



Greetings of the Season,

The last Newsletter was published in September and a lot has happened in the village since then....
The defibrillator is now fitted and functioning outside the Village Centre. Peter Tether and his team kindly delivered three training sessions on its use to residents. Although I don't recommend having a heart attack in Farnsfield it should now be a safer place to do so with more than 50 residents attending the training.



As of Friday 9th December we now have Christmas lights! The inaugural switch on was supported by Farnsfield St Michaels School Choir and Mr. Walker kindly took the role of 'local celebrity' at the opening ceremony!!! It is planned to add to the illuminations next year with a Christmas Tree outside the co-op.

As many of you who regularly use the Village Centre will know the roof has been leaking. The work on repairing the leak will start on Tuesday 13th December.

There have been many complaints over the last year regarding the speed of traffic through the village. The Parish Council has been consulting with NCC on a regular basis regarding this. We have had meetings with NCC, presented a petition and made regular requests for action from the County Councillor. I have included a response to our requests from NCC in this newsletter. We will not let it end here however and will continue to campaign on your behalf. Signs have been put up in the village to encourage individuals to park at the car park provided at Hadleigh Park rather than on the Main Street in an attempt to reduce congestion.

The feasibility study into the possible relocation of the Village Centre is well underway. This is being undertaken by a working party consisting of three parish Councillors and four independent members of the public who have specialist knowledge in this field.



Consultation with the young people of the Parish has begun again with regards to the availability of young people's recreational facilities and we hope to engage some of those young people in a working party to follow this up alongside the Parish Council and interested members of the public.

Every household in the Parish has been delivered a consultation form regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. It is important that we get as many responses as possibly. It is the document which will be an important factor in how NSDC make planning decisions in the future and is one of the ways the village can have a real influence. As you may be aware the Parish Council does not make any planning decisions, they are made by NSDC. However, we can try and influence decisions and one of the ways of doing that is through the Neighbourhood Plan.

Last but not least, after eight years of working for FPC Mr. Ford is no longer Lengthsman to the Parish Council. Phil has been a great asset to the Council and Village over the years and will be greatly missed by all his colleagues at Farnsfield Parish Council HQ at the Village Centre. Enjoy some more leisure time with Janet in the camper van Phil.. !!



Farnsfield Community Spaces

Community Spaces volunteers have been busy over the Autumn with community clear up, weeding and litter picking sessions on the 19th & 20th October and more bulb planting on 2nd, 3rd and 5th of November so we are hoping for a glorious colourful spring! We now have about 8 regular volunteers and others who come when they can. The Rotary Club has donated 2 large bags of purple crocus corms through the national Purple4Polio scheme for the eradication of polio across the world. The national Rotary charity has got together with the Royal Horticultural Society to support this worthy cause and transform public spaces across Great Britain and Northern Ireland with 6 million purple crocuses <http://www.rotarygbi.org/what-we-do/purple4polio>. We look forward to seeing swathes of crocuses at the bottom of Cockett Lane and The Ridgeway. We have planted more narcissi and tulip bulbs in various locations and added bulbs to some of the planters along Main Street.



The planters outside the Inspiration Charity Shop now have some autumn colour with new plants funded by St Michael's Church and looked after by the shop volunteers. The large planters outside the Co-op have also had some replanting and tidying. Thanks to Julia Slack at the Co-op for watering and feeding these. We continue to raise funds for Community Spaces through the plant table outside Lesley's house on Broomfield Lane. We had a stall at the WI market on 1st October selling bric-a-brac and seeds and updating people on what we have been doing.

The next big project is the community allotment plot. This will be a space where anyone from the village can come and 'have a go' – individuals or groups. It will have some easy access raised beds and seating areas and we also have some tools to borrow. There is no hard and fast plan for the space – so all ideas welcome. Come and get planting and enjoy a chat with the allotment community.

We had had lots of positive comments about how attractive the village has looked over the summer so thanks to everyone who helps in any way.

For more information or to join the volunteer mailing list please contact:

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Everyone at **Farnsfield Acoustic** would like to wish all our supporters a very
Happy Christmas!

Thank you for coming to so many of our monthly gigs, we hope to see you again in 2017.

**What better way to start the new year with a return gig with Sally Barker?
You may remember that Sally made Tom Jones cry when she was a finalist on The Voice a
couple of years ago!**

The date is the 14th January, phone 01623 794700 for tickets.

Lions Santa Float

We expect Santa to be busy again this year and we have tried to avoid any clashes with the school Christmas events but it is possible that we may have some.

We have made some changes again this year, taking into account our scheduling in 2015, and now will have 2 ½ nights in Farnsfield. We aim to start at around 6.00 pm and finish at 9.00, but due to the many children we see, all timings are approximate.



Please bear with us if we are not quite on schedule.

We sincerely hope that Santa and his helpers will see as many of the children and adults in Southwell and District in the 2 weeks before Christmas.

Santa and the float will be outside the Rodney 23rd December from approximately 8.30 to 13.00.

Mon 12th

- 6.20 Parfitt Drive, Irving Close, Carding Close
- 6.30 Main Street up to New Hill
- 6.50 New Hill
- 7.10 Branston Avenue, Ridgeway Close
- 8.00 Dayncourt Walk, Meadow Close, Long Meadow
- 8.20 Ridgeway, Milldale Road, Woodland Close, Greenvale, Greenwood Close Woodside
- 8.40 Brickyard Lane, Nether Court

Tues 13th

- 6.20 Main Street, Quaker Lane, Gregory Gardens, Gordon Close
- 6.40 Tippings Lane, Powell Court
- 7.00 Church Side
- 7.15 Chapel Lane up to New Hill
- 7.25 Broomfield Lane, Goodwin Court, Alexander Road, Abbott Crescent
- 8.00 Chapel Lane from New Hill to Far Back Lane
- 8.15 Main Street Edingley
- 8.30 Station Road Edingley

Thurs 22nd

- 6.20 Chapel Lane, Far Back Lane,
- 6.30 Station Lane, Spring Lane, Fletcher Court
- 7.15 Birch Avenue, Yates Croft, St Michaels View, Murdoch Close, Cockett Lane
- 8.30 Mansfield Road up to New Hill

NEWS FLASH!

Farnsfield Community Working Together FOOD BANK COLLECTION UPDATE

Great News! The Coop collection on Saturday morning on 19th November produced **50 bags of food and a cash collection** which was taken to the Dukeries and District Food Bank at Ollerton. This included some bags from the village collection points and two bags of presents for children.

People of all ages donated tins, packets, biscuits, chocolates, hygiene items and whole bags of food. "I know what it's like to go hungry," one person said. "And now I can give something back..."

Huge thanks to everyone who donated and encouraged the collection - and to Inspiration for copious cups of coffee for the intrepid volunteers.

This time of year can be difficult for many people and the Food Bank workers were hugely appreciative of our efforts. ***Thank you and please keep giving!***

FARNSFIELD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Our October meeting was about the History of Coal Mining from the 18th century to the very recent past. Michael Harrison talked about his own reminiscences, family memories from the Yorkshire and Durham coalfields. These were illustrated with a comprehensive array of photographs. The less romantic aspects of a miner's life were graphically portrayed when Health and Safety measures were not a high priority and the transition from pick and shovel to the incredible machinery and advanced technology developed recently to extract coal was shown very effectively.

"The Green Men of Southwell" is the subject of the meeting on Wednesday, 9th November. How many of these could you find in the Minster? The speaker will be Doctor David Marcombe who was Lecturer and Associate Professor at Durham and Nottingham Universities.

As usual the meeting will be in the Lower Hall of the Village Centre at 7.30 and visitors are always welcome to come along. £2.50 includes refreshments after the talk.

No meeting in December as we shall be having a Christmas lunch. The New Year will kick off on 11th January with a talk on Roman Southwell by the local archaeologist Matt Beresford.



Dear local resident,

Farnsfield Parish Council are reviewing leisure facilities for young people (11-18 yrs.) within Farnsfield.

A consultation document has been sent to all 10 and 11 year old students at Farnsfield St Michaels school and all Farnsfield young residents who attend the Minster School, Southwell.

Any other young person who wishes to complete the survey please email the clerk.

The document asks several questions and asks for comments including:

- In your opinion are there suitable leisure facilities for young people in Farnsfield?
- At present what leisure facilities in Farnsfield do you use?
- If you could be involved in designing a leisure facility for young people in Farnsfield what would it be?
- Do you think additional young person's facilities would impact on your life?
- Do you believe additional leisure facilities would have an impact on any antisocial behaviour?
- If you were to be involved in choosing a Parish Council owned site for additional leisure facilities in Farnsfield where would it be?

Suitable sites owned by the Council include The Acres Recreation Ground, Hadleigh Park adjacent to Parfitt Drive and Wilson's Field adjacent to the Cricket Club.

Following this consultation, the Council will publish the results of the survey and identify the next steps, if any in the process.

Please email any comments to

clerk@Farnsfield-pc.uk

This is an exciting time for the Village and the Council is keen to involve young people.

“Young people are the future of Farnsfield”

Traffic Calming in Farnsfield

Dear Mrs Healy

Traffic Calming Measures (TCM) and Village Gateway Signs (VGS)

In follow-up to our telephone conversation of yesterday: I have briefly discussed the two matters as above with Jo Horton (Highways District Manager, Newark) and Jenny Hawkes (Principal Officer Local Transport Plan & Travel Planning). I understand Jo attended a meeting held at Farnsfield Village Hall on the 9th March 2016, and I hope the following information will be helpful:

The criteria for the introduction of TCM was discussed at the meeting as above, and we would not be able to look at introducing physical TCM unless it was to eliminate an existing serious treatable injury accident pattern: of which there was none in Farnsfield at that time. Rumble strips were also discussed, and these were identified as being unpopular as they can sometimes cause noise and vibration issues at adjacent properties. (If required, fuller information regarding prioritization, site criteria and types of TCM can found on Nottinghamshire County Council's web pages at <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/speed-limits-and-traffic-calming/traffic-calming>.)

The last point under Getting Traffic Calming Installed on the webpage as above refers to where there is substantial public support; and at the time of the meeting, Jo suggested a petition requesting TCM could be made and presented for future consideration. I have examined Nottinghamshire County Council's Transport and Highways Committee Meeting's minutes from February 2016 through to and including October 2016, and at this time I have not identified a response to a petition for TCM at Farnsfield: however, it may be that a petition has been presented more recently and is awaiting a response or that I may have missed it – in which case I apologize. If a petition has not yet been presented but Farnsfield Parish Council does intend to present a one, information can be found on Nottinghamshire County Council's webpages at <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/get-involved/petitions>.

St Michaels and All Angels

For over one hundred and twenty years the Church Housing Trust and its predecessors have been helping the homeless. Homelessness persists, and not only among those suffering multiple deprivations. Babyboomers, of which I am one, have been the unwitting architects of an economic and social environment that today sees our own sons and daughters struggling to find their own homes either to buy or rent.

And then there are nice and not so nice places to live. I have worked in cities like Hull, Middlesbrough, Plymouth and Portsmouth where even when private or public housing has been just about adequate the experience of many residents has been blighted by the dearth of amenities and infrastructure on their estates.

Nationally we have a housing crisis. Every community, including our own, needs to respond with generosity. In Farnsfield we count ourselves fortunate and I hope therefore will welcome the opportunities that present themselves to ensure that more people, not least those struggling the most, are afforded the chance to share our good fortune.

But successful communities, great and small, need a built environment that provides the essential facilities which enable residents to prosper socially, emotionally and spiritually. So as we debate the issue of housing in our village - how many?, what kind? it is incumbent upon us to carefully consider the other developments that are essential to the prospering of our village.

The current debate about the location, size and operational scope of our Village Centre is already exercising the imagination of our Parish Council. But even the complications associated with this set of decisions is dwarfed by the even greater demands involved in working through the questions thrown up by the prospect of a significantly larger Farnsfield.

My hope is that we shall wish to grow our community on the basis of a plan for robust infrastructure which is capable of serving the needs of residents present and future. A vision for Farnsfield needs to be built not only on creative thinking about the number and variety of additional housing but also about the development of the current and future facilities we shall most certainly need in order to make every house feel like a worthwhile home.

Establishments like churches, clubs, shops and pubs should regularly review their 'offer' to the community. As we contemplate a necessarily expanded future driven by acute need it is time for all those establishments to work in partnership with current residents in realising a future that can benefit residents old and new. The new 'homeless' deserve nothing less.

Canon Peter Jones

Priest-in-Charge, Farnsfield St. Michael and All Angels.

Broadband in Farnsfield

My name is Steven Adams I am the new Broadband Engagement Officer for the Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire programme being run by Nottinghamshire County Council. You may have met my predecessor Tim Dring who worked with many Parish and Town councils, on behalf of Tim I would like to say thank you for all the support you gave him and the programme while he was in post.

I would like to give you a quick update, the programme has now passed the 95% coverage mark for Nottinghamshire and the next aim is to reach 98% coverage, as you can imagine these next few percent are more difficult to reach as they include lots more remote areas and villages which have previously not been able to be reached but who none the less require connectivity to the internet at superfast speeds.

This superfast connectivity will bring lots of benefits to both residents and businesses in these previously unconnected areas. It opens up huge opportunities to improve the quality of life and leisure prospects for Nottinghamshire families and will open new opportunities through online learning and faster access to information and services. It will provide a huge boost for businesses and the Nottinghamshire economy. Nottinghamshire firms will be able to find and establish new markets (locally, internationally, and globally), increase their competitiveness and create new jobs.

As the programme moves forward there will be the introduction of new Fibre based broadband cabinets throughout Nottinghamshire which will supply nearby areas with superfast broadband. I would like to keep you informed when these cabinets will go live and start to provide a service so that you can pass the news on to your Parish/Town, I will also be visiting the area when these cabinets go live to attempt to raise awareness and encourage take up. Any assistance you can provide in passing on this information either through Parish/Town newsletters or at meetings I would be extremely grateful of and I would also like to offer to provide any articles you may need and also pictures of the cabinets when we place our sticker on them to show they have been activated. I would also be more than happy to attend parish meetings to discuss the roll out and provide guidance on the future of the programme. I would also be very grateful if you could let me know of any community events within your Parish/Town which I could attend to promote the programme.

As previously available there is a postcode checker and maps of coverage on our website: [Here](#)

This will give guidance on the estimated time of roll out to postcode areas.

If you require any further information my contact details are below, please don't hesitate to get in touch and I look forward to being in touch with you soon.

(any enquiries about the programme from the public or businesses should be directed to the team contact details directly below my signature which is monitored and the responses tracked)

Kind regards

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Hello everyone.

Just a small reminder to all the ladies that might have an interest in joining our W.I. I can tell you it's good fun, you can also make wonderful new friends. A little reminder that our W.I. Organises a social afternoon every 3rd Thursday of the month at the village centre at 2 pm..It's a chance to get out off the house and meet up with friends , play board games, card games There's refreshments too .or just come for a chat.The next date is 15 th . Dec at 2pm If you would like to join our W.I. You would be more than welcome. In December we have already planned our Christmas party and in January our New Years party has already been organised. So in February. Please come along on the 2nd at 2.30 at the lower hall in the village centre Give it some thought you won't regret it. May I on behalf of the FARNSFIELD W.I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.
Pat Smedley. President.

Farnsfield Allotment Association

The Association has been up and running now for about 3 Months and things are shaping up nicely. The cold weather means that little can be planted at the moment but we are all busy laying out beds and building composters and sheds ready for the new season.

We currently have 25 full members and around 10 sharing members using the site. We have one full plot and one half plot vacant with space to create more if required. Anyone wishing to join us should contact our secretary Sue Marshall (01623 882107) for information or speak to any allotment holder at the site.



We are also planning the community garden which is intended to benefit the village as a whole, so if you want to get involved as a helper/ volunteer let us have your contact details and we will keep you informed.



This year, The Royal British Legion is asking the nation to ***Rethink Remembrance*** by recognising the sacrifices made not just by the Armed Forces of the past, but by today's generation too.

For many people, Remembrance is associated with the fallen of the First and Second World Wars. While we will always remember them, the Legion wants to raise awareness of a new generation of veterans and Service personnel that need our support.

The Farnsfield Branch

- We hold monthly meetings at Farnsfield Cricket Club on the 1st Tuesday of the month commencing at 19:30Hrs.
- We help the local community in many ways
- We hold the Armed Forces annual BBQ which over the last few years attracts up to 450 adults and their children.
- We are involved in the poppy appeal in the village
- We also commemorate the Remembrance Sunday in November

How to join: by phone 0808 802 8080

On line at: www.britishlegion.org.uk/membership

By application form.

By joining you will be helping personnel and families who have been injured or fallen on hard times.





Junior Newsletter



Christmas
2016

The countdown to Christmas has started and the excitement is building. Despite the Winter weather you have all Continued to play some great tennis.



Its Christmas So at the last Tuesday and Wednesday coaching sessions before Christmas we are having a party!! Bring some **food** along to your session and wear a **Christmas Hat or Jumper**.



All of The Young leaders

... passed the young leadership course, gaining skills in leadership & coaching. Well done to Paige, Jessie, Lucy and Dominic.

The **Winter Mini league fixtures** are now in full swing. Well done to all those who are taking part in the mini Red and Green teams.



Christmas Holidays....The last sessions before Christmas will be on Saturday 10th and Wednesday 14th. Sessions will start again on Wednesday 4th and Saturday 7th January 2017.

Performance squad breaks up for Christmas on Tuesday 13th December and starts again on 10th January 2017. Good Luck to all those who have competitions over the Christmas Holidays.

Weekly coaching sessions Wednesday (members only) 4.00-5.00
5.00-6.00
6.00-7.00
7.00-8.00
Saturday 10.30-11.30



*Merry Christmas
and
A Happy New Year*



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Farnsfield Tennis Club

Farnsfield Tennis Club welcomes new members at all times of the year - we have floodlit courts so play is almost always possible. Come down to one of our club nights to find out more, or contact Joyce Shakeshaft - jshakeshaft31@hotmail.com - for more information. Details of sessions can be found on the noticeboard at the front of the courts on New Hill. On the social side, we are holding our annual quiz on Saturday January 28th at 7.30 in the Village Centre. Teams of 6 are welcome and entry includes a buffet supper. We look forward to seeing you!!! Many thanks Joyce Shakeshaft.

Southwell DANCE School



2016 has been another fantastic year for Southwell Dance School pupils across ballet, tap and jazz.

Our pupils have continued to achieve great results in RAD ballet exams and IDTA tap and jazz exams and medals.

2016 also saw a number of pupils successfully auditioning for places with LAMDA, Ballet Theatre UK, Midlands Theatre Ballet, English Youth Ballet, MIDAS Associates and the Palace Theatre Pantomime.

We are really excited about our next show at the Palace Theatre Newark on Sunday 16th July 2017 and we hope to see lots of you there.

Merry Christmas and a very happy new year from everyone at the school.

Classes held at Southwell Leisure Centre and Farnsfield Village Centre

Principals M Gibson & A Webster · Southwell Dance School

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