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Welcome to the April 2026 Flyer

It does not seem any time at all that we were in the Christmas season but we are now entering Easter.

Apart from a few cold days the weather does appear to be changing to what we hope for in spring. I always wish though that the daffodils could last longer but other flowers are gradually arriving.

I am sorry that we are still unable to deliver hard copies of the Flyer but will continue to email copies to those who have requested them and the online version will continue to be published on the village facebook page and web site. If anyone has no internet access and needs a printed copy please let me know on the contacts below.

As I have said before please check with your friends and neighbours as to whether they will have access as it is important for everyone in the village to be able to see the Flyer by some means.



MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING

on Saturday April 18th between 10-30am and 12 noon

After a request to do so, we are reinstating the monthly coffee mornings
This is for everyone, young and old so please do come along.

FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING

**TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 2 APRIL
2026**

7.30PM FARRINGDON VILLAGE HALL

Subject for discussion:

Open Letter to EDDC re

Marlcombe Proposed new town

FARRINGDON WEBSITE and FACEBOOK

For those of you not aware who have computers, the ringmaster is a way of informing residents of important events. To be added to the circulation list please send an email to Nigel Dutt at the following address : farringdon.ringmaster@hotmail.com

There is a **Farringdon Parish** Facebook group for Parish Residents
The Flyer will be posted on the Facebook Group page and website
farringdondevonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Draft minutes of Parish Council Meeting held 17/03/26 Tuesday 7.30pm Farringdon Village Hall. (Note these are NOT approved minutes) Full PC minutes once approved will be available on the PC website <https://farringdondevonparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

Chair J H opened meeting at 7.30pm

1. **Attendees** *Chair J Hutchings, Cllr. B Pearce, Cllr J Bird, Cllr A Fletcher Clerk Mrs A Sayers, 1 member of the public*
2. **Apologies of absence** *Parish Cllr J Chanot, District Cllr. P Fearnley*
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda** *none*
4. **Questions from the Public (15 minutes only)** *none*
5. **Reports – chair read out key points of report from Cty Cllr HenryGent. These included**
 - DCC Budget for 2026/27 DCC’s council tax precept will increase by 4.99% which represents an additional £89.91 for band D properties.*
 - Local Government Re organization consultation (LGR) 26th March is the final date of consultation. HG advises that most people in Broadclyst Division do not like the idea of being in a Greater Exeter authority .*
6. **Report from Chair** *none*
7. **To confirm the Minutes of the PC meeting 03/02/26**
The PC unanimously confirmed the minutes03/02/2026 and chair JH signed off
8. **Planning –**
 - a) **26/0239/FUL Proposal: proposed store building**
Location: 4 New Buildings Farringdon EX5 2HZ
Applicant: Mr J Rourke, 4 New Buildings Farringdon EX5 2HZ. *PC reviewed application and had no concerns*
 - b) **Any other planning matters** *none*
9. **Parish Council Matters**
 - a. **Parishioner Concerns-**
 - Residents raised concerns regarding recent fly tipping in Farringdon (eg sofas abandoned in fields)*
 - Cllr JB raised concerns about a vehicle which was abandoned and set on fire in Layby. PC agreed this should be officially reported (if no one else had not already done so) Cllr JB to follow up.*

-Also the appalling state of the A3052 layby road surface requires urgent attention. Cllr JB advised he would contact Cty Cllr HG to see if he could advise of best Highways person to contact. (The PC understood Frances Caveny James was no longer the HNO for Farringdon).

b. LGR consultation closes 26 March *The PC overall would prefer the status quo. The PC unanimously agreed that in no circumstances did they wish to see Farringdon become part of Greater Exeter. Clerk to respond to consultation and report this.*

c. Any other Parish Council Matters

- Cllr JC had reported poor road conditions nr Denbow Cross. TS advised that they had undertaken road repairs recently in that area.

-Clerk advised that Tarmac had been emailing with night working notice, though sometimes the notice had not been submitted till very close to when the night working was to take place..

10. Finance

a. HSBC Statements , receipts, received & payments made

Statement 03/01/26 – 02/02/26 (Sheet no. 448)

02/01/26 BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD £13,539.70

02/02/26 BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD £12,584.82

Statement 03/01/26 – 02/02/26 (Sheet no. 449)

02/02/26 BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD £12,584.52

02/03/26 BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD £12,007.94

FPC reviewed both bank statements no concerns

b. Payments to be made against invoices received *clerk advised that due to the NI threshold being lowered for the clerk’s salary HMRC had issued a payment invoice £176.76 . PC agreed payment. Clerk also advised that D Smale £60 February invoice for bus shelter cleaning had been paid. PC agreed*

c. Any other Financial Matters *none*

11. Matters Arising *none*

12. Items At Chairmans Discretion *none*

13. Confirmation of next PC meeting

*PC agreed next PC meeting **Tuesday 14 April 2026 at 7-30pm***

Chair closed meeting 8.45pm

Parish Clerk

REPORTING NOISE, BAD SMELLS AND ODOURS

If you are concerned about noise, or a bad smell or odour you should contact both the Environment Agency and the EDDC Environmental Health (who have a 24 hour reporting service)
Environment Agency Hotline 0800807060
EDDC Environmental Health – During working hours 01395517457
_ During out of hours 01395 516854

Please call at the time you are experiencing this

In addition ics@environment-agency.gov.uk

- 1) name, address, or post code or phone contact#
- 2) where suspected noise or smell is coming from
- 3) when noise or smell first noticed
- 4) rate noise or smell 1 (low) - 6 (high)
- 5) weather conditions (if known)
- 6) if residence, can you smell odour or hear the noise from inside the house with windows opened, with Windows closed.

The following operators have agreed their details can be published in The Flyer so that any issues that parishioners can be raised direct as well as reported to EA/EDDC etc.

Farringdon Parish Councillor Jane Chanot is the PC Representative on the Hill Barton Liason Committee. Her mobile number is 07783 004688 parishioners may contact her with any concerns

Operator Contact Details:

Coastal Organics (Deep Moor LF Ltd) - reports@coastaluk.co.uk;

- Glyn Brooke (Brooke Energy) - Office: 01823 242555 & Mobile: 07971280360;
- Jack Stuart (EMS) – 07814 731526;
- Tom Stuart (Wash Plant) – 07811 190710;
- Troy Stuart – 07976 700555;

Tarmac - Weekday telephone number 01395 232739 - Evening/
Weekend number 07483 955871 (Plant normal operating hours are Monday to Friday 0530 – 1500)

WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT OF A FLOOD

In the event of a flood, there are many authorities available to help. Below outlines who should be contacted for the various types of flooding incidents and emergencies that occur. The local authorities rely on information reported to them to inform any investigations and prioritization of investment. If it is an emergency and there is danger to life as a result of flooding, you should not hesitate to call 999

To report flooding of the highway and blocked drains contact Devon County Council's Highway Customer Service Centre on 0345 155 1004 or visit the Roads and Transport webpage. Office hours are Monday to Friday 8am – 8pm and Saturdays 9am – 1pm. For emergencies outside of these hours call 01392 383329

For any flooding on major trunk roads (the M5, A30, A38, A35 and A303) contact National Highways on 0300 123 5000 (24 hour service)

To report flooding from sewers and water pipes contact South West Water on 0344 346 2020 (24 hour service)

For enquiries about flood warnings contact the Environment Agency's Floodline on 0345 988 1188 (24 hour service)

For general enquiries about Main River or flooding from the sea contact the Environment Agency on 03708 506 506

For all other flooding enquiries contact the Devon County Council Flood Risk Management Team on 0345 155 1015 or email floodrisk@devon.gov.uk

Preparing for a flood

Please refer to Devon County Council and Environment Agency web pages for advice on what to do before, during and after a flood. In the first instance of flooding and sandbag requests contact your local District or Parish Council to be directed to any local sandbag supplies that may be available.

Sign up to flood warnings: <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>

Flood Alert: Flooding is possible. Be prepared.

Flood Warning: Flooding is expected. Immediate action required.

Severe Flood Warning: Severe flooding. Danger to life

Warnings no longer in force: No further flooding is currently expected

POTHoles, ROAD OBSTRUCTIONS AND ANY OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO ROAD CONDITIONS.

Please do not contact the Parish Clerk regarding the above. The correct contact number is Devon Highways on

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

Tel 0345 155 1004

TO ALL RESIDENTS OF FARRINGDON

DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH THE COST OF YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION?

Please note there is no requirement to be a member of the Church congregation

ARE YOU STRUGGLING WITH UNIVERSITY FEES, THE COST OF SCHOOL TRIPS, MUSICAL TUITION etc?

If so, the church may be able to help you. There is a charitable trust called the Chalice Educational Foundation which is able to offer financial assistance to any children under the age of 25 years of age who live in Farringdon.

If you think we may be able to help, do telephone me for a chat to discuss your needs. Dawn – 01395 232249

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From the Vicar's desk...

Happy Easter! Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

This simple statement appears at first glance to be an ordinary one. One where we recall someone getting up as if they have been laying down for some time. Almost as if they had been asleep. Yet, this statement is more than that. It is shorthand for the most miraculous things to every occur – a man rising to life from death. It is an impossibility because life is finite. Surely?

Jesus came to prove this to be inaccuracy. That death wouldn't stop his mission of bring love, life, joy, hope and peace into the world. He came to reassure us that no matter what happens in life, there is hope that tomorrow (whenever it comes) will be better.

As I write this, the sun is shining, plants and trees are blooming or beginning to bud. This is much hope in the air after all the rain we experience in January, February and March. All seemed to be at a loss because of how miserable it was. Yet, there is much hope in the air because the sun is present.

The feeling of the early warm spring sunshine radiating on the face and the hope of new life in Jesus is important to hold on to. Important because there is so much uncertainty in the world currently, there is war in Europe and the Middle East and the threat of war elsewhere, affecting the cost of living here and dividing communities nationally.

As these things arise within our nations, we are to look at what unites, not what divides. As we go forth this year with the knowledge of hope and the memories of blooming, lovely gardens why don't we take the opportunity the spring and summer months offer us to greet and invite our neighbours around for a coffee or a drink. By doing so community ties are strengthened and everyone can benefit from the love offered to another. After all, Jesus' return to life offers us the true pathway to never ending overflowing love.

Your friend and vicar,
Lewis

Any baptisms, marriages, funeral services or hospital visits may be arranged by contacting

the Church Admin Officer Jill Dupain dupain@hotmail.co.uk or

the Church Warden Dawn Cowler on 01395 232249

Zoom Services in the White Cross Mission Community

Morning Prayer Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays @ 9.00

Please email Jacquie at Jacquie.manser@gmail.com for the zoom address (It is the usual Jacquie zoom address for those who have been on zoom before)

YOUR CHURCHYARD NEEDS YOU

If anyone could spend an hour or so to help out with the maintenance of the churchyard, this would be most appreciated.

This could be mowing, strimming or keeping the graves and hedges tidy.

We are grateful for the help we have received this year but if you could spare a little time to help please contact David on 01395 232459

CHURCH NEWS



Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This year's meeting will be held in the Church on

Tuesday 28th April at 10.00am

Please come and support your Church and enjoy

Coffee, Tea and cake

Easter Services at Farringdon

7-30pm EASTER EVE – Hymns and Readings

11-15am EASTER DAY – Holy Communion

Please Join us as we Celebrate Easter

April Church Services in the White Cross Mission Community

Aylesbeare			
Sunday 5 th	6.30am	Dawn Service – Estuary View	Rev Eden
5 th Easter Day	11.15am	Holy Communion	Rev Hunt
19 th	9.30am	Family Service	Rev StirlingTroy
Clyst St George			
Friday 3 rd	2.00pm	The Last Hour	Rev Eden
Sunday 5 th	6.30am	Dawn Service – Estuary View	Rev Eden
5 th Easter Day	9.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Eden
Sunday 12 th	9.30am	Family Service	C. Grist
Sunday 26 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Eden
Clyst St Mary			
Wednesday 1 st	7.30pm	Compline and Reflection	Rev Eden
Sunday 5 th	6.30am	Dawn Service – Estuary View	Rev Eden
5 th Easter Day	9.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Scrivener
Sunday 19 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Eden
Exton			
Wednesday 1 st	10.30am	Midweek HC	Rev Stirling Troy
Sunday 5 th	6.30am	Dawn Service – Estuary View	Rev Eden
5 th Easter Day	9.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Raven
Wednesday 8 th	10.30am	Midweek HC	Rev Scrivener
Wednesday 15 th	10.30am	Midweek HC	Rev Eden
Wednesday 22 nd	10.30am	Midweek HC	Rev StirlingTroy
Wednesday 29 th	10.30am	Midweek HC	Rev Eden
Farringdon			
Saturday 4 th	7.30pm	Hymns and Readings	Rev Eden
Sunday 5 th	6.30am	Dawn Service – Estuary View	Rev Eden
5 th Easter Day	11.15am	Holy Communion	Rev StirlingTroy
Sunday 12 th	11.15am	Holy Communion	Rev Raven
Woodbury			
2 nd Thursday			
Sunday 5 th	6.30am	Dawn Service – Estuary View	Rev Eden
5 th Easter Day	11.15am	Holy Communion	Rev Eden
Sunday 12 th	11.15am	Holy Communion	Rev Scrivener
Sunday 19 th	6.00pm	Evensong	Rev Eden
Sunday 26 th	11.15am	Holy Communion	Rev Raven
Woodbury Salterton			
Sunday 5 th	6.30am	Dawn Service – Estuary View	Rev Eden
5 th Easter Day	9.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Spray
Sunday 19 th	9.30am	Family Service	Lay Led

Red indicates Whole Mission Community Services



SUMMER CONCERT IN FARRINGDON CHURCH

Saturday June 27th

Calling all those with Musical Talents

We have a summer evening concert coming up in our lovely church on Saturday June 27th.

We would very much like to hear from you if you play any musical instrument or sing, or maybe you enjoy reading poetry.

Please get in touch as soon as possible

Contact either:

Vivien Barnes 01395 239127 or Dawn Cowler 01395 232249

This concert is following on from similar ones in Woodbury Salterton, Clyst St George and Aylesbeare



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The guide is also available online at www.OurLocalExpert.co.uk Nick always welcomes genuine feedback about businesses who do and don't feature in the guide using the same contact details.

NEWS FROM DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL



Have your say on air quality in Exeter

We're working on Devon-wide air quality collaboration to help improve air quality and support healthier places to live, work and travel. As part of this, we're working closely with Exeter City Council, who are developing a new Air Quality Strategy and Action Plan to improve air quality in and around the city. Whether you live, work or spend time in Exeter, we'd love to know your views on how air quality can be improved locally. A short online survey is now open and takes just 5–10 minutes to complete. The deadline for taking part is Monday 13 April 2026.

[If you'd like to take part, you can find out more here](#)



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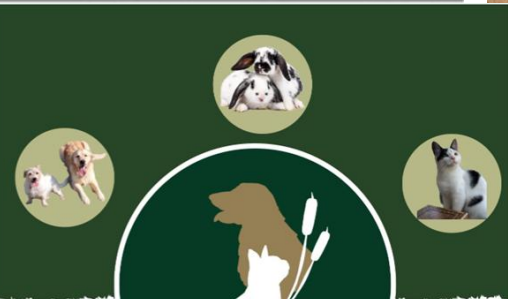
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