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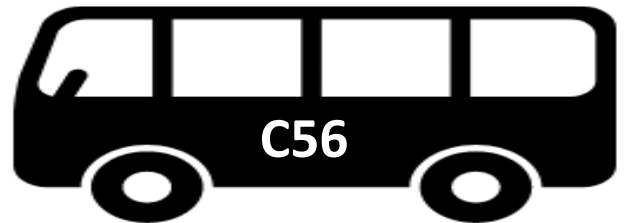


Keep Farndon Tidy

.....and Clean 

How much do you love your village? A recent survey in Brighton placed a plastic bottle on the floor by a litter bin. In one hour, 1296 people walked past it and only 5 stopped to pick it up and bin it. What causes our litter? Is it the wind blowing our rubbish around on bin day. Maybe, but we put the bin out without weighing it down and knowing the lid is broken. So let's not blame the wind or others and let's all make an effort to clean up our village. I know it's probably not your rubbish, or your dog's poop but if it's near your house or on your walking route, why not pick it up if you can? Don't let it be your rubbish blowing down the street. On our council website you can find a link where you can order a new bin or lid and it works. Come on everyone!

Let's Keep Farndon Clean & Tidy



As you may be aware, D.Jones, the operator of Farndon's only bus service, went into liquidation In December last year. With just 48 hours notice, Stagecoach stepped in and maintained the service as it was until the end of March. Over recent months discussions took place with Chester and Wrexham councils and they have agreed to fund the service until 31 March 2019. This is good news. Stagecoach are pleased with the initial usage but feel an increase is needed to keep the service sustainable. They offer great fares especially for under 19s and weekly travel. So for the people of Farndon, please demonstrate your desire to maintain the bus service by using it. As the saying goes – 'Use it or Lose it.'

Farndon Parish Council Website

Our website has been relaunched. You can find details about the Councils work as well as useful links, news and contact data. You can also write comments to us by clicking on the left side of the Home screen. Please try it out and visit often.

www.farndonparishcouncil.co.uk

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Talk to Farndon Parish Council

WELCOME TO FARNDON PARISH COUNCILS WEBSITE

OUR PURPOSE - To improve the quality of life for all those living and working in the Parish.

Village clubs, news and information

Community Club

Good news! The fund raising events that you have all supported over the year have allowed us to refurbish the main hall which looks fantastic and is barely recognisable as the same hall. See the photo below. Since May 2016 we have refurbished the toilets, kitchen and now the hall. Please continue to support the club events to allow us to continue to improve the facilities for all to use. The hall and kitchen are available for private hire at very competitive rates.

The warmer weather sees the much anticipated return of the Thank Farndon it's Friday (TFIF) events so why not bring the family down for a BBQ and let the kids play on the field with the outdoor games we have.

The events for the next 6 months include :-

TFIF on the 27th April, 18th May, 15th June, 6th July, 10th August

NEW 3 day Country Music Festival 3rd, 4th, 5th August.

The 4th Annual Beer festival is set for the 15th September.

The Greg Davenport Annual Quiz will be held on the 29th September

The Annual Halloween party is on the 27th October

The bonfire night is on the 3rd November.

Our music nights continue fortnightly on Saturdays with some exceptions.

12th May **Mike Denver** , 26th May **Nick Darcy**, 9th June, **Mark Brown**, 30th Jun **Darren Busby**, 21st Jul **Double Focus**, 4th Aug **Nick Darcy**, 18th Aug **Tom Barrie**, 31st Aug **Curtis Magee**, 22nd Sept **Mark Brown**, 6th Oct **Alan Williams**, 20th Oct **Chrissy Byre**

Please check our website or Facebook page for details of additional events and timings. www.farndoncommunityclub.com

The trustees would also like to take this opportunity to thank the small group of supports who regularly help at these events and make them possible. If anyone would like to get involved and help with events or has anything they want to put on please contact us via the website.



War Memorial Hall

One of the regular users of the hall are the Badminton club. They meet every week



on Thursday night 7:30. New members are welcome. Call Pete Rowlandson 270370 or Sue Gauterin 270646

For Memorial Hall bookings call Mrs Pat Van Beek 270067

The Village Quiz is Back

The Village Quiz returns on Friday 12th October. Come and enjoy this fun evening with a variety of questions to suit everyone. Enter a team of up to 6 or just turn up and join with others on the night. More information as it gets closer but mark your calendars now. It will be a fun night.

Call Pat Fish 270538, Ken Wakefield 270851



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

U3A (University of the Third Age) is a UK movement of retired and semi -

retired people who come together to continue their educational, social and creative interests in a friendly and informal environment. It is nationwide and our local branch, West Cheshire Rural, is based in Tattenhall. It would be nice to have more members from Farndon so that interest group meetings could be held here in our village. These interest groups cover a wide range of subjects and activities and are run by the membership. Continuing to learn, develop your interests, make friends and try something new is a life-long passion of U3A. If you are interested, please visit www.u3asites.org.uk/west-cheshire or contact Ken Wakefield 270851



The Parish Council would like to offer a warm welcome to all new residents in our village. We were designated as a 'Local Centre' suitable for expansion because we have facilities and businesses not normally found in a rural village. We hope you will make full use of these facilities and join in the activities that makes Farndon what it is. As we continue to grow, we want you to feel you belong here rather than just live here. It's a good village and with your involvement it can become even better.

Farndon Primary School

Farndon Primary School has been busy preparing for its change of intake number in September 2018 with its extensive building project. Phase 1 of the build is now complete with a fantastic new studio hall and offices at the front of the school. The staff also have access to a new larger staffroom and meeting room. Currently, the Year 6 pupils are enjoying the studio hall as their mobile classroom has been demolished. In time, the studio hall will be used for additional sport clubs for the children and the community. Phase 2 is now very much underway. We were sad to say farewell to the large shed that had been previously used as a land girls meeting space; in its place, the 6 classroom block is now being built. The frame and brick work is already complete and we are beginning to now get a real sense of how it will look once complete. The pupils in the School Council have been busy designing how the outside spaces will look and we are now looking at designs for a new outside learning space for the Reception children. Residents can keep up to date on how the build is progressing by accessing our school website. A link to this can be found on the Parish Council Website.

Access to the Playing Field

Following the building of the new housing estate by Elan homes on the south side of Barton Rd. a problem has arisen over illegal access to the playing field at the rear of Masons Close. Hedging has been cut down and pulled out to allow access to the field. The Parish Council recently had a new 9ft length of fencing installed to close off this newly created gap. Unfortunately, within three days a further opening had been forced alongside the new fence. This may not seem to be a particular problem to those thoughtless people who have damaged the boundary but, as with all things, every action has a consequence. The Parish Council lease the playing field on very generous terms and, until the new housing estate was built, there were few problems over the management of the field under the terms of the lease. One of those terms is that the Parish Council will ensure that no rights of access are created by allowing any openings other than the designated openings to be formed. The playing field is the only facility the Parish Council have for leisure purposes such as football etc. It would be unthinkable that we could potentially lose it through the actions of a few people. The newly formed gap will be again sealed off and, in order to safeguard the continued use of the playing fields, the Parish Council ask that everyone use the two proper access points at, either the top of Crewe lane, or via the main entrance to the Community Club.

Neighbourhood Plan

Referendum -The plan was approved

Votes cast 382 – Yes 361 – No 20 Spoilt paper 1 – Turnout 24.6%

Please see the Parish website for full details and links to the plan. The Parish Council would like to thank Gillian Moroney, Gerry Simpson, Paul Roberts and Councillors Sue Rowlandson, John Hillyer, Hilary Williams & Fiona Henderson for their dedicated work over many years in putting the plan together. This will now be used by CWaC in planning decisions and therefore gives us some control over how Farndon grows in the next 12 years.

Hello Hello Hello

Our local police Ged Gigg and Jon Hurst hold a monthly drop in at Lewis's Coffee Shop on the first Friday of each month @09:00.

jonathan.hurst@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

Your Parish Councillors

Cllr Pat Fish	01829 270538
Cllr Adam Gill	
Cllr Jane Griffiths	01829 271421
Cllr Fiona Henderson	01829 271188
Cllr John Hillyer	01829 270515
Cllr Margot Jones	01829 270372
Cllr Lesley Morris	01829 271045
Cllr Vera Roberts	01829 270013
Cllr Sue Rowlandson (Chair)	01829 270370
Cllr Ken Wakefield	01829 270851
Cllr Hilary Williams	01829 270821

Council Meetings The Parish Council meets on the first Tuesday of every month except August. Meetings are held at the War Memorial Hall, Church Lane at 7:30pm You can contact the clerk Claire Taylor on 270887 farndonparishclerk@gmail.com

If you have any comments for the Clerk, Please write them here, Cut out and post through 40 Lime Tree Drive.