

# FARNDALE NEWSLETTER

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# FARNDALE DIARY

## February 2008

5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Bitcha-Green	Meditation
12 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Cott.	Domino Drive
18 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Village Hall	Moorsweb AGM
19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Hutton-Le-Hole	Meditation
21 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	VH	Womens Institute
27 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bitcha-Green Cott. Village Hall Band Room	YCA

## March 2008

3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm	Village Hall	Annual Church Meeting
4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Bitcha-Green	Meditation
4 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Cott.	Parish Council (Fdale E)
11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Village Hall	Domino Drive
18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Village Hall	Meditation
20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bitcha-Green	Womens Institute
23 <sup>rd</sup>	TBC	Cott.	Daffy Teas TBC
23 <sup>rd</sup>	2.30pm	Village Hall	Easter Service
26 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Band Room	YCA
29 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	St Mary's	St Mary's Bric-a-Brac
30 <sup>th</sup>	TBC	Band Room	Daffy Teas TBC
30 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Band Room Band Room St Mary's	Annual Daffy Service

## April 2008

6 <sup>th</sup>	TBC	Band Room	Daffy Teas TBC
13 <sup>th</sup>	TBC	Band Room	Daffy Teas TBC
13 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	St Marys	Heritage Singers
17 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Village Hall	Womens Institute
20 <sup>th</sup>	TBC	Band Room	Daffy Teas TBC
23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm	Band Room	YCA

## May 2008

6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Village Hall	Parish Council (Fdale E)
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## Church Services

Services at St Mary's are held at 2.30 on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Month  
Services are held in High Farndale Chapel at 2.00 on Sundays

# EDITORIAL

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2008, and may I take this opportunity to wish all readers of this newsletter a very happy new year even if I am a month or so late.

As promised there are a few minor changes to this newsletter not least a clutch of new contributors. This newsletter is a community publication and I am grateful that so many people take a few minutes of their valuable time to send snippets to me for inclusion, it makes my job so much easier juggling to fit all the information in rather than having worry how to fill it.

I am also grateful to everyone who has taken time to complement the newsletter. In truth the people who provide such a wide variety of copy for each edition who really deserve the thanks. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to this newsletter or has previously sent information and encourage everyone else to take a little time to provide something for future edition. Although a newsletter, articles may take any form prose, poetry, drawings the more variety the more interesting each issue will be.

The Farndale Online Website <http://www.farndale.org/> is also going from strength to strength even getting four hits (people looking at the site) on Christmas Day, one at 8.11 in the morning. Until January it averaged only two hits day including over 100, immediately prior to last years show, however during January there were just shy of 200 accesses to the site and as I complete the newsletter this has continued into February. Encouraged by this up turn I shall endeavour to develop the site a bit more and all suggestions are welcome.

Finally I must thank the FEC committee for their continued support and in particular the donation of a further £20 pounds to support the production of the newsletter.

*James Thurtell*

# ST. MARY'S CHURCH:

## COMING EVENTS

Our annual Church meeting will take place on Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, all welcome!

Our Easter Service will be on Easter Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> and the Daffodil Service on Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup>.

On Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup> we are very lucky to have the Heritage Singers, a Chamber Choir from Leeds taking part in the Service. All the services start as usual at 2.30pm and a warm welcome awaits!

Our annual Bric-a-Brac Sale takes place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March at the Band Room. Doors open at 11am so come along for some good bargains!!! If anyone has any Bric-a-Brac to donate for the sale, please contact a regular member of the congregation. Thank you!

*Lisbeth Matthewman*

## THANK YOU & HELP

Thank You to everyone who sent me B & B guests! We met some lovely people who didn't seem to mind my practising on them. (Even the one from the Tourist Board - Thanks Nigel!!!) I now have a web site [www.farndalecottage.co.uk](http://www.farndalecottage.co.uk) - and very much look forward to the coming season.

**HELP!** I am thinking about getting a press, to help cope with all the sheets and duvet covers. However, I'm not sure how convenient this will be, as I know nothing about them. Does anyone out there own one? Would you give me a demonstration? Tell me the pros and cons? Will it save time and do a good job? If you can help, do let me know. Tel. XXXXXX (Shirley-Ann).

*Shirley-Ann Collier*

# DIAMOND CELEBRATION

Harold and Nora Dobson celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary early in January. Lifelong resident Harold and former postmistress Nora married early in 1948. We'd like to congratulate them on this occasion and wish them many more happy years to come.

*James Thurtell*

## PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Update from the Parish Council meeting Tues Jan 15<sup>th</sup>2008.

Permission has been received for the park bench donated by the Simms family to be placed on the " Daffy Walk" & Frank Pickles has kindly agreed to oversee the project when the weather has improved, this is a very generous gift & will make the Daffy Walk much easier for many people.

Planning application received from the owners of Cragg Cottage, Low Mill for conversion & extension to existing outbuilding to form garden room & garage. The cottage has been a second home for many years & the Parish Council hope that after alteration the owners will live in Farndale for longer periods of time.

It is four years since we produced the Parish Plan so if you have any ideas that you would like to put forward that might improve/benefit Farndale & it's residents & visitors please give me a ring on XXXXXX, if there is a good response then an open meeting can be arranged for further discussion, my no: XXXXXX

Next meeting Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup> 2008 at 8pm in the Village Hall & provisionally Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup> 2008.

*Elizabeth Castle*

# MOORSWEB BROADBAND

## Happy New Year.

(written Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Jan and was accurate at that time – hopefully the situation will have improved by the time you read this in the newsletter)

We've had broadband performance which has been polarised at each end of the scale since Christmas.

Southern Farndale has generally been performing well. This half of the dale connects to the internet via a landline link at Gillamoor.

Northern Farndale connecting to the internet via the satellite link has been utter rubbish, with occasional short bursts of speed which don't last. I am chasing Avanti almost daily. They accept that there is a problem, but the bottom line is that it still isn't fixed.

We have checked our internal network equipment thoroughly to ensure we aren't contributing to the problem. We have found from some individual issues but nothing that is causing the major problem. Two of the most significant of those which have caused temporary problems have been Cote Hill and Boon Hill Meshbox transmitters.

Cote Hill Meshbox has been intermittently losing its connection to neighbouring parts of the network and/or running slowly. This affected people mainly living between Low Mill & Church Houses in Farndale. We changed this box for a new one yesterday afternoon.

We devised another revised plan last week to bring broadband via landline to Northern Farndale and enable us to switch off the sat link like we've done everywhere else in the Moorsweb network. We're building some new equipment to do this at the moment and we hope to install and test it at the end of next week. I very much look forward to providing Northern Farndale with a better service as the current satellite link is unacceptable.

If anyone new wants to join the network, may I politely suggest that it would be better to wait until I've returned the service to an acceptable level.

*Barry Sunley*

# MOORSWEB AGM

A quick reminder for the Moorsweb AGM at Hutton Le Hole village hall on:

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 7.30pm.**

All members are welcome and we'd appreciate hearing views from both unhappy and happy members so that we have a balanced mix of views and can elect committee members who represent everyone's interests and decide appropriate actions for the future.

*Barry Sunley*

# DOMINOES

The 2007/8 domino drive season continues on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 7.30 in the Village Hall Church Houses with the final domino drive of the year on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2008, same time, same place.

Domino Drives are always very socialable occasions and everyone is welcome. It does not matter if you have never played before. It is a warm friendly atmosphere and everyone is welcome. There is usually tea and biscuits half way through the evening and a raffle with all proceeds going to the village hall.

At the 12<sup>th</sup> March domino drive there will be the added attraction of the annual prize draw with many prizes. Tickets are just 20p each or £1 a book and they are available from Village Hall Committee members, Richard Potter on XXXXXX and will also be on sale on the evening. Don't miss out get your tickets now.

# HAROLD AGAR

As we go to press the sad news, has just reached me, of the passing of Farndale.s oldest resident, Harold Agar, at the age of 92 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2008

# VILLAGE HALL FUNDRAISING

We held a pub quiz at the Feversham Arms, thanks to George, Richard and Rachel, we made £86.00.

At the beginning of December we held our annual auction sale. We had a good number of lots to sell including 2 hours of stone walling donated by Dave Bentley. Thanks to him and everyone who brought or bought items. Total raised £214.00.

George Loggie kindly did us a last minute Christmas paper quiz, as yet the money is still to gather in.

The evening with Geoff Andrews will have been held by now, hopefully a success. [ED - *I have received feedback that this was indeed very enjoyable and well attended*]

We are again holding our prize draw which will be drawn on the 11<sup>th</sup> March. Daffy Café, Feversham Arms and the Lion Inn have all pledged prizes so if you can sell any tickets please get in touch.

A domino drive at Kirkbymoorside and a pub quiz are planned soon.

Another idea I have is a Scarecrow Competition. If residents could make a scarecrow ready for the daffy season, and then display them on the road sides in the dale or in Low Mill, Church Houses or on the Daffy route. We would sell forms to the visitors and local people. The idea being to locate all the scarecrows i.e. a scarecrow hunt. There would be a competition for the best scarecrow judged by someone independent. For this idea to be viable we will need residents of the dale to participate. If anyone is interested please get in touch with someone on the village hall committee or myself.

*Richard Potter* Tel XXXXXX

# VACANCY FOR COOK

The Feversham Arms Inn is looking to recruit an additional part time cook to work during the daffodil season. Training will be provided.

If any one is interested in this short term work they should in the first instance contact Rachel XXXXXX. e-mail Rachel.

*Richard Murray*

# FARNDALE YCA

Farndale YCA meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month except August usually at 7.30 in the Band Room Low Mill and new members are always most welcome.

Our programme for February March and April is as follows:

27<sup>th</sup> February – Kate Jones from Gillies Jones Glass

26<sup>th</sup> March – Iris Bunton – Feltwork

23<sup>rd</sup> April – Kate Dale – Church Regional Commission

# DAFFY TEAS

Daffy teas this year are provisionally planned for 3 or 4 Sundays between March 23<sup>rd</sup> – April 20<sup>th</sup> depending on weather and daffodils. Once again the Bandroom, FEC & Farndale YCA will take a 1/3 share of profits.

Volunteers are required to both bake cakes, scone etc, and to help on the each day, please contact Cath on XXXXXX, look on the Low Mill notice board or check out [www.farndale.org](http://www.farndale.org) for confirmation of the final dates.

*Cath Featherstone*

# MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library visits Farndale approximately every three weeks throughout the year on Thursdays calling at the following locations, usually at the times stated.

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>Arrive</b>	<b>Depart</b>
HOLLYBUSH FARM	12:10	12:25
LOW MILL	12:30	12:50
HALL FARM	13:05	13:15
CHURCH HOUSES, NEAR THE VILLAGE HALL	13:55	14:05
WOLD HOUSE	14:30	14:45
WOLD FARM	14:50	15:00

Forthcoming Dates are 28<sup>th</sup> February, 20<sup>th</sup> March and 10<sup>th</sup> April. Details are available from: <https://www3.northyorks.gov.uk/libraries/mobiles/>

*James Thurtell*

# MEDITATION DATES

January 22nd

February 5th and 19th

March 4th and 18th

Tuesdays, 10am - 11am at Bitchagreen Cottage. Tel : XXXXXX (Shirley-Ann), or just come along.

*Shirley-Ann Collier*

# FOR SALE

Ex Army Trailer	£200
Land Rover 110" middle row seats & backs	£ 25
Filing Cabinet – 4 Draw – with files	£ 35
"IKEA" Childs Table & Bench	£ 8

For More Details – Monket House tel: XXXXXX

*Alan Mitchell*

# **MUSIC SCENE**

## **LIVE MUSIC returns to the FEVERSHAM!**

FRIDAY NIGHT - FEBRUARY 29

Chris Berry & Mick Clarke make a welcome return to The Feversham Arms on Friday 29 February with another night of Classic Music Covers, which is why they're called CMC! If you've been before you'll know just how good a night it is with Chris & Mick playing everything from Buddy Holly to The Fratellis, and The Beatles to AC/DC - and all with just voices and acoustic guitars!

Since they last played (after Farndale Show) CMC have appeared on BBC Radio York, Tees, Leeds & Humberside and have also released their second CD 'Acoustic Jukebox' following on from their critically acclaimed debut 'Pure'. They play over 40 gigs a year all over Yorkshire. 'We love playing anywhere,' says Chris. 'But Farndale is very special to me and the Feversham is a great place to play. Richard and Rachel have done a great job since they took over from Fran and I'm delighted that we're coming back.' The really great news is that there is no admission charge too. It's all just about having a good time. CMC also hope to have their original third member Chris Clyburn appearing too as well as perhaps one or two other guest appearances. It is rumoured that Chris Wilson may make his customary appearance as 'The King'!

*Chris Berry*

## **BAND ROOM**

### **Corinne West + Walter Strauss - Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> 2008**

New bluegrass / alt.country / folk star from the open meadows of California's Sierra Mountains being compared with ALISON KRAUSS, NATALIE MERCHANT, JONI MITCHELL, EMMYLOU HARRIS & MARY CHAPIN CARPENTER will be appearing ACCOMPANIED BY Walter Strauss.

Doors 8.00pm and tickets cost £12.50. More information and tickets are available from: [www.thebandroom.co.uk](http://www.thebandroom.co.uk) or phone XXXXXX

# **SPORT** EVERYONE'S IMPORTANT

**High Farndale CC won the FEVERSHAM LEAGUE last year - Chris Berry tells how it was done**

Last season will go down as one of my favourite years of playing sport. To be a part of HIGH FARNDALE CC's first championship title win in over three decades was just great. I travel something like 110 miles (round trip, often with son Stewart) to play every home match, so I'm a confirmed cricket nutter, but I wouldn't have missed the spirit that we all played with last year for anything. Of course we couldn't have done it without Bri & Kev, but much as they contribute (and they do a hell of a lot!) cricket really is an 11 player game. So I thought I'd salute those other contributions that sometimes don't get mentioned in quite the same way.

First, Connor! Connor made a terrific catch in one of the home games and although I cannot remember the overall bearing it had on the match it was great for both him and the team. Second, Patrick. Patrick played in nearly all of the games and took his fair share of the wickets. Third, Craig. Craig will be amazed I've mentioned him at this point as he didn't have his best season but he did still score runs, catch and take wickets even if not in the numbers he would have liked. Fourth (including fifth and sixth), Billy, Geoff and Chris. These three guys are what every village cricket team needs, people who have done what they have done very nicely for years. I'm sure that whenever a team comes to play us they probably take a look at all three and reckon they'll have a good time against their bowling, but they never do!

There's plenty more too! Hardcore (Rob) played fantastic in the early part of the season; Doof, who played a few at the start before an increased family took hold!; Richard came in near the end to blast away a few batsmen with his pace and Graham made a telling return to the side with a superb run-out and great bowling at Wombleton (one of my shorter trips - only around 100 miles!). Jimmy too! He came back strongly in the second half of the season. Norman, who's as enthusiastic as they come. And a cameo appearance from the umpire who's always sticking at least one finger up at me - Andy! And then of course there's Dave! Not only does he run the club, sort everything out to make sure there is a team, he also captains it (apart from cup-ties which are Kev's dept), firms up the middle order (must be a fiver for that Dave!) and has been known to take a catch every now and again! Seriously though, without Dave doing it we wouldn't have all had the satisfaction of winning the title last season. Everyone's important you know! I'm looking forward to this season already!

# FEC FLYER

**HO! HO! HO!**

Santa called in at the Farndale Children's Christmas Party, as he does every year, to personally hand out presents to the children; toddlers to teenagers' and those attending for their last Christmas party.

I'd like to say a special thank you to Cath Featherstone who was also attending her last Christmas Party as a parent and member of the Children's Party Committee, Cath has been a dedicated committee member for 18 years. Her Hard work and enthusiasm kept the children's Christmas Party at Low Mill alive and her support when the Low Mill party and Church Houses party joined together ensuring that there has always been a Christmas Party in Farndale for the Children- with memories of party teas, games and visits from Santa that many a child and adult will never forget.

Thanks to all the committee members for their time and effort, giving us another successful party. Thanks also to everyone who came on the night; the raffle raised £66. A final thank you to George Loggie and Mike Sunley for arranging the games, which bring all the children together and that's what it's all about.

*Mark Ellis*

At the FEC AGM on 20<sup>th</sup> January Mark Ellis was re- elected as Chair, George Loggie as Treasurer and Sally Potter as secretary.

A Spring quiz sheet now available from George at the Daffy Caffy and other committee members, they will also be on sale at Daffy Teas.

A further contribution of £20 was given to support the Farndale Newsletter.

New committee members are needed, everyone is welcome, especially those with young children. Committee meetings will return to the Feversham Arms the next one will be in November.

*Sally Potter*

**email: [braggfarm](mailto:braggfarm)**