

Maytime in Aynho

In & Around The Square (Village Hall If Wet)

Saturday 17th May 2pm

Town Crier

Crowning of May Queen

Charlton Cherries Maypole Dancers

Aynho's Morris Minors (Dancers)

Stalls

W.I.'s home made refreshments

CraA, GiA & Games stalls

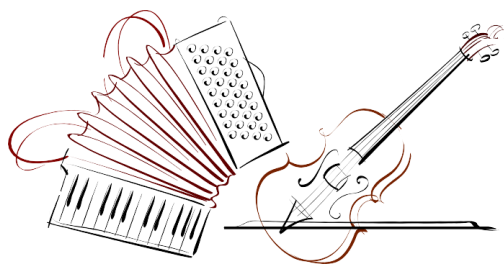
Gardening Club's plant sale



Stall Enquiries: £5 each including table call: Fiona:01869 819999

Maytime Barn Dance

Saturday 17th May, Aynho Village Hall, 6pm – 9:30pm



Dancing to
'Apricot Pie'

Licensed Bar

Tickets In Advance (Price includes food):
(before 5th May) £10 Adults / £6 children
(5th May onwards) £12 Adults / £7 children

Chilli Supper
(cowboy mince
for juniors!)

Tickets call (01869): Alexa:811318 | Liz:810180 | Stella:810663

Valery:819746 | Tina:07805 085057

ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR MAY 2014

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

Sunday:
May 4th

AYNHO 11.0am Communion

(Sidespersons: Mrs.Grey Mr.Croft)

Farthinghoe 11.0am & Baptism Hinton 11.0am MW

Croughton – **NEW FAMILY SERVICE 10.0am**

Evenley 6.0pm TAIZE Worship

Sunday:
May 11th

AYNHO 9.30am Communion

(Sidespersons: Mrs Bellamy Mrs Kirby)

Croughton 9.30am HC Farthinghoe 10.0am FW

Evenley 11.0am HC with Baptism

Choral Evensong at Steane 6.0pm with Guest Speaker

Archdeacon of Northampton The Venerable Richard Ormston

SUNDAY BENEFICE H.C at HINTON

May 18th

Guest Speaker Rev.Steve Benoy DDO

Family Pizza Praise at Evenley 4.30pm



Sunday:
May 25th

AYNHO 11.0am Choral Matins

(Sidespersons: Mr.Cheney.Mr.Sutton)

Croughton 9.30am HC Evenley 11.0am FW

Farthinghoe 6.0pm ES Hinton 11.0am HC

**May 29th Ascension Day Communion at Aynho 8.0am followed by
breakfast at the Rectory.**

Home Communion at Aynho Monday 26th 10.30am

Choir Practices	Fridays	2 nd & 23 rd	6.30pm
Bible Study	Monday	12 th	10.15am Rose Cottage, Banbury Road
Church Cleaning	Thursday	15 th	9.45am onwards
Prayer Group	Thursday	22 nd	2.30pm 15, The Square
P.C.C.Meeting	Monday	19th	8.00pm in Church
Bell Ringing –	Tuesdays at 7.30pm 1 st Evenley 2 nd & 4 th Kings Sutton 3 rd Tuesday Aynho		
Also at Aynho:	May 3 rd	Visiting Team from Wingrave	3.20pm-4.00pm &
	May 10 th	Marriage Blessing	1.30pm-2.00pm

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 Warden: Graham Gibbs 01869-819727

Items for June by Monday May 14th to Sybil at 32, Roundtown. Tel:810692

Email: syban@btinternet.com

Rector's Letter

It is hard to believe that we are already into May, over 1/3 of the year gone already. Soon we will be heading towards Christmas again, but we don't want to wish our lives away. But how the time flies is not the only thing it is hard to believe and yet there is a reality to it. Before we leave Easter behind, we might remember that the first people who met the risen Lord Jesus found it hard to believe as well. Mary in the garden was so overcome with grief she didn't at first recognize Jesus. When Jesus appeared to the disciples Thomas wasn't there and he said he wouldn't believe what his friends told him about having seen the risen Jesus till he had seen it with his own eyes, and touched Jesus in the flesh. On another occasion we find Jesus talking to some disciples and he asks them "what is going on?" and they tell him, haven't you heard mate, "Jesus is alive!" It is hard to believe yet nearly all of these people were put to death because of what they believed to be true. If they had thought it a lie... well would you die for a lie?

During Lent this year, I gave up chocolate as a Lent challenge; the money I would have spent on chocolate is to be given to a charity decided by the pupils at Croughton School. Now I have to say that for most of the time, it wasn't as hard as I had expected, and yet there were many unexpected times when I nearly slipped up. These were occasions when you weren't thinking or were tired. Like when visiting and being offered a chocolate biscuit, or being out and about and just wanting a little snack. Now after six weeks I am wondering as I write this, will I go back to my old temptation after Easter is over, or will the experience have changed me in some way. One thing for certain is that having to think about not eating chocolate has made me more aware about what I have been eating and I think that is for the better. And maybe I might continue to lose a bit of weight in the coming months, which would not be a bad thing either.

I hope you had a good Lent and a good Easter and let's see if time will tell if it makes a lasting difference to our lives.

Simon

Steane Special Summer Sermon Series

Come along and enjoy the beauty of Steane Park and the parish church of St. Peter, in our Steane Special Summer Sermon Series. Each month we gather to hear a specially invited speaker and enjoy the beauty of traditional prayer book worship.

Steane church only has six services a year so this is a wonderful opportunity to visit the church, enjoy worship and hear some excellent speakers. All services start at 6pm

May 11th **Guest preacher our new Archdeacon of Northampton**

The Venerable Richard Ormston

June 8th Rev Terry Richards June 29th Songs of Praise and BBQ

July 13th TBA August 10th Evening Communion Service

September 14th Canon Peter Gompertz and his wife return

VIVALDI & HANDEL evening of baroque music. FIORI-MUSICALI

St Michael's Church Aynho

Friday May 16th @7.30pm.

Tickets £20/£15. Optional supper @ Cartwright Hotel £20.

Another opportunity to hear beautiful Baroque Music in the stunning surroundings of our village church. Soprano Judit Felszeghy (in costume) performs with the Fiori Musicali Chamber Ensemble.

Tickets available locally from Graham Gibbs 01869 819727 or email

aynhogibbs@hotmail.com.

Also direct from Fiori-Musicali website.

St Michael's Church Fete

Saturday 14th June 2014: Start time 1.00 pm.

We made a good start from our meeting in March and thank you to all those people coming forward to help. There is still plenty to do and any extra volunteers are always welcome. Due to other commitments, I/we have not yet been able to speak to everyone who had a stall in previous years but I hope that most of you are still available this year. The main contact numbers again are:

Kathy White on 01869 810418 - kathywhite@talktalk.net

Graham Gibbs on 01869 819727 - aynhogibbs@hotmail.com

Anyone willing to donate any **vegetable/flower plants** or plantlets please contact **Amanda Leigh or Amanda Limb** by telephone and then deliver them to the stall

on the morning of the fete. Anyone who has any unwanted seed trays or pots please donate them to Andrew Bellamy at College Farm House for recycling to the Flower and Vegetable stalls in future years.

As usual there will be a **Tombola collection** around the village starting from the end of May but if you miss the collection and wish to donate, please drop off any items to your collector or to any of the committee members. We need more people to collect bottles and if you could help on one or two evenings please contact: Graham Gibbs.

Please contact Kathy if you have any **raffle prizes** or give them to the Tombola collectors when they call.

We always need cakes for the **cake** stall and also for the **refreshment teas** and cakes so all those people who bake so well, please make a few extra for us and either take them to **Deborah Gibbs or Barbara Watkins** or just bring them to the fete on Saturday morning.

Andrew Bellamy is organising the movement of tables/chairs etc at the start and end of the day so if he doesn't have your name already, again please contact him.

We have a Pig Roast this year provided by "The Loaded Hog" based in Deddington and therefore please note the new start time of 13.00 hours

Many thanks

Kathy

St.Michael's Charity Support: **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** May 11th -17th

This Christian charity was founded in 1945 to provide support for sustainable development and disaster relief, fight poverty and strengthen the poorand more.



AYNHO VILLAGE HALL committee remind you to please regularly use your

POST OFFICE facilities - TUESDAYS 1.30 – 3.0pm.

Further activities which take place in your VILLAGE HALL:

Line Dancing. Belly Dancing. Ballet Classes. Musical Minis. Bujin kai.

Art Classes. Writers Group. Bowling (see below) Tap Dancing.

Your County **Library Van visits Aynho** Friday May 2nd at The Butts. 11.40 to 12.00

Aynho Short Mat Bowls Club – Each Tuesday 2.30-4.30 in the Village Hall

The Club is keen to recruit NEW members. Why not come along, get some exercise and enjoy a game. Bowls will be provided, new beginners welcome.

Tel: Secretary – Joan Sprittlehouse 01295 251088 to book a place



What happens on Wednesday nights:



A.R.M.S. (Aynho Recorded Music Society) Wednesday May 7th 7.30pm

Hazel presented a cascade of short musical pieces and excerpts from a wide variety of composers, which included Tchaikovsky, Beethoven, Dvorak, Vivaldi, Gounad, Chopin, Sibelius, Strauss and Wagner. An extremely well thought out program giving a great deal of pleasure to the society. The interval brought considerable discussion and was followed by an entertaining second half including many

well loved favourites.

Contact: Bob Mann Tel:810264

Photographic Society Wednesday May 7th 7.30pm

Yin Wong will return to the society to give a personal presentation entitled

“The evolution of my photography”



Since 2010 members have provided photographs for display in the Waiting Room of West Bar Surgery, Banbury. These are renewed every year and last month the Surgery selected 21 photographs to display for the patients to enjoy.

Meetings are held at the “Cartwright Hotel”, and a warm invitation is extended to all.

Contact: John Branton www.adanddd.co.uk

Gardening Club – Wednesday May 14th –

Trip to the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham . The coach will be leaving Aynho from the bus stop opposite the Grammar House at 9.30am. This promises to be a great day out with plenty to see for everyone. We should be back in Aynho around 5.30pm.

Saturday May 17th – MAYTIME-in –the- SQUARE

Gardening Club will have a table at Maytime-in-the-Square and it is a great place to be able to buy some plants for your gardens - there will be plants for your borders and as well as vegetable and flower plants for potting on or growing in your vegetable garden. Come and support a village event as well as buying something for your garden.



Any donations of plants for the stall will be greatly appreciated.

Forthcoming for June Wednesday 11th Our monthly event in June will be a talk by Reg Moule who came to our Gardening Club back 2011 – it will be good to welcome him back.

Contacts: Annabel Bellamy Tel: 810847 or Kath Arnold

Tel:811868

Women’s Institute – Wednesday May 21st 7.30pm

Discussion of Resolutions plus..... who knows?

Tea Hostesses: Mrs.S.Burgess and Mrs.D.Gibbs

Contact: Barbara Watkins Tel:811152

Aynho History Society – Wednesday May 28th 7.30pm.

“The EU Past, Present & Future” with Aynho’s very own Chris Hodges.

New members always welcome £10 p.a. or pay as you go £2.50 per event.



Contacts: Rupert Clark Tel:810603 ru.clark@btinternet.com

Peter Cole Tel:811261

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PAVILION NEWS

PAVILION CAFE

Nibbles of Brackley are catering for the walking groups every Thursday from 11.30 until 1pm and would welcome support from the village in order to make it viable. Lunchtime snacks, drinks and cakes available at reasonable prices. On Thursday 1st May there will be a Phoenix Spring Sale at the Pavilion with discount offers on cards, gift wrap and stationery from 11am – 1.30pm.

AYNHO COMMUNITY THEATRE

As we are unable to commit to putting on a production this year ACT are holding a series of Summer Readings at the Pavilion on the following dates:

Sunday 4th May 4 – 6pm Sunday 1st June 4 – 6pm Sunday 6th July 4 – 6pm

Anyone is invited to come along and either participate or listen to sketches, comedy readings, poetry or anything else you would like to share or contribute be it musical, singing, acting. No experience necessary, just an interest in the subject. We will continue with more dates if this format works.

Phone Kay on 810019 for more information.

MAYTIME IN THE SQUARE

If you would like to be part of our annual one-off Morris Dancing Team which dances just once a year, this time on Saturday 17th May from around 2pm then please come along to the sports pavilion for practice on the following dates: Sunday 27th April 5 – 6pm Sunday 11th May 5 – 6pm

We have expert tuition in the form of Gerard of the Oxford Morris and we can supply sticks, laughter and merriment a plenty. Recommended age is probably over 14's but anyone is welcome to come and watch.

Call Kay on 810019 for more info.

PARENTS & TOTS GROUP

These are meeting in the pavilion every Thursday from 1.30pm till around 3.30pm if any new people wish to join them for coffee and chat.

VILLAGE MEETING

Would anyone with an interest in the pavilion and sports field please come along to the Village Meeting on Monday 28th April at 7.30pm where I will be available to talk to anyone about the village survey outcomes. Kay.

From your **PARISH COUNCIL**

Annual Village Meeting

Please note this will take place on 28th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Watch out for the annual village report and agenda coming soon. Do please attend this meeting. It is your chance to hear the results of the village survey and to make your views heard.

Village Clean up

A big thank you to all that attended the Village Clean up in March.

Info for dog walkers

If you use the wooden stile on the Charlton Road please note a stone has been placed underneath this to stop the lambs escaping! If you move the stone to let your dog under the stile **please ensure you replace it.** 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>

The more people that complain about these things, the more likely it is that something will be done.

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)

BIODIVERSITY GROUP

The Biodiversity Group are focussing on the two "mound" areas in the **Sports Field** during 2014. The large mound, by the vehicle entrance, will be monitored for wildlife activity throughout the year. We will let the nettles continue colonising the area, as there is already a diverse range of mini beasts established on the mound. We have added a bird feeder, located by the dog waste bin, so please feel free to keep it topped up with any spare seed you may have. Let us know of any birds you see on it. If it is successful we will add a variety of feeders to attract more birds.

At the time of writing, we should have sowed a mixture of wild flowers and grasses on the other mound. This will supplement the planting which has already taken place on one half of it. However, we will let the wide variety of nettles and weeds colonise the hedge side of the mound, as there are already signs of small mammal and mini beast activity. If you would like to become involved in any surveys, please contact us on 810209.

National Be Nice to Nettles Week 14th – 25th May 2014

YES REALLY! The stinging nettle is one of the most important native plants for wildlife in the UK. It has been used for centuries for a multitude of purposes, and continues to be harvested from the wild for food and medicine today. It is a highly successful plant found all over the temperate areas of the world. It spreads by means of seeds and underground rhizomes that creep around just under the surface of the soil. Growing from 0.6 to 2 metres it prefers rich soils but will grow in a variety of habitats and soil types. Its stinging power (hairs like hypodermic needles with venom in a sack at the base) developed as a defence against grazing animals. This also acts as a protection for insects as they can move between the hairs without activating the sting. Amongst the 40 different species of insects supported by it are the small tortoiseshell, comma, red admiral and peacock butterfly larvae as well as the small magpie, mother of pearl, the spectacle and burnished brass moths. Overwintering aphids swarm around the new growth in early spring and provide a valuable food source for ladybirds, blue tits and other woodland birds agile enough to dart around the stems. In late summer the huge quantity of seed produced provide food for many of our seed eating birds. They are also a magnet for other insect eaters like shrews hedgehogs, frogs and toads throughout the year. The RSPB suggests cultivating a nettle patch in your garden and to think twice before completely removing them!



Did You Know?

- Horse breeders have often added nettle seeds to horse feed to give the animals a sleek coat.
- Roman soldiers posted in Britain were reputed to have brushed their limbs with nettles so the stings would warm them in the cold climate.
- The first known nettle textile found in Europe was from the Bronze Age.
- During the First World War cloth made from nettle fibres was used to produce German Army uniforms.
- Historically nettles were used to make puddings and beer and today Cornish Yarg cheese uses the mature leaves of the nettle in its production.
- Nettles are thought to have anti-fungal properties as they seem to protect neighbouring plants from fungal diseases and when used as a packing material for fruit prevent mould growth.

*The **KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE Spring Fair and Plant Sale** takes place on **Tuesday 13th May** at the Great Barn, Upper Aynho Grounds. Entrance is £4.00

ALLOTMENTS available NOW for new occupation: one complete allotment and also half another allotment (in the Charlton Road). All you need is enthusiasm, energy, time, your own tools and £5.00 cash; not too much to ask for a plentiful supply of your own vegetables in due course!



If interested please phone ROBERT CHENEY on 810368.

Having received no response from the young – here is a sample of what I get from “Senior Citizens”! (with my response in rhyme!!)

HOW TO KNOW WHEN YOU ARE GETTING OLD

Everything hurts! What doesn't hurt doesn't work

The gleam in your eye is the sun shining on your bi-focals

You feel like the morning after but you haven't been anywhere and your children begin to look middle aged.

You join a health club but you don't go, and dripping taps cause an uncontrollable urge. You turn out the light for economy and not for romance.

You are in a rocking chair but can't make it go.

Your knees buckle but your belt won't, and your back goes out more than you do. Your house is too big, your medicine box is not big enough.

You sink your teeth into a steak and they stay there

Your birthday Cake collapses from the weight of all the candles.

.Old age is golden I've heard it said, But sometimes I wonder as I get into my bed

With my ears on the drawer, my teeth in a cup. My eyes on the table until I get up.

Ere sleep overtakes me I say to myself "Is there anything else I could lay on the shelf"

When I was young with slippers red I could kick my heels right over my head

When older my slippers were blue, but I could still dance the whole night through. Now I am old my slippers are black I walk to The Store and puff my way back

I get up each morning and dust off my wits and pick up the paper and read the "Obits" If my name is still missing I know I'm not dead – so

I HAVE A GOOD BREAKFAST AND GO BACK TO BED!!!

DearOh God I miss my mind

Just a line to say I'm living amongst the dead

Though I'm getting more forgetful

and mixed up in my mind

I've got used to my arthritis

to my dentures I'm resigned

I can manage my bifocals

But O God I miss my mind

sometimes I can't remember

when I'm standing on the stairs

if I should go up for something

or else come down from there.

Before the fridge so often

my mind is filled with doubt

Now did I put some food away~

or come to take it out

And sometimes when it's night time

with my hairnet on my head

I'm not sure if I'm retiring

or getting out of bed.

At last I'm at the post box and my face

has gone so red

instead of posting this to you I've opened it instead

They keep sending me these poems

Just why? I would like to know

Are they trying to tell me

It is time to go?

I know my mind does a miss sometimes

And little thing may get left out

But most of the time I know

exactly what I'm about

I do not have a bedside shelf

Full of odds and ends

It's the slippers red and the slippers blue

which have disappeared from my view

Nor do I have a good bread=breakfast

and go back to bed

No! I have a good breakfast

and do the Cross word instead!

I HAVE A GOOD BREAKFAST AND GO BACK TO BED!!!.

Food for thought – A war winning diet....

Weekly rations in April 1945 – when the 2nd World War ended

4 ounces of bacon or ham + 1s.2d (less than 6p) of meat

8 ounces of sugar

2 ounces of tea

4 ounces of cheese

8 ounces of Jam, marmalade or syrup

6 ounces of fat but not more than 2 ounces of butter

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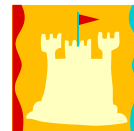
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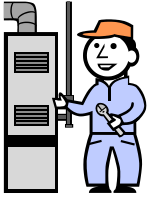


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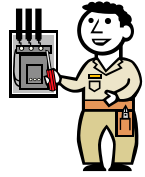
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