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JANUARY

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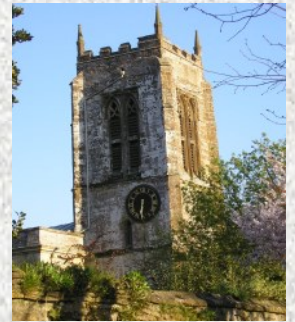
2015

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ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2015

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

Sunday: AYNHO 11.0am Holy Communion

January 4th

(Sidespersons: Mrs.Kirby Mr.Sutton)

Farthinghoe 9.30am said H.C

Hinton 11.0am Morning Worship

Sunday: AYNHO 9.30am Holy Communion

January 11th

(Sidespersons: Mrs.Bellamy. Mr Leigh)

Croughton 9.30am H.C. Evenley 11.0am H.C.

Farthinghoe 10.0am A.A.W Hinton 6.0pm Evensong

Sunday EVENLEY 10.0am Benefice Communion

January 18th

“ 4.30pm Pizza Praise

Sunday AYNHO 10.30 for 11.0am Family Service

January 25th

(Sidespersons: Mrs.Pusey.Mrs.Grey. Mr.Leigh)

Croughton 9.30a.m H.C. Evenley 11.0am All Age Worship

Hinton 11.0am H.C. Farthinghoe 6.0pm Evensong

Sunday AYNHO 11.0am Holy Communion

February 1st

(Sidespersons: Mr.Cheney. Mr.Croft)

Croughton 10.0am Family Service Farthinghoe 9.30am HC

Hinton 11.0am Morning Worship

Evenley 6.0pm Benefice TAIZE WORSHIP.

Parish Registers: Holy Matrimony: Robert Browne & Zoe Garrod – 13th December

Home Communion Monday 26th 10.30am 15, The Square – to be confirmed

Prayer Group Thursday 2.30pm 15 The Square

Bible Study Monday 9th 10.15am 1, The Bothy

Church Cleaning Thursday 19th 9.45am onwards

Choir Practice Friday

Bell Ringing – Tuesdays at 7.30pm 1st Evenley 2nd & 4th Kings Sutton 3rd Tuesday Aynho.

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

Rector -Revd.Simon DommettTel:01869.81090 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 February 2015 by Monday January 20th to

Sybil at 32, Roundtown Tel:810692 Email: syban@btinternet.com Vol.587

Rector's January Letter

I would like to thank everybody for the Christmas cards, gifts and good wishes we received this Christmas. It has been a great pleasure and joy to celebrate our Lord's birth with friends and family. Strangely one thing I was often asked in the busy run up to Christmas was why there are no flowers in church. The simple answer is that traditionally flowers are not put into church during Advent and Lent, but why you may ask. Well both seasons are season of preparation but both are very different. The season of Lent in preparation for Easter is a period of self reflection, as we look at the wrong or sinful things in our lives, which lead Jesus to die on the cross for us. So it is a somber season of reflection and self examination. For this reason flowers are not in church, for there is no joy in our wrongfulness. We do celebrate the new life at Easter and so welcome the change in mood with joy. But the season of Advent is about joyful anticipation of some thing good and new. That is why in an Advent calendar behind each door is a little surprise or gift, in verse picture or chocolate. The season of Advent is building in great excitement towards the fulfillment of God's promises; the first to send the messiah or Jesus and the second promise that Jesus would one day come back to earth again. So the flowers are absent from church, so like party decorations they can be put out when the party starts ie on Christmas day.

Now why do I mention that in January, well for many people Christmas has about run itself out by the time you get to Christmas day itself, the parties and lunches, Carol Singing.. by the time Christmas comes we have worn our selves out, before the party has started. Sadly then we miss so much of the real party, and Christmas is forgotten before the New Year Comes. But the church in its season of Christmas and Epiphany with the coming of the Magi or Kings, continues the celebrations for six weeks. What a party! What a time of joy! These six weeks help to remind us that Jesus isn't just for Christmas i.e. one day, 25th December; he is for all of our life. So I hope and pray that 2015 will be a year of growth and that we do not put Jesus away with the Christmas decorations when we take them down.

Cuppa and Chat starting February.

Come and join a new group called Cuppa and Chat. We will start meeting in February and be meeting for six weeks looking at the most famous prayer-the Lord's prayer. We may be very familiar with saying it but what did it mean?& what does it mean today? Come and explore with a chat. If you would like to host a group please get in touch with rev Simon Dommett, so that more details can appear in the February newsletters. Look out for more details.

WEEKLY PEWS NEWS

Each week I publish up to date information about services and events around our 5 churches which may not have got into the monthly newsletter. If you would like a weekly copy delivered FREE to your inbox yes send an email with PEWS NEWS in the subject line or body text to astwick.vale@gmail.com and I will add you to our circulation. You can unsubscribe at any time by emailing Astwick.vale@gmail.com with the word UNSUBSCRIBE in the subject or body text at any time. But I hope you will find it useful that you won't want to.

Joyous New Year Simon

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What happens on Wednesday nights :

ARMS (Aynho Recorded Music Society)

7th January 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Douglas presented a most enjoyable programme for the final meeting in 2014. The variety was outstanding ranging from Handel (Arrival of the Queen of Sheba) to Andrew Lloyd Weber's "Memory" sung by Leslie Garrett. Choral items by Bach and Vivaldi were followed by Mozart's "Horn Concerto". Further choral items by Stainer, Berthier and Tavener and Drake and a jazzy number performed by the "Happy Old Chaps" group.

After the interval consuming mince pies and a variety of drinks we were treated to the video of Act 11 of Gilbert and Sullivan's "HMS Pinafore". Altogether a wonderful presentation, Very many thanks Douglas

Contact: Bob Mann 810264

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY –

7th & 21st January at the "Cartwright Hotel".

The meeting on 7th January will be a presentation by members of 'My best images of 2014,' and on 21st January there is a Workshop on 'Night time photography and long exposures.' All meetings are at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho. Please come along, everyone is very welcome.

Contact: John Branton www.adandd.co.uk

AYNHO GARDENING CLUB –

14th January 7.30pm in the Village Hall

A Happy New Year to you all.

The first meeting of 2015 will be held on 14th January and there will be a talk by Chris Day from Buckingham Nurseries entitled 'This Gardening Year'. The talk will start at the new time of **7.30pm** and the doors will be open early for you to renew your Garden Club membership and receive the new programme for the year. The annual subscription is unchanged at £5 with a 50p entrance fee for members and £1 for guests. We are always delighted to welcome any new Members or guests. For any queries, please get in touch with

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

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE –

January 21st 7.30pm in the Village Hall

At our first meeting of the year we welcome new or prospective members.

Speaker on this occasion will be Fay Palmer on the subject of "Introduction to Dowsing".

This will be an open meeting to anyone in the village – and that includes gentlemen!

Contact: Barbara Watkins Tel:811152

AYNHO HISTORY SOCIETY

January 28th 7.30pm in the Village Hall

"William Gill- Victorian Explorer & Spy" presented by Mr. Tony Hadland.

All welcome. Membership remains the same at £10p.a. (lectures then free) or pay as you go £2.50 per event. Student concessions.

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

Peter Cole: Tel:811261



Next Knit and Stitch Tuesday January 6th at 2 Portway Gardens,
2.0-4.0 pm. Contact Glenwys 810880 for further details.

"Croughton Cinema" (held in Croughton Village Hall) welcomes you to their productions, the next one being "The Grand Budapest Hotel" on 9th January at 8.0pm. Doors open 7.30pm. Licenced Bar. CFC Members £3. Non-Members £5. Under 16s £3.00.

For more details email: keithgelder@tiscali.co.uk

News from A.S.R.A.

MEMORIAL FOR TERRY BENBOW

Many of you knew Terry Benbow who sadly recently died of bacterial meningitis at the age of just 30. He lived in the village for most of his life and much of his early childhood was spent living next door to and playing in the play park on Black Path. With this in mind, and as a tribute to him, the Parish Council are supporting the naming of the new play park after Terry and a plaque will be erected there in the Spring.

If anyone would like to make a donation towards the memorial you can do so by cash or cheque to Aynho Park Club and drop to me at 11 Portway. If you have any questions, please do call me on 01869 810019. Kay Anderson

AYNHO PARK CLUB DRAW

Its park club draw subscription time in January and it would be great if those of you who support the sports field and pavilion upkeep continue to do so with your annual £12 payment. Collectors will be coming round this month and if you are new to the village and wish to take part in the monthly draw (currently standing at £75 prize money) please look out for the information through your door which this year will be in the form of a newsletter.

Winners this year were:

January	M Swann	February	B.Reynolds	March	I.Wilson
April	J.Nicolls	June	E.Lewis	July	N.Gallager
August	J.French	September	V.Sutton	October	J.Wade
November	J.French				

For some unknown reason we missed out a May draw so we will have done 2 draws for December at the last Winter Lunch Club by the time you read this!

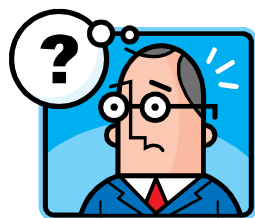
Do look out for the ASRA newsletter as all those completing and returning the questionnaire will be entered into a prize draw to be drawn at the Quiz Night in February.

Many of you know that I have been using a round robin e mail system for some years to advise folks of events and other stuff going on in the village. I will gradually be phasing this out as the new Aynho website starts getting used to its full potential and we are able to use this excellent new facility for our village needs. Happy New Year to everyone.

Kay Anderson

Forthcoming: AYNHO QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT

(non-curry option also available)



Licensed Bar. Aynho Village Hall Saturday 28th February 7.30pm.

Tickets available from Michael Johnson 27, Blacksmith Hill. Tel.01869 811175 –
Charlton Post office & Park Club Draw Collectors.

Maximum 4 in a team. £10 per person. Price includes Meal & Quiz Entry.

All proceeds towards the Aynho Sports & Recreation Association.

Other news:

ALLOTMENTS available now for new occupation: one complete allotment and also half of another allotment. 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

My name is Ruth Boddington, I am an art degree student at the University of Northampton and will be holding an Exhibition displaying my work at “SPACE” in Brackley 23rd to 25th January from 10.0am to 5.0pm each day with a private viewing on Friday 23rd 6.30-10.0pm.

MISSING – Siamese Cat – Tarquin. Last seen Dec.7th Cartwright Gardens & The Bothy. Micro-chipped with silver collar & bell. Call **LAURA** 07842230753. £750 Reward for safe return.



WINTER LUNCH CLUB on Thursdays: 8, 15, 22 and 29 January 2015
 now in the **Main room** of the Village Hall **** 12.30pm-1.45pm ****



****Please note new times** – this is because there will be a *YOGA class in the village hall on ~~Thursday~~ mornings as from 15 January

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 – **all profit going towards a Defibrillator for the village.** Choose from soup, baked potato, another hot main dish such as Macaroni Cheese or Risotto, a hot pudding with custard, or a biscuit with tea and coffee or a carton of fruit juice. The number of regulars coming to Lunch seems to have increased this season and by popular request Winter Lunch Club will now take place in the Main Room of the Village Hall. If you plan to bring a few friends/family please let me know so that I can prepare enough food!

Amanda: Tel: 810341



DEFIBRILLATOR FOR AYNHO

Along with Winter Lunch Club profit and some very kind donations from villagers we are now well on the way to achieving the total target of approximately £2,500 needed to purchase the defibrillator (c£1,000) and external cabinet (c£1,500). If there is anyone who would still like to contribute please get in touch with Amanda (Winter Lunch Club) or Andy Anderson (Parish Council).

Amanda – Tel: 810341



*YOGA CLASSES in Aynho Village Hall starting Thursday 15th January 9.30 – 10.30am. to book a place contact: ELAINE on 07917453224 or find out more Elaine@yogabeing.co.uk www.yogabeing.co.uk

THANK-YOUs!

As I compile this newsletter at the end of another year I would convey my thanks, on behalf of St.Michael's Church, to all those who have contributed to it's production – those who have paid for adverts, to Simon at Hamptons, Estate Agents, Deddington, and to the 22 kind people who deliver door to door each month, and especially to Deborah for teaching this old lady new tricks on the computer!also

Thank-you to the 12 people who collect and deliver medicines to patients on a weekly basis from the Deddington Health Centre.

If anyone would like to participate in either of these two services please do contact me at 32, Roundtown or email syban@btinternet.com

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL Sybil.

Thank-you also.....

To the W.I.Ladies for an excellent Christmas Party – delicious food!

and to The Two Amandas for all their hard work in preparing and serving excellent lunches at The Winter Lunch Club. It is very much appreciated by all who attend.