

FARNSFIELD FLYER



Welcome to the Farnsfield Flyer, the parish Newsletter produced by Farnsfield Parish Council, three times a year

COMMUNITY NEWS....

FOOD BANK

The Farnsfield Food Bank Support Group are pleased to announce that all the independent food shops in Farnsfield now accept donations for our group. Atherley's the Bakers, Hamilton's the Butchers and The VegStop will now be able to receive financial donations and then prepare, weekly, a special food parcel using your donations. All donations will be collected and delivered each month to the Ollerton LifeSpring Food Bank by our support group.

The Farnsfield Foodbank Support Group has been running since 2013. Supporting Community Action Response, (CAR) set up in Ollerton in 2020 at the start of the Covid pandemic. CAR runs the LifeSpring Church Food Hamper Project in Ollerton which is where our donations go. LifeSpring Church sends out around 100 hampers per month. These hampers have enough food for a full week for families or individuals who are in real need. Recipients are aged from 3 to 90 years. Many local areas are very deprived experiencing homelessness and unemployment and the hampers provide desperately needed support.

There are now many ways you can donate, any food or household necessities, especially tinned items, tinned pies, tinned meats, tinned ready meals, anything with a long shelf life. Either: Drop food items in St Michael's Church porch; give a cash donation when shopping at Atherley's, Hamiltons or VegStop, buy items at the Co-Op and they will give to our collection. Use the link to donate online: <https://vegboxes.online/product/farnsfield-foodbank/>



FARNSFIELD COMMUNITY SPACES - The Community Plant Table is still raising valuable funds for local causes and thank you to everybody who supports it with plant contributions and purchases. Thanks to the neighbours too who help look after it. There is a board next to the table which explains where donations have been given but more recently, we have helped Newark Women's Refuge, FOST (Friends of Southwell Trail) and Hogs of Winterfell. The money also helps buying plants and bulbs for the community areas. We tend several wildflower open spaces, street corners, church meadows, bottom of the Ridgeway and planters outside Coop, all with wildlife in mind. Some may look better than others particularly at certain times of the year. But they provide food and shelter for birds, insects and mammals, habitats for pollinators such as bees and butterfly caterpillars, and increase water infiltration, lower maintenance costs and, emissions. They are drought tolerant, though we do have a water butt at the Ridgeway and, native plants are better able to store carbon in the soil. Finally.....LITTER PICKING. We regularly litter pick around the village and along the main routes into the village. It can be soul destroying but it's necessary to protect our wildlife and show that we care for our environment. The Parish Council and Community Spaces own several grabbers, hoops, high viz bibs and bags and many are out on a loan basis. Please contact us if you wish to help:

FARNFIELD ALLOTMENTS

As the fifth year of Farnsfield Allotment Association's cultivation of the site on Reynold's Field draws to a close, plot holders can reflect on another successful growing season, resulting in a great variety of fruit, vegetables and flowers all thoroughly enjoyed by families, neighbours and friends. In addition members have regularly donated excess produce to the local food bank, where it has been greatly appreciated.

The current annual rent for a full plot is £25 or £12.50 for a half-plot. A full plot is approximately 200 square metres (roughly the size of a doubles tennis court). Even a half-plot requires considerable time and effort. However, you can always have a go at the community allotment. This is adjacent to the main site and consists of raised beds for you to garden, a community orchard and places to sit. Tools are provided and associate membership is only £5 per year for the whole family.

Although there is currently a short waiting list for the main allotments, there is plenty of room on the community allotment. If your appetite has been whetted, contact our Secretary David Henson at henno1352@aol.com, or Treasurer Jim Healy at jimhealycroeso@gmail.com for further information.



Weekly Sunday Services

9.15am - Traditional Service
Alternating between Holy Communion (1st & 3rd Sundays) & Morning Praise (2nd & 4th)

10.30am - Contemporary Service
With children's groups, informal feel, and coffee & chat to start (worship begins at 10.45)

Everyone welcome!

For more information or for details of our other events and services please see our notice boards



St MICHAEL's CHURCH - Update from St Michael's Church

It's been a full and exciting autumn so far at St Michael's Church. After a successful pre-summer trial, we launched a new Sunday service in September. This new service aims to complement our existing service, offering a more contemporary style of worship, a more informal feel, and groups for children each week. We begin with coffee and chat at 10.30am before joining together in our newly created worship space for some relaxed worship, teaching, and conversation. There's been a real buzz to these new gatherings, and it's been wonderful to welcome so many new people into St Michael's over these past few months and see young and old growing together.

Two services now run every Sunday. The earlier, more traditional service at 9.15am and the new, contemporary service from 10.30am. You are always really welcome to come and to give our services a try. Please do come along anytime.

Connect our *After School Church*, has also restarted this term and it's been a joy to meet again in the school hall on Thursday afternoons. We enjoyed a great 'Connect Special' Light Party on October 31st offering a different way to celebrate 'All Hallows Eve' with lots of games, music, and (of course) sweets, as well as stories of those who've shone brightly in times of darkness.

Our new Children and Families minister Andy, has also begun a new Youth Group for those aged 11+, which meets every Sunday evening at 6pm in church. As with all of our services and events everyone is always very welcome. Please get in touch with Andy or myself if you would like to know more. It's been a joy to welcome Andy to the team at St Michael's these past few months, as well as our new Parish Assistant *Angela Main* who began her work with us over the summer.

Alongside all of this it's good to see the great support for the Foodbank continuing in the village, and the church porch remains a drop off place for those much-needed donations. The church building remains open at various points in the week too for people to come and pray or find some space, and we hope it won't be too long before we can re-start our weekly coffee morning again.

As we gear up for Advent and Christmas there's lots more in the pipeline too. This year, alongside the usual Christingle, Nativity Trail, and Carol Service, we're also planning a special 'Remembering Service' for those who have lost loved ones recently, to come, remember, and give thanks for their lives. More information on this and our other Christmas services will be available soon so look out for the posters/Facebook updates and please do come along.

As always, if there are ways we can offer support to you through this time or if you have any questions or queries, then do get in touch. We would love to hear from you.

With best wishes and prayers, Rev. Chris Pearse

FARNSFIELD METHODIST CHURCH

It was good to celebrate Harvest at the end of September with a service of Thanksgiving followed by a Thanksgiving Ploughman's lunch, providing much needed and much missed fellowship. Afterwards, a carload of food and other items were collected and taken to the Foodbank in Ollerton. In October, a Macmillan coffee morning was held which raised a magnificent total of £340 for the organisation. Thanks to all who contributed, whether by preparing beforehand, helping on the day, donating cakes or, most importantly, attending.

People are gradually feeling more comfortable being back together, face coverings are now optional but seating is still spaced safely. It is important that everyone feels safe when we meet.

It's at this time of year that we think about our support of the Salvation Army Centre in Mansfield. Our section of Methodist Churches – Farnsfield, Rainworth, Blidworth and Bilsthorpe, have for many years donated items for their Christmas appeal. Until recently they have asked for gifts for the people who attend their Christmas Day lunch, as this was unable to take place last year because of Covid - we were asked instead to donate new toys, games and other items (not gift wrapped) suitable for giving to families whose children might not otherwise receive a present on Christmas morning. As we were unable to hold our usual Gift Service in church we opened up the appeal to the whole village. The response from churches, the school and the village was absolutely amazing. Many of you will have seen the photos on the 'Thank you' posters after the event. Presents were piled and sorted ready for distribution, the Centre staff were overwhelmed at the generosity shown. We have therefore decided to make this a village appeal again this year.

The posters are around the village now with details of drop-off times and places – thank you to St Michael's Church and the school for agreeing once more to be involved. Collection week is November 15th-19th, with the dedication service for the gifts at the Methodist Church on Sunday December 5th, 10.15 am. All are very welcome to attend.

The church has now reopened for lettings – please contact Rosemary Wilmot (01623 882644)

Say NO to dog mess

Pupils at Farnsfield St.Michael's School have taken part in a poster competition to design posters to tackle the problem of dog walkers who don't pick up their dog's mess. The winning designs have been made into signs and have been put up around Farnsfield to get the message over that it is unacceptable not to pick up after your pet. In fact, it is an offence not to clear up after your dog and fines can be up to £1000. You can report environmental crimes such as fly-tipping, littering, dog fouling or graffiti online using the Newark and Sherwood District Council website or by calling 01636 650 000.



SPORT IN FARNSFIELD

FOOTBALL



It's been an eventful start to the season for Farnsfield Villa. We have a wide range of sponsors who we would like to thank including SDF Roofing and Tiling, the Plough, Hamilton's Butchers and Eagle Building Services. We would also like to thank Farnsfield Parish Council for their investment in our facilities including new goals, the storage container and necessary health and safety updates to the pavilion.

We have around 40 players on our roster who all have ties to Farnsfield or currently live in the village and regularly attract a wide range of spectators to our home matches which kick off at 10:30am on Sundays at the Acres. Everyone is welcome to come and support us and even try out for the team which caters for players aged 18 and above.

At the start of the year the club came runners up in a local cup competition and have carried this achievement through a very successful pre-season and four games in the league. The team train on Thursday evenings at the Acres in the summer and various all-weather pitches in the winter.

In June we held our first charity match and family day at the Acres, which helped secure the financial future of the club during this very difficult period. We were delighted to provide entertainment to over 150 spectators from the village, together with families and friends of the players.

We are delighted to be able to continue financially stable football in Farnsfield and hope that if facilities improve, we will be able to support and provide grassroots football for many age ranges in the future.

The Manager Simon Ratcliff and the team would like to thank the whole village for their continued support, and we will look forward to updating everyone further in the next newsletter.

HELLO FROM FARNSFIELD CRICKET CLUB

The cricket season may be over, but we are gradually opening up the facilities to the community again. We are still operating with our committed volunteers, which means our opening times are limited for now. However, we are pleased to announce that our doors are open on Friday nights from 7pm - 10:30pm. The pool table, darts board, juke box and fruit machine are all up and running in the games room, and the lounge bar is open for a quieter experience. Everyone is very welcome so please feel free to come in, have a drink and chat with us! Live Music in the form of an Acoustic Jam Session, by talented local artist **Becky Syson** and friends, will feature in the club on the second Friday of each month, commencing 12th November from 8pm (free entry). Additionally, the **Get 2 gether 2** group will be hosting their activity sessions for older citizens on Wednesdays between 10am - 4pm, cost £4.50 which includes tea/coffee and biscuits plus a wide variety of fun activities to suit all tastes. **The Friendship Group** hosts its meetings on alternate Fridays 2pm-4pm featuring guest speakers and organised outings. **Slimming World** welcomes members on Monday evenings and uses the cricket club's facilities for its weight management groups/classes. There are a few more community groups hoping to use our facilities in the future, and we look forward to welcoming them. Further information will follow soon on social media, plus information on how to purchase second-hand kit! It is a start in the road to recovery and we thank you all for your continued support.



TENNIS

The club has really taken off, with the easing of pandemic restrictions and to some extent, the Radacanu effect! We've seen an increase in adult and junior members full of enthusiasm and really enjoying being part of the club.

Our annual open day this year included the official opening of the clubhouse extension. The courts were available for anyone to play, giving people of all ages and abilities the opportunity to try tennis for free. Members of the Parish Council, the Farnsfield Trust and Bowls Club also attended for the official opening of the clubhouse extension, which has been a huge success. Table tennis is now permanently available for those odd rainy sessions or for those waiting to play the bigger game.

Junior Tennis is thriving. We offer tennis membership for 5-18 year olds which includes full use of the courts and club sessions which we run on Wednesday 4pm-8pm and Saturday 10.30-12.30. Each session is tailored to age and ability. The sessions are fun and friendly, and we encourage anyone interested to come along and have a taster session before they join. As the children's confidence and ability increases, they can take part in competitions representing the club. The club also runs sessions for our village Pre-school, which are really appreciated and enjoyed – a great opportunity to try tennis from an early age! For more information for Junior tennis please call Clare Whitchurch 07887605500

We welcome new members. If you would like to give tennis a try, please contact Alastair Walker on 07761 391426 for more details.



FEEDBACK - Future Facilities

We continually look for additional facilities and sports that we can help introduce into the village. The East Side Project has explored some possibilities for improved facilities, if anyone has suggestions for how we might support sports in the village or would like to publish sporting activities in the village please let us know.

clerk@farnsfield-pc.uk

Farnsfield Library
operated by Inspire: Culture Learning
Libraries, is at the Village Centre and
is open Monday, 9 to 12:30,
Wednesday 9 to 12:30, Friday 2 to 6
and Saturday 9 to 1. The library is
hosting coffee mornings on the 2nd
and 4th Wednesdays of the month
(8th and 22nd of December), 10:30 to
11:15. Why not drop by. There is a
small charge for refreshments

FOCUS ON FARNSFIELD VILLAGE CENTRE

Farnsfield Village Centre on New Hill is owned and operated by Farnsfield Parish Council. There are three rooms available for hire, the Upper Hall with a stage, the Lower Hall and an Attic room, at the top of the building, used mainly by the Scouting and Guiding groups. If you would like to hire a room you can check room availability online and book by contacting Tracey, our booking clerk: bookingclerk@farnsfield-pc.uk.

After extensive roof repairs in 2020 and redecorating throughout, the Centre is an attractive venue for activities and events. Here are details for some of the groups that are already using the Village Centre, all are friendly and welcome new members.

ARTventurers - Upper Hall Monday 1pm to 2pm

Colourful and often messy art and creative play sessions for children 6 months to 4 years. Parties, events, workshops and holiday classes for all ages also available. Block booking is required and can be made by contacting Stacey on 07789 460 153 or stacey@artventurers.co.uk or www.artventurers.co.uk/mansfield/book-a-class.

Ashley Dance School Adult Latin & Ballroom Beginners - Upper Hall Sunday 5 to 6pm

Contact 01623 794 443. Private Lessons also available.

Babies & Toddlers - Upper Hall Thursday 9am to 11am during term time

Drop-in session accessed by the pushchair-friendly rear entrance, behind Unwin Print. Only £3 per family which includes a snack and drink for the children and the adults. For more information contact farnsfieldpreschool@btinternet.com or <https://www.facebook.com/farnsfieldbabiesandtoddler>

Charlie's Glow Yoga Lower Hall Tuesday 5:30 to 6:30

Beginner friendly class with a combination of yoga poses and breathing techniques to unite and calm the mind and body. Contact Charlie for more information and to book charliesglow@gmail.com, 07783 913 422
Facebook: @charliesglow Instagram: @charlies_glow

Farnsfield Flower Club - Lower Hall. Next meeting Monday 6 December 2pm - 4pm

For more information contact Glenys 01623 882968 or Sylvia 01159 813 515

Farnsfield Local History Society - Lower Hall 2nd Wednesday of the month 7.30 pm apart from July, August & December. Farnsfield Local History Society offers a programme of talks, most with a local Nottinghamshire theme, and some with a broader appeal. In addition, it runs trips to local places of interest and has two social events a year. Some members are actively engaged in research into Farnsfield's history. They are delighted to have restarted meetings in September with interesting and entertaining talks on Nottingham architect Watson Fothergill and the Golden Age of Political Cartoons. The programme next year starts with 'Industrial buildings and their creative reuse' on 12th January and 'Four forgotten Nottingham Authors' on 9 February. Membership costs £15 and runs from February to January. Non-members are very welcome at meetings for £3, payable on the door. Tea and coffee are included after the talk. Further details can be found on their website along with historical documents, records and a fantastic archive of old photographs. Go to www.farnsfieldlhs.co.uk or from Gill Sarre secretary@farnsfieldlhs.co.uk

Farnsfield Table Tennis Club - Lower Hall Tues 1pm to 3pm, Wed 7pm to 9pm

We are pleased to announce the resumption of activities and welcome back regular players as well as new members. No club membership is required and the cost is £2.00 per session which includes light refreshments. All abilities are welcome. Table Tennis has been described as "The Lifetime Sport" - accurately described as high-speed chess; the mental alertness encouraged by the sport's tactical challenges is particularly good for seniors. The ability to concentrate on applying tactic is good for all ages, available all year round as a social outlet and is one of the few sports in which size, age and sex are irrelevant competitive factors. Table Tennis - Anybody, Anytime, Anywhere. For more information contact Nigel Hamilton 07535 447 829 Hamilton.nigel@gmail.com or Alex Boulton play.fttc@outlook.com 07711 021 776

Farnsfield Women's Institute - Lower Hall 1st Thursday of the month 7:30pm

Founded in 1919, Farnsfield WI is currently a group of 30 plus members, led by their recently installed President, Marilyn Tarbox. Throughout the year there are a range of speakers and activities, both fun and thought provoking. Past meetings have included; flower arranging demonstrations, gin tasting, talks by Women's Aid, Farnsfield Hedgehog Hospital and local crime author, Stephen Booth. The group also enjoy meals out at local venues and take part in the Village Bowls Tournament, and there is a small but enthusiastic Darts team. Membership of Farnsfield WI includes eleven meetings a year, a monthly Notts WI Federation newsletter, and the monthly National Federation WI Life magazine, the chance to meet the members, make friends, and get the chance to make a difference with both Local and National Campaigns. Come along to one of the meetings to receive a very warm welcome. For more information, please contact Moira by email on farnsfieldsec@nottswi.org.uk

Flinn Fit Yoga-Pilates - Upper Hall Monday 7.15pm Wednesday 9am

Turn up and pay as you go for £7 per class or block book six classes for £30. Bring your own mat (spares are available if anyone needs to borrow). Katherine Flinn is a fitness instructor and sports therapist with 22 years' experience teaching a wide range of classes and now specialising in Pilates for back health, injury recovery and prevention. All ages and abilities are welcome to join the friendly group. For more information contact Kathryn at flinnfit@gmail.com or on 07429 495 175.

Southwell Dance School Ballet, Modern Jazz, Tap - various times

A welcoming school which delivers high quality dance training and believes passionately that through nurturing, inspiring and rewarding achievement each individual will fulfil their true potential. Students taken from the age of three. Classes are also held at The Old School Room in Edingley. See SDS website for more details www.southwelldanceschool.co.uk or email info@southwelldanceschool.co.uk

Taekwondo Martial Arts - Lower Hall Thursday at 6pm

Endeavour Taekwondo run by Sarah Harney, teaches a number of useful skills to children and adults. Recently members and their families raised funds for Teenage Cancer Trust with a martial arts competition. New students are welcome, contact Tony Harney 07716 697 174.

**Pure Pilates Class** - Upper Hall Monday 10am to 11am

Booking is required. For more info contact Kirsty info@promisepilates.co.uk or 07791 010 426 or www.promisepilates.co.uk

Yoga for All - Upper Hall Tuesday 09:30 to 11:00

Also, at Southwell Leisure Centre on Wednesdays. There are times when we may be so caught up in the web of life - the detail of day to day living - that we cease to notice our habituated patterns of movement and holding in the body and the breath. This can lead to (un/noticed) tension which may manifest as illness, pain or a generalised feeling of being 'not quite right'. Yoga invites us to study our physical, mental and emotional wellbeing; to make small adjustments to posture, breathing and levels of awareness when moving or still which may positively affect our lifestyle so that we might inhabit our bodies and lives more comfortably and confidently.

Sally Alvey has been teaching for over twenty years. She is British Wheel trained and encourages an attentive and individually appropriate practice to maximise potential for wellbeing regardless of age, gender or current health condition. Booking is required contact Sally; sallyalveyyoga@gmail.com or 01636 816 909.

Yoga/Pilates with Paula - Upper Hall Friday 09:30 to 10:45

Contact Paula at paula_ma@btconnect.com or 07742 003 857.

Zumba Monday - Upper Hall 18:15 to 19:00

Zumba is a fitness program that combines Latin and international music with dance moves. Zumba routines incorporate interval training, alternating fast and slow rhythms, to help improve cardiovascular fitness. Suitable for over 15 years old, all abilities welcome. The class costs £4 and is bookable by contacting Heather at heatherzumba@hotmail.com or 07960 546 488 or here <https://bookwhen.com/heathersfitness>.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Our parish council meetings are held at the Village Centre, in the Lower Hall, usually on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:00pm. Notice of meetings is posted in village noticeboards, on Facebook and on our website www.farnsfieldparishcouncil.co.uk. The public and press are most welcome to attend the above meetings.

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CLERK'S REPORT NOV 2021

The Council has been making some great progress with the East Side Project. £165,000 of S106* funding was allocated to the refurbishment of Hadleigh Park toddler area with the addition of a junior play space. The tender brief, published this month, was to obtain design ideas and pricing. I have been meeting with play companies on site to show them the space and all have been very positive about the project.

Just over £100,000 from CIL** funding was allocated to a Wheeled Sports Facility to be built on the Acres. I have been working with the wheeled facility working party who continue to do further research and have approached third parties for their advice. The working party visited eleven skate parks in the area; this outing was very informative and allowed the working party to see the difference locations, structures, material and design options that are already in use.

***S106** – Section 106 (s106) Funds (Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 refers) The above Act allows a Local Planning Authority (LPA) to enter into a legal agreement with a landowner (usually the developer) as part of the granting of planning permission. Developers may be charged a contribution depending on the size and number of houses being built. This is called a 'section 106 agreement'. S106 money is used to develop facilities to support the additional residents living in the community and can be used by the Council to provide services and infrastructure, such as highways, recreational facilities, health and affordable housing.

****CIL** Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) The CIL is another pot of money that developers have to pay NSDC when they build new housing within the village. NSDC then apportions some of it to the Council. This spreads the cost of funding infrastructure over more developers and provides certainty as to how much developers will have to pay. The amount is set according to national planning guidelines. NSDC collects and distributes the CIL, which the Council can then use to pay towards increasing and maintaining the village infrastructure as demands increase as a result of the housing developments. As the Council has registered a Neighbourhood Plan with NSDC it is entitled to receive 25% of the CIL monies collected by NSDC on any new developments within its boundaries. NSDC distributes the remainder of the CIL monies collected according to its plans.