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The Apricot Village

# NEWSLETTER

## OCTOBER 2014

# BOWMENS LEA BOZANNA

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**WELL DONE  
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(Report inside)

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IT!!



**50 YEARS OF BOWMENS  
LEA**

**MR MALCHER &  
MR AND MRS SUTTON  
CUT THE CAKE.**





# ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE

## CHURCH CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2014

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

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**Sunday:**  
**October 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**AYNHO 11.0am Holy Communion & Baptism**  
(Sidespersons: Mrs.Pusey. Mr Cheney)  
Farthinghoe 9.30am H.C     Hinton 11.0am FW & **HARVEST**  
Croughton 10. 0am H.C & **HARVEST**

**Sunday:**  
**October 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**AYNHO 9.30am Holy Communion**  
(Sidespersons: Mrs.Bellamy Mr.Leigh)  
Croughton 9.30 HC.     Evenley 11.0am HC  
Farthinghoe 11.0am HC     Hinton 6.0pm E.S.

**Sunday**  
**October 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**BENEFICE Communion at Evenley 10.0am**  
**+ Pet Service and Christian Aid Speaker**

**Sunday**  
**October 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**AYNHO 11.0am Matins**  
(Sidespersons: Mr.Croft. Mr.Sutton)  
Croughton 9.30am HC  
Evenley 11.0am FW  
Farthinghoe 4.0pm Songs of Praise  
Hinton 11.0am HC

Home Communion at Aynho October 27<sup>th</sup> 11.0am at No.3, The Butts.

<b>Prayer Group</b>	Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	15, The Square
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	onwards
<b>Choir Practice</b>	Friday	17 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	
<b>Bible Study</b>	Monday	20 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Lower Aynho Grounds
<b>Bell Ringing –</b>	Tuesdays at 7.30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Evenley 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	Kings Sutton 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Tuesday Aynho.</b>

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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.**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

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**Items for November by Monday October 20<sup>th</sup>** to Sybil at 32, Roundtown.  
**Tel:810692** Email: [syban@btinternet.com](mailto:syban@btinternet.com)

## **Rector's Letter**

Rector is on holiday at this moment of going to print, so please refer to Pew News for all other church details.

## **St.Michael's Charities – Mission Aviation Fellowship.**

MAF literally means “flies for life” We support this fantastic charity which helps vulnerable people in difficult places to reach. It works in close partnership with 1,500 relief agencies and missions. Its flights enable them to provide help and hope to one million isolated people through healthcare, emergency relief, development and the bringing of God's word. By providing a life line to remote areas it also directly serves the people by bringing urgent help for whatever is needed.

You can read about the amazing things that MAF does on its website at

[www.maf-uk.org](http://www.maf-uk.org)

Andrew Bellamy.

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## **Front Page Pictures**

### **Cardiff to Inverness Kayak**

Ahoy landlubbers!

As you are all probably aware by now I spent my summer kayaking from Cardiff to Inverness to raise money for the RNLI. On Friday August 15<sup>th</sup> I arrived in Inverness after seven and a half weeks on the water, during which I managed to travel just under 900 miles (a little under the original estimate as I cut across the mouth of a few bays that I had intended to go around!). Particular thanks to everyone who helped me to raise over £4,000. This is a tremendous sum of money, being enough to cover the annual training costs of four crew members! If anyone still wishes to donate you can follow the JustGiving link below, or drop an envelope through the door. You can also see more pictures on my Facebook page. Thank you all once again for all of your support during this expedition. It was a huge confidence boost to know that you were all showing an interest and backing me.

Aynho should be proud of its supportive and generous community.

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[www.justgiving.com/Angus-Leigh](http://www.justgiving.com/Angus-Leigh)

Angus Leigh

### **50 Years of Bowmens Lea**

On 14<sup>th</sup> September Bowmens Lea held a street party to celebrate 50 years of the Close (though it has undergone several changes to its spelling). Residents from many houses in the street, including the Almshouses, gathered for a celebratory buffet, liquid refreshments and a good chat. Mr Stafford Nash donated a wonderful cake from Nash's Bakery, which was cut by three of the Close's earliest residents, who moved into their houses when they were first built. Residents also enjoyed watching a digital copy of a cine film of the village taken in the early years of Bowmens Lea.

Celebrations continued into the night, and were enjoyed by all.

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the party such a success.

Don't forget to continually use your local Post Office facilities on Tuesdays

1.30-3.0pm in the back room of the Village Hall.....also note

Library Van's new time 11.35 – 12.00 at “The Butts” 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month.

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### WINTER LUNCH CLUB

restarts on Thursday 2 October 2014 in the back room of the Village Hall  
12.15pm-1.30pm      October dates: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30<sup>th</sup>  
(half-term week, family groups/children very welcome)



No 'membership' required, anyone can come (young or old) and hopefully enjoy a simple home-cooked lunch in a warm, friendly place at very reasonable prices.

At the close of last winter I spoke to the Parish Council Chairman about the idea of putting ALL my profit for 2014/15 season towards a DEFIBRILLATOR (a device to restart a heart in arrest and to aid CRP) for the village. It will probably require more funding than Winter Lunch Club (WLC) can provide but I am working with the Parish Council on this and we hope that further details can be given next month.

If WLC becomes 'owned' by the Parish Council then my costly indemnity insurance will be covered by the Parish Council's insurance (more profit!) and they have also generously agreed to give WLC a grant to cover hall hire charges for this year only (again more profit!). Everything else about Winter Lunch Club will remain the same. I would like to thank the PC for their support.

This will be a big project and the details/how this is delivered to the village are still being worked out, grants looked at and a fund-raising plan, but we hope to have a defibrillator in place by the Spring. I look forward to seeing everyone again.

Amanda Limb

### From your PARISH COUNCIL

#### **Ultra Fast Broadband looks set to come to Aynho provided by Gigaclear**

The villages of Aynho & Croughton look set to be part of Gigaclear's plans for the roll out of Ultra Fast Broadband. Gigaclear has already successfully installed 'fibre to the property - FTTP' in an number of Oxfordshire villages and is now looking to expand its broadband network into Northamptonshire. As a minimum they provide a connection speed of 50Mbps (both upload and download) – ie as a minimum 10 times the speed BT provides at present. Gigaclear has already been in contact with the Parish Council. The project will cover both villages and will require 30% of the households to make a commitment to take the service – once this happens they will install the network with a connection to every property in the village. At this stage we do not have a precise date – but the process should start within the next 2/3 months and potential installation in 2015. Gigaclear will also give a presentation in the Village Hall about the project. In the recent village survey over 87% indicated they would like faster broadband before 2017 and Gigaclear has the potential to do this. More details will follow in next months newsletter and on the new Aynho website (which is to be launched shortly). In the meantime if you would like to volunteer to help with a broadband group which will assist in helping to deliver the project please email Sadie now at [aynhopc@gmail.com](mailto:aynhopc@gmail.com).

#### **A new website for Aynho**

It's on its way.....[www.aynho.org](http://www.aynho.org)

Watch this space!

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

## What happens on Wednesday nights :

**ARMS (AYNHO RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY)** Wednesday October 1st 7.30pm  
**Contact: Bob Mann 810264**

### **Photographic Society – Wednesday October 1st**

Mark Buckley Sharp ARPS CPAGB APAGB will give a presentation about 'The work of the Royal Photographic Society.' This will be followed on 15 October with a Workshop on 'Being judgemental about your own photographs.' Then, on 5 November, Rod Bird will give a presentation entitled 'What's new - looking at trends in the Photographic Industry,' after which there is a further Workshop on 19 November about 'Camera controls and composing photographs.' All the meetings are at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, and everyone is welcome to attend.  
**Contact: John Branton [www.adandd.co.uk](http://www.adandd.co.uk)**

### **AYNHO GARDENING CLUB – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 8.0pm in the Village Hall.**

**At this next event** Ann Bird will give a talk on **THE WORLD OF ROSES** – she is very knowledgeable about this subject having been the President of the Royal National Rose Society and currently a Vice President of the World Federation of Rose Societies. This is the first time she has given a talk to the Club and should be an extremely interesting evening.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November** Our event in November will be the AGM followed by a talk on Bee Keeping and countryside matters by George Fennemore of Clifton.

**\*\*\*\*\*Something to ponder.....** *While planning the Programme for 2015, the Committee thought it would be nice to visit Kelmarsh Garden, a RHS Garden. Our affiliated status as a Garden Club enables us to visit for free (as we do at Wisley) but unfortunately this garden isn't open next year on a Wednesday. Would Members of the Aynho Gardening Club be prepared to have a trip organised on a Tuesday or a Thursday, in order to visit this garden? It would be useful to gauge opinion at the AGM\*\*\*\*\**

**The Flower and Vegetable Show was a great success and an enjoyable village event. I would like to thank all those who took part and also the Gardening Club Committee for all their hard work and support. Annabel Bellamy**

**Contacts: Annabel Bellamy Tel:810847 or Kath Arnold Tel: 811868**

### **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE – 15<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

Annual General Meeting followed by Ploughman's Supper served by the Committee

**Contact: Mrs Barbara Watkins Tel:811152**

### **AYNHO HISTORY SOCIETY- 29<sup>th</sup> October - 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

"A History of Ditchley Park" presented by Mr. Michael Montague Bursar of Ditchley Park.

**Contacts: Rupert Clark: Tel:810603 [ru.clark@btinternet.com](mailto:ru.clark@btinternet.com)**

**Peter Cole: Tel:811261**

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**REMINDER .....** *Come and join us in the World's biggest COFFEE MORNING for MACMILLAN CANCER in the SPORTS PAVILION on the morning of Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September starting at 10.0a.m. There will be a Bring & Buy Stall and Raffle. Do come and support this very worthy cause. VICKY.*

**LOST/FOUND** Found in Portway – set of house & car keys – call KAY on 810019 and has anyone lost a PINK DOLLY, possibly in the play park - contact 01869 810843.

## BIODIVERSITY GROUP

The Biodiversity Group have had an active summer, taking advantage of the great weather this year. We have erected bat boxes in the Play Area, around the Playing Field and to the west of the village. We have let a swath of grass grow wild on the Playing Field and have conducted a detailed study of the area. We are now ready for our next tasks, before the winter sets in. We plan to plant a substantial number of blue bell bulbs and a Community Orchard in the village. Please phone 810209 if you are interested in lending a hand in planting the bulbs or orchard. It would be really good if we could see them thriving next year.

### Insect of the Month - The Common Wasp

There are around 250 species of wasp in the UK most are solitary but along with a six others the common wasp is a social insect forming colonies of 5,000 – 10,000 individuals. The wasp's year starts in the spring when the fertilised queens from the previous year come out of hibernation. Once a suitable nest site is found; a disused animal burrow or a cavity in a tree or building the queen will start stripping wood which she chews, shreds and mixes with saliva to make a paste. She uses this to construct the first cells in the nest laying an egg in each one. She must feed the larvae, look after the nest and extend it until there are enough fully grown female workers to take on these jobs at which point she devotes her time solely to laying approximately 100 eggs a day. The workers have mandibles which are like crab claws. They use these to catch insect prey which they dissect, chew to a pulp and feed to the larvae. In return the larvae produce nutritional syrup for the workers. The larvae grow rapidly weaving a web across the top of their cell when they are ready to pupate and emerging as adults a few weeks later. In late summer the nest produces drones (males) and new queens which leave the nest to mate. This is synchronised so all wasp nests do it at the same time. This is essential as they mate with wasps from other nests, not their own, ensuring that the genetic variation is maintained. After this the males die while the new queens hibernate. The old queen and workers die of starvation as there are no larvae producing syrup for them and less food sources. By winter the nest is deserted and will not be used again.



**AGAINST WASPS:** In spring workers will attack and carry off foraging worker bees while later in the year they will take honey and carry off bee grubs and pupae. They are a nuisance anywhere where food is being cooked especially in the autumn when their food is in short supply and they become intoxicated on fermenting fruit.

**FOR WASPS:** They are an important insect- controlling predator feeding flies, aphids, caterpillars and other invertebrates to their larvae. Their nests provide a home for some of our most beautiful, pollinating hoverflies. They are important pollinators themselves.

### Did You Know?

- When a wasp stings or is killed the 'smell' of its venom (which is like a distress signal) causes other wasps nearby to become more aggressive.
- Most hibernating queens die over the winter not due to the cold but predation by other insects such as spiders. Warm winters are also not good news as they emerge too early and starve due to lack of food.
- Wasps are attracted to bright colours but they cannot see red.
- Research indicates that wasps use odour to identify and attack rival wasps from other colonies.
- There exists a strong caste system in wasp colonies and a lot of biting and forcefulness is used to maintain this.
- Whether a larva develops into a queen or a worker depends to some extent on the type and amount of food it receives.

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**For your Diary: IN SUPPORT OF P.B.C.Foundation Charity. A Christmas Shopping Event** to be held at The Great Barn, Aynho on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 10.0am-4.00pm.  
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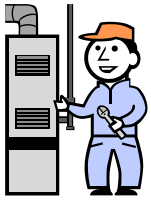
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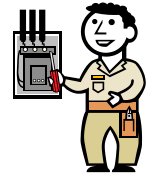
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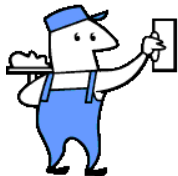


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