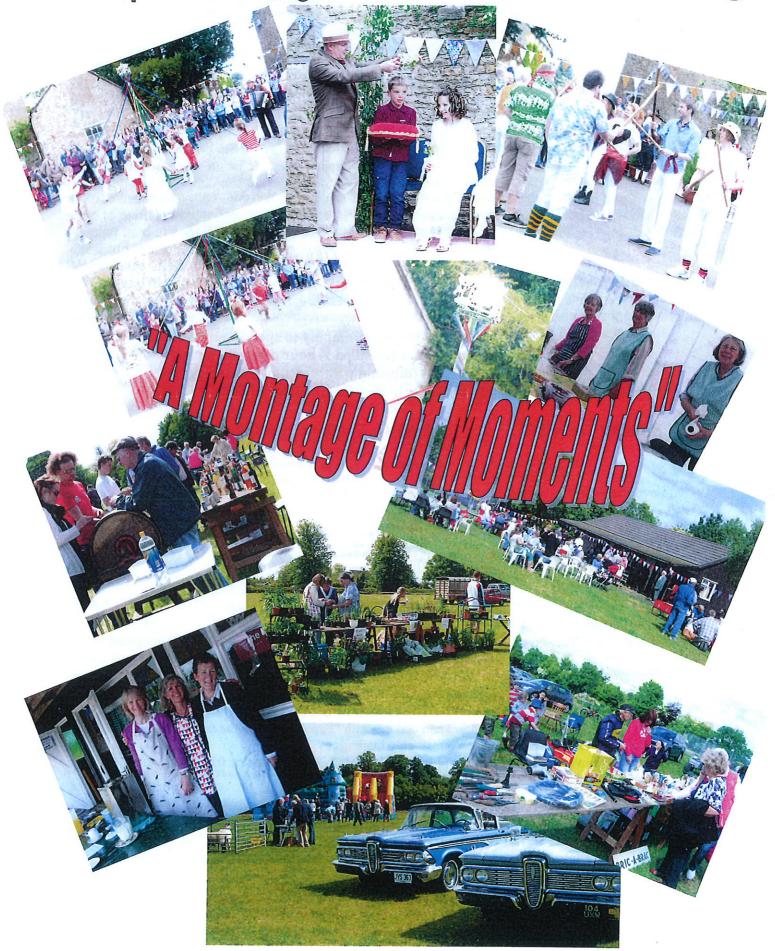


# NEWSLETTER

JULY 2013



## ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE

## CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JULY 2013

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

Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup>

**AYNHO 11.00am Holy Communion** 

(Sidespersons: Mr Cheney Mrs.Kirby)

Farthinghoe 9.30am Communion. Hinton 11.0am All Age

Evenley 6.00pm. Taize Service

Sunday July 14th

**AYNHO 9.30am Holy Communion** 

(Sidespersons: Mr.Leigh Mr.Sutton)

Croughton 9.30am Communion

Farthinghoe 10.00am Family Worshin

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Evenley: 11.00am Communion & Baptism

Steane 6.00pm Songs of Praise & B.B.Q.

Sunday July 21st

**BENEFICE at CROUGHTON 10.0am PIZZA PRAISE 4.30pm.** 

Pizza Praise – An ideal way for a family to spend some time on Sunday afternoon with a fun filled ¾ hour of music, songs, activities and worship finishing with Pizza or hot dogs. If you thought children did not like church then they haven't been to PIZZA PRAISE.

Sunday July 28th

AYNHO 11.00am Matins

(Sidespersons: Mrs.Gray Mr.Croft )

Croughton 9.30am Communion
Hinton 11.00am Communion
Evenley 11.00am All Age Service

Farthinghoe 6.00pm Evensong

Home Communion Monday 22nd. at 15, The Square

Church Cleaning Thursday 18th 9.45am onwards

Choir Practice Fridays 26th 6.30pm

Bell Ringing - Tuesdays 7.30pm 1<sup>st</sup> Evenley 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Kings Sutton. 3<sup>rd</sup> Aynho 5<sup>th</sup>Croughton Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup> for WEDDING

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

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

Items for August by Monday July 16<sup>th</sup> to SYBIL at 32, Roundtown.

Tel: 01869 810692 E-mail: syban@btinternet.com

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#### The Revd Gill Barker RIP

With sadness we announced the death of the Revd Gill Barker who served as Rector of the Astwick Vale Benefice of Aynho, Croughton, Evenley, Farthinghoe and Hinton with Steane from 2006 until her retirement in 2011 due to ill health. Her funeral on Friday 7th June was held at Banbury Crematorium and was attended by Family and very close friends and members of the clergy. The service was taken by Bishop John Holbrook from Peterborough Diocese and Bishop Colin Fletcher from Oxford Diocese. After the private cremation there was a public Service of Thanksgiving led by Bishop John on Friday 7 June, at 2.00pm, at St Mary's Church in Banbury. At the service in a full church, Bishop John spoke about Gill's life and ministry, her meticulous organisation and most of all her care and devotion to people. She was alongside many to celebrate life's happy moments and also to support during illness and bereavement. During her own long illness and treatment Gill continued to love and care for others rather than focus on herself. The Bishop described her life as 'Awesome' in what she did and who she was, and how hard it was for people to mourn her death, when she was the person who normally would bring comfort to them in their situation. Gill had planned both services in great detail, even stating who should do each part. They were full of music, scripture readings and poems which were 'very Gill' and many of us recognised from services Gill had lead for others.

Gill trained in the Portsmouth Diocese where she was a self-supporting minister prior to becoming Assistant Chaplain (1996-98) and then Chaplain (1998-01) of Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust. She was Chaplain at Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals NHS Trust from 2001-06. and from 2006-2001 rector of the Astwick vale Benefice. After her retirement she still helped to support the benefice and other churches as her health permitted and had from 2011 held PTO in the Oxford Diocese.

## HOLIDAY CLUB 5th to 9th August Final Show 11th August

The Annual Children's Christian Holiday Club will be running from 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> August. Children of Primary school age are invited to join us this summer for our holiday club entitled 'Showstoppers', which is based on a Theatre theme and hear about different people in the bible. The Club will be great fun with songs, crafts, games and activities and will meet at Croughton School Monday 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August from 9:30am to 12noon with a special final show on Sunday from 10am-11am in Croughton church, when we will celebrate with friends and family what we have been doing all week. There is no charge for the holiday club but there will be an opportunity to make a donation if you wish. Numbers are restricted to 90 children, and we will only have 10 places available for children starting school in September and whose 5<sup>th</sup> birthday is before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013. We strongly advise reserving a place to avoid disappointment. To reserve a place please complete a registration form available in our churches or school and send it to Sarah Kurse, 4 Clarkes Way, Brackley, NN13 6HN. For more information contact **revd Simon Dommett on 01869 810903** 

#### "WELCOME PACKS"

These were first issued, from St.Michael's Church, during the year 1999 containing general information on activities and amenities etc, to welcome and inform all newcomers to our village. To date well over 200 have been handed out to new residents.

BUT NOW with the access to websites etc it is felt these are no longer applicable, However, more information will be contained within the pages of the newsletter at intervals. Items such as contact persons responsible for Organisations/Clubs etc and Services. This information will be transferred from the present Welcome Pack.

Should there be any discrepancies or extra information needed please contact: "Sybil" through the Newsletter i.e. to 32 Roundtown or email <a href="mailto:syban@btinternet.com">syban@btinternet.com</a>
HOPEFULLY this will not take away that first initial introduction and welcome to our Apricot Village.

## Meetings on each Wednesday of the Month



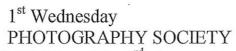
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday

A.R.M.S. (Aynho Recorded Music Society)

For our June meeting Bob presented a most enjoyable evening of music accompanied by witty and erudite comments on the background of each piece. He played 13 pieces, all familiar and all

atmospheric. These included Debussy "Clair de Lune", Strauss "Overture to Die Fledermaus" Mozart "Piano Concerto No.21" Beethoven "Symphony No.8" Sibelius "Finlandia" and Dvorak "Scherzo from the New World". So good to see Doris back again too operating the equipment with her usual skill.

This was a joyful meeting with which to end our summer season. Next meeting Wednesday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Contact Bob Mann 810264.



At our Club Night on July 3<sup>rd</sup> six members will present photographs from their personal portfolios, and Colin Harrison FRPS MPAGB will give a presentation entitled "Digital adventure – gold medal images" Both meetings are at the Cartwright Hotel 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

Contact: John Branton www.adandd.co.uk

## 2<sup>nd</sup> .Wednesday GARDENING CLUB



Our next meeting July 10 will be an evening trip to the garden of the Old Vicarage in the village of Bledington. We will be going in individual cars. If anyone would like a lift please contact a committee member. We are due to meet at the garden at 6.30pm. The one and a half acres contain herbaceous borders,

roses and a pond. There is also a vegetable garden. To get there drive through Chipping Norton, do not turn right to Stow but keep straight on taking the B4450 through Churchill to Bledington. Once you arrive in the village the Old Vicarage is on the main road on the left. If you reach the village green you have gone too far! Distance is 17 miles.Post Code OX7 6UX. Fee per head is £5 inc. refreshments.

This should be a beautiful place to visit if the weather is kind to us! Ball Colegrave (Adderbury) is also open July 24<sup>th</sup> 4.0-8.0pm. £2.50.

Contact: Mrs. Anthea Bazin 810629



3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday AYNHO WOMEN'S INSTITUTE – July 17<sup>th</sup> **7.0pm** start Garden Meeting in the garden of Mrs.Deborah Gibbs Contact: Mrs.Barbara Watkins Tel: 811152



4<sup>th</sup> or last Wednesday AYNHO HISTORY SOCIETY. Next Meeting JULY 31<sup>st</sup> A lecture and tour of "Friars Well" house & gardens presented by Mr.& Mrs.Richard Sermon. Members only or by prior arrangement.

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## Reflections and memories of Gill our dear friend and Rector

Our Rector Simon has described the day Gill was laid to rest and Bishop John's tribute to her at the Thanksgiving Service in St Mary's Banbury elsewhere in this newsletter. The large number of people who attended was a measure of how she touched many people's lives through her ministry.

Gill was the first woman priest in this parish and it was not long before her warmth and care broke through any misgivings some of our elder villagers felt about this change of tradition. Her home communion visits and private prayer were welcome and a regular part of her spiritual care for others.

For those looking after the young, ie Mums with babies and toddlers, Gill instigated Praise and Play. It must be said that Dads and Grandparents were also often part of the group. This provided those with busy lives bringing up children a space in the day to enjoy a simple form of worship and fellowship with others. Resulting from this some Mums, through Gill's guidance, became Confirmed and brought God into their and their families' lives. It was good to see a group of the Praise and Play Mums at the Thanksgiving Service. Gill supported the young people in other ways through school visits and of course the Holiday Club and Sunday school.

She also took great care in preparing adults for marriage and made their wedding services very special and meaningful occasions. Anthea and Peter were so grateful that Gill could still find the strength to guide them before their wedding and conduct their service so beautifully after she had already retired.

As Bishop John remarked during his Tribute, Gill was meticulous in everything she did and as churchwardens Anthea and I had the comfort of knowing if we missed something Gill would not. This was even the case when her health was declining but her ability to find strength to lead us was, as Bishop John said, "Awesome".

Finally the choice of music for the Thanksgiving Service was all Gill's and the opening music, *Allegri's Miserere*, a very spiritual piece of music was in fact performed by Fiori Musicali at a concert in Aynho's church in April 2011 when Gill was present.

As the music fades away our memories of Gill remain and will always be with us.

Anthea and Graham Churchwardens.

#### **BIODIVERSITY GROUP**

#### Junior Photo Competition for ages up to 16

Again the competition will be held as part of the Gardening Club Show in September. The theme this year is 'Minibeasts eg bees, butterflies, caterpillars, ladybirds, beetles and snails'. More details on our website and the Newsletter next month.

**Bad News:** as many of you have probably read, the recently published 'State of Nature' report charts the decline and devastating loss of more than half the wildlife species in Britain over the past 50 years. To quote Sir David Attenborough: 'the causes are varied but most are ultimately due to the way we are using our land and seas and their natural resources, often with little regard for the wildlife with which we share them'

#### Bird of the Month

#### Swift

The Swift is a plain sooty brown with long, scythe-like wings and a short, forked tail. It is a summer visitor, arriving in late April or early May (taking less than a week to fly from West Africa) and leaving in August. It is a superb flier and performs most activities in the air, including feeding, preening, playing and mating. They even sleep on the wing flying up as far as 10,000 feet and then shutting down half their brain at a time. They continually correct the wind drift, therefore, waking up where they fell asleep. They are gregarious birds in fact you might see excited screaming parties of them careering madly at high speed around rooftops especially towards dusk. Dry grasses, straw, leaves, flower petals, winged seeds, feathers and scraps of paper, all collected on the wing, are glued together to make the nests. Both male and female incubate the eggs and feed the young on food balls (stored in a throat pouch) containing between 300 - 1000 insects and small spiders. At about 6 weeks old the young are ready to fly and are independent the minute they leave the nest flying as well as their parents even though the most practise they have had is performing wing 'press ups'. They do not leave for Africa together but when they are ready, which may be almost immediately after leaving the nest. They are now on the Amber list as a species of conservation concern. Among the reasons for their decline being lack of insects and loss of nooks and crannies in buildings where they can nest - our hermetically sealed houses cause big problems for nesting swifts!

#### Did You Know?

- Swifts are the fastest of all birds in level flight with a top speed of about 69mph.
- Eves are deep seated and have moveable bristles in front sunglasses for reducing glare.
- They bathe by flying relatively slowly through falling rain.
- The adults can fly as far as 560 miles each day looking for food.
- They have a clever adaptation. Food can be scarce in bad weather so the chicks go semitorpid and survive for days without food, then regain weight rapidly once supplies resume. Most baby birds can't do this and would simply die within hours.

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AYNHO ALLOTMENTS (on the Charlton Road beyond the Sports Field)

Coming soon: the opportunity to grow your own delicious fresh vegetables, soft fruit and flowers, as some of the allotment plots will become available at the end of the season. An entire plot costs only £5 per year to rent. If the area of a whole plot seems a bit too large to manage, it is possible to take on just half a plot.

For further information, please phone Robert Cheney on 01869 – 810368

**PARENTS! The TRUSTEES of the CARTWRIGHT EXHIBITION FUND** are advertising for children of secondary education age to apply to the above fund. The successful applicant will receive an amount of money for three years to put towards their education needs.

Please contact: 01869 - 811164

**DORIS MIDDLETON** and family would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the many cards and letters of sympathy and prayers received on the death of Bernard.

**STOP PRESS from A.S.R.A.** The S.N.C are back with their village games August 2<sup>nd</sup>,16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> 10.30-12.30. These were very popular with the children last year so do please support them again otherwise be may lose them. Will hopefully open Café whilst they take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> August. K.A.

#### FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

**Bins** -Everyone will soon receive info on the new recycling scheme from SNC. It's due to roll out in Aynho in Mid August so watch out for updates.

**Bonfires** - Please ensure that if you are burning waste in your garden you are considerate both to your neighbours and of the smoke that may drift onto the road causing an obstruction.

**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

The more people that complain about these things, the more likely it is that something will be done. **Dog Fouling** - This is again becoming a very serious issue. It is unsightly and represents a danger to people. We are about to mount a campaign to stop dog fouling so please watch out for new notices.

**Volunteers - The Glebe Parking Scheme** -APC have approved a scheme to lay matting which will help to assist with the parking problems in The Glebe. This will allow parking on the grass and also help to preserve the grass and so enhance the visual appearance. If you would be interested in helping us with the physical work please get in touch with The Clerk. APC will be writing with full details to residents of The Glebe.

#### Volunteers - Aynho Parish Plan 2014-19.

APC intend to update the current Village Plan in the next 8 months. We are looking for a couple of volunteers to join a sub group of the Parish Council to help develop the plan which will include a village survey to be conducted in the Autumn. It is intended the survey will be along the lines of the one conducted last in 2008. If you are interested in helping please contact The Clerk.

#### Contact details

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

#### News from A.S.R.A & The Pavilion

#### Maytime in the Square and the Barn Dance

Thanks to everyone who supported these events this year. The Barn Dance was a superb evening once again raising just under £500 for ASRA.

#### Having a Party?

ASRA and St Michaels church have for village functions. It got its first airing at 12m x 6m. This marquee is available for hire by

purchased a large marquee the fete and is an impressive villagers at a very reasonable £50

per time with a refundable deposit of £100. Anyone interested in hiring it for their event or for an event on the field/pavilion, please contact Kay on 810019. You will have to erect it and take it down yourself but it was reasonably straightforward and takes around 2.5 hours. All poles & boxes are marked and full instructions provided. To hire the pavilion for an event costs £15 and if you wish to hire all the vintage china, tablecloths and bunting as well that would be £35. So for £100 you have got yourself a party! Bear in mind some Saturday cricket fixtures when thinking of booking.

#### **Pavilion Cafe**

Just to let you know that the cafe will be closing on Wednesdays from 10<sup>th</sup> July and throughout the school summer holidays. It will still be open on Thursdays from 12 noon – 3pm throughout the summer though I am looking for a back-up person to take over the reins during holidays and emergencies.

If anyone is interested please get in touch.

Throughout July and August on a Thursday lunchtime the Cafe will have a salad bar available alongside the usual jacket potatoes, paninis, toasted sandwiches, home-made cakes and drinks. Hope to see you.

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