



Aynho  
The Apricot Village

# NEWSLETTER

## JUNE 2016

# VILLAGE FETE

*Come to*  
*'A Right Royal Do'*  
*at*  
*Aynhoe Park*  
*SUNDAY 12th JUNE*

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for further  
information

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**ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE**  
**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JUNE 2016**

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

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**Sunday:** **AYNHO 11.0am Holy Communion**  
**June 5<sup>th</sup>** (Sidespersons: Mr.Cheney. Mr.Sutton)  
Trinity 2 Farthinghoe 9.30 FW Hinton 11.0 FW  
Evenley 6.0 TAIZE

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>** **AYNHO 5.0pm Family Communion**  
(Sidespersons: Mrs.Kirby Mrs.Pusey)

**Sunday:** Croughton 9.30 HC Evenley 11.0HC  
**June 12<sup>th</sup>** Farthinghoe 10.0FW  
Trinity 3 **Steane 6.0pm**  
**Songs of Praise celebrating**  
**the Queen's Birthday**

**Sunday:** **Benefice at Farthinghoe 10.0am**  
**June 19<sup>th</sup>** **with Pizza Praise at 4.0pm.**  
Trinity 4

**Sunday** **AYNHO – 11.0am Family Communion**  
**June 26<sup>th</sup>** (Sidespersons: Mrs.Gray Mrs.M.Chong)  
Trinity 5 Croughton 9.30HC Evenley 11.0am FW  
Farthinghoe 6.0pm ES HC Hinton 11.0am HC.

<b>Morning Prayers</b>	Mondays	8.30am	in Church
<b>Bible Study Group</b>	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Lower Aynho Grounds
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am onwards	
<b>Prayer Group</b>	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	2.30pm	32, Roundtown
<b>Home Communion</b>	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	11.0am	15, The Square
(Next PCC Meeting	Monday July 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	in Church)

**Bell Ringing** – Tuesdays at 7.30pm. **Aynho 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>** Evenley 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Croughton 4<sup>th</sup>  
No ringing at Kings Sutton Church due to repairs to the spire. **Weddings: 16<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**

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**Information** about the life of our church - baptisms or wedding enquiries from:  
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**Church Warden: Graham Gibbs 01869 819727**

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Items for July 2016 by or before Monday June 20<sup>th</sup> to:  
Sybil at 32, Roundtown Tel:810692 Email: [syban@btinternet.com](mailto:syban@btinternet.com) Vol.603  
or any comments re Newsletter to Sybil or Rev.Simon Dommett.

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## Letter from your Rector

This month I suspect many will be fed up with the EU vote. We have so much conflicting information with which to try and make our choice. Where motor manufacturers think it is normal to mislead about the performance of their cars, where leading industrialists can sell companies with large pension deficits, when politicians debate the validity of each others' statements and predictions. The choice is not simple but it is a choice which reflects the growing individualistic ideals of the popular western culture.

In our country, like many others, it took hundreds of years and many lives to become a joined nation. Yet in so many places we see people seeking independence. Wanting to do what they want and not to be told what they should or shouldn't do. As a Star Trek fan I am reminded of Spock's famous words 'The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few and of the one', as he sacrifices his life to save his friends. The pull between individuals and community has a long history, ever since people started to live in groups.

Our Christian history begins with an individual Abram being singled out by God for a special job. That job was to bring about the knowledge of God to all people. Abram was to leave his country and homeland and set out to form a new community, he even changed his name to Abraham to mark this. This new community was to set itself apart from the other communities around. They were to have their own rules, their own code of dress and conduct. They were to know that they were the chosen of God. that on their own they would flourish and become strong. Over a period of history that is what happened. They had their ups and downs, they entered into slavery and freedom, they became oppressed by occupying forces. Yet they never forgot their national identity and were always looking for freedom to fulfil it.

Yet from a Christian point of view, over history, the purpose for them being called out was misunderstood. They had been called as a people, to get to know God and trust in Him to develop a special relationship with God. But this wasn't initially just to be for them, sure it started with them and they needed their space to develop their relationship with God. But in the coming of Jesus we discover that God's message is for all people. For now in Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension, it is the time for the chosen people to go to the rest of the world with their message. Not to make one geographical nation, but a spiritual family. The early Christians took this to heart as they held all their possessions in common, a very communist way of life in many ways. Yet it was mixed with a belief in a royal kingship and a future king.

There were many debates in the early church about was the good news for them alone or for all people? A tension if you like between one group or a communion of all people. Described in scripture as between Jew and Gentile, but it was about a us and them situation. We still face that tension in the church today with our history of the parish system, the local vs the diocese, and we certainly face it still with the EU vote.

So as we as a nation make up our minds and vote, may we as individuals be not selfish or self centred but seek to find in all the confusion the common good. God Bless - Simon

FETES

Aynho 12<sup>th</sup> June 2.0pm at Aynhoe Park House & Farthinghoe 26<sup>th</sup> June 12:30pm at Dashwood's Farm

### **Summer Holiday Club 25<sup>th</sup>–29<sup>th</sup> July—Croughton School**

Children of primary school age are invited to join us this summer for our Benefice Christian Holiday Club entitled '**Polar Explorers**'. We will meet in

**Croughton All Saints Primary School,**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July**

**from 9.30am to 12.00pm each day.**

With a special celebration on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July in Croughton Church.

Offer of help to Carrie O'Regan 01280 702300, Helen Boswell,

Simon and Heather Dommett 01869 810903. Shemil Mathew 07401 587151.

### **Village Fete – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

The Fete is back at Aynhoe Park through the generosity of James Perkins – and is on a Sunday afternoon for the first time. It will have all the fun and games of previous fetes plus a lot more – for all the family and all generations. See the flier and the back page for what's on. Come and support it – come and join in. Bring friends and family – it will be a fun afternoon out reflecting “a right royal do” and a 90<sup>th</sup> birthday theme.

So many villagers give so much of their time to help – so many give bottles and other gifts to the Tombola – so many bake cakes for the cake and tea stalls – so many gift plants and home made goods to the stalls. We will be collecting again for these in the days leading up to the Fete – please support the collectors.

**Thank you for your generosity.**

If you can help on the day – at the beginning as we set up before the fete, or during it, or after it as we clear up, or all three - then please just give **Andrew Bellamy a call on 810847** – every offer will be gratefully received!

See [www.aynho-fete.org](http://www.aynho-fete.org)

### **QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY**

A small group of bell ringers got together on 21<sup>st</sup> April in “St. Michael's” Aynho to ring in celebration of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The bells were also rung in Aynho on St George's day. Well done to all those who took part.



### **CARTWRIGHT ARCHIVE EXHIBITION is coming to AYNHO – Sunday JUNE 5<sup>th</sup>**

Please come and see this free Exhibition all day during Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>.

I have hired the Village Hall from 10.0am until 8.0pm to display exhibits from the Cartwright Archive depicting all sorts of aspects of the Cartwright family and village life during the 340 years that they were in charge of Aynhoe.

You may have seen a part of the Exhibition in May 2013, but it was quite busy on that day, and you may not have been able to examine it properly. It is now much bigger and better that it was then as I have been to Northamptonshire Records Office several times and copied more items from the Archive.

If you have not seen it before, you will be amazed by the things that the Cartwrights did and the records and documents that they kept between 1615 and 1954.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> when I shall on hand to hopefully answer any questions you may have.

*Peter Cole. Secretary Aynho History Society & Trustee of the Cartwright of Aynho Archive Trust.*

### **AYNHO HISTORY SOCIETY**

**June 29<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Village Hall**

Annual Membership £20p.a. Lectures then free – or pay as you go £3.00 per event.

Student concession £1.

### **For Sale – 5 pristine handback copies of Nicholas Cooper's**

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**Contacts:** Rupert Clark 07808 763261 [rupert.ds.clark@gmail.com](mailto:rupert.ds.clark@gmail.com) or  
Peter Cole 811261



ON THE TREADMILL is used today to describe exhausting and never-ending work. In Victorian times this was used as a punishment where convicts were forced to walk a primitive version of the modern treadmill all day long. Today many people pay to belong to fitness centres to do this!



THE CLINK to be thrown into clink was to be locked away in jail. Although it is sometimes thought this refers to the sound of the irons and chains placed on convicts, it is in fact the name of one of the oldest and harshest prisons in England. The Clink was established in the 13th century and located in Southwark in London and is now a museum.



LAUGHING STOCK To be one is to be a person exposed for stupidity to a wide number of people. In medieval times the stocks were used in many villages to hold a petty criminal caught doing something stupid or dishonest. Their hands and feet were secured in a wooden frame and the village people would gather round to laugh and humiliate the hapless person, often pelting him with rotten vegetables.

Photo: AYNHO STOCKS

GONE WEST when something is referred to as “gone west” it usually means that it is lost for ever and is often used when a plan or business deal has gone wrong. It is suggested that this originates from when prisoners were held in the east of the city in Newgate gaol or The Clink. A condemned man would be loaded on to a cart and taken west to be gibbeted at Tyburn near Marble Arch to meet his fate.

## QUOTES

Abraham Lincoln said:

“The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time”

Winston Church said

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give “

H.D.Thoraeu said

“Happiness is like a butterfly. The more you chase it the more it eludes you. But if you turn your attention to other things, it comes and sits softly on your shoulder.



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## ALL FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT



### **ARMS (Aynho Recorded Music Society)**

**June 1<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm Village Hall.**

Douglas started the last programme with the Overture 'Magic Flute' by Mozart. Two performances by Signals Band, was followed by Bach's 'St Mathews Passion'. An interesting diversion with Pan Pipes was an extraordinary prologue for the sombre tones of Sibelius 'The Swan of Tuonela'. Haydn and Cesar Frank with 'String Quartet' and 'Sonata' preceded Albinoni's 'Oboe Concerto' and the first half closed with Flanders and Swan attempting a seduction with 'Have some Madeira m'dear'.

The second half was a superb DVD of Brahms 'Violin Concerto in D Major'.

Thank you Douglas for a most enjoyable and imaginative presentation.

The next programme will be given by Bob.

**Contact: Bob Mann 810264**



### **PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY -**

**June 1st 7.30pm Cartwright Hotel.**

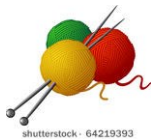
.At the next meeting of the Society member Randall Miles ARPS AFIAP will give a second presentation on his photographic experiences entitled "Tales of future excursions to the wilds" All meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel. In addition, two Outdoor Workshops are planned for 15 June and 20 July, details of which will appear on the Society's web site. Everyone is welcome to attend the Society's meetings and activities, so do please come along and meet us all

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

**GARDENING CLUB - A TREAT IN STORE.....**On **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June** the Aynho Gardening Club has been kindly invited by Nick and Anne Attenborough to visit the garden at their home, "**Friars Wells**". Let's hope the weather is kind so that we can all enjoy having a look at this lovely garden that both Anne and Nick have worked so hard in since they came to Aynho in September 2014. Please gather there at 6.30pm. The entrance charge will be £3 for Members.

Jean Skuce, (Tel: 810034) our visits organiser, is taking names and money for our trip to **John's Garden and Ashwood Nurseries**, Kingswinford, West Midlands on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July**. This garden and nursery come highly recommended so don't miss the chance for a great day out. The cost of the trip is £20 (which includes the coach and entrance to the garden).

**Contact: Annabel Bellamy Tel: 810 847**



### **KNIT & STITCH (& "cuppa"!)**

2, Portway Gardens. 2.0 – 4.0pm

**June 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Contact: Glenwys Wormald Tel: 810880**



### **WRITER'S GROUP -**

**June 11<sup>th</sup> 10.0am – 12.30 Village Hall**

Last month we had a very enjoyable mini-workshop in the Pavilion where we tried four different exercises designed to jolt us out of our normal mode and get us creative. A lot of fun! Back to normal at our next meeting. We welcome new writers – you can see the type of writing we do on the official Aynho website under Village Life Writer's Group.

**Contact: Keith McClellan 810346**



## **WI Hall**

**June 15th 7.30pm Village**

This will be another OPEN MEETING to hear all about 'Bees & Beekeeping' by Mr Tim Foden.

Tea Hostesses will be Mrs Fiona Hodges & Miss June Alsford

**Contact: Barbara Watkins**



## **HEALTH WALKS with Pavilion Refreshments**

Aynho Health walks start from the Pavilion each Thursday at 10.00 am. (see Pavilion News)

**Contact: Keith McClellan 01869 810346 or**

**Kathy White 01869 810418**

## **BIODIVERSITY GROUP**

If you would like to borrow the bat detector for a week please ring Jill on 811206.

### **Insect of the Month. The Stag Beetle**

One in four animals on earth is a beetle and they can be found almost anywhere in the world. The most spectacular of Britain's beetles is the Stag beetle. Males grow to approximately 7cm and females approximately 5 cm in length and are a shiny black with chestnut brown wing cases. The adult male emerges in May or June flying at dusk looking for a female. If he finds one he walks around her with his antlers wide open showing himself off. Two males interested in the same female will fight using their antlers in much the same way as a male deer, with the stronger throwing the other onto its back. Injuries are rare as it is more a display of aggression than a dangerous fight. In June or July the female lays up to 21 eggs near rotting wood. Once hatched the larvae spend the next 5 – 6 years underground



chewing through the wood, growing and shedding their skin. Eventually they make cocoons in which they transform into a pupa and finally, after just a few weeks into adult beetles. Although this occurs in autumn the adults stay underground until the following May or June when they emerge and start looking for a mate. By August most of them are dead. Scientists are not sure what the adults eat; some think they eat nothing at all, living off fat reserves, whilst others think they use a special tongue to lick the sap from trees. Although southern England has the highest number of Stag beetles, numbers are declining not only here but on the continent as well. Some are killed because people think they are dangerous, many get killed on roads as they are attracted to the warm tarmac surface and others struggle to find the habitat they need i.e. rotting wood. They are classed as a 'protected species', listed on Schedule 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

### **Did You Know?**

- Stag beetles are also known as horse pinchers, thunder beetles and oak ox.
- Although males have fearsome looking antlers they are quite harmless; it's the females who can inflict a sharp nip with their smaller antlers if they are handled.
- Medieval peasants believed Stag beetles summoned thunder and lightning storms, they also thought that they flew around with hot coals in their jaws setting fire to buildings.
- Stag beetle larvae are really good for the garden eating lots of rotting wood and returning important minerals to the soil. They do not eat living plants or shrubs



## ***MAYTIME IN AYNHO***

Thanks to all those who supported this by coming along during the afternoon and to the Barn Dance in the evening. Numbers were considerably down at both events but it was a lovely day and many thought the Barn Dance worked better with fewer people in the hall. My thanks to everyone who helped on the day. We raised around £400 for ASRA once hall hire costs and licences are taken out so thank you for your contributions.

I'm not sure how many people in the village think that these village events are important to keep running but I am asking for your help if you want to stop these traditions dying out. I have committed to running the event in 2017 but then it will be the last one that I organise and it's time to hand over to some younger families in the village. I am out of touch with the school now and no longer know the children there. If you have a daughter that you would like to be May Queen in the future, maybe you would like to be involved. It's really up to those who run it to make the rules.

If you would like to see the event continue please contact me and we will include you in the group who organise next year's event so you can see what needs to be done in the future. Contact me at [kaynho@lineone.net](mailto:kaynho@lineone.net) or 0330 113 6008.

## **PAVILION CAFÉ**

I will be standing in for Anita at the café on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

You don't have to be in the walking groups to come along. In the hope of some sun that day, I think I'll do a Ploughman's Lunch, Salad Bar and Cream teas. The Café will be open from 10am until 2pm. If you are missing the Winter Lunch Club why not come along between 1pm and 2pm for lunch after the walkers have gone when there will be more room for everyone.

You can ring me on 0330 113 6008 (landline) if it would help you to reserve a table. Kay

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- ♦ *Gates Close - 5.00pm*

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