



**A FUN WEEK FOR ALL 5 to 11 YEAR
OLDS WITH THE FINAL SHOW ON
SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST**

**Holiday Club 2013 for primary school children will take place in
Croughton All Saints School Monday 5th – Friday 9th August
Contact Rev Simon Dommett on 01869 810903 for further details.**

ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2013

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

Sunday August 4th

AYNHO 11.0am Communion

(Sidespersons: Mr.Cheney Mr.Croft)

Farthinghoe 9.30am Communion

Hinton 11.0am Family Worship

AYNHO Benefice Picnic at The Rectory 4.00pm



**August 5th – 9th Holiday Club at Croughton School
9.30am. See Front Cover and “Rector’s Remarks”**

Sunday August 11th

CROUGHTON CHURCH 10.0am

Holiday Club put on “The Final Show”!

STEANE Benefice Communion 6.0pm

Sunday August 18th

AYNHO BENEFICE

10.0am

(Sidespersons: Mrs.Bellamy. Mr.Leigh Mr.Sutton)

Sunday August 25th

AYNHO 11.00am Matins

(Sidespersons: Mrs.Gray Mrs.Pusey)

Croughton 9.30am Communion

Hinton 11.00am Communion

Evenley 11.00am Family Worship

Farthinghoe 6.00pm Evensong

Home Communion at 15, The Square – Monday August 26th

Bible Study None in August

Prayer Group None in August

Church Cleaning Thursday 22nd (please note change to 4th Thursday) 9.45am

Choir Practice Friday August 16th 6.30pm

P.C.C.Meeting Monday August 19th 8.00pm in Church

Bell Ringing -Tuesdays 7.30pm 1st Evenley 2nd & 4th Kings Sutton. 3rd Aynho 5th Croughton
plus August 3rd and August 15th for Weddings &

August 31st Culworth Branch 8 bell practice - 7.30 – 9.0p.m.

Information about the life of our church or baptisms or wedding enquiries from our
Rector - Revd.Simon Dommett Tel:01869 810903.Email:the.revd.simon@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 Wardens: Graham Gibbs 01869-819727 Anthea Cowley 01869-810629

Items for September by Monday August 12th to SYBIL at 32, Roundtown.

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

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Rector's remarks

The recent warm weather heralded the long over due summer season and for me the season changes from June which is fete season to July and weddings and now into August and Holiday club and holiday season. I am looking forward to being part of the Children's holiday club this year and seeing all the exciting things that are lined up for them. The theme of the club this years is around a theatre with an uncertain future and is called showstoppers, I can't give too much away but the week will end with a special Show Time on Sunday 11th August at 10am in Croughton Church, when the children will show what they have been doing and sing the songs they have learned, It is going to be great fun and hope you can come and join the show.

Summer Holiday club

SHOWSTOPPERS

5th-9th August 9:30-12noon All Saints School Croughton.

Fun and games for children 5-11 years old and those children whose 5th birthday is before December 31st 2013.

Registration forms available in church to be returned to

Sarah Kurze, 4 Clarkes Way, Brackley, Northants, NN13 6HN

After Showstoppers I am looking forward to going on a pilgrimage with a group of ecumenical pilgrims who are looking at John Bunyan's famous story Pilgrim's Progress as they walk from St. Albans Abbey to the Shrine at Walsingham, Some 200 miles by the route they will take. I am excited as the pilgrims will be passing through Elstow in Bedfordshire where John Bunyan was born and lived and then through Bedford where I used to work as an Engineer. The Pilgrim's progress was written using local land marks as inspiration, for example the clay pits of the Marston vale corresponding to the slough of despond that Pilgrim gets stuck in. If you haven't read the book I would give it a try.



If you would like some exercise why not consider joining the Stride and Ride run by the Historic churches trust on 14th September. Loads of churches all over the country will be open, and people are encouraged to walk or cycle or even drive between the churches, being sponsored for the miles traveled or the number of churches visited.

More information can be found at www.rideandstrideuk.org

Sponsor money goes towards the upkeep of historic churches and half goes to your local village church. Could you give it a go.

Contact Pat Stubbs, 01869 810695 for sponsorship forms and more details.

In the Autumn we will be hosting some groups exploring what Christianity is all about. If you have some questions or want to explore what it is really about let me know or look out for more details.

Church Fete

After two years of very inclement weather the 2013 fete was blessed with sunshine and thanks to many people across the village community who helped in various ways it was a record year with over £2,400 being raised. Well done all.

Just a reminder the new large marquee is available for private hire so contact Kay Anderson if you wish to book it. Graham Gibbs Churchwarden.

Meetings on each Wednesday of the Month



1st Wednesday
AYNHO RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY
No meeting in August or September
Next meeting Wednesday October 2nd.
Contact Bob Mann 810264.



1st Wednesday
PHOTOGRAPHY SOCIETY
Colin Harrison FRPS MPAGB will give a presentation entitled
"Digital adventure – gold medal images" on August 7th.
Meeting at the Cartwright Hotel 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.
Contact: John Branton www.adandd.co.uk

2nd Wednesday
GARDENING CLUB

On August 14th there will be a talk on "Flowers of Switzerland" This will be
Focusing mainly on the spring flowers up in the high pastures, with some
Slides of a beautiful garden island in Lake Maggiore..... 8.0pm Village Hall.

You should find with this newsletter a programme for the
FLOWER & PRODUCE Show on Saturday August 31st.

Please have a look through. The show is open to all residents of Aynho,
not just Gardening Club Members, and has classes for photographs, flower
arranging, craft and cookery as well as flowers, fruit and vegetables. There is
also a number of things that children can enter and we would be delighted to
have more entries from our younger residents. It is not necessary to enter lots
of things – just bring a rose or a plate of apples.

This is a village event and we would love to have as many people as possible joining in.

Contact: Mrs.Anthea Cowley. Tel:810629

3rd Wednesday
AYNHO WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
No meeting in August – but book an extra date in your diary for Saturday
September 28th A Display of "50 years Memorabilia"
More information next month

Contact: Mrs.Barbara Watkins Tel: 811152

4th or last Wednesday
AYNHO HISTORY SOCIETY.
No meeting in August

Contact: Rupert Clark 810603 or Peter Cole 811261

ACTS (Aynho Community Theatre Society)

I am writing this whilst the sun is blazing during these lovely few days in July, but our minds at
ACTS are already looking forward to staging a pantomime next February 2014! Can you see
yourself on the stage – acting, singing, dancing, playing an instrument, or generally "playing the
fool"!! Or perhaps helping behind the scenes painting and planning sets, stage management, or even
front of house refreshments. ACTS is always looking for fresh talent and willing volunteers. If you
want to find out more please let me know, or watch this space for more details to follow soon – but
keep 19th/20th October free! There's a rewarding treat for the best question or brilliant idea for our
panto. All ages welcome from toddlers to totterers! Rebecca Horley ACTS Secretary 01869-810209



Organisations with contact names and tel:numbers to date:

Village Hall – For bookings	Mrs.Amanda Limb	Tel:810341
Art Classes etc	Mrs.Carol.McClellan	Tel:810346
Community Theatre	Mrs.Rebecca Horley	Tel:810209
Writers Group	Mrs.Pat Stubbs	Tel:810695
Short Mat Bowls	Mrs.Jean Darby	Tel:810373
Playing Field/Pavilion (A.S.R.A)	Mrs.Kay Anderson	Tel:810019
Biodiversity Group	Mrs.Gill Phillips	Tel:810279

Other amenities:

Milkman –	Mon.Weds & Fri. 01295-264776 or Milk&More web site
Papers –	See “adverts”
Mobile Library –	1 st Friday of each month, Stop-The Butts 11.40 – 12.00
Health Centres:	Deddington Tel:338611 Brackley Tel:01280-704336 Banbury-Horse Fair 01295-259484 There is a free weekly collection from Deddington Health Centre only contact Surgery or Sybil Stevens Tel: 810692
POST OFFICE	Committee Room of Village Hall Tuesdays 1.30 to 3.30pm (Please use this as much as you can – we need to keep it)
PARISH COUNCIL	Chairman – Mr.Stephen Brook, Clerk Mrs.Sadie Patamia (see notes) South Northants Council Towcester tel: 01327 322322 District Councillor: Mr.John Townsend tel:01295 811295 M.P: Mrs.Andrea Leadsom tel: 01604 859721

HELP?

CAMERON ANDERSON is again offering Maths & Physics Tutoring whilst home from University.
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BANBURY LIONS 35th Charity Fun Ride – Sunday August 25th at Broughton Castle, Banbury, in aid of
Redwings Horse Sanctuary & Riding for the Disabled. Full details: Ian Wilson 01295 257907

THANKS... ..

WILLIAM & ANNE USHER would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and very kind messages
while William was ill which were all much appreciated.

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LETTER from Hilary Gray.....I felt I must put into print appreciation and thanks to our Church
Wardens, Graham and Anthea, and organist, Sybil, and to all who took part in the arrangements of our
recent “Songs of Praise” Service. Within it was a very moving tribute to our late Rector, Gill.

All the hymns, readings and words chosen were so appropriate and made it a lovely service.

BIODIVERSITY GROUP

Junior Photo Competition for ages 16 and under. This will be held as part of the Gardening Club Show on 31 August. **The theme this year is 'Minibeasts' eg bees, butterflies, caterpillars, ladybirds, snails, beetles etc.** Each entrant is allowed one or more photos which should be a maximum size of 7 x 5 and unmounted. Please put your name, age and subject on the back of your photo and send your entry to the Gardening Club or to Gill at 15 Butts Close.

Churchyard biodiversity booklet. The surveys have now been completed and the booklets printed. Hope you find them interesting. Samples can be seen at the pavilion, the village hall and, of course, the Church. They cost £1 and can be purchased from Gill 810279.

Biodiversity website – Jill has put in a lot of information plus activities for children. This links to the **Biodiversity facebook** page which Les has set up. Why not check these out?

Bird of the Month

Starling

Starlings are smaller than blackbirds, with a short tail, pointed head, triangular wings and when seen close to have a glossy sheen of purples and greens. The male builds an untidy nest from grass in a hole in a wall, tree or building often decorating it with leaves and petals to deter parasites and improve his chances of attracting a female. Both birds incubate the eggs and feed the young. Sometimes a non-nesting female will remove an egg from a breeding pair's nest and lay an egg of her own in its place. Although starlings eat just about anything (insects, worms, snails, berries, seeds, fruit, scraps etc.) they don't feed any 'junk food' to their young, only invertebrates. They use their beak to probe the ground and because it is specially adapted they can open it to find and retrieve food. Noisy and gregarious, starlings spend a lot of the year in flocks. In the autumn birds from Scandinavia, Finland and Poland join the resident birds and these can be seen in their millions in the spectacular winter aerial displays, swirling around like a swarm of insects. The typical life span of a starling is between 2 and 5 years but they have been known to live up to 22 years. Starlings have suffered a dramatic population crash in recent years with 2012's Big Garden Bird Watch revealing a fall of 79% since 1979. Intensively farmed land, pesticides, fewer nesting sites in urban areas and poorer survival rates among the young birds are thought to be some of the reasons. They are now on the red list for high conservation concern.



Did You Know?

- Mozart had a pet Starling which could sing part of his Piano Concerto in G Major.
- In 1890's 100 starlings from England were released into New York City's Central Park by Eugene Schieffelin who wanted all of New York to see the birds mentioned in the plays of William Shakespeare.
- Essential oils from the aromatic herbs starlings line their nests with are absorbed through the shell boosting the chicks white blood cells that fight infection. These chicks grow faster, cope better with stress once they leave the nest and have a better survival rate.
- Starlings are one of the few birds that have binocular vision and can swivel their eyes and look directly down their beak.
- In August 1949 a flock of starlings perched on the minute hand of Big Ben causing the clock to lose 4½ minutes.

Gill: 810279 Jill: 811206



The Rev'd Edward Williams.

Sadly we have said our goodbyes to our much loved "Rev Ted" who passed away peacefully on the 21st June aged 94. When Ted retired from full time ministry in the Cheshire area he and his wife Winifred moved to Aynho some 25 years ago. Ted continued to provide help and care for the village community and was always available to lead services when required. Up until last year when he moved to a

nursing home near Winchester he would visit people in their homes and always loved a cup of tea and Victoria sponge.

A well attended memorial service at St Michael's church was held on 12th July followed by an internment of his ashes in the churchyard.

Thanks to all those who provided an excellent buffet lunch in the village hall. Ted would have appreciated all that good food.

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FROM THE PAVILION

Diary Dates:

We are planning another Aynho Community Weekend in the autumn, the dates of which will be **19/20th October**. Any village groups or people wishing to get involved are asked to contact Kay on 810019 or Fi on 819999. This is an opportunity for community groups, organisations, businesses or individuals to showcase their talents or work, recruit members or just share their interests with others in the village.

Further information will follow in the September newsletter but if anyone has any ideas they are asked to contact the numbers above now please.

A second diary date is for the Christmas Market on Saturday **16th November** in the village hall. Anyone interested in selling their wares on a stall is asked to contact Kay on 810019.

Volunteer Work

Any young people undertaking their Duke of Edinburgh Award who need to do any voluntary work are asked to contact Kay on 810019 as we could use some help with the mound on the Playing Field.

Pavilion Cafe

The Cafe will be open every Thursday during August for the usual lunches, drinks and homemade cakes and during July and August there will be a salad bar every week as well. I also have ice creams in the freezer, cold drinks, cards and books and other small stationery gifts if you need them. The cafe will be open again on Wednesdays as well after the children go back to school in September. On Thursday **22nd August**, the South Northants Volunteer Bureau Roadshow will be in attendance giving advice on all issues from benefits to bills.

The South Northants Council are back with

village games on August 2nd 16th & 30th 10.30-12.30

Please support them otherwise we may lose them. Hopefully café will be open on the 2nd & 30th.

FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

New Councillor and another Casual Vacancy

APC are very pleased to welcome **Jake Shuckburgh** as a newly co-opted member of Aynho Parish Council.

We also have another casual vacancy so if you are interested in joining APC please get in touch with the Clerk.

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.

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 aynhopc@gmail.com. The postal address is 25 Brackley Road, Croughton, NN13 5PP, or you can find us on Facebook and Twitter (@aynhopc)

CREAM TEAS

(£2.50 per person)

SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST 2013

ROSE COTTAGE

BANBURY ROAD

AYNHO

2.30—5.00 pm

Parking available opposite at College Field Pond

Proceeds in aid of St Michael's Church, Aynho

(If weather inclement teas in St Michael's Church)



PEW CUSHIONS ST MICHAEL'S, AYNHO

OUR NEW CUSHIONS HAVE ARRIVED!!

Very many thanks to all who have generously contributed to their cost. If you haven't been able to donate so far, there is still time!! They are very comfortable and to quote one member of the congregation on Sunday, "We can now fall asleep during the sermon".

Further contributions should be sent to Anthea Cowley or Graham Gibbs, Church Wardens. Any cheques should be made out to St Michael's PCC.

Please visit the Church to try them out.

Deborah Gibbs