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# Farndon Matters

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*Hello from East  
Farndon Parish Council  
(EFPC)*

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This is the second edition of a newsletter designed to share current Parish Council related information with all East Farndon residents. We actively encourage all Village residents to view the Parish Council as the first place to go with concerns or ideas on how to improve our community. EFPC has seven voluntary Councillor positions and one professional Parish Clerk,

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*See more information  
at eastfarndon.org*

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East Farndon has a comprehensive website at [eastfarndon.org](http://eastfarndon.org) where all Parish Council documents are published. It also covers the latest news and events related to our Village organisations and community activities. Links to website stories are also posted on the East Farndon Village Facebook page.

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*Elect to go paperless*

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To enhance EFPC communications, this printed newsletter is delivered to all homes in East Farndon. This edition contains updates on Village news items, including exciting information about our upcoming Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

You can help us to protect the environment by electing to receive this newsletter via email or read on the website, versus receive a printed copy. To specify your preference, please email [mcurtis.efpc@gmail.com](mailto:mcurtis.efpc@gmail.com)

## Foodbank Collections

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*Please keep donating if  
you can*

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As a Village, we have been collecting weekly for the Jubilee Foodbank for over a year now. Your contributions are very much appreciated, but due to current global challenges, this is more important than ever. Food drop-off points continue to be either 4 Rectory Court or Mill House, Main Street (just above the war memorial on the opposite side). You will find a box on the porch outside each house where you can deposit your food donations. The Foodbank pick-up from us at 9am on Tuesday mornings.

## Village Defibrillator

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*Please make sure you  
know where to find  
the Defibrillator*

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East Farndon has a portable Semi-Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) that is located on the wall outside the Village Hall. The unit is designed to be used by people with little or no medical background, but in the event of an emergency, always call 999 and follow the instructions from your local ambulance service.

If you need to access the Defibrillator, simply pull the red plastic tag to break it off, then rotate the cabinet housing to the left. The Village Hall is located on Main Street, pretty much in the middle of the Village, at postcode LE16 9SH or what3words location [///spaces.amending.cheesy](https://www.what3words.com/location/3wz3p3p3-spaces.amending.cheesy)

## Potential Major Housing Development

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*Some progress, but  
still need to convince  
Harborough Council  
to drop these  
proposals*

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At the November 2021 EFPC meeting, which included a public session with many residents in attendance, it was unanimously agreed that EFPC would object in the strongest possible manner to the proposals to build 2,000+ houses on land between East Farndon and Market Harborough.

Following the visit by our local MP, Chris Heaton-Harris, in Jan 2022, he confirmed his 100% support for the EFPC objections. He made his views known on his official social media and contacted Historic England on our behalf, who have sent the following reply.

“Historic England has provided comments to West Northamptonshire Council’s (WNC) Spatial Options Consultation, which includes the proposed allocation at East Farndon. Our response expressed concern regarding the potential impact on the scheduled monument, (medieval settlement remains), and advised that a detailed heritage assessment would be required at an early stage to ensure its significance is preserved, including contributions made by its setting. This would include areas of ridge and furrow that preserve the former medieval open field system and therefore make a positive contribution to the significance of the monument. The World War II crash site will be protected under the Protection of Military Remains Act 1986.”

Councillor Phil King, leader of Harborough District Council (HDC), commented on the Facebook of Chris Heaton-Harris as follows, “I am not expecting that these sites, in adjoining West Northants, will be required to deliver the anticipated housing needs for the Harborough district, as we review our adopted Harborough Local Plan”

In summary, although the above shows some good progress, the latest situation is that WNC are not including these development proposals in their strategic plan, but HDC still regard them as a potential option to include in their upcoming strategic plan. EFPC will continue to stay focused on fighting these proposals, with regular updates posted to [eastfardon.org](http://eastfardon.org)

## Village Residents Survey

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*See detailed results on  
[eastfardon.org](http://eastfardon.org)*

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The survey completed in November 2021, gave valuable input to help EFPC to prioritise spending and areas for improvement. As a result, EFPC is taking more of a leading role in bringing the village together for community events, increasing the focus on actions to limit speeding through the village and investing more in waste bins in 2022. The investigation into potentially building a Village playground has been deferred until after the Jubilee celebrations. In addition, a working group will identify ways to further improve two-way communications between Village organisations and residents, including the best way to use social media.

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*Traffic calming  
measures to be  
discussed*

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## Speeding

EFPC continues to focus on reducing speeding vehicles in the Village, with volunteers completing 10 hours of Community Speedwatch in March. 63 vehicles were caught speeding over 35mph, the highest speed recorded at 63mph. All drivers will be receiving a warning letter from the Police.

A number of sites in the Village were monitored, but it is clear that Harborough Road, at the bottom of the hill, is by far the hotspot. More than 50% of the Cyclists monitored were over the speed limit. Potential traffic calming measures will be discussed further at the EFPC meeting in May.

## Village Hall

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*Changes to the  
Committee & Trustees*

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Following the recent AGM, several long-standing members of the Committee decided the time was right for them to step down. The new Committee would like to formally thank Lynn Deacon (Chair), David Deacon, Bob Osborn, Stephanie Hook, Jim Grant and Sue Grant for their many years of hard work and dedication, which has been very much appreciated.

The Village Hall is a highly valuable asset to our community, and the Committee is keen to arrange events that will be enjoyed by all residents. Paul Hodgetts has been elected as Chair and Joanna Shaw as Secretary. A number of new volunteers have joined and details of the Committee members, the plans for events in the Hall, and information about various activities held there, will be posted on [eastfarndon.org](http://eastfarndon.org).

## Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



With guidance and support from the Parish Council, a community group has come together to form the East Farndon Queen's Platinum Jubilee Committee. The aims of the Committee are, 1. to bring the village of East Farndon together, 2. to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee in a family-oriented, fun, safe & secure, and eco-friendly way, 3. to raise money for local charities.

The Committee has been working hard over the last few months, and we are very pleased to announce that the following events are now confirmed and fully funded. Also, many thanks to Andy Cleary for helping us with our smart events logo. You can see the latest news and more details as we get closer to June by visiting [eastfarndon.org](http://eastfarndon.org)

All events are designed to facilitate the involvement and support across all of our Village organisations, including the Church, Village Hall, the Amenity Land Trust and United Charities. If you have any questions, you can get in touch with the Co-Chairs, Caroline Burton and/or Mervyn Curtis, using the EFPC contact details on page 1.

## East Farndon Circular Walks

Alan Langley & Caroline Burton have put together a special leaflet of circular walks around East Farndon to celebrate the Jubilee. Some printed leaflets will be available at upcoming Village events, but you can see the details and download a pdf copy, from the Footpaths page at [eastfarndon.org](http://eastfarndon.org)



## Jubilee Beacons & Beverages – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

On Thursday, starting at 8pm, two of our local farmers, Nigel & Richard, will kindly light beacons to open the celebrations. Villagers are invited to gather at Richard's farm at the top of the hill to get a panoramic view of the beacons. This will be an informal event with people bringing their own food and drink if they wish to.

## Jubilee Coffee Morning & Exhibition – 3<sup>rd</sup> June

On Friday, starting at 10.30am, the Village Hall will hold a special Jubilee Coffee Morning. This will include a historical display that features Royal Celebrations in the Village and 200 years of Parish Council Village support.

## Jubilee Family Festival – 4<sup>th</sup> June

On Saturday, starting at 1pm, an outdoor event will take place on Nigel's field at the bottom of the hill. During the afternoon, this will include a traditional Fete, a special Jubilee Children's Lunch, games and hopefully an Armed Forces Display. From late afternoon into the evening, we will enjoy the performances of multiple live music Acts, combined with possibly a bar and food.

The Platinum Jubilee Committee has organised a team of people to act as Jubilee Reps for Village Households. They will soon be in touch to ask if residents can help in a number of ways, including, 1. Donations for the Raffle or Tombola, 2. Donations of toys, clothes and books for the Pre-loved Stall, 3. Donations of bottle gift bags, 4. Making a cake, 5. Buying raffle tickets (there will some great prizes on offer). There will be a number of competitions to enter, including best dressed house, so please get your thinking caps on (and bunting out).

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*How you can help and  
get involved*

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Also, please get in touch if, 1. You have a musical talent and/or can sing and would like to perform with the House Band at the evening music event, 2. You would like to volunteer to help in some way, for example, running a stall on the day, helping with traffic control and parking, etc

## Jubilee Book Token for Children 18 years or younger

The Trustees of the East Farndon United Charities have kindly offered to give each child in East Farndon a book token, to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. If you are or have a child 18 years or younger and would like to receive one of these tokens, please, email the United Charities Clerk, Pam Haynes, at [haynestriplet@outlook.com](mailto:haynestriplet@outlook.com), or write your details on a piece of paper and place it in the post box on the gate at The Haybarn, New House Farm, Main Street, East Farndon, (bottom of the hill, just past the Lealand junction).

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*Deadline to apply is  
the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022*

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The details required are, Full Name of Child (block capitals), Name of Person Applying (parent or guardian), Full East Farndon Address. The deadline for submission is 8th May 2022.