

FARNSFIELD FLYER

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISH OF FARNSFIELD



Welcome to March 2020's Farnsfield Flyer, produced 3 times/year by Farnsfield Parish Council.

Your parish councillors are:



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Lynda Karen

Well this isn't how we planned this edition to go! The Coronavirus has put a new slant on everything. During the Coronavirus crisis these contact details may be useful.

If you know of someone who is vulnerable or 'at risk' and they don't have any local or family support, please email clerk@farnsfield-pc.uk, or phone Chris on 07971 863661, and we will match them up with one of our volunteers. 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 the Farnsfield Flyer in the porch of St Michael's church.

FARNSFIELD NEWS:

Our Clerk to the Council, Rachel Waterfield, has now retired after over 4 years faithful service. We would like to thank her for all her hard work over the years and wish her well for the future. We are in the process of recruiting a replacement for Rachel; in the meantime Councillor Jackie Johnson is acting as our interim Clerk.

The Council has published its **Strategic Plan for 2020**, (further details on our website) which outlines the 9 key areas where we have identified there is considerable work to be done. These key areas are:

- completing the Village Centre improvements; improving parking and traffic management; progressing facilities for young people; upgrading football facilities and

surfaces; improving footpaths and bridleways; modernising children's play areas; implementing a neighbourhood watch scheme; implementing environmental protection measures, and, seeking to improve repairs to roadways and pavements.

The **Council's website** and Facebook page has been revamped and is continually updated by Councillor Barry Westbury. It's a great way to keep up to date with what's going on in the council and the village.

Our various council Working Parties (WPs) have been making progress as follows:

Communications WP: A new communications policy has posted on our website. We've listened to residents' concerns about how the open sessions of council meetings are managed, and councillors now respond to straightforward comments or requests for clarification during the open session. More complex requests will continue to require a written response after the meeting.

Environmental WP: The environment WP have been busy continuing our reduction in waste at the village centre in particular a significant reduction in paper in all areas. The continued focus on efficiency and maintenance has resulted in reduction in energy use, the boiler has been serviced and new windows and doors installed.

Vehicle Management WP: The first group of Community Speed Watch Volunteers have been recruited and had some training, new car parking signs have been bought for Hadleigh Park, and the village's registered car parks are now on Google Maps. Parking problems and the use of excess speed continue to be a problem and the WP is working with our district councillor, Bruce Laughton, to seek further double yellow lines and no parking zones. Unfortunately, this won't be a fast process!

Strategic Project WP: The Strategic Project WP has been working hard to identify and legally register the village's key assets with our solicitors, and mapping all of the parish council's assets in Parish Online (an online tool for viewing and printing maps, storing asset registers, producing neighbourhood plans, and engaging with the public, see <https://www.parish-online.co.uk/>). The next Strategic Project Working Party will focus on linking specific councillors with the 9 key areas to take them forward.

Grants WP: The new Grants policy, and grant budget for the year 2020/2021, have been agreed by the council. See below for how to apply for a grant.

Village Centre WP: a lot of essential work has been done to ensure the Village Centre now meets current health and safety standards: the attic windows have been replaced; work's been done on 2 of the boilers; the fire extinguisher maintenance and maintenance checks have been completed; a new roof has been installed over the Lower Hall old committee room; new windows and a major re-roofing project was due to start in April. This has been postponed until the end of the Coronavirus crisis.

Skatepark WP: This WP comes under the overall umbrella of the Strategic Project WP. As such its purpose, which is to build a business case to implement a skate park in the village, will move forward in conjunction with the Strategic Project WP.

Financial Planning WP: All funds, and how they can be used, have been agreed with Newark & Sherwood District Council (NSDC). All funds spent prior to the financial year (FY) 2019/2020 have been validated. Next is to incorporate the Village Centre spending from FY2019/2020 into the analysis, and establish clear traceability in the budgeting system to ensure the different types of funds we receive are managed correctly.

Parks & Open Spaces WP: Grounds maintenance contracts have been renewed and grass cutting contractors have been asked not to use weed killer, and not to strim too close to trees or wood. NSDC has been chased regarding a review of our litter and dog waste bins and the 'Any bin will do' initiative from Keep Britain Tidy. A review of any actions identified in the playground inspection is in progress. The council is progressing a number of other initiatives including tree planting, replacement of damaged fencing and consideration of improvements to public footpaths. The next Park and Open Space meeting will hopefully be in April.

Parking in Farnsfield

Whilst parking isn't a real problem whilst we are self-isolating, once life returns to normal we need your help! We all know parking is difficult in any village, but it does seem that things are getting worse in Farnsfield. Inconsiderate parking is on the rise in the village and residents are raising an increasing number of concerns with the Parish Councillors. Vehicles are regularly being parked on pavements, double yellow lines, and near junctions. Farnsfield Parish Council is asking for **your** help to make parking less of a problem around the village.

If you need to park near Main Street, please try to use the car parks at the Co-op (one hour allowed for customers) and Parfitt Drive. If you have to park on the road, please leave enough space for residents to pull out and turn safely, and don't obstruct the dropped kerbs or garages. Please don't park illegally; traffic wardens do patrol the village and we have requested increased visits. Please remember that parking on the pavement makes life very difficult for pedestrians with pushchairs or mobility scooters, and people with visual impairments may find it very difficult to get past your car. Parking your car on the road so that other cars can only just get past means ambulances and fire engines may not be able to get through in an emergency. So please try to park safely and considerately and make life easier and safer for all of us. Thank you!

And whilst we're appealing to your better nature.....

Litter!!

We've also been looking for creative ways to deal with those folks who don't manage to put their litter in the litter bins, and came across this snippet from 1808. In the meantime, a huge thank you to the faithful folk who pick up other people's litter (and worse) on an almost daily basis around the village.

- 1808 Jun 4: Nottingham-M turnpike tolls To Let by Auction, Nottingham, Jun 25. In each of the last 3 years, produced £635 over expenses. By Act of 48 George III, persons travelling the whole length of the road are to pay double the old standard toll, and double that again on Sundays, from Jun 6 (except for inhabitants of Arnold going to Nottingham, and inhabitants of Papplewick & newstead going to M). Notice is given that anybody riding, or driving animals or taking a cart, or leaving rubbish on the footpaths or causeways at the side of the road (or damaging the posts thereon) may be fined up to 20s or sent to the House of Correction for up to 3 months. Middlemore & Piercy, Nottingham, clerks.

We're putting a lick of paint on the old gaol and oiling the lock as you read this!!

OTHER NEWS

Grant applications: We are pleased to invite applications for grants from not-for-profit organisations and groups in Farnsfield. We have a sum of £2000 available, and applications will be considered on a first come first served basis. The closing date is 30 April 2020 and application forms are available on the website, or from the Clerk at clerk@farnsfield-pc.uk.

Farnsfield Tennis Club: We're delighted to say Farnsfield Tennis Club was the main prize winner at the recent Notts LTA presentation evening, picking up 5 trophies plus 'Volunteer of the Year award' - an amazing achievement. The Tennis Club will be welcoming new members once the courts re-open.

Farnsfield Friendship Club: The Friendship Club was formed in 1991 and meets on alternate Fridays at 2pm at the cricket club. Aimed at the over 60s the meetings include various speakers, slideshows and occasional visits from the local primary school children. The next meetings are April 3rd: making handmade soap, and April 17th: a mock courtroom session with the club members as the jury. For more information contact Jenny Frost on 01623 883476.

Tree planting in the Millennium Woods: 7 volunteers from Community Spaces planted rowan, field maple and hawthorn trees in the Millennium Woods on 6th March as part of the NSDC tree scheme. Thank you!



Wheels for Farnsfield: Wheels 4 Farnsfield (W4F) is a community group keen to help provide an all-inclusive and free-to-use wheeled sports facility to improve the diversity of sports in our village, and to encourage younger residents to get active for the benefit of body and mind. They recently held a very successful Sports Relief Fancy Dress Skate, raising £125 for the charity. For more information email them at wheels4farn@gmail.com, follow them on Facebook @Wheels4Farnsfield or on Instagram @wheels4farnsfield.



The Neapolitan style family **Rustic Crust Pizzeria** has now opened on Main Street. Owner Ross, and his wife Camille, say they are absolutely delighted at the welcome they've received from the residents.



Our other new business, Restoration **Red**, has also opened on Main Street. Restoration Red upcycles old furniture by restoring and hand painting it to create unique pieces. Owner Cath welcomes you to come and browse.

Of course both businesses are closed until further notice, but do keep them in mind when life returns to normal.

Farnfam fitness classes have been running in the village for three years under the direction of Kathryn - a fitness instructor with over 20 years' experience. Classes are suitable for all ages and abilities.

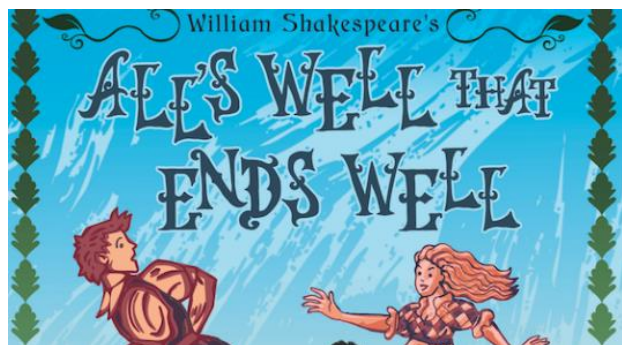
Contact Kathryn on 07429 495175 or at flinnfit@gmail.com to book.



Date for your diaries:

All's Well that Ends Well, 7pm, Thursday 27th August.

Folksy Theatre presents Shakespeare's classic tale of unrequited love, passion, trickery and deceit. Filled with Folksy's wonderful live music, audience interaction and downright silliness, this is one not to miss.



Tickets will be available from The Veg Stop on Main Street from July, priced £12 adults, £8 u16s and £32 for a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children). The show will go ahead whatever the weather (unless it's thundering and lightening). Ticket numbers are limited so when they're gone, they're gone. See our website and Facebook page for updates.

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 either email their name and address to flyer@farnsfield-pc.uk, or pass the slip below on to them:

I would like to receive a paper copy of the Farnsfield Flyer in future.

Name:

Address:

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Please drop this slip in at the Village Centre when it's safe to go out again.

In the meantime :

Stay home: Stay safe

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
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	07702042855	www.harrissuttonjoinery.co.uk harrissuttonjoinery@gmail.com
Mark (Newtec)	Plumber	07866 431321	
George Roffe	Electrician	07949 883297	Facebook – Roffe Electrical www.roffeelectrical.co.uk
Andy Rogers	Gas Engineer	07970 888148	Facebook
John Cracknell	Electrician	07967 636780	Facebook

Useful Links and Websites

HART: Extra assistance is being provided by the Humanitarian Assistance Response team for any isolated Nottinghamshire resident enquiries@nottsc.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

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www.facebook.com/farnsfieldparishcouncil

www.facebook.com/farnsfieldvillage