

FARNSFIELD FLYER



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Hadleigh Park Grand Opening Event

It was great to see over 300 people come along to the opening of the new children's playpark on Hadleigh Park on Sunday 14th August. This was the culmination of a project that took a year to plan, design and build.

The event started with all of the children being given a free ice cream voucher and entered into a prize draw. Chair of the Farnsfield Parish Council, Derek Purcicoe thanked everybody for coming along and to all of the volunteers who had given their time to organise the event. Congratulations to **Bea Harding** who won a £25 Amazon gift voucher and the privilege of cutting the ribbon to officially open the park. There were also goody bags given out to the children, thanks to Proludic, the park's design company. A special thanks to **Becky Silcock** for entertaining the kids with lots of activities and then performing live music, followed by **Non Stop Kids Entertainments**, magic show, disco and balloon modelling. Thank you also to **Brendan Doherty** who was our onsite photographer and took all of the photos used on our website and social media channels.

Finally, Thank you to all who came along and made this a real community event in our lovely village.

To see more photos of the event log on to www.farnsfieldparishcouncil.co.uk/ and click on Photos&videos.

Village Events

PICTURE GALLERY HADLEIGH PARK GRAND OPENING EVENT



Queens Platinum Jubilee Weekend Celebrations

A full programme of events were arranged across the 4 day celebrations. On the Thursday we had our very own Town Crier (Mark Whittaker) walk around the village reading the proclamation and then onto the Farnsfield Cricket club who hosted a BBQ and disco in the evening, prior to the lighting of our village beacon on Wilsons Field. On the Friday over 250 people attended a photo presentation of historical Farnsfield hosted by the local history society in the village centre. St Michaels beamed the live thanksgiving service from St Pauls and we also had our scarecrow day, with over 35 scarecrows around the village. On Saturday the Royal British Legion hosted a street party on New Hill. Over 700 people came along to join in the celebrations, with Live Music, Children's entertainers, Street Magicians, Disco and fabulous food from our local businesses. There was also meant to be a Party in the Park on the Sunday but this was postponed due to the inclement weather conditions



Summer Play

Folksy Theatre made their third visit to Farnsfield on Sunday 24th July. An audience of over 130 were treated to an exhilarating performance of Shakespeare's comedy 'Much Ado About Nothing' on Reynold's Field. The five young members of this not for profit touring company proved adept in assuming multiple roles in a fast moving performance which had those present laughing throughout whilst enjoying both the language and the plot of the Bard.



Tour of Britain

The cycling Tour of Britain will be coming through our village on 8th September 2022. We want to encourage as many people / groups and organisations as possible to get involved to make this a great occasion. You may have noticed yellow bikes around our village. It would be great to see even more bikes and bunting around our village. For information, we are expecting the bikes to come through **Farnsfield between 12:40 and 1:15pm**. For further details go to <https://www.tourofbritain.co.uk/race/stage-timetables/>



Council Update



Meet Your New Councillor

NIGEL HAMILTON

Having resided in Farnsfield for over 40 years, member of The Royal British Legion Farnsfield Branch, founder member of the local table tennis club. I believe that my understanding of what our local residents expect of our Parish Council will allow me to work on their behalf

Strategic Projects for 2022

Our major focus in 2022 has been to develop the East Side Project (ESP). We were very proud to open the Hadleigh Park Children's playpark in August and are making progress on the Wheeled Sports facility which has had some delays due to planning and supplier issues. Work will commence by the end of the calendar year.

A new working party has been assembled to progress options on the Sports Pavilion.

The refurbishment of the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) on Wisons Field has also been completed along with new and improved 5 A side pitch, goals and nets.

The work to improve the perimeter defences of Hadleigh Park has been completed and further ongoing maintenance work is ongoing

Registering of village assets is taking longer than anticipated due in part to backlog in the Land Registry process

Additions to ESP

Story Glade Quiet Space. We are pleased to be able to announce the opening of the Story Glade in the copse across from the playground on Hadleigh Park. Within the glade we have positioned two log benches which are sheltered by the copse and ideal for children to sit and recharge after enjoying the park.

To gain the maximum benefit from the area we have also added a lectern carrying a QR code which carers can scan using their smart phone to access a number of short, stories which we have placed on the council website. All users have to do is point their camera at the QR code and select the link to go to the website. Once the page loads a story can be chosen and played through the smart phone's loudspeaker. The space also provides an ideal outside space for organised toddler groups to sit and listen to woodland stories



Orienteering / Nature trail: A number of councillors have been working over the summer with colleagues from a local orienteering club who have established orienteering courses at Sherwood Pines, Sherwood Forest and other local sites. Our aim is to establish an orienteering course which will run across Hadleigh Park, Reynolds Field, The Acres and the Millenium Woods. We are looking forward to the point at which we can launch this exciting new facility in the village.

Boules: It is important that facilities within the village cater for all age groups and with that in mind the council have agreed a proposal to site two boules throws on Reynolds Field. These will be available for casual use but to enable people to secure a throw in advance of travelling to the facility we are working to build a self-administering booking system to allow residents to book either throw. If they prove popular further developments could involve associated picnic tables to give groups and families a great opportunity to participate in active socialising within the village boundaries.



Around the Village



My name is Grace, I am 13 and live in Farnsfield. Earlier this year, I was selected to take part in the 25th World Scout Jamboree, South Korea. This means that, in August 2023, along with 40,000 Scouts from all around the world, I will participate in an array of exciting, adventurous activities, with themes of cultural understanding, teamwork and friendship. In order to go, I, along with all the other young people going, need to raise over £3000. Not only does this money contribute to us going, but it also goes towards helping young people from less developed countries to attend. As part of the fundraising, I have held and taken part in several events. In March of 2022, my sister and I started running a tuck shop after school, which continued until the end of the school year. At the Jubilee Camp in June, the stall I ran was a lollipop game named 'The Great Lollipop Enigma'. I also participated in the Calverton Summer Fete, where I ran the same game.

On the 16th July, my friend, Sara, organised the Jamboree Café, which was a great success and raised a lot of money. I would like to thank Sara for all of her help – she has dedicated so much time and energy and I couldn't be more grateful – along with Toby and Lily for serving the customers alongside me – everyone was brilliant!

I have had a lot of generous donations towards my Jamboree Journey, including donations from The Southwell Lions Club, The Southwell Rotary Club, The John and Nellie Brown Trust, Farnsfield St. Michael's Church and Councillor Bruce Laughton. I have almost reached my goal now, but I wouldn't have been able to get this far if it hadn't been for the generosity of all these amazing people. In addition, a great number of people have donated through my Givey page, which is linked here - <https://www.givey.com/graceswsj>

Farnsfield Methodist Church

We continue to be a busy church serving the community, with the church being used by various groups most days/evenings during the week. We particularly look forward to supporting St Michaels church in their outreach to young families by offering our building for their new venture.

Our "Coffee and Chat" mornings on the last Saturday of the month continue to be well attended, and in recent months we have been able to donate proceeds of the morning to Farnsfield Defibrillator fund, Farnsfield Community Spaces and the local Foodbank. Saturday September 24th will be a Macmillan Coffee Morning run jointly with our friends at St Michaels church so please come along and support that if you can. Posters publicising the event will be around the village from the beginning of September.

Our new outreach activity started in May and again has been well supported. This is "Tea at 2", held every other Monday 2 – 4 pm (the next is September 5th) which provides a welcoming place to meet friends and chat over a cuppa and cake. Table games are available, and the atmosphere is very informal, so, again, do come along if you think this is something for you. There is a voluntary charge of £1 and through these donations we have been able to support the mental health charity MIND, Alzheimers UK, British Red Cross for Ukrainian refugees and Grace, a local Scout. For anyone who is at a loose end on Boxing Day, as it is a Monday there will be a Tea at 2 with carols to sing along with or listen to. You don't need to be alone if you don't want to be. Phone Annie on 01623 472455 if you need transport for any Tea at 2 afternoon.

Our Harvest Festival is on Sunday September 18th at 10.15 am and all produce will be donated to the Foodbank. We will be organising the usual collection of Christmas items for Mansfield Salvation Army Centre during November and hope that we will be supported by the village and the school as in previous years.

We have said farewell to our minister of the last two years, Rev Bob Jones, who is retiring – for a second time! We have appreciated his care, kindness, generosity and leadership while we have been in his pastoral care. We thank him and wish him well. Rev Debbie Keegan will be our minister from September 1st, and can be contacted on 01623 825469 or debbie@raindropmusic.co.uk. Our services are at 10.15 am and you would be made very welcome should you care to join us.



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Around the Village

Great support continues for our foodbank

At a time when there's so much concern and doubt it's amazing to see the continued support for Farnsfield Foodbank Support Group. So many people in Farnsfield are helping by donating food and personal care items leaving them in the Church porch every week. The team of volunteers collect this all and take it every Monday to Lifespring Church Food Hamper Scheme.

It's really amazing the support we're getting – it seems wrong that this help is needed in modern Britain but things are bad with demand rising and so many people in need.

The last three months have seen a rise in financial donations.

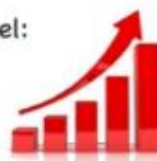
Some people in Farnsfield have opted to make regular financial donations directly – even registering them for Gift Aid. This is beneficial as it means the Lifespring team can buy exactly what a family needs to get through the week. Last month over £200 was received in regular donations.

If you feel able to support by making a regular financial donation, please call Paul on 07970 059618 and he can send you details.

Energy, food, fuel:
prices are

SOARING

Wages, pensions
and benefits can't keep up!



The FOODBANK
is vital! Can you help?

> Food donations can be bought at the **CO-OP** checkout or left in St Michael's Church Porch

- tinned meat, fish, veg, fruit • toiletries
- fresh food for Monday collection
- cereals • long-life meals
- tea, coffee, sugar, UHT milk
- special items for Easter



> Cash can be given at Atherleys, Hamiltons or the Veg Stop

Do YOU need help yourself?

Call the CAR team confidentially on
07754 536530

Farnsfield Local History Society

After the Summer Social in July and a break for holidays in August, we have 3 excellent local history talks to take us through the Autumn.

- 14th September: From Aggression to Integration: The Rise of the Diocese of Nottingham, by Dr Graham Foster
- 12th October: Women's Suffrage in Nottingham – the long, long road to equality, by Mo Cooper
- 9th November: The Rufford Park Poachers: Heroes or Villains? By Sam Millard.

Meetings start at 7.30 pm in the Village Centre Lower Hall. Membership costs £15 from March annually.

Non-members are very welcome at meetings for £3 payable on the door. Tea, coffee and biscuits included after the talk.

Further information about the Society can be found on our website along with historical documents, records and a fascinating archive of old photographs www.farnsfieldlhs.co.uk or from

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Sports News

Junior football returns to Farnsfield



On Saturday morning 3rd September, organised junior football returned to Farnsfield. After parish council investment in a new 7 a side pitch and goals, Blidworth Bengals under 10s hosted their first game at the Acres playing field with a league match against Bingham Town Reds under 10s. Blidworth Bengals have signed up for the season to use the Acres facilities on Saturday mornings. Although not a Farnsfield village team, 5 players in the Bengal squad do attend St. Michaels school. It was great to see the support given to this game.

There are three other slots available to book if other 7 a side teams are interested in using the Acres facilities, these are Saturday pm, Sunday am and Sunday pm



It has been a busy summer for the club as we embark on another season in the Newark Football Alliance. We are delighted to announce that we have created a second team for the first time in the club's history. The team will be managed by Mike Brown and will compete in the second division this season. The second team will have the unique name of Farnsfield Villa Stagiaires. This French name was chosen to embrace the villages relationship with Andouille who we are twinned with whilst highlighting the team's philosophy to develop young footballers. The new team will give more local players the opportunity to play regular football on a Sunday morning.

Following another positive season, our first team have made several strong additions to the squad. We are hopeful of pushing for promotion this season as Manager Simon Ratcliffe has put the players through a tough pre-season schedule..

We would like to thank everyone who attended our annual fundraiser in July which also gave us the opportunity to celebrate long time servant Alex Thorpe's time at the club.

We are always on the lookout for new players, so if you or anyone you know would like to get involved then please contact us through one of our social media channels. We look forward to seeing new and old faces at the Acres this season.



On August bank holiday, Farnsfield cricket club celebrated 160yrs at Station Lane with its annual **President's Day** event.

It was a packed day of activities which started at 10am with junior softball, followed by a junior hardball

tournament. 45 children took part in the sessions whilst their parents and families browsed local stalls and refuelled with hot pork cobs from Hamilton's butchers and hot drinks from the 49 Bean coffee company.

Medals, caps and training tops were then awarded at the end of season presentation marking a packed year of matches. This year has seen a huge increase in girls and boys joining the club and as a result new volunteers have come forward to train as coaches.

The President's lunch, hosted by Nick Linney was a huge success with 100 guests enjoying the sunshine and raising vital funds with a silent auction to support the club into next season and beyond.

Afternoon activities included the senior 100 match which meant guests had to have their wits about them as the balls were hit in every direction. The visiting team were victorious so it looks like a rematch could be on the cards!

The day ended with the all important cricketers tea giving all club players and volunteers the chance to relax and catch up with each other before the evening entertainment started.

The day couldn't have been such a huge success without support of so many volunteers. The next events will be Bonfire Night and the launch of our Sky sports programme when the club will be streaming a calendar of sports fixtures, details of which will be advertised shortly. In the meantime if you would like to join as a social member or enquire about next season please contact: enquiries@farnsfieldcricketclub.co.uk



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