

FARNSFIELD FLYER

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISH OF FARNSFIELD



Welcome to **July 2020's** Farnsfield Flyer, produced 3 times/year by Farnsfield Parish Council. <http://www.farnsfieldparishcouncil.co.uk/>

Your parish councillors are:



Derek Jackie Ian Barry Lesley Stuart Chris Helen

Lynda Karen

During the Covid Crisis, if you know of someone who is vulnerable or 'at risk' and they don't have any local or family support, please email chris@farnsfield-pc.uk, or phone Chris on 07971 863661, and we will try match them up with one of our volunteers.

As we go to print, the Co-op's head office still hasn't come back to us to say what's happening with our Co-op. We're sorry we can't give you any news on this and appreciate how difficult it's making life for our residents.

Whilst the Co-op is closed [Torpedoes](#) provide community support in Southwell and the surrounding villages and can help if you are having difficulties with shopping. Phone 01636 330005 and your call will be taken by a volunteer from the Southwell Town Council hub, and your request forwarded to Torpedoes. Phones are staffed daily 9am to 5pm, with 24-hour answerphone. *Don't let anyone slip through the net.* 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 St Michael's church, the library, and some of the local shops.

FARNSFIELD NEWS:

During the Covid crisis the Parish Council has established a group of great volunteers who have been picking up prescriptions, doing urgent shopping, and taking people to urgent hospital appointments. So far, the volunteers have:

- Delivered 115 prescriptions;
- Taken people to 10 hospital or GP visits;
- Done 11 lots of urgent shopping;

- Resolved one ant infestation in a kitchen; and,
- Sourced 1 emergency plumber for a blocked loo

Thank you to these tremendous volunteers.

One of our councillors, Gabby Murden, has now stepped down and we would like to thank her for all her hard work, and wish her well for the future.

As we go to press, our new Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer, Vikki Arkell, has just been appointed, to start on 3 August. Councillor Jackie Johnson has been our Acting Clerk since Rachel left, with Vikki as our Locum Clerk assisting Jackie with minute taking and meetings. Again we owe Jackie a huge vote of thanks for the many hours she has spent as Acting Clerk. She's basically been doing a full-time job for free.

The Council's **Strategic Plan for 2020**, (further details on our website) originally outlined 9 key areas where we have identified there is considerable work to be done in the village. Each area now has at least one named councillor responsible for it so you know who to ask if you want more information, or to offer your help. These 9 key areas are:

- completing the Village Centre improvements (Derek);
- improving parking and traffic management (Ian);
- progressing facilities for young people (Karen, Lesley, Stuart);
- upgrading football facilities and surfaces (Barry);
- improving footpaths and bridleways (Ian);
- modernising children's play areas (Lynda, Derek, Karen);
- implementing a neighbourhood watch scheme (Lynda);
- implementing environmental protection measures (Lesley, Helen); and,
- seeking to improve repairs to roadways and pavements (Stuart)

Strategic plans always need to be dynamic, and as a result of a recent meeting of the Strategic Working Group, the 3 areas highlighted in grey above are being amalgamated into the overarching **Strategic Plan**.

The Strategic Plan is to work towards developing facilities at Parfitt Drive, Reynolds Field (by the allotments) and the Acres. This will include increasing and improving car parking, improving the children's play facilities, and consideration of a wheeled sports facility. The Strategic Working Group have also recommended that Council considers the provision of a small community hall as part of our future plans, subject to financial feasibility.

The 9 areas shown above haven't made the progress we would have liked because of the Coronavirus crisis. The main progress during the lockdown has been on the Village Centre, where the tiling and improved insulation of the roof is continuing; extensive repairs to the valleys and gutters have been carried out prior to reinstallation; the attic stairs, landing and lower hall toilets have been painted; quotes are being sought to reupholster the seating in the main hall, and roller blinds have been ordered for the main hall. Cllr Derek Purcicoe has spent more time at the Village Centre than he has at home over the past few months, and put in a huge amount of work liaising with contractors and overseeing the work.

OTHER NEWS

Police Community Support: PCSO Keith Crowhurst has now left our district, and PC 3922 Karl White is looking after our area, supported by PCSO 4793 Tracy Stokes. They both work out of Ollerton Police Station. We don't have any personal contact details for either of them, so please phone 101 if you have any concerns, and messages will be passed onto them.

100th Birthday celebration:



Farnsfield resident WWII veteran Jack Carr celebrated his 100th birthday on VE day. Born in Cumberland, Jack joined up in 1940, aged 20, and joined the Royal Engineers. His postings included Scotland, South Africa, Madagascar, Somalia and Nairobi. He returned to the UK in March 1946 and married his wife Norah in November 1946. These were austere times and Jack and Norah had just 5 wedding guests. The wedding meal was sausage and mash with a couple of beers! 74 years later they are still happily married, with 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

Farnsfield Cricket Club: Despite the cricket season being postponed and the clubhouse temporary closed, Farnsfield CC has continued to encourage and facilitate cricket activities for both junior hardball and senior teams within government and ECB guidelines. Junior hardballers and senior players have embraced 'Covid-cricket', and the committee extends its sincere thanks to the members that have help support the club during this difficult time. Family/parent/child groups have also enjoyed the experience in the nets whilst making some amazing memories.



To try to ensure the club's financial security it has launched a Crowdfunding campaign which runs from 6th July - 31st August. Thanks to an amazing campaign it has reached almost 50% of its target in the first week alone! The club is truly humbled by the outpouring of support and looks forward to providing quality coaching and league cricket for many generations to come. For more info

see: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/the-future-of-farnsfield-cricket-club>

The government guidelines have now enabled recreational cricket to recommence in a modified format from Saturday 18th July, with two Farnsfield teams playing in Saturday leagues through to the end of September 2020. In addition, the coaches are working tirelessly to source opportunities for the junior teams to access friendly games, and hope to further offer some Kwik cricket as restrictions relax. The clubhouse will reopen as soon as regulations permit and the club looks forward once again to hosting fundraising events, welcoming back our community groups and providing opportunities for venue hire.

The club had a successful first game on Saturday and all the planning and preparation paid off with many compliments about how organised the day and set-up was. They didn't think they would be playing cricket this season but thankfully they are, even if they are needing to manage social distancing and hand sanitising at every turn!

Farnsfield Bowling Club: Due to the Covid 19 situation the club has not been fully open this year. County and inter club competitions, and friendly matches, have all been cancelled. The club has finally reopened on a limited basis for now with bowling taking place on a

bookable basis on Tuesdays from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm, and on Thursdays from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm, weather permitting. There is currently a membership of around 80 and new members are always welcome. Next year they hope to be able to again enjoy good friendly company, good exercise, fresh air and great bowling. They offer free tuition from a qualified coach for those new to bowling, with all equipment provided, as well as help for those who want to improve their game. For more info see the website at

www.farnsfieldbowlingclub.org.uk.



Farnsfield Tennis Club:



Treasurer Jane Kemp says: 'After winning 5 league trophies and picking up the Volunteer of the Year award at the Notts LTA end of season awards ceremony in March, Farnsfield Tennis Club (FTC) were keen to carry on their success into the summer season. However, before FTC could commence with its 66 Summer League matches, COVID-19 reared its ugly head and all play was stopped. The club took advantage of the lockdown and has been busy painting the exterior of the clubhouse, the

backboards around the courts and the garden furniture. We were very lucky to be allowed back to restricted play (singles only) in May and introduced a booking system plus new membership packages to suit everyone's

needs. The weather has been great, the courts have been very busy and we have seen an increase in membership.

If you are a tennis fan and missed watching Wimbledon this year, take a walk past the courts most early week day mornings and watch some of the top national and regional juniors being coached – It's well worth it!! For membership enquiries email Alastair Walker at amwalker1322@outlook.com.

Hogs of Winterfell: Hogs of Winterfell is a 6-bed hedgehog rescue, run by Dawn and Darren Haynes from a purpose built shed in their garden on D'ayncourt Walk. The rescue has been running for a year, taking in sick and injured hedgehogs from Farnsfield and the surrounding areas, rehabilitating them and releasing them back to the wild.



The injuries and ailments treated can range from dog attacks to internal parasites such as lungworm and strimmer injuries. All of these can be fatal to the hedgehog if they are not treated quickly. June and July are particularly busy months at Hogs of Winterfell as it is baby hedgehog season. Lots of sick, injured and orphaned hoglets are brought in to be treated and in some cases, syringe fed if they are too young to feed themselves. This involves 3 hourly feeds to start with, then weaning

onto a mix of puppy mousse and special non lactose milk substitute until the hoglet can eat independently. As soon as they reach a weight of 450g they are ready for release into the wild.

When a hedgehog is well and ready for release the finder is contacted and the hedgehog returned to the area where it was found. When this isn't possible, suitable release sites are found in hedgehog friendly gardens; a few have been released in the village over the past year and no doubt there will be more to follow. Hedgehogs are in decline and Dawn and Darren are proud to be helping to preserve the hedgehog population in the village as well as raising awareness for these fascinating complex creatures.



A hedgehog research project investigated the impact of roads on local hedgehog populations. With the help of the community, a study of Farnsfield's hedgehogs over recent weeks has found 51 adult hedgehogs and numerous juveniles, all of which were a very healthy weight and condition. There were hedgehogs in every corner of the village, with the cricket field and parks as real hedgehog hotspots, as well as back gardens. A few male hedgehogs roamed around the entire village and did not shy away from crossing many smaller roads. Darren and Dawn want to thank the volunteers and wider community for helping make this research possible!

Foodbank update: PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN!

Local organiser Paul Mortimer says: '16 weeks in and help is still desperately needed. We've been collecting food bank contributions for some years now but it's been during the Covid period that the demand has escalated beyond all imagination. We're averaging over 50 bags each week of food and essentials plus large quantities of fresh bread and cakes donated by Atherley's and fresh veg coming through The Veg Stop and the allotments.

Many people leave bags in the church porch every single week. One family does an "extra supermarket family shop" every week which is delivered to the porch as a complete package of necessities. Gifts have included essentials such as pasta, meat pies, tinned fish, cereals PLUS other things we might not have thought about such as pet food, shampoo, nappies, toothpaste. There has been an amazing mix of items going across to the needy in the area.

A few facts which should make us stop and think!

- In the UK the number of children entering hospital with severe malnutrition has doubled to about 2,500 during the lockdown period. How can we accept seeing malnourished children needing hospital care in modern Britain?
- Some children no longer get a good meal because they can't get a school dinner each day!
- Demand at food banks in the UK has more than doubled with many families unable to put food on their tables without support from charities and volunteers.
- Contributions to food banks have risen and Farnsfield has been central in making a great effort

It's easy to give: Buy extra when you shop and pop it in the church porch. Buy something at the Coop and leave it with the checkout team. Look in your own cupboard and lift out something which you can spare. Please help to support others. Britain may be waking from the Covid nightmare but some families are still in desperate need of help and will continue to need it for a long time.' For information contact Paul Mortimer at p.a.mortimer@gmail.com.

Farnsfield Community Spaces:



Date for your diaries:

Folksy Theatre Group are performing The Taming of the Shrew on Saturday 8 August, 6pm, on the field next to Farnsfield allotments. 'Gates' open at 5pm and there are a limited number of pitches and tickets on sale. To apply please send £22 per pitch to Farnsfield Parish Council, Sort Code 60-83-01, a/c No. 20348713. Then email stuart@farnsfield-pc.uk to receive an allocation and ticket. You will need to give the names of your party for Track and Trace. There will be disabled access from the Acres side of the field and you should please request this at the time of booking. The performance will take place regardless of the weather, with the exception of thunder and lightning. You may get wet! **No refunds!**



Details of the many clubs and groups in Farnsfield are on our website. If your group isn't there, email Cllr Westbury at 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.



If you know someone who would like to receive a paper copy of the Farnsfield Flyer in future, please email their name and address to chris@farnsfield-pc.uk.

APPENDIX 1

Home Delivery Services

| Name | Type | Telephone |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Farnsfield Pharmacy | Chemist | 01623 882310 |
| Newark News | Newspaper delivery | 01636 703408 |
| The Veg Stop | Fruit & Veg | 01623 882354 01158 881328 |
| W Coleman & Sons | Dairy Farm | 07599 293374 |
| Atherley's | Bakery & Eggs | 01623 882283 |
| The Butchers Block | Butcher | 01623 871035 |
| 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. They are working with Atherley's so if you phone through a bread order at the same time both can be delivered together. They stock eggs, milk, cheese and other dry ingredients and will deliver smaller quantities of fruit and veg to order. Please try to order enough to last you for a few days as they are busy helping lots of families at the moment. The Veg Stop normally delivers the next day.

Tradesmen: (Only to be used for emergencies please)

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

Useful Links and Websites

HART: Extra assistance is being provided by the Humanitarian Assistance Response team for any isolated Nottinghamshire resident enquiries@nottscc.gov.uk 0300 5008080. The county has a team of 120 people who can help with the supply of food, necessities and other vital assistance.

Mental Health Support website (www.mentalhealth.org.uk/coronavirus)

National Health Service (www.nhs.uk)

Farnsfield Parish Council (www.farnsfieldparishcouncil.co.uk)

Facebook Sites

www.facebook.com/farnsfieldstmichaelschurch

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www.facebook.com/farnsfieldvillage