

# FARNSFIELD FLYER

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISH OF FARNSFIELD



Welcome to **July 2021's** Farnsfield Flyer, produced 3 times/year by Farnsfield Parish Council. <http://www.farnsfieldparishcouncil.co.uk/>

Our full parish council meetings are at 7pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, using Microsoft Teams. You can join the meeting by following the link on the agenda, which is on our website. There is a 10-minute opportunity for you to comment on any of the agenda items near the beginning of the meeting. Details of our other committee meetings are also on the website and you are welcome to join those.

Your parish councillors are:



Derek Jackie Ian Barry Lesley Stuart Chris Helen Stu

+ Lynda and Karen

Also see APPENDIX 1 at the end of the flyer for useful information.

**There are some paper copies of this Farnsfield Flyer in the porch of the Village Centre, St Michael's church, and some of the local shops.**

**The defibrillators in the village are situated as follows;**

**The Village Centre doorway on New Hill.**

**The Plough car park on Main Street**

**St Michael's Primary School on Broomfield Lane.**

### **Clerk's report from Vikki Arkell:**

After a busy few months I have completed my Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) qualification! Although I continue to learn, this qualification has broadened my knowledge and increased my confidence in advising the council. I am looking forward to training further in more specific areas that relate to Farnsfield so I can continue to advise the council proficiently.

Unfortunately, the arrival of an 'unauthorised encampment' on Hadleigh Park was the focus of much of my work during July. The formal process that the landowner (in this case, the parish council) must follow to remove such groups is frustrating, as each step has a formal timeline and notice period that must be strictly adhered to. We started the process on the

day the group arrived, with support from Newark and Sherwood District Council (NSDC). This meant all stages of the procedures were started at the earliest opportunity. It was great news that the group left in just one week and the list of people that have helped since then is quite extensive. I won't list them individually because I don't want to accidentally miss anyone out, but it included many residents and local people. The key tasks that were completed included: the repair of the knee-high fence, the litter and rubbish being collected by individuals (this was not a pleasant task), and then the rubbish bags being removed by NSDC the next morning. Hadleigh Park Play Area was jet washed and disinfected by the NSDC team and temporary concrete blocks have been placed at suitable intervals around the area to prevent other similar groups in the area being able to access the grounds. We are looking into providing a permanent solution that is more aesthetically acceptable.

We had a huge amount of support from residents, local people and NSDC and I can't thank you all enough. I was able to work behind the scenes to get the legal process actioned, but I could not have done it without the people on the ground to back me up. NSDC is working towards forms of prevention and more powers for removal of unauthorised encampments and as a council we will work with them to see what can be done to prevent this ever happening again.

A special thanks to the Collingham family for the loan of the blocks and to Oliver Collingham for volunteering to get them in place.

### **Chairman's report Farnsfield Parish Council – working for the future in difficult times:**

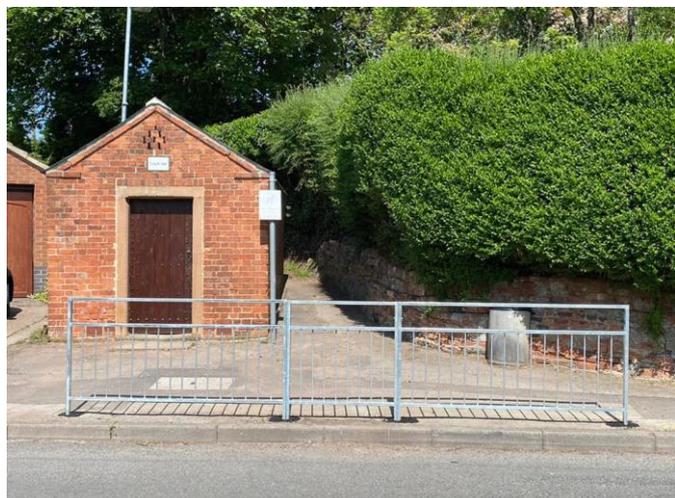
The last 4 months have been a busy time for FPC. New benches, activity tables and picnic tables (including one that's wheelchair friendly) have been put in place in Hadleigh Park, the Acres and Wilsons Field.



A new storage unit has been installed next to the football pavilion to store the new goals, training aids and other items.

A review of the dog bins across the village has been conducted and this highlighted several bins that were broken, and some areas where the bins were not big enough. We are in the process of addressing both of these issues by installing bigger bins and replacing the ones that were broken.

The door on the old lockup has been removed and restored to its former glory, along with substantial roof repairs. We have also erected a new safety fence outside the lockup to help prevent children going onto the busy road.



We had our first health and wellbeing day in June. Walking football, smoothie bikes and free health checks were amongst the activities on offer. We were pleased to see so many children participating in this event and we are looking forward to a follow up event sometime in the autumn.



**Farnsfield Bowling Club:**

Like many other bowls clubs we have been badly affected by the lockdown but now all members are fully committed to getting back to a full and active program.

Our own club, in a village of approximately 3000 inhabitants, has held open days in the past when sometimes as many as 90 people have enjoyed the events on the bowling green, as well as other games on surrounding areas such as golf putting competitions, skittle alley, target bowls and competitions. In addition the club has, for the past 30 years, held a village charity bowls match supporting First Responders, when local clubs such as tennis, cricket, football, darts, dominoes, the Local History Group, WI, and Friends of the Church form teams of 4 in round robin matches throughout the afternoon. We hope to restart these events from 2022.



**Some of the new Learn to Bowl participants 2021**

For the past 12 years our club has run a very successful 8-week 'Learn to Bowl' course, from mid-May to mid-July each year. This gives people new to the game 2 months when they will be joined by others new to the game who will learn and socialise together. Following months of frustrating covid lock-down 30 new bowlers have been enjoying this year's course. Assisted by volunteer club helpers a qualified coach has been leading them through the basic

skills of the game and they are using their new found skills to begin competing and learning the rules, tactics and etiquette of this wonderful game. This has been an unbelievable response, probably due to the need for people to get out and socialise once more and develop new interests. All have been provided with a set of bowls by the club, which they may keep for the duration of the course. Several club members have volunteered to assist and support these sessions which help underline the friendly quality of our club. The sessions cover: Grip, Stance and Delivery; Bowling to and adjusting to varying length: Bowling to a line/Point of Aim; Putting it All Together: Playing in Pairs; Singles; and playing in friendly matches, leagues, and competitions. This surely gives a very clear message that our game is alive and well.

Over the past 12 years or so our relatively small club has introduced approximately 200 new people to our game. It is a massive challenge to us all but hugely rewarding and certainly

provides the impetus our club needs. We now have 73 members, including 9 who have joined from the training course, and we are busy running teams and friendly matches and training. Many super volunteer members have been working hard on the green, which looks beautiful.

For more information please contact: Paul Ritchie: Bowls Coach 07761 418496 or 01623 883391, [Lin.paulritchie@btinternet.com](mailto:Lin.paulritchie@btinternet.com), or Lynne Williams: Club Secretary 07538 275179 or 01623 883074. See our website at [www.farnsfieldbowlingclub.org.uk](http://www.farnsfieldbowlingclub.org.uk).

**Farnsfield Cricket Club:** We were delighted to be able to welcome our cricketers back to the club at the end of April. Although cricket practice and matches are still subject to some COVID restrictions it's great to see everyone enjoying themselves.



Last season we were only able to offer a limited junior cricket programme so it's great that this season we have a full fixture list of matches for our u11, u13 and u15 hardball



teams. Our youngest cricketers returned for Friday night practice sessions in May and this Sunday saw the first softball kwik cricket matches take place on a gloriously sunny and very hot morning.

The club's bar is open during cricket matches and practice sessions and we have now begun to welcome some of our community groups back into the club.

Cricket needs everyone - players, captains, coaches, scorers and volunteers - to take an active role and play their part and although it's not quite business as usual yet our loyal band of volunteers, of all ages, are doing an admirable job.

**Farnsfield Tennis Club:** With the easing of lockdown, Farnsfield Tennis Club courts have got busier and busier. An Increase in membership throughout all age ranges, especially children, has seen FTC adding an extra coaching session on a Saturday morning.



Evening club sessions for members are on Mondays for ladies, Thursdays for men and Friday is a mixed session. Evening sessions start at 6pm. Tuesday morning mixed session starts at 9:30. Included in children's membership is coaching on a Wednesday evening. We have various membership packages to suit all.

Summer league matches, Ladies, Men's and Mixed are now well under way with varying results.

A combination of the easing of restrictions and the significant increase in space due to the clubhouse extension has meant that at long last there is now room inside for the table tennis table. This is proving to be a very popular addition!! On the evening of the first Monday of

Wimbledon fortnight, FTC hosted Farnsfield Explorer Scouts for a tennis taster session. The ball machine came out and a good time was had by all.

Our club coach Matt Benford celebrated a 'big' birthday in July. From everyone at FTC Happy birthday Matt and thanks for everything that you do.



FTC's clubhouse extension had its official opening on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July, as part of our annual open day celebrations. AND - like everyone else, we can't wait to get back to 'normal' and are looking forward to welcoming and showing new and existing members and the community everything FTC has to offer. For more information email Jane Kemp at [kempsdjr@yahoo.com](mailto:kempsdjr@yahoo.com).

**Hogs of Winterfell Update:** Hogs of Winterfell is a 6-bed hedgehog rescue centre run by Dawn and Darren Haynes from a purpose built shed in their garden on D'ayncourt Walk.

Happy Summer everyone! Here at Hogs of Winterfell it's baby season and we are in the middle of a baby boom. Currently we have 2 sets of siblings, the first are Arthur and Lancelot, who were found in Ravenshead after mum had been killed by a car. They have now both been weaned and are gaining weight. The next pair are Harry and Sally, who came from Bilsthorpe. Harry was found first, then 3 days later his sister Sally joined him. Harry is a lovely strong boy who is eating independently and gaining weight where Sally is much smaller and is on antibiotics for a stomach issue. Luckily the antibiotics are working and she's gaining weight too. This week we had 80-gram Nayvee Mae, a tiny female from Bingham, found at the side of the road with a bad wound to her face. The wound is being treated and she's having 3 hourly feeds of milk replacement which is building her up nicely.



We must tell you about one of our sub-adults Tyrion, who was found on Brickyard Lane weighing 97g, with a missing eye and a peck hole in his back teeming with maggots. An all-nighter was needed to clean him up, rid him of the maggots, and a trip to the vet confirmed the wound was clear and with salt water baths and ointment it would close. Tyrion is now 440g, the hole in his back has cleared, and he is a



grumpy young man. Thanks to kind donations we were able to buy a small vivarium with a heat lamp that is used as an incubator, which has been a real game changer when caring for the tiny babies who need to be kept warm.

It is a very busy time and we are kept on our toes at all hours, but those tiny snouts & shiny eyes looking up at you make everything worthwhile. If you find a hedgehog that is out in the

day, sick or injured, please get in touch immediately. Contact Dawn on 07860 542337 or [dawnpickering1977@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dawnpickering1977@yahoo.co.uk).

**Restoration Red:** After opening our doors at the beginning of April I have been busy doing lots of commission work for local customers and creating lots of quirky and colourful pieces of recycled furniture for my shop! I have also been on Radio Nottingham discussing recycling/upcycling furniture.



My clients have spanned from Hastings to Scotland and I am very pleased to say that lots have been to this lovely village of Farnfield and surrounding areas!

Here is just some of the work which I have been doing since we came out of lockdown in April!



For more info contact Cathy at [inf@restorationred.co.uk](mailto:inf@restorationred.co.uk).

### **Woodberry:**



**When life gives you lemons....**

Lockdown has been pretty tough on a lot of us and for small independent businesses the uncertainty of what was, and still is, ahead has been challenging to



say the least. However, at Woodberry Teahouse Café & Shop they've tried to make the most of a bad situation. Having been open 7 days a week pre-Covid it was almost impossible to do any major renovation and still have time to sleep! So in lockdown one Clare and Dan, owners of Woodberry since 2017, set to work on upgrading the interior, knocking down and rebuilding walls to improve the flow of the kitchen and create a better customer entrance, plus decorating throughout. Lockdown two saw them concentrate on the outside and turn the sun trap of a terrace into an oasis in Farnsfield, complete with water feature and working herb garden. Through all of this they also built and launched a new website, [www.woodberryfarnsfield.com](http://www.woodberryfarnsfield.com), with online shop, for the home and gift side of the business, and started offering takeaway afternoon teas and cake.

Clare says "Reopening after 7 months closed has been tough but it's great to get back some normal routine and see all our customers again. We feel we've had a chance to do some of those projects that have been on the 'to do' list for ages, plus we've added a few more strings to the business bow. The customer feedback on the changes we've made has been fantastic."

Woodberry is now open Wed-Fri 9.30am-4pm and Sat-Sun 9am-4pm, offering a brand-new menu. Plus they are also open on Friday evenings, 6.30-11pm, serving a tapas style grazing menu, cocktails, wines and beers.

**Farnsfield Foodbank Support Group:** Since our last report, our group of volunteers has done sterling work yet again. Each week at least two carloads of donations are ferried up to Ollerton, to be distributed by Lifespring to those in need. Unfortunately, with the increase in Covid freedoms, the Food Bank has recently seen a downturn in donations at the very time when demands are growing because so many people are out of work. We're still averaging over 50 bags of donations each week, but there's even more demand now. **So, once again we need your help, and you can leave donations of non-perishable food in the church porch.**

We must also make a special mention of our wonderful Farnsfield shopkeepers. Our Co-op allows customers to buy something extra and leave it behind the counter to be collected by our team on Monday morning. Similarly, Hamilton's, The Veg Stop and Atherley's all generously gift food for the food bank, as well as allowing people to donate money to pay for more food to be bought from these shops and passed on to Lifespring, who send out large numbers of weekly food parcels to those who cannot cope. We live in an amazing community!

If you know someone who needs help then please call Corinne on 07790 215797. If you would like to give money, you can do so at Atherley's and the Veg Stop, or by phoning Paul Mortimer on 07970 059618.

**Farnsfield Community Spaces:** As ever, the Community Spaces volunteers have been busy keeping our beautiful village even more beautiful.

- Continued planting in community corners
- "Stories behind the Stones" with St Michael's School.
- Monitoring of Bird and Bat boxes in Millennium Wood
- Litter picks. Thanks to everyone who takes part.
- Removed vegetation and wire supports from the Lock Up
- Replanted village planters and watered.
- Enhanced the church meadow area
- Charitable donations made from the Community Plant Table



If you would like to get involved with any of the group's activities, please contact [gill\\_sarre@hotmail.com](mailto:gill_sarre@hotmail.com), or [sewalker1525@outlook.com](mailto:sewalker1525@outlook.com). You can also follow the group on the Farnsfield Community Facebook page or Instagram farnsfieldcs.

### **Farnsfield Methodist Church:**

Worship services in the Methodist Church began again at the beginning of June and although we are still observing safe practice it is a joy to be back together as a worshipping community. Advice from the central body of the Methodist Church after July 19<sup>th</sup> is to still exercise caution, but to respect individual choice as to how much or how little to relax the rules. As Methodists love to sing, I'm guessing that's one area where we will want to exercise our freedom!

The weekly podcast services available on YouTube have stopped now that more of our churches are opening up their buildings again. However, the new Sunday 4 o'clock service at Meden Vale church (rebranded as The Meden) will be live streamed every week and can also be watched later on Sherwood Forest Methodist Circuit Facebook page. The Wednesday morning Mid-Week Worship and monthly Sanctuary Space, both currently led on Zoom by Rev Debbie Keegan, will continue for the foreseeable future, as they are very popular and provide worship, study and fellowship opportunities for those for whom an in-person service is difficult.

The daily 10-minute Bible Study podcast led by Rev Bob Jones continued after Lent by popular demand and has looked at Paul's letter to the Romans, and The Covenant Prayer used annually by Methodists as their promise to God.

There will be a Circuit Service held at Samworth Academy on July 26<sup>th</sup> when all the churches in the Circuit will meet to bid farewell to Rev Richard Tanner, our current

Superintendent minister. A service to welcome his successor, Rev Stuart Ellis, will be held there on August 29<sup>th</sup>. These services will be precious times of fellowship with others whom we may only have seen via Zoom during the last 16 months.

Going back to The Meden – during August and October a team of volunteers from various churches, including Farnsfield, will be providing and hosting a weekly meal and craft activities there for families who may be having a problem feeding their children during the school holidays. After a suitable trial it is hoped that this can be extended to more days. Links have been made with the schools in Meden Vale and more outreach into the community is planned.

As last year, the Year 6 leavers of Farnsfield St Michaels School were recently all gifted an 'It's Your Move' booklet from Farnsfield Methodist Church. Unlike last year, Alan and Andy, youth workers from Sherwood Forest Methodist Circuit and St Michaels Church Farnsfield respectively, were able to go into the school in person and talk with the children about their hopes and concerns on leaving one school and starting a new one. We welcomed working with our Anglican friends on this and hope that there will be opportunities to work together in the future.

Lastly, many people have been asking when the monthly Saturday coffee mornings will be starting again. The short answer is, we don't know, hopefully sooner rather than later as they were enjoyed by all, but we'll keep you posted.

### **St Michael's Parish Church:**

You can contact Rev. Chris Pearse (Priest-in-Charge at St Michael's Church) on 07505 963759, [chris.pearse04@gmail.com](mailto:chris.pearse04@gmail.com).

**SUMMER SERVICES AT ST MICHAELS**  
(Pin me on your fridge!)

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|---------------------------|--|
| JULY 4 <sup>th</sup> -    | 9.30am Holy Communion                                  |
| July 11 <sup>th</sup> -   | 9.30am Morning Praise                                  |
| July 18 <sup>th</sup> -   | (New service trial begins)<br>9.15am (HC) & 10.45am    |
| July 25 <sup>th</sup> -   | 9.15am (MP) & 10.45am                                  |
| August 1 <sup>st</sup> -  | 9.15am (HC) & 10.45am                                  |
| August 8 <sup>th</sup> -  | 10.30am Morning Praise                                 |
| August 15 <sup>th</sup> - | 10.30am Morning Praise                                 |
| August 22 <sup>nd</sup> - | 10.30am Holy Communion                                 |
| August 29 <sup>th</sup> - | 10.30am All Age Worship                                |
| Sept 5 <sup>th</sup> -    | (New service pattern resumes)<br>9.15am (HC) & 10.45am |

EVERYONE REALLY WELCOME!

Children's provision will be available at every service. For more information, please contact [chris.pearse04@gmail.com](mailto:chris.pearse04@gmail.com)



St Michael & All Angels'  
Church, Farnsfield  
Methodist Circuit, Nottingham Diocese

**Date for your diaries:**

**Folksy Theatre presents The Tempest, by William Shakespeare.** Tickets are £5 if booked in advance, or £10 on the day, subject to capacity. As the play will be performed in the open, face masks will be optional. Parking is on Hadleigh Park car park or on Parfitt Drive roadway and we do ask you all to park responsibly.

Please bring your own chairs, but no tables or umbrellas as they will obstruct other people's view of the stage. First arrivals will get closer to the stage and gates will open at 6pm.

Unless it's thundering and lightening the show will go on! Please dress accordingly or you may get wet. Sorry, no refunds. There will be two portaloos, one with disabled access.

See the Parish Council website and Facebook for any updates.

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2021

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**REYNOLDS FIELD, FARNSFIELD**  
**THURSDAY 26TH AUGUST, 7PM**

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6pm-7pm, Mon-Fri, 26th July - 30th July.  
Updates on [www.farnsfield-pc.uk](http://www.farnsfield-pc.uk)

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Details of the many clubs and groups in Farnsfield are on our website. If your group isn't there, email Cllr Barry Westbury at [barry@farnsfield-pc.uk](mailto:barry@farnsfield-pc.uk) and he'll be happy to add you. If you would like to receive an email alert when each new edition of the Farnsfield Flyer comes out, go to the website and click on the blue icon as shown below.

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### **Home Delivery Services**

| <b>Name</b>              | <b>Type</b>        | <b>Telephone</b>             |
|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Farnsfield Pharmacy      | Chemist            | 01623 882310                 |
| Newark News              | Newspaper delivery | 01636 703408                 |
| The Veg Stop             | Fruit & Veg        | 01623 882354<br>01158 881328 |
| W Coleman & Sons         | Dairy Farm         | 07599 293374                 |
| Atherley's               | Bakery & Eggs      | 01623 882283                 |
| Hamilton's of Farnsfield | Butcher            | 01623 883551                 |
| Maxeys                   | Farm Shop          | 01636 814566                 |
| Old Reindeer             | Pub Food           | 01623 882253                 |
| The Handicentre          | Hardware DIY       | 01636 813628                 |
| Maloneys                 | Butcher            | 01623 491114                 |

Please note: The Veg Stop will also deliver bread and are working with Atherley's, so if you phone through a bread order at the same time both can be delivered together. The Veg Stop normally delivers the next day.

### **Tradespeople who'll give urgent support during Covid: (Only to be used for emergencies please)**

| <b>Name</b>    | <b>Type</b>                    | <b>Telephone</b> | <b>Comments</b>               |
|----------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Harris Sutton  | Joinery                        | 07702<br>042855  | harrissuttonjoinery@gmail.com |
| Mark (Newtec)  | Plumber                        | 07866<br>431321  |                               |
| George Roffe   | Electrician                    | 07949<br>883297  |                               |
| Andy Rogers    | Gas Engineer                   | 07970<br>888148  |                               |
| John Cracknell | Electrician                    | 07967<br>636780  |                               |
| Metro Rod      | Blocked toilets,<br>drains etc | 0800 66 88<br>00 |                               |

### **Useful Links and Websites**

**Tim Clark:** 07770 303412: Free transport to appts, vaccinations etc.

**Notts Community Transport:** 0115 9856904: can arrange transport to appts etc.

**Southwell Torpedoes:** 01636 330005: help with shopping etc.

**Mental Health Support website** ([www.mentalhealth.org.uk/coronavirus](http://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/coronavirus))

**National Health Service** ([www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk))

**Farnsfield Parish Council** ([www.farnsfieldparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.farnsfieldparishcouncil.co.uk))

### **Facebook Sites**

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