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## CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JULY 2015

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

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**Sunday:**  
**July 5<sup>th</sup>**

**AYNHO 11.0am Holy Communion**  
(Sidespersons: Mrs.Pusey. Mr.Cheney)  
Farthinghoe 9.30 HC. Hinton 11.00am MW.  
**6.0pm TAIZE Worship at Evenley.**

**Sunday:**  
**July 12<sup>th</sup>**

**AYNHO 9.30am Holy Communion**  
(Sidespersons: Mrs.M.Chong Mr.Leigh. )  
Croughton 9.30 HC Evenley 11.0am HC & Baptism  
Farthinghoe 10.0am Family Worship.  
Steane – 6.0pm Evensong

**Sunday**  
**July 19<sup>th</sup>**

**BENEFICE at Evenley 10.0am**

**Sunday**  
**July 26<sup>th</sup>**

**AYNHO – Family Service**  
**10.30 activities and Service at 11.00am**  
(Sidespersons: Mrs.Bellamy. Mrs.Kirby.)  
Croughton 9.30 HC Evenley 11.0 FW. Farthinghoe 6.0pm ES  
Hinton 11.0am HC.

(HC – Holy Communion. FW – Family Worship ES – Evensong)

**Home Communion** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> 11.00am 15, The Square  
**Bible Study Group** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> 10.15am 4, The Butts  
**Prayer Group** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm 15, The Square  
**Church Cleaning** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 9.45am onwards  
**Choir Practice** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>  
**Next P.C.C.Meeting** Monday August 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Bell Ringing –** Tuesdays at 7.30pm 1<sup>st</sup> Evenley 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Kings Sutton 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Aynho.

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**Information** about the life of our church - baptisms or wedding enquiries from: **Revd.Simon Dommert Tel:01869.810903**  
[Email@the.revd.simon@gmail.com](mailto:Email@the.revd.simon@gmail.com)

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**Church Warden:** Graham Gibbs 01869 819727

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Items for August 2015 by and before Monday July 20<sup>th</sup> to:

Sybil at 32, Roundtown Tel:810692 Email: [syban@btinternet.com](mailto:syban@btinternet.com) Vol.592

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## ***From your Church.....***

### ***THE FETE***

We would like to say A BIG THANK YOU to all those people helping in any way with the fete this year. Despite the weather we managed to get most people under cover where practical and we raised around £2,000 with everyone's help and generosity on the day. It was great to see some new faces as well as the regulars and we hope you all enjoyed yourselves.

A marvellous effort by everyone. Now is the time to review this summer event and build on your support for the future.

### ***HOLIDAY CLUB – MEGA MAKERS***

Children of primary school age are invited to join us this summer for our Benefice Christian Holiday Club. We meet in Croughton All Saints Primary School, Monday July 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday July 31<sup>st</sup> from 9.30 to 12 noon. It will be staffed by registered leaders and helpers from the five parishes. It is essential that all children pre register by filling up a form which will be available in July from their school or in church or from Simon and Heather Dommett, Carrie O'Regan and Helen

Boswell. There will be 60 places available so it is advisable to register early. We are planning a fun week with activities, songs, games and stories each day culminating in a Service in Croughton Church on Sunday August 2<sup>nd</sup> from children, parents, family, friends and all the church congregations. Mega Makers will enter the inventor's workshop and make some Mega discoveries about God learning from stories from St. Matthew's Gospel.

Forthcoming Event – “**CRAFT FAIR**” Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup> –

Are you thinking of making jams or chutney with this season's produce? If so any donations would be very welcome for sale at the Craft Fair Church Stall.

Monies raised will be going to the window repairs.

Contact: Barbara Watkins Banbury Road. Tel: 811152.

### ***RIDE & STRIDE***

Looking forward to this event on behalf of the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust in September. This year the Trust is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could have 60 participants!!

Northamptonshire has a remarkable array of medieval churches, as well as many fine churches and chapels from later centuries. As John Betjeman described it “Northampton above all counties has variety, originality and elegance in its architecture” There is hardly a medieval church in the county which is without beautiful stonework, and, of course, those soaring spires.

Contact: Pat Stubbs Tel: 810695

## **Gigaclear Installation – Progress Update Number 2 as at 15 June**

The installation of the Gigaclear Ultrafast Broadband network started as planned on 20 April and was in progress for 7 weeks. There is about another 3 weeks of work remaining. However many of you may have noticed that the works have temporarily been put on hold. Gigaclear in conjunction with NCC Highways, who have overall responsibility for monitoring the method and quality of works undertaken by Gigaclear's contractors, are reviewing their plans and it is expected installation works for the remaining areas will start again shortly – indeed they may have started by the time this newsletter is published. If you have had a notice to say works were due to take place – but they have not started – you will receive a new notice in due course.

We have been advised by Gigaclear that the pause in the works should not affect the live date too much which is expected between end of July and end of August. If you have not signed up you can do so at Gigaclear's website. There will also be a demonstration of the service in the Village Hall once the connection is live.

As the project continues there will be a "snagging" list and so if you have any concerns about reinstatement in your road could you email Sadie with a description and if possible photo. You should note that Gigaclear have to provide a 2 year guarantee on the reinstatement works.

## **Do you run a Business – have you heard about Connection Vouchers?**

If you run a business in Aynho then your business "can get a connection voucher of up to £3,000 for faster, better broadband through the Government's Broadband Connection Voucher Scheme" Gigaclear are one of the authorised suppliers. You can found out more details by visiting the Government's Connection Vouchers website ([www.connectionvouchers.co.uk](http://www.connectionvouchers.co.uk))

Finally the Parish Council would like to thank all residents for their patience during the construction of the network which can be disruptive for a couple of days and it is appreciated that not all residents have signed up at this stage for Gigaclear. The general feedback from residents has been positive. If you have any concerns please do email the Parish Clerk.

([sadie.patamia@aynho.org](mailto:sadie.patamia@aynho.org))

## **Defibrillator News**

The Aynho Unit is now installed in a code protected cabinet on the front of the village hall. We are just awaiting confirmation from the local ambulance service that they have registered the unit. If they receive a call for which the unit is required they will provide the unlock code.

We will inform you via the web site and newsletter when it is fully operational. We will also be organising a training evening on the unit and on more general CPR techniques in due course.

Aynho Parish Council

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## **From the sports field**

Found on the sports field . Silver necklace.

Please call Kay on 810019 if you think it belongs to you.

## **Aerial Runway**

I am having difficulty getting anyone out to repair the broken runway. If anyone thinks they can help out (and we are willing to pay for this) please contact me. It needs some welding and tightening.

## **Aynho Park Club Draw Winners**

February – Gallagher. March – Stacey. April – Ashbrook. May – Wilson. June – Tustain.

A reminder to committee members, the next **ASRA** meeting is in the pavilion on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm. Please let me know if you are unlikely to be able to make it. Kay 810019

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**REMINDER of AYNHO HEALTH WALKS** 10.0am Thursdays from the Pavilion – Small, Medium & Long Walks. All queries to Keith McClellan on 01869-810346



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## **All for your entertainment:**

### **ARMS (Aynho Recorded Music Society) Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm**

The last meeting before our summer break was hosted by Bob Mann, our secretary. In Bob's inimitable style, his programme mixed thought, wit and erudition with an eclectic choice of music and some surprises!

In fact the evening began with Haydn 'Surprise Symphony'. Following that we heard Rubenstein 'Melody in F', Rossini 'Thieving Magpie', Glen Miller 'Tuxedo Junction', Tchaikovsky 'Dance of the Flowers', Paderewski 'Nocturne op. 16' (did you know that this clever chap was also prime minister of Poland in his spare time?), The programme continued with Rimsky- Korsakov 'Scheherazade - Tale of the Young Prince and the Princess', Dvorak 'New World' and the first half was rounded off with the moving 'Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves' from Verdi 'Nabucco'.

After a liquid interval the programme recommenced appropriately with Glen Miller 'In the Mood', followed by Beethoven 'Pastoral Symphony', Strauss 'Blue Danube' and Mendelssohn 'Midsummer Night's Dream'. The evening finished with Bizet's beautiful 'Pearl Fishers'. The whole programme was a delightful and thoroughly enjoyable way to end our 2014-15 season. Thank you Bob. *Please note our next meeting is in OCTOBER.*

**Contact: Bob Mann Tel: 810264**

### **PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 7.30pm**

The next meeting of the Society will be a presentation on 1 July by John Cavana entitled 'My travels in Africa through the camera - Kili, Kruger and the Cape. The Society will also be meeting on 5 August and 2 September, although the speakers for these two meetings have yet to be confirmed. All three meetings begin at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, and everyone is most welcome to attend. Please note that no Workshops are planned for July or August.

**Contact: John Branton [www.adandd.co.uk](http://www.adandd.co.uk)**

### **AYNHO GARDENING CLUB – Wednesday July 8<sup>th</sup>**

Our next event is an evening visit to **Hill Grounds in Evenley NN13 5RZ on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July**. This is Janet Croyley's garden who has spoken on many occasions at the Aynho Gardening Club; she is an experienced plantsman and it should be lovely to see her 3.5 acre garden. **The cost is £5** -this will be collected on the evening. **Directions:** Go north on the A43, at the Evenley round-about turn right onto Broad Street, heading for Evenley village. Turn Left onto The Green. Bear left onto Church Lane and then right continuing on Church Lane (do not go left to the Church). The gate to Hill Grounds is on your right. .... If anyone would like a lift please get in touch with myself, Annabel Bellamy or another Committee member.

The **AYNHO GARDENING CLUB ANNUAL FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW** will be held in the Village Hall on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**. More about this in next month's newsletter, along with the programme for the show, listing all the classes.

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

### **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE – Wednesday July 15<sup>th</sup> 7.0pm start**

**A Garden Meeting** at the kind invitation of Mrs. Carol McClellan, The Butts.

Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Carol McClellan & Mrs. Anne Rickard.

**Contact: Barbara Watkins Tel: 811152**



**KNIT & STITCH Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 2.0 – 4.0pm** at 2 Portway Gardens,  
**Contact Glenwys 810880 for any further details**

**AYNHO HISTORY SOCIETY Wednesday July 29<sup>th</sup>**

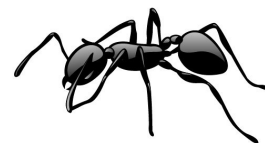
A reminder of the meeting on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> at the Windmill Centre, Deddington. A Gala Evening "The Battle of Waterloo Bicentenary – Aynho's connection" including museum quality diorama, cheese & wine, plus Coles book store are supporting the event with a range of Waterloo books for sale.

**July 29<sup>th</sup>** "The Oxford Canal – a history" presented by Mark Davies.

**Contacts:** Rupert Clark: Tel:810603 [ru.clark@btinternet.com](mailto:ru.clark@btinternet.com) Peter Cole Tel:811261

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**BIODIVERSITY GROUP - Insect of the month – The Common Garden Black Ant**

There are an estimated 11,000 species of ant in the world, approximately 50 of which live in the UK. They do not have ears translating vibrations felt with their feet into sound and with no lungs or noses, they breathe through tiny holes in their abdomen and smell with their antennae. All ants live in colonies each with its own smell so that intruders can be recognised immediately and dealt with. They have a complex social network of sterile females who literally do all the work, drones who do nothing but mate with the queen and the queen who is nothing more than an egg laying machine. On warm humid days in summer winged males and females take to the air. This happens at the same time in all colonies in the same area as a form of protection, hoping to overwhelm insect eating birds by their sheer numbers. After mating on the wing the males die whilst the pregnant females (the new queens) lose their wings and burrow underground to start a new colony. The hardest part of the ant's life now begins. The young queens must raise the first generation of workers alone. They cannot forage for food so when the first eggs hatch they feed the larvae with a fluid created from the breakdown of their own muscles. By the time the first workers emerge they have lost half their body weight and are very weak. These first workers set about foraging for food whilst nursing their queen back to health. Worker ants find food by sending out scouts who lay down scent trails for the others to follow but also communicate by touching, tapping and feeling one another with their bodies and antennae. They have 2 stomachs, one which holds food for themselves and one with food to be shared. Black ants will eat anything including sugars, vegetables, other insects which includes ants and plants. They milk aphids encouraging them to produce the sugary honeydew by stroking them with their antennae. They also protect them from predators and carry them to new feeding areas when their food becomes depleted. They probably also take some aphids underground over winter, some of which may well be eaten. The colony continues to grow over several years until it typically contains between 4000 – 7000 workers. The queen will then start to lay the eggs that will be the drones and new queens. Queens live for 15 - 20 years while the workers for just 40 – 60 days.



**Did You Know?**

- Ants appeared on earth 100 million years before any backboned animals.
- Ants from different colonies, even within the same species, treat each other as enemies. They use their jaws 'mandibles' to hold the legs or antennae of an enemy ant while nest mates tear the victim apart.
- Black ants are important soil engineers, mixing it up and increasing its fertility.
- The ant's sense of smell is as good as a dogs.
- They can lift 20 times their own body weight which is the equivalent of a small car for us.
- This species is essential for the conservation of the declining populations of the Silver-Studded Blue Butterfly on heathland as they protect the butterfly's caterpillars from predators in return for feeding on secretions specially produced by the caterpillars.



## **List of classes held in Aynho Village Hall all for your further entertainment!**

Musical Minis, Art and Kaleidoscope Dance Studio classes roughly follow school term dates, other classes run almost every week.

*Diamond Spurs Line Dancing* – Mondays 2.0 – 3.0pm

Contact Di Tel: 01608 642932 [dimondspurs@aol.com](mailto:dimondspurs@aol.com)

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Contact Leena Thakker Tel: 01295 738652 [www.musicalminis.co.uk](http://www.musicalminis.co.uk)

*Sideliners Line Dancing Club* Tuesdays 7.30pm – 10.0pm Intermediate Line Dance Class

Contact Julie Andrews Tel: 07508 721685 [sidelinersidc@aol.com](mailto:sidelinersidc@aol.com)

*Aynho Drawing & Painting Class* Wednesdays 1.15 – 3.15pm

Tutor Kathleen Bartlett Tel: 01295 780493

*Egyptian Dance Class* Thursdays 6.30 – 7.30pm

Contact Imogen Wheaver Tel: 07801 966198 [imogen@phonecoop.coop](mailto:imogen@phonecoop.coop)

*Kaleidoscope Dance Studios* Friday 9.15 – 11.30am Pre school ballet classes Contact Katie Walford Tel: 07916 332551 [enquiries@kdstudios.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@kdstudios.co.uk)

*Bujinkai Karate* Sunday 4.0 – 5.0pm

Contact Joel Acunin Tel: 07853 035209.

## **BIODIVERSITY**

**Biodiversity Photo Competition for children at the Flower and Vegetable Show on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August.** This year our topic is 'Something Red in Nature'. There are 2 groups: under 11s and 11 – 16s. So when you are out and about this summer take your camera with you and see what you can find and photograph. You may find something on one of the two mounds on the Sports Field both of which provide valuable habitats for a wide range of flora and fauna. There is also now, a section of long grass which has been left unmown and is forming a corridor between the mounds with the hope it will encourage even more species into the area.

(see Biodiversity on further page)

## **DON'T MISS our Garage Sale at COLLEGE FARM HOUSE**

on July 4<sup>th</sup>. 10.0am-2.0pm. Bits & Pieces from house move.

Cash Sales.

**Contact the Elderly – Banbury** are planning their 7<sup>th</sup> Oxfordshire Group in Banbury and also celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year.

For more information: email: [susan-hyland@contact-the-elderly.org.uk](mailto:susan-hyland@contact-the-elderly.org.uk)

Tel: 02078812361. Website: [www.contact-the-elderley.org.uk](http://www.contact-the-elderley.org.uk)

## WI Centenary Royal Garden Party

I was lucky enough to have my name drawn out to attend the Centenary Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. The weather forecast was not good and it was indeed cold, wet and windy in the morning but, thankfully, by the time the garden party began the rain had stopped. Tea was served from 2.30pm onwards and 2 military bands entertained us through the afternoon. Amazingly, when the time came for the royal party to arrive, the sun came out but as the wind did not abate many hats still had to be chased across the lawn. The Duchess of Cornwall had no such problems, however, as we watched her posing for press photos with the original Calendar Girls.

Then shaking hands with as many ladies as possible (mine included) and chatting amiably as she went The Duchess carried on to the Royal Tea Tent. With just an hour left it was time to wander round the lake and gardens. Some areas were neatly mown whilst in others the grass had been allowed to grow and wild flowers seed themselves. There were coots on the lake and foraging in the grass and one sitting on top of a very tall nest. Finally, as the band played the National Anthem to mark the end of the afternoon I sat down for the first time and reflected on a very enjoyable and memorable afternoon.

Jill Wightman



## Centenary Annual Meeting

I drew the short straw and ended up attending the Centenary AGM at the Royal Albert Hall! This though, proved to be a most interesting and entertaining day. We were to be joined by HM The



Queen, the Princess Royal and the Countess of Wessex. The Royal Party duly arrived and was greeted by loud applause and cheers. The National Anthem was sung; the Centenary Baton presented; prizes given and Jerusalem sung with great zest before the Royal Party left with the Board of Trustees for coffee and that much photographed Centenary Fruit Cake. The Chair, Janice Langley, was left to 'hold the fort'. We had three speakers during the course of the day starting with Lucy Worsley an English historian who has just finished making a programme – 100 years of the WI – which will be broadcast on BBC2 later this month called *"Cake Makers and Trouble Makers"*. Most importantly before lunch we had to vote on the WI's Resolution for 2015. This was an extremely interesting part of the day as an amendment was put forward before we even started! This was passed but before voting began on the amended resolution a proposal was put forward to 'move to the next business' – something almost unheard of in the WI! Again this was carried so **no** vote on the resolution was taken!

By this time it was good to go out into the fresh air and lunch was taken on the steps of the Albert Memorial in the most glorious sunshine with a short walk in Hyde Park to follow before returning to the Hall to complete the day's proceedings.

The afternoon found the Board Members devoid of their 'fascinators' and we all settled down to listen to the winning WI choir, 'The Bleadon Bells'. Our second speaker was Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson, she was amazing, interesting, entertaining and inspiring, she was followed by Helena Morrissey CBE, CEO of Newton Investment Management overseeing £50bn of assets and founder of the 30% club set up to fight for more female representative on company boards – a most accomplished woman also bringing up 9 children. Before finishing the Chair gave a round-up of the day – "the sentiments of the WI remain the same after 100 years. We must be prepared for change taking the WI into the future and trying to make it the best it can be". We were a very tired bunch who eventually arrived back in Brackley complete with our finger of WI Centenary Cake! Indeed a day to remember!

Deborah Gibbs