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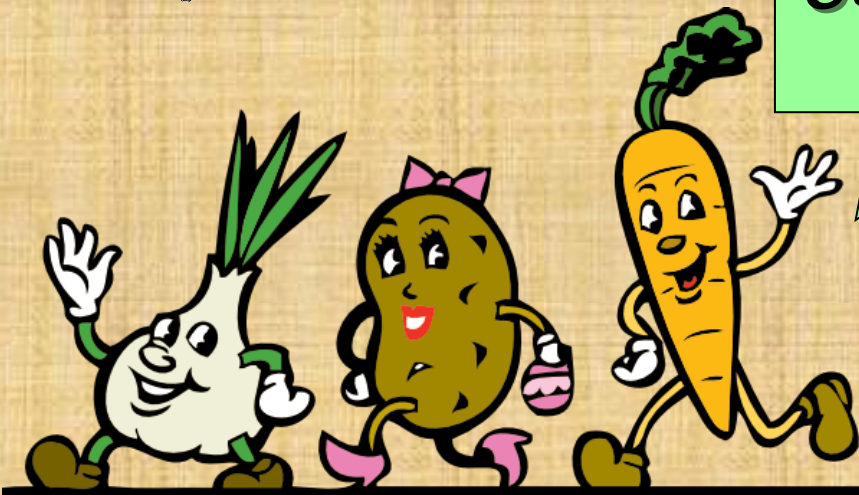


**Here is your schedule
do have a go !**

**Enter a class in the
"Fruit & Veg" Show
Saturday 22nd August
Village Hall**



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ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2015

AYNHO-CROUGHTON-EVENLEY-FARTHINGHOE-HINTON-in-the-HEDGES with STEANE

Sunday: **Benefice Holiday Club at Croughton 10.0am**
August 2nd 6.0pm TAIZE Worship at Evenley.

Sunday: **AYNHO 11.0am Holy Communion**
August 9th (Sidespersons: Mrs.M.Chong Mr.Leigh.)
Farthinghoe 9.30am HC. Steane – 6.0pm Evensong

Sunday **Benefice at Farthinghoe 10.0am**
August 16th

Sunday **AYNHO – 11.0am Choral Matins**
August 23rd (Sidespersons: Mrs.Kirby.Mr.Sutton)
Croughton 9.30 HC Evenley 11.0 FW. Farthinghoe 6.0 ES
Hinton 11.0am HC

Sunday **Benefice at Hinton-in-the-Hedges 10.0am.**
August 30th

(HC – Holy Communion. FW – Family Worship ES – Evensong)

Home Communion	Monday	24 th	11.00am	15, The Square
P.C.C.Meeting	Monday	3 rd	7.30pm	In Church
Bible Study Group	None during August			
Prayer Group	Thursday	13 th	2.30pm	15, The Square
Church Cleaning	Thursday	20 th	9.45am onwards	
Choir Practice	Friday	7 th		
Bell Ringing	– Tuesdays at 7.30pm 1 st Evenley 2 nd & 4 th Kings Sutton 3 rd Tuesday Aynho.			

Information about the life of our church - baptisms or wedding enquiries from:

Revd.Simon Dommett Tel:01869.810903 Email@the.revd.simon@gmail.com

Sign up for our weekly service news and updates with “Pews News” on the subject line
or just write in the message and be put on our weekly mailings.

Church Warden: Graham Gibbs 01869 819727

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Items for August 2015 by and before Monday July 20th to:
Sybil at 32, Roundtown Tel:810692 Email: syban@btinternet.com Vol.593

**This NEWSLETTER is issued by St.Michael’s Church, Aynho
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Letter from your Rector

As I sit writing this letter, I have just come back from conducting a wedding for pupils of All Saints School Croughton. It was a lovely sunny afternoon, and the church was packed with the children, parents and grand parents. It was lovely in that setting to celebrate the gift of love in a relationship, even if the wedding was a pretend one, it didn't stop the children enjoying it, as well I think the guests.

Now summer is the traditional time for weddings, although it is not an exclusive time. Traditionally wedding wouldn't take place in Advent, the four weeks before Christmas, or during Lent the six weeks before Easter. The church avoided these times as they were times for preparation for the great festivals of Christmas, Christ's birth and Easter, Christ's resurrection. Today the church is more relaxed about these traditions than it used to be. Also recently the legal rules regarding which churches you can get married in have been changed. Traditionally you had to live in the parish of the church you wished to be married in. Now there are many ways to achieve what is known as 'the legal qualifying connection' with a church. This gives people much more opportunity to be married in church than before. You can get married in any Church of England church if you qualify on any of the following:-

That one of you:

has at any time lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months **or**

was baptised in the parish concerned **or**

was prepared for confirmation in the parish **or**

has at any time regularly gone to normal church services in the parish church for a period of at least 6 months **or**

That one of your parents, at any time after you were born:

has lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months **or**

has regularly gone to normal church services in the parish church for a period of at least 6 months **or**

That one of your parents or grandparents:

was married in the parish

As I look forward to many more wedding this summer, maybe this is something you thought you couldn't do before, maybe now you can.

Many people are now taking the opportunity at significant wedding anniversaries to have a short service of blessing or thanks giving for their married life in church. These too are great moments of blessing and joy. If this is something you might be interested in come and have a chat and we can help you with that too.

God is love and those that live in love live in God and God lives in them. 1 John 4:16

Lets us enjoy and celebrate God's love whenever and wherever we can. Amen. Simon

VILLAGE WAR MEMORIAL APPEAL

As mentioned last year we are launching an Appeal across the Village for donations towards the refurbishment of the First & Second World War memorials located at the Church. A detailed Appeal letter for every household is enclosed with this newsletter and the donation form and list of local coordinators is with it. We need to raise £3,500-£4,000 for work to begin in October – a target which should be possible within the Village. Please give generously **“We will remember them”**

Dates for your Diary:

September 19 th	An Evening of Classical Music in Evenley Church
September 26 th .	Craft Fair in the Village Hall. All details next month
September 27 th .	Harvest Festival Thanksgiving at St.Michael's Church
October 4 th	Concert at St.Michael's Aynho with Fiori Musicali “Grace Davidson sings Handel”

The best of Handel with the popular soprano Grace Davidson, oboist Gail Hennessy and the Fiori Choir and orchestra.

Ticket available from www.fiori-musicali.com
or Graham Gibbs aynhogibbs@hotmail.com tel: 01869 819727.

All for your entertainment:

ARMS (Aynho Recorded Music Society) next meet Wednesday 7th October 7.30pm
Contact: Bob Mann 810264

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY – Wednesday 5th August 7.30pm

The Society will meet on 5 August and 2 September. All meetings begin at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, and everyone is most welcome to attend. Please note that no Workshops are planned for August. **Contact: John Branton www.adandd.co.uk**

AYNHO GARDENING CLUB –

It's time for the annual Show again – The **AYNHO GARDENING CLUB FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW** will be held in the Village Hall on **Saturday 22nd August**. With this month's Newsletter you should find a programme with class entries for the show – please don't throw it in the bin, have a look and see which classes you can enter! The Show is open to **all** residents of Aynho and is a great village event, so do please join in. **Tea and cakes** will be served during the afternoon and there will be a **raffle** as usual. For those of you who enjoy the produce, this will be auctioned at the end of the afternoon by our local Auctioneer!

This year Carol McClellan is kindly organising the show and for any queries please contact her on 810346. **Any cakes and raffle prizes will be greatly appreciated.**

Our day trip to **Clivedon** will take place on **Wednesday 9th September**; this is a beautiful garden with plenty to see during the day and a choice of places to eat. Please get in touch with Jean Skuce on 810034 to book your place on the coach.

For general enquiries: Contact: Annabel Bellamy Tel:810847 or Kath Arnold Tel: 811868

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE – No Meeting in August Contact: Barbara Watkins Tel:811152



KNIT & STITCH- Tues: August 11th 2.0 – 4.0pm

Contact Glenwys 810880

AYNHO HISTORY SOCIETY – No meeting during the month of August

Contacts: Rupert Clark: Tel:810603 ru.clark@btinternet.com Peter Cole Tel:811261

AYNHO WRITERS GROUP Saturday 8th August 10.0am-12.15pm Village Hall.

At our July meeting we had some entertaining descriptions of the various delights in members' lives, and some amusing verses as well as a very interesting account of a holiday on Paxos during the Greek financial crisis. This month we are encouraged to respond to the song titles. "What a difference a day makes" and "I do like to be beside the seaside" Our section on the village website is regularly updated so do have a look.

Reminder of Health Walks 10.0am Thursdays from the Pavilion – Small, Medium or Long Walks. Descriptions and photos of the Long Walks are regularly added to the village website. All queries to *Keith McClellan on 01869-810346.*

Date for your Diary:

October 1st-4th - "3rd Creative Divergence Exhibition" in Aynho Village Hall.
More details next month

From your PARISH COUNCIL

DEFIBRILATOR TRAINING – COME AND SEE HOW TO SAVE A LIFE

Saturday 1 August 10.00am-12.00pm. Aynho Village Hall

Come and join us and see how to use our new defibrillator. The Community Heartbeat Trust trainers will show us how to use a defibrillator and use simulators to go through likely scenarios, demonstrate chest compressions (do not do mouth to mouth any longer), sequence on how to use the defibrillator & putting someone into the recovery position. There will then allow time for any questions. This is not a full blown first aid course but designed to make people aware of what to do

AYNHO DOG FOULING CAMPAIGN – PUP

Aynho Parish Council are aware that a few residents or visitors are regularly allowing their dogs to foul in the village and not picking it up. This affects our village environment and is regarded by most villagers, including most dog owners, as incredibly anti-social. It is also a serious health hazard to children and adults alike. In order to try and combat this problem, Aynho Parish Council have decided to invest in a campaign. As a first step, we have purchased a quantity of dog poo bags to distribute FREE to all Aynho dog owners or, if you don't own a dog then you can keep for visitors with dogs or pass onto someone else

We urge all dog owners to remind whoever is walking their dog that they MUST pick up the faeces and deposit it in a suitable bin NOT leave it by the side of the road or in a hedge. Children and visitors who walk your dogs are not exempt. These poo bags are designed to stand out so you can carry them and be a visible PUP "picker up of poo". Be proud of your poo bag and hopefully it will shame others into using them. Supplies are available from Halcyon, 11 Portway or at village events until they run out so come and get your free dog poo bags now.

Children's Play Area: A.P.C would like to remind everyone that the children's play area is for use of under 12s. The equipment is not designed to take an older child or indeed an adult's weight. *Please refrain from playing on the equipment unless you are under 12.*

Contact: Sadie Patamia. Parish Clerk. Mondays & Thursdays 3 – 6.0pm. 07887548774.
sadia.patamia@aynho.org . Postal address: 25 Brackley Road, Croughton NN13 5PP. or you can get us on Facebook and Twitter (@aynhopc)

THE BIODIVERSITY GROUP Biodiversity Photo Competition for children 22nd August



The Biodiversity Group are again holding a photographic competition at the Gardening Club's annual Flower and Vegetable Show on the 22nd August. This year our topic is 'Something Red in Nature'. There are 2 groups: under 11s and 11 – 16s. You can enter up to 2 photographs which must be a maximum of 18cm x 13cm (7 x 5 inches). Entry forms should be handed in by 7pm on Thursday 20th August and photographs brought to the village hall between 9.30am and 11.30am on the Saturday.

The entrance fee is 20p for each photograph. See the show flyer with this newsletter for more details.

Date for your Diary – Friday 4th September

On Friday 4th September we will be taking a 'bat' walk round the village with our bat detector to find the bat 'hot spots'. We will be meeting at the pavilion at 7.15pm. **Please bring a torch.** Hot chocolate will be served at the pavilion when we have finished.



GIGACLEAR UPDATE as at 20 July –from your Parish Council

Residents will be aware that all works on the UltraFast Fibre Broadband network stopped on June 3rd. This was as a result of an intervention by NCC Highways who were concerned about the quality of the works undertaken by the Gigaclear contractor in Aynho and especially Croughton. Whilst visually the works may have seemed to have been completed to a satisfactory standard NCC Highways were concerned and ordered core testing (making sure the correct thickness and type of material has been used when trenches are filled in) to be undertaken. This took place in the last few weeks and has shown that some of the work is below standard and that some remedial works will be required. The obvious one is the crossing on the B4100 as you enter from Croughton. On July 16th NCC gave approval for both remedial works to be undertaken and also for the remaining installations to be completed concurrently. The works will be undertaken by a new contractor, Wignut Ltd., who have worked with Gigaclear for some time. Additionally Gigaclear has also assigned a new Project Manager, Chris Denham, who took over the project at the end of June.

Relaying the existing works, where required, is due to start on 27th July and will take about two weeks. Installation of the remaining fibre is due to start on 3rd August. It is expected that all works will be completed by the end of August.

Finally, the key question is “when can we expect the service to be live?” Gigaclear are dependant on Vodafone installing the fibre optic connection from the outside world to the village Gigaclear Cabinet. Gigaclear placed the order with Vodafone at the start of this year and now expect this to be ready at the end of September.

Do You Have Any Images of Aynho?

We're looking for any pictures of the village and surrounding areas from recent years or much older to create a 'Community Picture Library' available to everyone through the village's web site (www.aynho.org). If you've got these as digital images that would be great. If they're printed pictures we can scan them and return them to you. And if you've any descriptive text to go along with any of the pictures - for example dates, locations, who's in the pictures, events, etc - that would be great. All pictures would be labelled with the contributors name (or not, if you'd prefer) and, obviously, you'll need to be okay with them being available for everyone to see on the web. In the first instance email leslie.leighton@aynho.org or call 07811 201888.



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REFURBISHMENT OF THE AYNHO WAR MEMORIALS – APPEAL

Aynho has two striking War Memorials located on the side of the Church. They were instituted by earlier generations so that the names recorded there would be remembered by future generations. It is important to preserve the Memorials to commemorate the individual sacrifice. The Church was chosen as the site of these monuments as a quiet and reflective location at the heart of the village. The village annual service of remembrance takes place at the foot of the memorials each November.

Both Memorials have been bashed by the weather and the names and inscriptions are not as clear now as they were at inception and after an earlier refurbishment 40 years ago.

We, as this generation, need to do our bit in the Village and see that the Memorials are refurbished so that the names of those who gave their lives are clearly inscribed and remembered. Many of the names on the Memorials are well known family names in the Village.

Quotations for the restoration work have been sought from a local memorial maker/restorer, and the work will start at the end of the summer with a planned completion before Remembrance later in the autumn. The work will involve re-inscribing and re-gilding the lettering, restoring and cleaning the face of both memorials.

The sum we need to complete the work is in the region of £3,500 but may be a little more once the detail of the work starts. We have therefore decided to create a fund of £4,000 or more to meet the costs. This Appeal letter is about creating that Fund.

We hope that through generous giving throughout the whole village to realise this target by the end of September. With 300 households in the village it represents a target of £10 – £15 per household. Of course, it is acknowledged that not all households can afford to give or may necessarily want to give. On the other we are sure that there are some households who will wish to give more.

The Church, on behalf of the Aynho community, is going to host the fund raising which means that we can benefit from tax efficient donations through the Gift Aid Scheme – thus raising an additional 25p for every £1 donated – as long as the Gift Aid details are provided.

This appeal is being made through every letter box in the Village. Please respond generously where you can, using the form **overleaf**, and drop your envelope with donation enclosed (cheque preferred but cash will be managed) through the door of your local Appeal coordinator who are located at the addresses across the village for ease:

Brian Croft – 1 The Bothy
Pet Sawbridge – 1 Cartwright Gardens
Kathy White – 13 Portway Gardens
Liz Short – 1 The Butts
Ted Sutton – 9 Bowmens Lea
Andrew Bellamy – 6 The Square

Jean Townsend – 11 Aynho Court
Amanda Limb – 33 Blacksmith's Hill
Graham Gibbs – 32 Roundtown
James Belcher – 20 Charlton Road
Jan Dogherty – 1 College Fields
Amby Hitchcox – Aynho Wharf

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AYNHO VILLAGE WAR MEMORIAL APPEAL – DONATION

Name

Address

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I enclose a cheque/cash for £ towards the Village War Memorial Appeal
(Cheques made out to ‘**Aynho PCC (Memorial Fund)**’)

Please **tick** one of the 3 following statements:

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OR

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OR

- I do not wish my donation above on this occasion to be considered as part of the Gift Aid Scheme.

Signed

Date

Please post this form locally through the nearest coordinator as listed on previous page.
Thank you very much for your generosity to the Village War Memorial Appeal

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