



Hello Farnsfield, Spring is here and welcome to the March Newsletter.

Much has happened in the Village since December

Consultation on the Sherwood Arrow bus timetable has led to the timetable reverting to its original form without any reduction in the service. Thankyou for all your hard work in that matter Cllrs. Johnson and Healy.

The repairs to play equipment at Hadleigh Park are underway.

The hedge adjacent to footpath no. 9 has been reduced as requested by residents.

The Tennis and Bowls club have received a grant of £8,000 from the s106 Community Grants Budget.

The repairs to the Church Clock have been completed.

The surveys prior to the confirmation of the exact location of the proposed skatepark at Hadleigh Park/Parfitt Drive green space are underway.

The village centre wooden floors have been sanded and resealed.

The windows at the rear of the Village Centre have been replaced with sound proof windows.

The lower hall has been decorated.

We have a new VC Booking Clerk and Cleaner. Tracey Kelly.

We have a new Village Caretaker. Robin Sprigg.

Cllr. Woods and Shakeshaft have resigned. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their hard work. We have a new Chair. Cllr. Clarke and a new Councillor, Derek Purcicoe.

The Parish and District Council election polling will be taking place on Thursday 2nd May in the Lower Hall of the Village Centre.

We have a new noticeboard outside the coop.

Council are reviewing the dog fouling problem in areas of the village.

A bin has been placed alongside the Bus Stop on Mansfield Road at the bottom of Cocketts Lane.

A new bin has been ordered for the corner of New Hill and Chapel Lane.

Council is reviewing with NCC the matters associated with a resurfacing on Cotton Mill Lane.

The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 21st May. If you have any matters you would like Council to consider please forward them to the clerk. If you want more information about the purpose of this meeting or intend to come along let me know.

The end of year accounts will be available to view on the website and at the Village Centre following the PCM on 23rd April.

Enjoy the spring weather and have a lovely Easter

Best Wishes

The Clerk.

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Defibrillator Access Points in Farnsfield

Farnsfield Community First Responder Scheme, whilst providing emergency life support for residents of Farnsfield over the last 20 years, via East Midlands Ambulance Service, has worked hard to put Public Access Defibrillators in our Community. The money you so kindly donated has been converted into five Public Access Defibrillators, placed at strategic points within our village. The points of access are:-

- The Plough Inn, Main Street, Farnsfield, (outside wall of Car Park) NG22 8EA. (24 Hours)
- St Michael's School, Branston Avenue, Farnsfield, (outside wall of Car Park) NG22 8JZ (24 Hours)
-) • The Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield, (outside door to Lower Hall) NG22 8JN (24 Hours)
- Farnsfield Cricket Club, Station Lane, Farnsfield, (inside Club House) NG22 8LA (evenings only)
- Cockett Farm Shooting Ground, Cockett Lane, Farnsfield (inside Club House) NG22 8JQ (10-5pm daily. Sunday 10-3pm Closed Thursday) If you have cause to ring 999 in an emergency and the

emergency services advise you to collect a defibrillator, they will guide you of the nearest defibrillator. You will be given a four digit code to open the box and access the equipment. We have also provided defibrillator familiarisation and CPR training in a number of locations. If anyone/group would like us to put on some training for them, please contact us. Last year one of our defibrillators was used with a successful outcome, which only confirms that lifesaving defibrillators really play an important part in village life. Thank you to all who have support the defibrillator programme in our village. Let's hope 2019 is kind to everyone. Peter Teather 07805 765 110

Defibrillator Training

Farnsfield First Responders will be holding Defibrillator Training
on **Wednesday 10th of April**

Session 1. 2-4.30 pm

Session 2 6.30-9 pm

The training will take place in the lower hall of the village centre

If you would like to attend please contact the Clerk with your
name, telephone contact details and preferred session

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Hello everyone from Farnsfield WI.

I, as president am happy to announce that Farnsfield. W I. celebrated their 100 th year on March 1st 2019.

Yes one hundred years ago on this date the ladies of Farnsfield got together and had their first meeting in The Stables, that's behind the Old Wheatsheaf on the Main Street . Starting off with just a handful of ladies it had developed by 1920 into about 50 members . Ever since that day our W I has been strong, helping others from both Farnsfield and the neighbouring villages in all sorts of ways. Providing food, teaching mothers how to look after their children by giving advice and practical help. The W I. Ladies were kept busy between the two great wars in many ways and we were glad to help. Coming right up to date in our celebrations are thus. We are having a bench installed in the local church of St Michaels just by the rear of the church, with our organisation inscribed on it. The church will be light up on The 7th and the 11th of March. It's a wonderful organisation to be involved in so if any ladies would like. Come and join us you would be very welcome.

We meet every first Thursday the month at the village centre, lower hall.at 7.30 pm. There is a notice board on the wall outside the STUDIO Hairdressers on Main Street informing you of what we will be doing during the month.

Looking forward to seeing anyone who wishes to join.

Pat Smedley.

President of Farnsfield W I .

Farnsfield Tennis club

Farnsfield Tennis club are introducing family membership from April, with a 10% reduction for families of 1 adult and 1 child, or more. Please get in touch with the club, via email - jshakeshaft31@hotmail.com - if you'd like to take up this great offer!!

We're also planning to develop the existing clubhouse facilities which will result in more indoor space for when the weather isn't so good and to accommodate other activities!

We're a very welcoming club, so please come down and give us a try - details of sessions are on the noticeboard outside the courts on New Hill.

At the recent Notts LTA Annual Awards Evening on the 8th March, one of juniors, Annabel Bird was runner up as the Most Improved Junior Girl and our Ladies First Team were Division winners; receiving their awards, from left to right, Annabel Bird, Rachel Kemp and Pat Newman.



Farnsfield Table Tennis Club

We are now entering our third season of club activities.

With a membership in excess of 70 players of all ages, who are enjoying friendly competitive club meetings.

We offer tuition and coaching to our Junior, through to senior players

We have a slight imbalance of male to female players so if any of you ladies would like to give this great game a try, you will be made very welcome.

We meet every Tuesday daytime 1.00pm to 3.00pm and Wednesday evenings 7.00pm to 9.15pm (Juniors 7 to 8pm) except the second Wed (History Society)

Venue

The Village Centre lower hall

Membership

We charge £2.00 per session £1.00 for juniors, includes light refreshments for all.

The club provides all the equipment that you require just bring along suitable footwear.

If you require any further information

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Farnsfield Pre-School would like to say a big thank you to Farnsfield Parish Council and the John and Nellie Brown Farnsfield Trust for their very kind donation to our new soft rubber playground surface. Thank you for thinking we are an asset to our village and deserve this amazing opportunity to change our Pre-School and future proof our outdoor play space.

Many thanks,

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FARNSFIELD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

It was a very good turnout for our A.G.M. on the 13th March, probably because they had come to hear the talk by Graham Hayes' afterwards on the Lost Houses of Nottinghamshire. He started with a picture of Sherwood Lodge, the home of the Seelys but now the Police Headquarters, the Park Hospital and Burntstump Country Park. We went on through Arnold, Calverton and Radcliffe-on-Trent, round the city hearing about houses that had either burnt down, like Nuthall Temple, or demolished for development such as Broxtowe Hall, now the site of the Broxtowe Estate. It was fascinating to see pictures of buildings no longer there to see.

The 10th April meeting will be **PETER LYTH** talking to us on **THE HISTORY OF BRACKENHURST**.

On 8th May **Matt Beresford's** talk will be on **GRAFFITI IN THE MINSTER**.

As usual the venue is the Lower Hall of Farnsfield Village Centre, New Hill at 7.30. Visitors always welcome £3.

Our website is farnsfieldlhs.co.uk

FARNSFIELD BOWLING CLUB

The start of the new season will soon be with us. The Green opens on Saturday 20th April. During the winter, members have enjoyed their Tuesday afternoon short mat bowling sessions in the club house and all are looking forward to getting out onto the grass again.

We held a very successful winter social in the form of a beetle drive with a "onesie" theme and the usual faith supper. The club also fought the annual indoor friendly match against South Forest but were beaten by a very good indoor team.

The Green Team have been working hard whenever the weather allowed in repairing the damage caused by the exceptional dry summer and preparing the green for the coming season.

Paul Ritchie will again be running the free coaching sessions at the start of the season to which all are welcome, and the weekly Tuesday afternoon roll ups will again be held at 2.00pm each Tuesday commencing 30th April.

New members are most welcome. Contact details and news can be found on the club web site.

www.farnsfieldbowlingclub.org.uk

PARLEZ-VOUS TWINNING?

In 2018 Farnsfield Twinning Association celebrated its 30 year friendship with Andouillé in the French Department (or County) of Mayenne. Where? Never heard of it! That's because Mayenne is a well-kept secret and is a beautiful, peaceful, rural area of France situated in the north of the Pays de La Loire. It is, however, the perfect place to get to know France – not the France of the Riviera or the hustle and bustle of Paris – this is the real France; the people are friendly and are proud of their association with Farnsfield. In 2018 a group of 54 members comprising adults of all ages and children visited Farnsfield for a long weekend. Thankfully the weather was kind to us all and a varied itinerary ensured a great time was had by all. The exchange visits usually take place every 18 months and, as the time approaches for the return visit from Farnsfield to Andouillé, we are now looking for new members who would be interested in joining us. We currently have French families in Andouillé who are awaiting an English family with which to 'twin' and with which to build bridges. Forget Brexit, that is something for politicians to argue about; twinning is about making friends with a foreign family and learning about a different culture and way of life which will enhance both the lives of your family and your new 'extended' French family.

The families in Andouillé are:-

A retired but active couple in their early 60's who live about 15 miles from Andouillé

A single mother, 46yrs and her children, a 17yr old son and a 13yr old daughter

A couple and their children, a 21yr old son and 19yr old daughter; The 55yr old man enjoys cycling, gardening, DIY and hiking whilst his 52yr old wife wife enjoys running, hiking and sculpting. The son is keen on football whilst the daughter is an avid reader.

A 34yr old man and his 26yr old female partner who are both keen on judo

We will be travelling to Andouillé for the period 26 -30 July 2019 – if you live in or within a short distance of Farnsfield why not join us? If you're interested why not email our chairman Fiona at fjc@myzen.co.uk or call her for a chat on 01623 882662



Farnsfield Cricket Club

The cricket season is almost upon us and the invitation from the Farnsfield Cricket Club Committee is: "please come and visit us and enjoy the Summer Season. Whether you're an avid cricket fan, a prospective social member, a parent or even just a sun-worshipper, there's something for you at your local cricket club. And you'll be especially welcome if you've just arrived in the village and this is your first cricket season in Farnsfield."

The Club has 3 teams and our first team is in the highest league: the Notts Premier League. Games are played on both Saturdays (50 overs) and Sundays (40 overs) and the season's first fixture is on Sunday 14th April. However, weather-permitting the weekend invariably starts on a Friday evening (6:30) with our junior hardball and softball training sessions for children of 7 and upwards when we often get 50 or more children/juniors participating whilst parents watch on, enjoying the sun, a drink and our BBQ. Hardball commences 19th April for the older children with first Softball practice (7 years and over) on 3rd May (registration the week before on 26th April). It's a great night - especially when the sun is shining; you don't know what you're missing until you try it!

For more information, including fixtures and results, visit the Farnsfield Cricket Club website at <http://farnsfieldcricketclub.co.uk>

Farnsfield Bowls Club Coaching Sessions to Open New Season

This wonderful Spring sunshine reminds us that the new outdoor season will soon be with us.

This thriving village club with over 70 members who enjoy the beautiful location and excellent facilities.

The club provides a spirit of fun, competition, friendship and gentle activity for all ages. A wonderful way of enjoying the fresh air.

If you have often thought you may like to try the game then why not start this year at an

8 - week course for NEW & IMPROVING bowlers.

Over 50 new bowlers have enjoyed being introduced to this wonderful activity in the past few years

Qualified coach will take you through from the very basics to feeling confident enough to take part in our many friendlies, league games and club competitions **and all for FREE !**

All equipment will be provided you will need only flat soled shoes (trainers will be acceptable)

**The course starts on TUESDAY 30 APRIL 2019
10:00 am - 12:00 noon**

CONTACT

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Farnsfield Community Spaces :is made up of local volunteers who do things on an individual basis but also in small groups. We have no committee or meetings but a series of events that people can sign up to. We have a facebook page Farnsfield Community Spaces which has 35 members and an instagram page farnsfieldcs. News and events are posted here and shared to other Farnsfield pages. We have been supported by other groups in the village and this helps us to raise more volunteer help. NSDC have been very helpful too collecting the black bags that you may have seen on Cockett Lane and Longland Lane.

The Millennium Wood Project (Parish Council) is underway with Woodland thinning during October 2018. Some bulbs were planted of native bluebells and snowdrops with money raised by plant/seed and shrub sales. The Veg Stop is helping us by March 2019 selling jars of seeds in their shop and the table outside Croeso continues to be popular. Since May 2015 we have raised £1,590 and with this we have bought 6 fruit trees for the community allotment and put £360 towards the container sited there. Approx £978 has been spent on bulbs, s eeds, bird feeders as well as materials that generate more income such as compost and labels. We are working on some signage for the woodland and repairing the bench.

We have 4 local walks that a volunteer has produced and the plan is to print them off and make them available to residents.

Litter picking continues to be a feature of the work of the group and 2 grabbers are out on semi permanent loan to volunteers who collect litter on Longlands Lane and Cockett Lane. You may have noticed piles of plastic tree guards and bottles etc in the woodland and these will be collected on the litter pick on the 6th April if we can get the volunteers.

Bulb planting has taken place on the corner of Far Back Lane and Broomfield Lane and the crocuses and Snowdrops have been lovely.

The community allotment continues to grow wild flowers and meadow flowers for Community Spaces and we would love to have more people join it. We have gained some funding from the Community Foundation and will be buying 4 Bramley Apple trees for the community. Situation tbc

We have a new noticeboard outside the Coop where Community Spaces will advertise events too

Future Events

- Keep Britain Tidy Spring Clean Sat 6th April 10-12.30. Meet at Village centre. Sign up please if you need a grabber. More information can be found on posters, social media and the Keep Britain Tidy website. Free Refreshments in the plough(tea/coffee) afterwards. We will bring some biscuits.
- Coffee morning for Community Spaces in the Methodist Church Sat 27th April 10-12. Plants, seeds and other interesting things for sale. • May .We are entering the Best Kept Village Competition again
- Scarecrow Day. Planning to open up the gaol again and there may be refreshments down at the allotments if we have the person power.
- Nov. Bulb planting in the Farnsfield Millennium Wood SO . 2019 WILL BE ANOTHER BUSY YEAR FOR COMMUNITY SPACES. IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS AND CAN HELP ORGANIZE THEM PLEASE POST ON FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM or contact me by email. healylesley@gmail.com
THANKYOU