07714594551



WANTED

Musical Director to help refound the Parish Choir at All Saints church Croughton.

A great opportunity to help people of all ages come together to sing.

We are looking for someone to lead a choir for 2-3 services a month, with rehearsals, and rest periods guaranteed. In return, we can offer the support of our Parish Organist and Administrator, RSCM standard rate of pay or above, and an enthusiastic congregation in one of England's 1000 Best Churches.

This role can be tailored for the right candidate.

To know more, please contact the Rector, The Reverend George Frost

Telephone: 01869 810 903 : e-mail: rev@gfrost.name



All Saints' church
Croughton, Northamptonshire



VILLAGE HALL

BOOKS & BAKES – FRIDAY MAY 29th - 3.00 - 4.30

Come and join our ever-growing group for tea/coffee & cake, lots of catch-up gossip and enjoy the books in our Library. We will also be holding the 150 Club draw during the afternoon.

We have a varied programme of musical entertainment arranged so make sure you have your tickets booked :

SOULTOWN – FRIDAY 5th JUNE

The group who entertained us with 'A Night at the Musicals' return with a different show on the above date – **yes, the young man in the middle will be here again** – see poster following for further information. The seating format will be as before with a bottle bar and 'nibbles'.

**Tickets £15 – contact Marjorie at bookings@farthinghoevillagehall.org
or tel. 07900 590808**

followed by:

JAZZ IN THE VILLAGE – SUNDAY 26TH JULY

Arrangements are now in place for this evening with Ian Miller and Dominic Spencer a Jazz Duo from Scotland who are touring the country. It looks like being a very entertaining evening – see poster following. This is being organised on a 'Bring Your Own Drinks' basis, however we will have soft drinks available also (cash only)

Tickets £12 – available from Marjorie as above

REGULAR CLASSES:

Baby Massage	Wednesday 10am - 11am
Ballet -	Monday 5.30pm - 6.30pm & 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 - APRIL DRAW WINNERS

1st Prize - £25 - No. 17 – Christine Hunt
2nd Prize - £15 - No. 89 – Barry Willet
3rd Prize - £10 - No. 32 – Becky Wright



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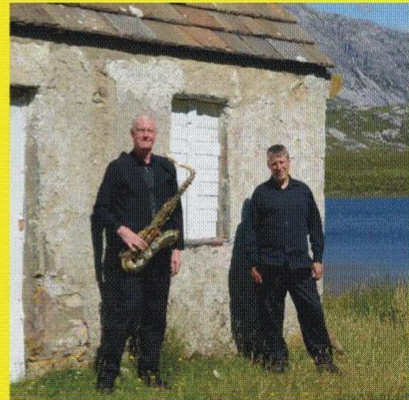
Soultown Boogie

Farthinghoe Village Hall
Friday 5th June
Doors open 7pm - Start 7.30pm
Tickets - £15 - Includes Nibbles
To book tickets: bookings@farthinghoevillagehall.org - Call: 07900 590808

Jazz in the Village

"Very cool music played in a magical atmosphere - this will appeal to jazz novices as well as hardcore enthusiasts." Three Weeks Magazine

from Scotland



Ian Millar
saxophone

Dominic Spencer
piano

"Beautiful soaring magic! I was blown away by your show, just breathtaking!"

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FARTHINGHOE VILLAGE HALL

Cockley Rd, Brackley NN13 5PD

Sun 26th July 8pm £12

Tickets from bookings@farthinghoevillagehall.org

or phone 07900 590808

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under 16s free



Ian Millar & Dominic Spencer
accessible, melodic jazz

www.millarandspencer.co.uk

Rector's Ramblings

"All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well" – St. Julian of Norwich.

As the last Rector's Ramblings went to press, I was rushing into Northampton General Hospital. My Father had suffered a mini-stroke, a side-effect of his otherwise excellent cancer medication. However, aside from a few bad days due to a virus, he is recovered.

As I write this month's ramblings, my Grandfather has been in Hospital for a week following a major decline with his dementia. Dealing with dementia is rather like grieving in slow motion. You care for the person, but mourn who they were.

In the last month the usual round of visits, meetings, home communion, last rites, wedding preparation, baptisms, and burials have continued. One bible passage that has come up a great deal is St. Paul's writing on the nature of love. Not only its famous description of the qualities of love (kind, patient, understanding, etc) but on its enduring nature. Paul says that many things will change or end. The gifts of ministry and prophecy will pass away. In faith hope will give way to delight and faith itself to sight, but love is the one thing in this world and the next that endures and grows. To talk of the goodness or the love of God can seem a strange, hopeful, and removed concept. Something that may or may not be part of our lives.

Julian of Norwich, whose famous quote began these ramblings, could be discounted as the 'wittings' of someone with their head in the clouds. Often this is how they are parroted back. It omits the context of a woman who knew a great deal of hardship and saw in Christ the personification of both suffering and through that Divine Love. Those that love share the lot of the ones they love. To say that the distresses of our lives or the world invalidates the love of God is to not understand how we ourselves know and show love. It is not dependant on what another can offer, or what they are, or something we observe because of who they have been, it is more than that. The claims of faith do not say that none of these things matter, or that we can skip over our trials unconcerned. On the contrary our faith takes them seriously, and with that it takes love seriously, and shows us that of all, it is love endures in life and death.

I will close with the wiser words of Julian, who developed a theology of sorrow – not by reflecting on any particular cause of suffering, even her own, but by exploring how it intersects with, or teaches us about, love. Pain is everywhere but it is love, she believed, that is unconquerable: 'He said not', she reported, 'thou shalt not be tempest, thou shalt not be travailed, thou shalt not be diseased, but he said: "Thou shalt not be overcome".'

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness." – Lamentations 3:22-23

George Frost

BYGONE DAYS

This month I thought I'd look at some of my own bygone days; a life growing up on the outskirts of a large city, so different to a country childhood. For us 'baby boomers' Summers were always hot and sunny and it never rained (it probably did but I can't recall). As Harold Macmillan maintained 'we never had it so good'. Childhood in the 1950s was gentle and lots of fun. June was a special month. At school things were winding down and until Grammar School with the never-ending threat of lurking 'O Level' exams; the Summer Term was celebratory and held a lot to look forward to. 'Story Time' - the last half an hour of the school day - our teachers would read to us outside. If anyone fell asleep, nobody minded. At my lovely Primary School we had a large field adjoining the playground with trees and hedgerows ideal for Hide and Seek, Tig, and ball games. Back down in the playground two little girls would turn a skipping rope while others jumped in and out to rhymes such as 'Jelly on a Plate' and 'In and out of the Scottish Bluebells.' We'd chalk out a hopscotch patch and competition was always fierce.

Incidentally if you are as old as I am your memories must surely be similar? June was also the time for the annual Sports Day to which proud parents were invited. We took part in the Sack Race, the Three-Legged Race, the Wheelbarrow Race (one child holding the other by the ankles as he/she attempted to rush along on their hands) and of course the Egg and Spoon Race. I wonder if the latter two events would now be banned by Health and Safety or due to mindless cruelty to an egg?

Towards the end of June, we had the School Summer Party. Trestle tables were erected in the playground, mothers provided fish paste sandwiches; and some of us lucky ones were allowed to help the teachers to make Jellies and Blancmanges (ugh). At the appointed time during the afternoon, we would all be seated for the feast. (somebody was always sick or got stung by a wasp, Oh the joy of a British Summer). Once the meal was finished we all got roped into Country Dancing. I remember lots of grumpy little boys hating every moment and trying every excuse to get out of it. "Got a bad Leg". "No you haven't Terence now just get on with it". They were happy days.

Our local church held its fete in June. In the Vicarage garden there were plant stalls, tea and scones, bric-a-brac, and home-made cakes and jams from the Mothers' Union. The local Boys Brigade Band played all afternoon; and the Girl Guides, The Brownies, Cubs and Scouts gave demonstrations of their skills. We all went along with our neighbours and I remember it as being a jolly afternoon out. Life has changed in many ways since those far off Summers, but there is still much to be enjoyed and many of the old traditions still hold. Especially in villages like ours where people still come together for village shows, open gardens and Summer Fetes.

Long may it continue.

Ed.

LOCAL EVENTS DURING JUNE

Veterans' Breakfast club. Paisley Pear, Brackley from 9-30am.
First Saturday of every month.
Breakfast, banter and friendship.
Open to all Veterans and serving personnel.
Brackley.chair@rbl.community.

Chatty Cafes in Brackley.
Every Tuesday, 3pm- 5pm - The Crown Hotel.
Every Thursday 6-30pm onwards - The Paisley Pear.
Tea, coffee and chat.

Brackley History Society. Weds. 3rd June.
Brackley Methodist Church. 7-30pm
" Alfred Cockerill, Northampton's Forgotten Philanthropist"
Members free, Visitors £3
01280/702837

Brackley Bite Club. Egerton Hall Friday 12th June. From 5pm
Street Food/drinks & music.

Syresham Open Gardens. Sat. 20th June.
Village celebration day. Stalls/Teas/plant sales. £5 Adults.

Brackley Armed Forces Day. Sat. 27th Jun. 12pm -8pm
Brackley Park. Celebrate our Armed Forces.
Entertainment/live music /food & drink.



Brackley Forget Me Not Community Cafe

A relaxed, safe place to come to meet
others who live with Dementia and
other linked memory problems, along
with their caregivers.

**Wednesday 10th June
2pm to 4pm**

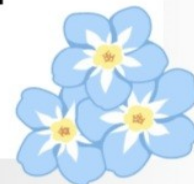
Join us for a friendly, informal
afternoon, activities, music, singing,
tea/coffee and conversation

**Brackley Baptist Church
Waynelete Close
Brackley
NN13 6AE**

If you need more information please contact
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FARTHINGHOE FESTIVAL

After the success of last year,
we're doing it again!

Join us for our second summer
festival and support our wonderful
village primary school



Craft stalls
Bouncy castles
Food trucks
Tea and cake
Face painting
Music
Free children's games
Pottery painting
Ice creams
Raffle
and more!



14TH JUNE
11AM - 3PM

Farthinghoe Village Hall
and Sports Field



School ties

For FARTHINGHOE PRIMARY SCHOOL





It's a Knockout teams wanted

Local groups are being invited to take part in a fun-filled "It's a Knockout" event at the Bloxham Steam & Country Fair this summer, all in aid of Katharine House Hospice. The event will take place on Saturday 27 June in Bloxham, and organisers are hoping to welcome 12 teams from the local area. Expect plenty of laughs along the way, with inflatable obstacles, water games, colourful costumes and lots of cheering from the sidelines. Teams of friends, families or colleagues are encouraged to come together and take on eight lively challenges. Entry costs £600 per team (with 6 to 10 people per team), which includes admission to the fair, and there's no requirement to raise additional sponsorship. Anyone interested in taking part can find out more and sign up at: khh.org.uk/its-a-knockout-bloxham-steam-country-fair

Win £750 in our Spring Raffle

Our Spring Raffle is now live and it's quick and easy to [enter online](#). Tickets cost just £1, with the chance to win £750 cash, plus other great prizes. Every ticket you buy helps Katharine House Hospice provide vital care for people with incurable illnesses and their families. Did you know? Just 10 tickets could help pay for three breakfasts for patients in our Inpatient Unit. You can [buy your tickets online](#), pick them up in our shops, or request paper tickets by calling 01295 816484.

Rose to Remember

Rose to Remember has become a special part of our hospice calendar, and we're pleased to share that it will be returning this June. From 9 to 21 June, 600 beautiful purple roses will form a temporary installation in the peaceful grounds of the hospice, creating a space for reflection and remembrance. Each handcrafted metal rose honours the life and memory of someone special, and over 200 have already been sold. To find out more or buy your rose, visit: www.khh.org.uk/rose-remember

Upcoming Open Gardens

Spring is in full bloom, and we've got a wonderful line-up of beautiful gardens opening their gates over the coming months.

- **Dates for your diary:**
 - [Sunday 7 June: Tysoe garden](#)
 - [Sunday 7 June: Aynho gardens](#)

To find out more visit: www.khh.org.uk/gardens

Emma Wilberforce

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Farthinghoe Service Details

June 2026

7th June Green First Sunday after Trinity	9.15am Communion	Rev. G. Frost Lead/Preach	Hosea 5.15-6.6 Romans 4: 13-25	Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26
14th June Green Second Sunday after Trinity	5.30pm Evening Prayer	Richard Waterhouse Lead/Preach	Exodus 19: 2-8a Romans 5: 1-8	Matthew 9.35-10.8
21st June Green Third Sunday after Trinity	10.30am Communion	Rev. T. Richards Lead May Leng Preach	Jeremiah 20: 7-13 Romans 6: 1b-11	Matthew 10: 24-39
28th June Green Fourth Sunday after Trinity	9.15am Morning Prayer	Richard Waterhouse Lead/Preach	Jeremiah 28: 5-9 Romans 6: 12-23	Matthew 10: 40-42

Hinton-in-the-Hedges with Steane Service Details

June 2026

7th June Green First Sunday after Trinity	6pm Evensong STEANE CHAPEL	Rev. G. Frost Lead/Preach	2 Kings 22: 1-19 Psalms 41	Luke 1: 5-25
14th June Green Second Sunday after Trinity	11am Morning Prayer	Richard Waterhouse Lead/Preach	Exodus 19: 2-8a Romans 5: 1-8	Matthew 9:35-10:8
21st June Green Third Sunday after Trinity	Invited to join Farthinghoe at 10.30am or Croughton at 5.30pm			
28th June Green Fourth Sunday after Trinity	11am Communion	Rev. G. Frost Lead/Preach	Jeremiah 28: 5-9 Romans 6: 12-23	Matthew 10: 40-42