



Aynho
The Apricot Village

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY

2013



HAPPY NEW YEAR



"50 years"

this year,

they have been

going strong.

"AYNHOWI GROUP"

With "Jerusalem"

their signature song,

"Calendar Girls"

would be a scoop!!

Rectors letter January 2013

I would like to start this New Year by wishing everybody a happy and peaceful New Year. I would also like to thank everybody for the Christmas cards, gifts and good wishes we received.

As we start a New Year, I wonder what it has in store for us?

What are our hope and fears for the New Year?

The economic situation is still going to be an ongoing problem, as well as the unrest in Afghanistan and other places, unemployment is a growing issue as well as below inflation rises in benefits. For many the future looks bleak and the problems of the world may appear too large for us, their enormity so overwhelming. Yet we should remind ourselves that a small trickle of water will wear down the hardest rock. The simple growth of a weed or shoot can break apart concrete and stone. The small can overcome the largest problems if they all work together. You may feel your little bit will not make any difference, but remember it was the last straw that broke the camel's back.

The year ahead I am sure will bring many challenges to our villages and churches, but also many opportunities for joy and celebration. I am not suggesting we need all to be blinkered enthusiasts and ignore the issues, but that by facing them, and looking for the opportunities they bring, we may see signs of hope and encouragement. The wise men or Magi in the Christmas story, were learned men of the world and studied the stars and that led them to discover the most wonderful gift that they were not expecting. May we as we look forward to the coming year find it to be a year full of unexpected surprises, joys and hopes.

My hopes for the coming year are that our communities will continue to build on the good things that we hold in common, our community life and care for each other. And that when new challenges come our way, as I am sure they will, we will be able to meet them together and through our combined strength find the wisdom to overcome them.

So whatever the New Year may hold may it also bring us all peace and fulfilment.

Have a happy New Year

Simon

Family Pizza Praise takes off followed by Christingle Praise.

Both have gone down a storm and so has the food!!

The next Sunday will be January 13th for Candlemas/Epiphany Praise followed on February 10th with Pancake Praise. Do put these dates in your diary, or if you would like a personal reminder just send me your details to the.revd.simon@gmail.com with "Pizza Praise" in the subject box.

FOREIGN CURRENCY & POSTAGE STAMPS

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W H A T ' S O N

"CARTWRIGHT HOTEL" - NEW YEAR'S EVE - Three Course a la carte Dinner
with music by Classical Guitarist Graham Roberts - a complimentary glass of champagne on arrival.
£40 per head. Reservation: Tel:01869-811885. Email:cartwright@oxfordhite-hotels.co.uk.

1st Wednesday - Photographic Society

Meeting in the "Cartwright Hotel" on Wednesday January 2nd at 7.30pm., when members will review their best photographs over the last 12 months. Do come and join us.

A.R.M.S. No meeting in January - A Happy New Year to all our members.

Due to your reporter being late for publication November and December reports are combined!
November session was hosted by Hazel & Brian beginning with "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" by Dukas. "Cavatina" and "A Sleepy Lagoon" by Myres and Coates led to the serene "Angus Dei Adagio" for strings by Samuel Barber and the "Allegretto non Troppo" by Malcolm Arnold. The ever popular "Arrival of the Queen of Sheba" and Rachmaninov's "Piano Concerto No.2" heralded Alfvén's "Dance of the Shepherd Girl" and the haunting "Claranet Concerto No.1" by Crusell.
After the interval "Eine Kleine Nacht Musik" brought us gently back into a musical focus, followed by two particular favourite items of Margaret T. "Songs of the Auvergne" and Nabucco's "Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves" closed the evening.

Our thanks to Hazel, Brian and Margaret for a pleasing choice of items.

in December, Bob Mann started the evening with Rossini's Overture "The Thieving Magpie", "The Swan" by Saint Saens and Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana" was followed by excerpts from Nutcracker, Mozart, Gluck, Delius, Beethoven and "The Radetzky March" by Strauss. The second half, after drinks & mince pies, was devoted to carol singing by boy soloists and choirs.

The next meeting is February 6th 2013 and will be presented by Keith, all are welcome.

Contact 810264

2nd Wednesday - Gardening Club- A very Happy New year to all our members

Our first meeting will be on Wednesday January 9th at 8.0pm in the village hall. We will be starting off with something colourful to warm us all up and make us think of summer. Peter Sheasby will be giving an illustrated talk on the Flowers of Iran. The annual subscription is unchanged at £5, with a 50p entrance fee for members and £1 for guests. We would be delighted to welcome new members. If anyone would like to know more about the programme please phone Anthea Cowley on 810629 or come along and join us for a "taster" session.

3rd Wednesday - W.I.see W.I.News

4th or last Wednesday - Aynho History Society

THURSDAY "WINTER LUNCH CLUB"

Our usual cooked food will be served in the back room of the Village Hall between 12.15 - 1.30 on Thursdays: January 3rd (special treats for school holidays!), 10th, 17th, 24, and 31st. All welcome.

ASRA & PAVILION NEWS

There will be a meeting of Aynho Sports & Recreation Association on **Thursday January 24th** at No.11, Portway 8.0pm. I'm looking for people to come along and share ideas for social and sporting events and activities in the pavilion, sportsfield and village! Anyone from the village is welcome to come along. Contact: KAY on 810019 for any further information.

THE PARK CLUB DRAW collectors will be calling early in January. If you haven't seen a collector and would like to take part in our monthly draw that supports the Playing Field & Pavilion please contact Valery on 810118.

THE WINNERS for 2012 were:

January - Mr & Mrs Croft - The Bothy

March - P.Wright - Portway

May - Mr.Hunt - The Glebe

July - Mr.Clark - Cartwright Gdns

September - M.Robinson - Blacksmiths Hill

November - Mr & Mrs Reynolds - The Bothy (who kindly donated it back to be split between

February - Mr.Parkes - College Fields

April - P.Stubbs - The Butts

June - Mr & Mrs Short - The Butts

August - G.Stephenson - Roundtown

October - S.Gallyot - Butts Close

ASRA and the Playpark Fundraising - thank you!

Photos from AYNHO WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Outing to the Potteries



1972 WI Girls with
Mr Compton



W.I. Choir under leadship of

Mrs. Joyce Compton

AYNHO W.I. "50th Anniversary"

As you will see from the Front Cover we celebrate an anniversary this year!

To start off this 50th celebration on Wednesday January 16th 7.30pm in the Village Hall, our speaker will be Kay Anderson giving a talk on the "History of Phoenix Cards".

Now is the time to join to get full value for your year's subscription. You will be given a warm welcome.

This is FATHER CHRISTMAS
enjoying a well-earned rest
after all his Christmas activities!



BIODIVERSITY GROUP

All the best for the New Year. To celebrate the start of 2013 we are again holding our own **AYNHO BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH** on the weekend of **26/27 January** at the same time the RSPB hold theirs. Full details, including thumbnail pictures are on the enclosed sheet. Thanks to Jill and Stephen. We'd like to build on last year's 40 responses, so **please do join in**.

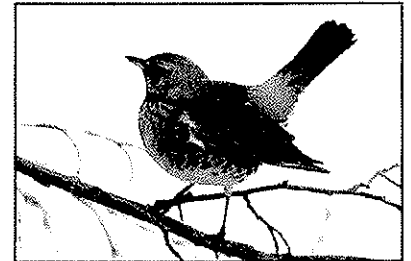
Hedgehog Rescue. Andrew and his rescued hedgehogs were a big success at the Community Weekend. Since then at least one family in the village have rescued a small autumn juvenile hedgehog and taken it to Andrew - well done! Looking after 100 hedgehogs is very expensive and Andrew needs donations such as dried cat food (preferably chicken, not fish). If you would like to contribute please could you give your donation to either Jenny Pusey, 3 Cartwright Gardens or Gill Phillips, 15 Butts Close and we will deliver them.

Gill 810279

Jill 811206

Bird of the Month Fieldfare

Fieldfares have a chestnut-brown back, and yellowy breast streaked with black, a black tail, dark wings and pale grey rump and head. Just a little smaller than the Mistle Thrush they are quite distinctive. As many as 750,000 birds spend the winter here arriving from Scandinavia in October and early November. They are very sociable birds and can be seen in flocks of anything from a dozen or so to several hundred roaming the



countryside. They usually feed on insects and worms in open fields but in severe weather move into gardens and orchards to feed on windfall apples and berries (rowan berries are a particular favourite). When the fruit runs low they move on often flying south and west across Britain. A Fieldfare spending the winter in Britain one year will not necessarily return the next winter but may instead overwinter in places like the Rhone and Po floodplains of France and Italy.

DID YOU KNOW

- The Fieldfare was once prized as a game bird? Many thousands were shot every year during their migrations, their meat being regarded as a delicacy.
- It aggressively defends its nest against egg and nestling thieves by bombarding them with its droppings.
- Smaller birds often nest close to the Fieldfare to benefit from some extra protection.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

① There has been an attempted break-in in Cartwright Gardens, also locally- thefts from cars. Please do not leave things of value in your car that could be stolen. There have been a number of shed break ins in the Banbury area.

REMEMBER don't be distracted and let anyone in your home you do not know.

- ② Anyone interested in being a Mystery Shopper for Northants Police & Crime Commissioner please call 01604 888113.
- ③ Smart Water is again on offer, use this to protect your property. For details of how to use or to order contact Linda on 01869-810059.

BANBURY GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT

Our new Banbury Guardian correspondent is now progressing with his work following "in the footsteps" of Cameron who has "run off" to University. Please do support him in this new venture and send him any news you would like printed in our local paper under the village heading.

His name is: Tony Wilkes and he lives at 6, Blacksmith Hill.

Tel: No: 01869-811032. Email: wilkes959@googlemail.com

HEALTH WALKS

There will be a Health Walk leaving the Pavilion at 10.0am Thursday 27th December to walk off all those Christmas calories! For those wanting to put them on again there will be hot drinks, jacket potatoes and cakes afterwards in the Pavilion Cafe.

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all from KAY and the ASRA COMMITTEE

"A MILITARY HISTORY of AYNHO"

This compendium of military stories, facts and feats from the last 8,000 years has been posted onto the front page of the Aynho village website.

In the Remembrance Service we recall the men named on the War Memorials. Should you want to find out who they were and what happened this is the place to look.

These are people and places you will know but plenty more that you will never have come across,

Many men and a few women with links to Aynho have served their community, Monarch and Country.

Their stories are memorable, sometimes heroic and often awe inspiring.

Those of you studying World War 1 and 2 for GCSE or A Level History will pick up some useful background information.

If you know someone or something to add, or a correction that should be made, please do let me know. All there needs to be is a connection to Aynho and an involvement with the Military. Help me to record and recognise their role in our history. Thank you.

Rupert Clark 01869 810603

Aynho History Society.

Next Meeting of the AYNHO HISTORY SOCIETY is on Wednesday January 30th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The Speaker on that date will be Andy Anderson giving us an insight into "Healthy, Wealthy and Wise - a history of the local medical services through the ages"

We always give a warm welcome to new and past members. Again this year we offer free entrance to our monthly meetings providing your membership fee has been paid by 28th February 2013.

Also a specially reduced £1.00 for Juniors and those undergoing full-time education.

Contacts: Rupert Clark on 01869-810603. Peter Cole on 01869 - 811261.



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AYNHO PARISH COUNCIL

Position on PC team

Aynho Parish Council require a new responsible finance officer. The successful applicant will be responsible for the management and day to day running of the finance of the Parish Council. If you are interested please contact Sadie for a job description, rates of pay and hours.

Cold Weather

It's that time of year again! Can we please all do our bit to look after our vulnerable neighbours (and of course ourselves) in any inclement weather. Also, please remember, the grit in the yellow bins is for use on public paths and highways NOT private drives.

Many thanks!

Fallen Leaves

Please remember that households are responsible for clearing any leaves that have fallen from trees and bushes on their properties onto the roads and footpaths.

Please help keep the village safe and tidy by clearing leaves away. Many thanks.

Street Doctor

Please ensure that any hazards or issues within the village such as pavement and road repairs clearing blocked street gullies etc are reported to NCC Street Doctor.

This can be done online at -

<http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/Transport/roads/streetdoctor/Pages/Step1.aspx> or by dialling 0300 126 1000.

It's a great service that we should all utilise.

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.

(I am sure all who read this newsletter would like me to say a special "Thank-you" on your behalf to the Parish Council and The Cartwright Hotel for the lovely Christmas Tree provided on our village green.) Sybil.

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Back Page empty - all to myself
so I am "feeling frivolous"!

Did you know that we "old folk " are worth a fortune!
We have silver in our hair, gold in our teeth, stones in our kidneys,
lead in our feet and gas in our stomachs!

I have become somewhat older and a few changes have come into my
life! Frankly, I have become a "frivolous old woman"

I am seeing several gentlemen - every day!

As soon as I wake up, Will Power helps me out of bed, then I go to
see Jimmy Riddle, and then it is time for breakfast with Mr.Kellogg
followed closely by the refreshing company of Mr.Tetley.

Then comes someone I don't like at all Arthur Itis – he knows he is not
welcome, but he insists on being here, and what is more insists on
staying for the rest of the day. Even then he does not want to stay in one
place, so he takes me from joint to joint.

After such a hectic day I'm grateful to get to bed (with Johnny Walker too!)
What a hectic day?! Even the vicar came to call and said at my age I
should be thinking of the hereafter. So I told him that I did that all the time.
For no matter where I am, the kitchen, the sitting room, or even the garden,
I ask myself "Now what am I here after?"

I hope that Will Power will be your constant partner
but watch out for that crafty one – Gerry Atric!!

A NICE TRY

Feeling decidedly over-weight and unfit, I went to the doctor to ask advice
about joining a fitness club. The doctor said that providing I was careful
it might do me good.

A couple of weeks later I returned to the doctor still complaining.

"How did the fitness class go" the doctor asked.
























"Well" I replied, "I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted,
gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for over an hour – but – by the
time I had got my leotard on, the class was over."

AYNHO BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH - 26/27 January 2013

The RSPB is holding its annual Big Garden Birdwatch on 26/27 January 2013.

We are holding our own village survey again this year. Please could you fill in the form below and return it to Aynho Biodiversity Group. We will publish the results.

- Choose one hour (a morning is best) between Thursday 24th January—Thursday 31st January.
- Count the **MAXIMUM NUMBER** of each species seen **AT ANY ONE TIME** in your garden (NOT flying overhead). Write this number next to the picture of the bird.
- Add any additional species and the maximum number seen on the back of the sheet.

Garden Bird Identification Sheet			
 Blackbird	 Blue Tit	 Carrion Crow	 Chaffinch
 Collared Dove	 Coal Tit	 Dunnock	 Fieldfare
 Goldfinch	 Great Spotted Woodpecker	 Great Tit	 Greenfinch
 House Sparrow	 Jackdaw	 Long Tailed Tit	 Magpie
 Pied Wagtail	 Redwing	 Robin	 Rook
 Song Thrush	 Starling	 Woodpigeon	 Wren

Name and address (optional).....

Please return completed sheet before 12th February to **one of the following:**

Kay Anderson, 11 Portway, Gill Phillips, 15 Butts Close, Jenny Pusey, 3 Cartwright Gardens,
Ted Sutton, 9 Bowmens Lea, Jill Wightman, 5 Butts Close

Any queries please ring Gill on 810279

Thank you for taking the time to do this.