



Aynho

The Apricot Village

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2016

AYNHO ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW

August 20th

Here in your newsletter
a schedule to complete.

Do enter a class to compete.

Just in the fun - you may have

"WON". 😊



ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2016

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

Sunday: AYNHO 11.0am Holy Communion

August 7th

(Sidespersons: Mr.Cheney. Mr.Leigh)

Farthinghoe 9.30HC Hinton 11.0 MW

Sunday: AYNHO 11.0am Matins

August 14th

(Sidespersons: Mrs.Grey Mr.Sutton)

Croughton 9.30 HC Evenley 11.0 HC

Steane 6.0pm Evensong – Speaker Author Rosie Rushton

Sunday: Benefice at HINTON in the Hedges 10.0am

August 21st

Pizza Praise 4.0pm. at Farthinghoe

Sunday AYNHO – 11.0am Family Holy Communion

August 28th

(Sidespersons: Mrs.Pusey Miss.Short)

Croughton 9.30 HC Evenley 9.30 F.W

Farthinghoe 6.0pm ES Hinton 11.0am HC.

Home Communion	Monday	1 st	11.0am	15 The Square
Bible Study Group	None this month			
Prayer Group	Tuesday	16 th	2.30pm	15, The Square
Church Cleaning	Thursday	18 th	9.45am onwards	
Choir Practice	Thursday	4 th & 25 th	3.0pm	in Church

Bell Ringing – Tuesdays at 7.30pm. **Aynho 1st & 3rd** Evenley 2nd & 5th Croughton 4th
No ringing at Kings Sutton Church due to repairs to the spire. **Weddings: 13th & 20th**

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

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

Assistant Curate: Revd Shemil Mathew 07401 587151 revshemil@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 September 2016 by or before Monday 15th August to:
Sybil at 32, Roundtown Tel:810692 Email: syban@btinternet.com Vol.605
or any comments re Newsletter to Sybil or Rev.Simon Dommett.

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August Ramblings from Simon

School’s out the summer holidays are in.

In many ways it might seem strange to be thinking about schools during the holidays, but although the children might not be at school, the wheels of governance move on.

Recently, the old government’s policy to change all schools into academies was reversed because of pressure and outcry. Yet for many schools this may still happen on the quiet. Under the current OFSTED inspection scheme if a school doesn’t perform then it can be made into an academy. But few people realise that if the local authority fails its OFSTED inspection, on how it is supporting schools, then the schools it isn’t supporting to OFSTED’S standards can also be made into academies, so that they can function without reference to what might be considered a failing local authority. If that were to become the case for South Northants then it would affect our local schools.

Now I don’t have anything against academies in principle. We all want children to get the best education possible and I believe that all children should receive the same high standard of education, without reference to race, faith or their post code.

One of the things about academies is that they control their own admission process—they can decide who they want to attend the academy. They can also opt out of the national curriculum and teach their own preferred subjects. The control of the school starts to move from the head teacher and governors to paid board members looking after several schools, physically divorced from each other. Already some private providers run large ‘chains’ of schools and some of these grew very fast—taking on more schools than they could cope with. This led to some of the largest chains being stopped from taking on any more schools. The control is patchy and detached—which may remind some of what it was like under a local authority. Recently, the Ofsted chief Sir Michael Wilshaw criticised seven sizeable academy chains for failing to improve the results of too many pupils in their schools, while paying board members large salaries.

On top of all this, there are added issues for Church schools both Voluntary Aided and Voluntary Controlled. Currently these schools have foundation governors that have an interest in preserving the Christian nature and values of the school. But if they are forced to join with other non church schools (nothing wrong with that in principal as there are many good schools). But as the control passes up the chain to the board of governors, then it will become harder in the school and classroom for our schools to remain Christian in character. Where schools can decide on their own curriculum or it is decided by an external governing board, where do we expect the place of assemblies and worship to fall, if not out of the bottom of the agenda.

The Department for Education confirms that “collective worship.... helps shape fundamental British values of tolerance, respect and understanding for others”.

Children can already opt out of attending collective worship but rarely do “as the children enjoy this time of day”.

We now have a new Education Secretary, Justine Greening. It has been reported that she is ‘open minded’ about the education system so maybe now is the time to write to her and let her know how important church schools are, especially in our rural communities, and help to support them in the future.

Have a good holiday Simon

The Trustees of the **CARTWRIGHT EXHIBITION** are advertising for applicants of secondary school age, residents of Aynho, to apply for the above. The successful applicant will receive an amount of money three times a year towards their education.

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ALL FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT

On holiday!

AYNHO HISTORY SOCIETY

7.30 Village Hall

Further lectures will be in September, October & November. All welcome.

Annual Membership £20 or pay as you go £3.00 per event. Student concession £1.

Contact: Rupert Clark 07808 763261 rupert.ds.clark@gmail.com or
Peter Cole 01869 811261

On holiday!

KNIT & STITCH

Contact: Glenwys Wormald Tel: 810880

On holiday!

W.I. No Meeting during August month.

Contact: Barbara Watkins 811152

On holiday!

ARMS (Aynho Recorded Music Society)

7.30pm Village Hall.

Back in the Autumn

Contact: Bob Mann 810264

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

August 3rd 7.30pm Cartwright Hotel



At last month's meeting, Dan Evans gave a presentation on 'Lens Lore – using the lens for best creative effect.' Trained as a botanist, Dan changed careers early in life and is now freelance professional photographer, specialising in fashion and design, portraiture, weddings, interview support and various other commercial work including on-location training courses

The next meetings of the Society are on **3 August**, when the Society's own 'Team Namibia' will present 'The Tropic of Capricorn and beyond,' and on 7 September, when member Andreas Klatt ARPS will give an interactive presentation on the subject of 'Perception.' There is also an Outdoor Workshop on **17 August** (see web site for details) and an indoor Workshop on 7 September, led by John Cavana and Dave Govier, on 'High speed photography - photographing water droplets and water crowns.' All meetings will be held at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, apart from the Outdoor Workshop. Please come along and meet us, everyone is most welcome.

Contact: John Branton www.addphoto.co.uk

WRITER'S GROUP - 13th August 10.0am – 12.30 Village Hall



Last month we were pleased to welcome Sarah as a new member. We heard some wonderful "Summer Delights" and some imaginary dinners with famous guests or missing family members. This month we are sure the title will inspire some enjoyable pieces again – "The Girl on the Train" or "The Charm of the Unexpected" Always a warm welcome for newcomers.

Contact: Keith McClellan 810346 or via Community Page



HEALTH WALKS with Pavilion Refreshments

Aynho Health walks start from the Pavilion each Thursday at 10.00 am.

Contact: Keith McClellan 01869 810346 or

Kathy White 01869 810418



AYNHO GARDENING CLUB ANNUAL FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW

will be held in the Village Hall on **Saturday 20th August**.

It is hard to believe that the time for our Show has come around again.

This year the weather hasn't been very kind to us 'Gardeners' - plenty of rain and wind but little warmth to get everything going. Even so our plants and flowers still manage to grow! Do please have a good look at the Show Programme (that you will have received along with this Newsletter) and enter into whichever classes take your fancy.

The Show is open to **all** residents of Aynho and the Gardening Club Committee work very hard to put on the Show so **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.

Any cakes and raffle prizes will be greatly appreciated.

Contact: Annabel Bellamy Tel: 810847

CarolMcClellan – Show Organiser Tel: 810346

A FISH & CHIP van will visit AYNHO every Monday night between 5.15-6.0pm

At present stopping at: The Glebe – Portway Gardens – Cartwright Gardens

You can order direct from the van or have order delivered to the door.

Contact Van No: 07710062188.

Fish-Chips-Pies etc.

(Aynho Community Facebook for more information)



**The Winter Lunch Club team invite you to CAKE AND COFFEE
in AYNHO VILLAGE HALL (back room)
on THURSDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2016**

10.30am – 12.00 noon

raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support (Charity No 261017)

Be part of The World's Biggest Coffee Morning

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 29th Sept – a warm-up to
Winter Lunch Club hopefully restarting in October.

Amanda Limb and Amanda Leigh



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BIODIVERSITY GROUP

Farthinghoe Nature Reserve

If you want something to do this summer why not visit Farthinghoe Nature Reserve. Formerly a landfill site it has been transformed into a variety of habitats for wildlife from woodland to open grass-land and ponds.

'The meadows are improving each year as a result of better management with the return of some of the old meadow flowers such as lady's

bedstraw, meadow vetchling and snake's-head fritillary. The ponds and wet areas attract dragonflies and damselflies from the nearby lake and stream and in late July it is possible to find beautiful

demoiselle

damselflies in good numbers. There is also a colony of marbled white

butterflies on the site. Pipistrelle and noctule bats find an ideal hunting ground here. Among the birds are treecreeper, bullfinch, breeding sparrowhawk, several species of warbler and long-tailed tit.' (From their website).

It is situated on the A422 Brackley to Banbury road. Just beyond the Recycling Centre take the road to Purston and park on the verge.

For more details visit their website: <http://www.wildlifebcn.org/reserves/farthinghoe>



Sports Field: Please note that the Zip Wire on the Sports Field is broken and we are trying to make arrangements to get it fixed as soon as possible. The cross bar is split and is therefore of danger to those trying to climb it. *Please make your children aware.* **Thanks KAY**

VOLUNTARY PRESCRIPTION DELIVERY from DEDDINGTON HEALTH CENTRE

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QUEEN'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE 2016
(MBE FOR VOLUNTARY GROUPS)

On 2nd June 2016 Buckingham Palace announced that C.A.F.E. (Creative Activities For Elderly People) had been awarded The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2016. This award was created by The Queen in 2002 to mark the occasion of her Golden Jubilee, recognising excellence in voluntary activities carried out by groups in the community. It is the MBE for volunteer groups and is the highest award that can be given to volunteer groups.

C.A.F.E. was founded in Brackley in 2003 by a small group of people to provide arts and crafts sessions in care homes in South Northamptonshire. The main aim of the charity is to enhance the quality of life, increase the self confidence and bring wellbeing to the elderly people in care homes. In 2007 the charity became a registered charity, (number 1119030) extending its operations to include North Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire.

C.A.F.E. provides enthusiastic volunteers who enhance peoples' lives in care, through art, reading and music. Last year 100 concerts were arranged in care homes with volunteer musicians.

C.A.F.E. is one of 193 charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups to receive the prestigious award this year. The number of awards given to groups this year is slightly higher than last year, showing that the voluntary sector is thriving and full of innovative ideas to tackle community challenges.

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service Committee Chair, former broadcast journalist Sir Martyn Lewis said:

"I warmly congratulate all of the inspirational voluntary groups who have been rewarded for their community work with a Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. The judging panel for this year's awards were struck by the quality and breadth of all the successful groups."

The thousands of volunteers who give up spare time to help others in their community and to help solve problems demonstrate the very best of democracy in action."

Minister for Civil Society, Rob Wilson, said:

"I would like to congratulate all groups who received this year's Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, in recognition of their fantastic achievements. The huge amount of work and commitment these organisations put into their local communities is surpassed only by the passion and motivation of the individuals who volunteer. I hope these groups continue to inspire others to get involved and make a positive impact so that we can continue to build a more compassionate society."

Ruth Harris, Chairperson, and Eileen Trotman, Secretary, attended a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on Thursday 19th May where they saw the Queen and other Members of the Royal Family and other winners of this year's award.

C.A.F.E. will receive The Queen's Award from David Laing, Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, later this year.

For further information, see www.cafecharity.org.uk.



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