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*It's that time for "AGMs" again!*

*To add your praise or perhaps complain!*

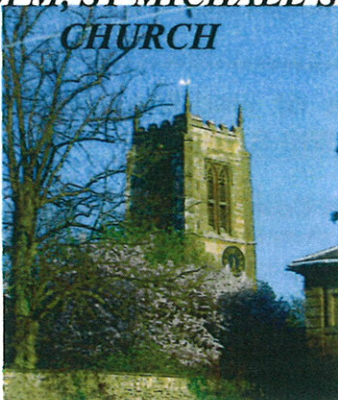
*The Church is first with what goes on within  
the Pews.*

*Then the Village Meeting with all the local  
News.*

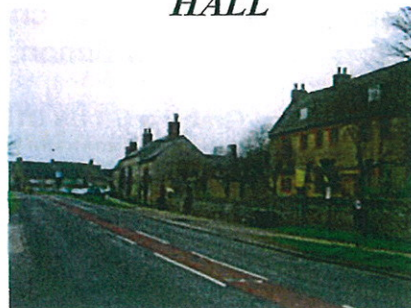
*Two focal points which effect you all in some  
way;*

*So do come along and have your say.*

**THURSDAY 11TH APRIL  
7.30PM, ST MICHAEL'S  
CHURCH**



**MONDAY 29TH  
APRIL  
7.30PM, VILLAGE  
HALL**



# ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE CHURCH CALENDAR APRIL 2013

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

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April 7th	AYNHO	11.0am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (Sidespersons: Mr.Croft Mr.Sutton) Farthinghoe 9.30am HC Hinton 11.0 All Age Service Evenley 6.0pm Taize Service	
April 14th	AYNHO	9.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (Sidespersons: Mr.Leigh Mrs.Pusey.) Croughton 9.30am M. Evenley 11.0am.HC Farthinghoe 10.0am Family Worship & Baptism Steane 6.0pm Evensong.	
April 21st	BENEFICE	10.0am 4.30pm	at at	Hinton Pizza Praise at Evenley
April 28th	AYNHO	11.0am	<b>Matins</b> (Sidespersons: Mrs.Kirby Mr.Cheney). Croughton 9.30am HC Evenley 11.0am All Age Worship Farthinghoe 11.0am HC & Baptism Hinton 11.0am HC	

Home Communion Monday April 29th at 15, The Square, Aynho

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Prayer Group	Thursday	4th	2.15pm	15, The Square
WHIST DRIVE	Friday	5th	7.30pm	Village Hall (see note)
Annual Church Meeting	Thursday	11th	7.30pm	in Church (see note)
Church Cleaning	Thursday	18th	9.45am onwards	
Bible Study	Monday	22nd	10.15am	Lower Aynho Grounds
Choir Practice	Friday	26th	6.30pm	
Bell Ringing -	Tuesdays 7.30-9.0pm 1st. Evenley 2nd & 4th. Kings Sutton 3rd.Aynho 5th.Croughton			

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Information about the life of our church or baptisms or wedding enquiries  
from our Rector: Revd.Simon Dommett- Tel:01869-810903

Church Wardens: Graham Gibbs 01869-819727 & Anthea Cowley 01869 - 810629

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Items for May 2013 NEWSLETTER by Monday April 16th to  
Sybil at 32, Roundtown. Tel: 810692 or [syban@btinternet.com](mailto:syban@btinternet.com) Issue:565

### Easter Joy

With the weather we have experienced so far this year, we are all watching and waiting for the signs of spring. We long for the warmth of the sun and delight in the signs of new life and growth. We want the winter to be over and to enjoy the beauty that spring and summer holds. In the Christian timescale, starting at the beginning of creation, Easter is that point of turning from the cold of winter into the warmth of spring. We have celebrated Christ's birth as a day of sunshine in the dark cold winter, we have celebrated his entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday like a sunny day with promise of warmth, but then like the return of the cold spell, Good Friday and Jesus' death appear to be the end. But Easter Day greets the whole world with new resurrection life, like never seen before. This brings life, hope and light into the world and the world opens and blossoms into spring and then the glorious days of summer. I invite you to come and experience that light, life and joy through your local church and its people in the Easter celebrations and each week in the coming year.

Our churches are also taking a step into the digital world with a benefice website. We can be found at [www.astwickvale.co.uk](http://www.astwickvale.co.uk). Here you will find details of services and events as well as information about Baptisms, Christenings, Thanksgivings, Weddings and Funerals. The website is a growing venture and I welcome constructive feedback as it grows and matures into something that helps us all.

The time after Easter is also the time when the church elects its representatives to help run the church. Two very important roles are played by the Church Wardens who are elected on an annual basis. The Rector and they are supported by The Parochial Church Council (PCC) who look after the general running of the Church and oversees the finances. The PCC consists of various members; the Rector; the Readers; 2 Churchwardens; Deanery Synod Representatives; and 6 or 9 other Members. Elections for all these offices take place in April by members on the Electoral Roll at the Annual Parochial Church meetings.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting Aynho 11<sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm Aynho APCM



### WHIST DRIVE

In aid of St. Michael's Church

Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm

In Aynho Village Hall

Cash Prizes

Entrance £5 includes refreshments

Individuals welcome

No need for a partner.

### CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

A big "THANK-YOU" to all box holders

The amount raised was £449.22

## ***YOUR "WHAT'S ON" page***

### ***PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY***

In February, member Simon Lutter led a workshop on "Painting with light" in which he demonstrated the techniques involved in this type of long exposure photography using simple torches to provide illumination. Then at last month's Club night, member Cliff May gave members an entertaining insight into his experiences of photographing wild life.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Christopher Rawlings School at 7.15pm on April 3rd. After this we next meet on April 17th 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, when Alan Fretton will give a presentation: "A little bit of this, and a little bit of that" a selection of his work involving motor sport, rock bands etc. Everyone is welcome to attend, just come along and you will find us there.

John Branton [www.adandd.co.uk](http://www.adandd.co.uk)

### ***AYNHO RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY***

Gill and John gave a most interesting and varied programme which ranged from good old favourites - Pavarotti, Mascagni (Cavellaria Rusticana), Saint-Saens (The Swan), Delibes and Offenbach (Barcarolle). A startling inclusion of Billy Eckstine (I Apologise), stressed the fact that good music is not restricted to the classics. The second half was equally varied and included Prokofiev, Mussorgsky, Debussy, Verdi and Sibelius. The programme was much appreciated.

Ian will be presiding at the next meeting on April 3rd.

01869 810264

### ***GARDENING CLUB***

The April meeting will be on Wednesday 10th. Anne Anson will be coming to explain the basics of flower arranging and will show us how to get the best out of flowers in the house. This is a session for the men too. We have had some excellent examples of flower arranging at the annual show produced by men, and we would love to have some more this year.

The meeting starts at 8.0pm in the Village Hall. New members welcome.

Thinking ahead to Maytime, if you could pot up some extra seedlings both flowers and vegetables for the Gardening Club Stall they would be very welcome, as would perennials if you are dividing plants for the borders. Any unwanted gardens tools would also be welcome - contact Robin Cox about these.

### ***AYNHO W.I.***

On Wednesday April 17th Mrs Brie Taylor will tell us all about

"My life as an interior Designer & other things"

Tea Hostesses: Mrs.Kath Arnold and Mrs Barbara Williams.

Time 7.30p.m. in our own Aynho Village Hall. New members always made very welcome.

### ***AYNHO HISTORY SOCIETY***

Wednesday April 24th.

"Humphrey Repton - understand his impact on the Ashridge and Aynho Estate landscape."

Presented by Mr.Mick Thompson Ashridge Gardens Manager.

Further lectures will be held on the last Wednesday of May, June, July, September, October and November. All welcome. Lectures start at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Summaries of previous lectures can be found on the village website Aynho History Society. Non-Members £2.50 an event. Contact Rupert Clark 01869 810603 or Peter Cole 01869 810261

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## PAVILLION NEWS

### **Quiz Night**

*A big thank you to Michael and Catherine Johnson and all their helpers and chefs for the excellent quiz and curry night in the village hall. Thanks to everyone who supported ASRA. We'll let you know the funds raised in due course.*

### **Park Club Draw**

The first two winners for 2013 are Pam Cramb and Sarah Harding who both win a cheque for £78. Congratulations! If you missed your collector and still want to play for the rest of the year, please contact Valery on 810118.

### **Maytime in Aynho – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

The crowning of the May Queen and festivities will take place from 2pm and The Village Barn Dance (for all ages) from 7pm. Anyone interested in having a stall in the square to sell anything from crafts, bric a brac, books, fundraising etc. during the afternoon for £5 is asked to contact Kay on 810019.

### **Pavilion Cafe – on the sportsfield**

*Every Thursday starting 4<sup>th</sup> April – Open from 12 noon until 3pm for drinks, homemade cakes and light lunches*

*Then every Wednesday starting 10<sup>th</sup> April (note not Tuesdays this year) - Open from 12 noon until 3pm – Baking and Making Afternoon – drinks, soup & scones & samples available*  
*Groups are welcome to come and use the facilities free of charge on Wednesday afternoons whilst I bake – for example Parents and Babies (P's and B's), craft groups, hobby groups eg. Cards, scrabble etc. Contact me on 810019 if you have a group that might be interested.*

### **Village Clean Up – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 10am**

Anyone wishing to come along and help with some weeding on the mound on the sportsfield on Clean Up Day would be most welcome. We are aiming to get the second half of it planted up this year to encourage butterflies, bees etc but we need to tackle the weeds first. If you can spare an hour before, during or after the litter pick we would love to see you – bring tools and gloves! Call Kay on 810019 for more info.

### **Track Users**

I'm still waiting to hear from those people who use the track on a regular basis (so far I've only heard from one person!). Please could you mail me on [kaynho@lineone.net](mailto:kaynho@lineone.net) if you regularly use the track. Thank you

If you are new to the village and want to be put on our round robin list for events, activities happening on the sports field or at the pavilion please e mail your details to [kaynho@lineone.net](mailto:kaynho@lineone.net) or see the Aynho Parish Council facebook page which has recently been set up.

### **Reminder:**

**Cameron Anderson** is again offering Maths & Physics Tutoring whilst home on Easter holidays. Also baby sitting available. £10 p.h for tutoring. £5.p.h for baby sitting.

Call Cameron on 07875 948457 or email [cam22@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:cam22@tiscali.co.uk)

**& ROSIE CLARK** Easter Tennis Holiday Camps on the Aynho Playing Field Court. Tuesday 2nd April. Thursday 4th April and Friday 5th April all at 9.30am to 12.30pm.

## Biodiversity

Thanks to Les Horley the Biodiversity Group now has a Facebook page. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/AynhoBiodiversity> to check up on the latest news.

## Bird of the Month

### Swallow Common name: Barn Swallow

Swallows are small birds with dark, glossy-blue backs, red throats, long wings and long tail streamers. They are migratory and flock in large numbers in September ready to fly to Africa, south of the Sahara. In early April, they return to the UK and are often found circling gracefully overhead or skimming low over water drinking and feeding. Both adults build a nest from mud and plant fibres against a beam or shelf in buildings or on cliff ledges. Existing nests are often refurbished, and there are instances where nests have been reused for nearly 50 years. Both parents catch insects on-the-wing collecting them in their throats to take back to the nest. Large flies are a favourite but aphids are also popular and even wasps. In cold weather feeding the young becomes difficult. At such times the females will spend as much time feeding their brood as they do looking after themselves. The male swallows are more selfish, however, putting more effort into their own needs than that of their young!



### Did You Know?

- The long tail feathers give Swallows exceptional manoeuvrability, even better than House Martins and Swifts.
- The males with the longest and most symmetrical tails are the most desired.
- Once fledged the adults feed their young on the wing up to as many as 400 times a day.
- Weather folklore: 'When the swallows fly high, the weather will be dry.' There is some truth in this as on warm sunny days insects are swept up in bubbles of warm air so the swallows have to fly higher to find their food.

Gill 810279

Jill 811206

## FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL VILLAGE CLEAN UP

Please come and help us give the village a Spring Clean on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2013. Meet at the Sports Field at 10am. Bags gloves and vests provided.



### Fibre Optic Broadband

Various locations surrounding the village are getting fibre optic broadband. To get it here we need to make sure BT know we want it. To do this go to <http://www.superfast-openreach.co.uk/expression-gen.aspx> and register your interest. If enough people do it we might just get it!

### Annual Village Meeting

This will take place in the Village Hall on 29th April 2013 at 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Village Website

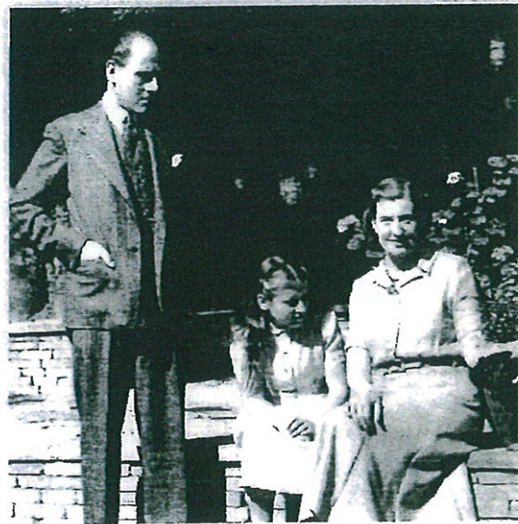
APC are currently looking at the website and considering ways to revamp it. If you are a web designer and would like to be involved, or indeed, if you have any ideas at all, please do get in touch with Sadie.

### 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](mailto:aynhopc@gmail.com). Or you can find us on Facebook and Twitter (@aynhopc)

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All information ring : Jenny Gough 01295-690326



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