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NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2014

AYNHO FETE

SATURDAY 14TH JUNE

1.00PM

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and more

Letter from the Rector

The Church of England is a funny thing in many ways, it loves using strange words for ordinary things, pews instead of seats, stalls instead of chairs. It also has a very ancient structure of governance and office, this leads to people being called rectors and vicars or parish priests, and it is governed by Parochial Church Councils and Synods. On June 29th, which is the festival of St. Peter and Paul, also known as Peterfest, Shemil Mathew and others will be ordained Deacon in Peterborough Cathedral. Shemil will then come and join our Benefice, the collective name for our five parishes (or villages) as our Assistant Curate.

So what is a Deacon and what do they do, many people have asked.

At a Deacon's Ordination the Bishop says ;

'Deacons are ordained so that the people of God may be better equipped to make Christ known. Theirs is a life of visible self-giving. Christ is the pattern of their calling and their commission; as he washed the feet of his disciples, so they must wash the feet of others.'

The office of a Deacon is in simple terms one of a servant, to serve the people to whom they minister. Once you are ordained into Holy Orders, you first become a Deacon for life, a servant, just as Jesus was a servant to his disciples.

Later on a Deacon may be ordained a Priest or even a Bishop, but when that happens you don't stop being a deacon or a servant to the parish. Shemil's job title will be that of 'Curate', (as mine is Rector). his qualification to do the job of being a curate is to first be ordained Deacon. Next year we would expect him to be Ordained a Priest, but he will still have the job or position of being the curate.

Church Qualification			Job or position held
		Bishop	Bishop
	Priest	Priest	Curate, Vicar, Rector, Canon Rural Dean, Archdeacon,
Deacon	Deacon	Deacon	Deacon or Curate

Please pray for Shemil and his family as they prepare for this change in their lives and for us as we prepare to welcome them into our communities. Shemil will be telling us more of his story in church over the next few months so do come and find out more or when you see him in the villages why not stop him and tell him your story.

God Bless Simon

HOLIDAY CLUB "Space Academy" Monday August 4th – 8th. Registration Forms will be available end of June/beginning of July.

HELP WANTED We would love, AND NEED, to have more volunteers to help during that week, even just 1 or 2 days – also – help in preparing crafts at a Working Party on Wednesday 2nd July 1.30pm at the home of Mrs.Helen Boswell.

Also needed – plain white plates for craft activities.

Benefice Festival Chorus to sing at summer service "Songs of Praise" at Steane on June 29th 6.0pm. Rehearsals on Thursday evenings starting May 29th Hinton Church. Everyone welcome to come and join in.

David Johnson 07747 63551

What happens on Wednesday nights :

A.R.M.S. (Aynho Recorded Music Society) Wednesday June 4th 7.30pm

Ian provided a remarkably varied programme with very interesting and instructive comment. The session included Elgar's "Chanson de Matin" Brahms's "Piano Trio" Weber's "Clarinet Concerto" and the Treorchy Male Voice Choir. After the interval, Bizet's "Pearl Fishers" again sung by the Treorchy choir, was followed by the Vivaldi "Guitar Concerto" and "La Boheme" sung by Jussi Bjorling and Vittoria de Los Angeles
Altogether a delightful programme.

Contact: Bob Mann Tel:810264

Photographic Society Wednesdays at 7.30pm

Last month saw the welcome return of Associate Member Yin Wong ARPS. DPAGB. He gave an extremely interesting and absorbing presentation. A very articulate, gifted and charming photographer, much appreciated by his audience.

There will be **no formal meeting in June.** Next time to meet July 2nd.

Meetings are always held at the "Cartwright Hotel", and a warm invitation is extended to all

Contact: John Branton www.adanddd.co.uk

Gardening Club – Wednesday June 11th at 8.0pm

Wednesday 11th June – a talk entitled 'Current Issues' by Reg Moule. Reg came and talked to the Gardening Club back in 2011 and we look forward to his return; he talks at both Gardening Societies and on the radio and is very knowledgeable. He is happy to answer questions on all aspects of gardening.

Wednesday 9th July. We hope we will have a lovely July evening for our visit to Manor Farm Herbs, in Fringford. There will be a talk and a tour of the nursery and refreshments afterwards. The cost is £4.00 per person.

Directions : Via Croughton, over A43 and onto A421. Take first right signposted to Cottisford and Hethe and follow down that road through Cottisford until you can turn left into village of Fringford, at sharp bend carry on to Manor Farm Herbs. Please offer lifts to those who need them or contact Annabel Bellamy . Please arrive at Manor Farm at 6.30pm.

Contacts: Annabel Bellamy Tel:810847 or Kath Arnold Tel:811868

Women's Institute – Wednesday June 18th 7.30pm

"The Thai Children's Trust" by Ann & Carl Gross.

Tea Hostesses: Mrs.D.Middleton & Mrs.A.Woodley.

Contact: Barbara Watkins Tel:811152

Aynho History Society – A Reminder - Wednesday May 28th 7.30pm.

**"The EU Past, Present & Future" with Aynho's very own Chris Hodges.
and then on**

June 25th "ROYAL MISTRESSES" presented by Mr. Roger Powell.

New members always welcome £10 p.a. or pay as you go £2.50 per event.

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

Peter Cole. Tel: 811261



Sponsored Kayak

I have been living here in Aynho for 17 years and am currently in a gap year between A levels and University. On 24th June, I will be setting out on a solo kayaking expedition from Cardiff to Inverness to raise money for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI). I intend to paddle around the Welsh Coast, going through the Menai straits before heading up the west coasts of England and Scotland to Ardrishaig on Loch Fyne. From there I plan to go through the Crinan Canal to the Sound of Jura and then continue to head north as far as Fort William, where I will follow the Caledonian Canal, finishing at Inverness.

I am funding all expenses for this trip myself, but if you wish to make a donation to the RNLI or want more details about the trip, please get in touch with me at 12 Bowmen's Lea or email me at angusleigh1994@gmail.com. I will be very grateful for any money donated and will ensure that it is all sent to the RNLI.

Please keep an eye out in the newsletter over the next few months to keep up to date with my progress!

Angus Leigh

A.S.R.A news from THE PAVILION.....Contact KAY 810019

EVENLEY CRICKET TEAM The Men's Third Eleven play on the sports field but sometimes have to postpone their fixtures due to a lack of players. If there are any men or boys 15 and over in the village who might be available for a last minute call for a game of cricket at 2pm on Saturdays please contact me with your phone number and I'll pass them onto Julian or Steve from the Cricket Club.



MARQUEE The marquee will be put up for the fete on 14th June on the sports field. If anyone wants to take advantage of it (including the pavilion) for a discounted fee of £50 whilst it is up for a party, event, whatever, please get in touch with Kay .

GOAL POSTS Could I please ask those who use the two portable goalposts to return them back behind the pavilion after use and not leave them on the field where they get in the way of the grass cutting and get blown about and damaged. Likewise, if your children or grandchildren play on the ride-ons, could you also return them to the back of the pavilion after use as they are a trip hazard for the elderly who use the track to walk and they get in the way of cyclists and the mower. If either posts or ride-ons are continually left out I'll be forced to lock them away I'm afraid. Plus they look a mess left strewn all over the place. Thank you.

ACT I'm sorry but I have been unable to get any commitment from the drama group to stage these Sunday afternoon summer readings so henceforth ACT is now dormant until someone wants to resurrect it in the future.

Bye.....



SUMMER ART COURSE Are there any adults or children (over 11 ideally) who might be interested in a week long summer art course in the pavilion? This would be a paid for course (somewhere in region of £20-£30 per day) for those serious in learning from professionals subject such as watercolour, pen and ink, pottery and textiles. Please contact Kay on 810019 if interested.

BIODIVERSITY GROUP

Flaming June is upon us and we are all enjoying the buzz of the bees working hard, pollinating our flowers. However, I can hear rather more bees than usual, as I have a nest of bees in my loft! One of our members identified the bee as a tree bumble bee, a beautiful bee, coloured black, orange and white. Apparently, if left alone, they will eventually leave my loft. They will not fly in the dark, so will not fly around in the roof space. They will not damage wood (unlike wasps). However, the most interesting fact I found was that they have only lived in this country since 2001. Remarkable! They are now common across the south of England.

Sports Field update: in spite of the best efforts of the late April overnight frost, I am pleased to report that the meadow grass, planted on top of the large mound alongside the running track has now made an appearance. At the time of writing, I think that the wildflowers on the front slope of the mound have just started to poke through the soil. Or they might be more weeds! Please take a wander over and check out for yourselves how the mound is looking in this glorious month.

Bird of the Month

The Blackcap

The Blackcap is a warbler with a distinctive black (in the male) or red-brown (in the female) cap, and is a little smaller than the sparrow. Its delightful fluting song has earned it the name of 'northern nightingale' or 'lesser nightingale'. They are primarily a summer migrant, flying here from Iberia and North Africa, in April and May and leaving again in September and October. The warmer winters, abundance of berries and garden feeders, however, has seen a rise in some of the birds that breed in Germany migrating here to overwinter. Adults return to previous breeding sites with the male quickly establishing a territory which he defends against garden warblers and other Blackcaps. The female builds a neat cup shape nest from vegetation and mud usually in a hedge, bush or brambles, though they will also use shelves in huts and other outbuildings. She lays between 4 – 6 eggs which both birds incubate. During the breeding season Blackcaps usually feed on insects, such as aphids, caterpillars, flies and spiders as well as swallowing small snails whole; the calcium helps in the production of their eggs. In July the diet switches increasingly to fruit as the fruit sugar helps the birds to fatten up for migration. They still eat aphids however, as they often contain sugars from the plant sap they feed on. Blackcaps are illegally trapped in large numbers in Mediterranean countries, particularly Malta and Cyprus, where they are considered a delicacy but despite this their numbers seem to be holding as they spread their territories northwards.



Did You Know?

- The Blackcaps song is virtually identical to their close relative the garden warbler; close enough, in fact, that they even confuse each other.
- Blackcaps have a reputation for being bolshie at garden feeders, seeing off other birds that dare to come to feed. Even robins – which tend to be top dogs amongst the smaller garden birds can be put in their place.
- Blackcaps are one of the few birds that like mistletoe berries. They take one berry at a time and wipe the seeds off their beaks on branches making them effective seed spreaders.
- The switch in migratory behaviour appears to be creating a distinct population. The British/German birds arrive back in Germany earlier than the Spanish ones. They therefore pair up and breed together so much so that they now have slightly different genes and some structural differences such as slightly shorter, more rounded wings which are better for maneuverability but not so good for long distance flying – evolution in action!

VOLUNTEER SUNDAY – Message to all villagers. We need your help for one day. 8th June. Small Play Park – painting – strimming – cleaning – weeding – planting etc – a job for everyone.

Please come and help us finish the Park in time for the summer holidays. 10.0am – 4.0pm. No experience necessary – just bring gloves and a smile and wear old clothes.

Call Fi – 819999 or Kay 810019 to offer help or just turn up on the day.

From your PARISH COUNCIL

Green Lane

Cllr James met with a representative of MGWSP last month to discuss the Green Lane closure.

The reason for the closure is not the part of the Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT) at the Aynho end, but down at the Kings Sutton end. It is very badly disrupted and should have been repaired last summer, but wasn't. It is closed for H & S reasons, so that NCC is not liable for injuries etc. Enforcement is up to the Police. Horse owners would get 'advice' but vehicle drivers or riders would get a traffic ticket. All vehicles using the BOAT must be taxed & insured & driven by a licensed driver, just as on a normal road.

They can only close the byway in between the gates, so the whole of the BOAT is shut, even though the bit in Aynho Parish is OK. The work will be started in the next few weeks, and the closure will be extended to cover that work. The minimum time for closure is 6 months, though they could lift the closure if the work was finished and the ground had recovered. They would prefer to leave it closed all summer, and then during the next gate locking period (October to March) so the surface could recover well.

The representative expressed apologies that residents were not given much notice on the matter.

Children's Playground

The Parish Council would like to announce we have chosen

Frankie Bowe

to open the playground at the official opening

Frankie has lived in the village and played in the playground his whole life
so is a worthy officiate!

We are hoping to hold the Grand Opening on **Saturday 19th July** with a BBQ and drinks

Press and local dignities will be invited. Please save the date - more details to follow!!

We would like to give a huge thanks to the dozen or so people who came along to help lay the safety matting over the weekend. We couldn't have managed without your help and it is much appreciated.

We still have jobs to do including planting up areas of the playground with the Bio-diversity group who have some great ideas on making a natural play space and perhaps a community orchard

We also need to repaint signs and benches so if you have young children please come and help. We will publish dates when we are hoping to do some work and hopefully together we can make the playground a great space for the children of the village and their carers.

Thanks and see you all on 19th July

Contact details

Sadie Patamia is the Parish Clerk and can be contacted on Mondays and Thursdays from 3pm – 6pm on 07887548774 or aynhopc@gmail.com. The postal address is 25 Brackley Road, Croughton, NN13 5PP, or you can find us on Facebook and Twitter (@aynhopc)

Library Van visits Aynho Friday 6th June at The Butts 11.40am to 12.00.

Oxfordshire AgeUK - Jazz at the Castle – Friday 11th July 7.00-9.30pm Broughton Castle, Nr.Banbury.
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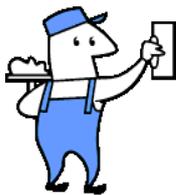


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