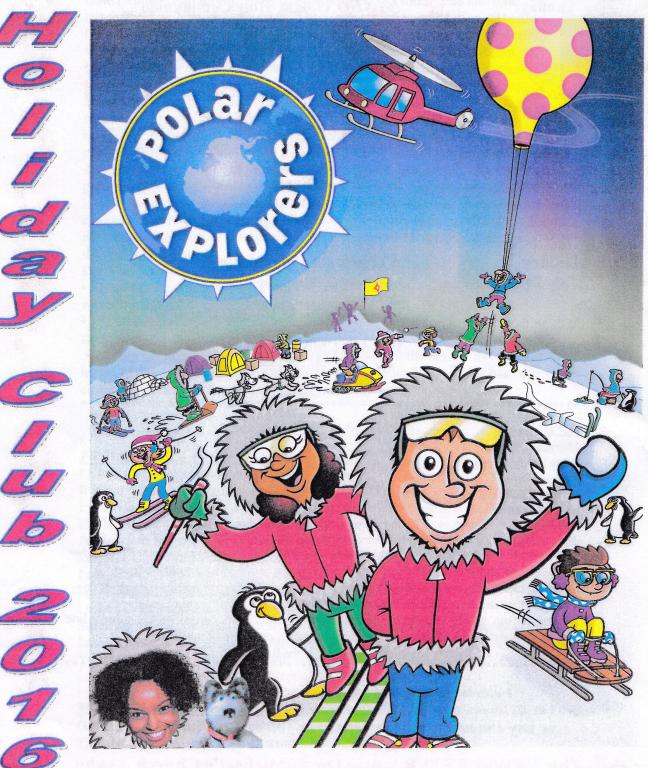


# NEWSLETTER JULY 2016



5 - 11 year olds - Come and join us for a fun filled week; 25 - 29 July.

See inside for further details ......

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# ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JULY 2016

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

Sunday: AYNHO 11.0am Holy Communion

July 3<sup>rd</sup> (Sidespersons: Mr.Cheney. Mr.Sutton)

Farthinghoe 9.30 Hinton 11.0 FW

**Evenley 6.0 TAIZE (It's different – why not try it?)** 

Sunday: AYNHO 11.0am Holy Communion

July 10<sup>th</sup> (Sidespersons: Mrs.Pusey Mr.Leigh)

Croughton 9.30 HC Evenley 11.0 HC with Baptism Farthinghoe 10.0 FW Steane 6.0pm Evensong

Sunday: Benefice at Evenley 10.0am with Pizza Praise at 4.0pm.

Sunday AYNHO – 11.0am Matins

**July 24<sup>th</sup>** (Sidespersons: Mrs.Bellamy, Mrs.Gray)

Croughton 9.30 HC Evenley 9.30 F.W Farthinghoe 6.0pm ES Hinton 11.0am CW.

Sunday Holiday Club Service 10.0am

July 31<sup>st</sup> at Croughton

P.C.C.Meeting	Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	in Church
<b>Morning Prayers</b>	Mondays		8.30am	in Church
<b>Bible Study Group</b>	Monday	4th	10.15am	32, Roundtown
Prayer Group	Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	15, The Square
Church Cleaning	Thursday	21st	9.45am onwards	
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**Home Communion** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 11.0am 15,The Square **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> & 30<sup>th</sup> July

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

Revd.Simon Dommett Tel:01869.810903 <u>Email@the.revd.simon@gmail.com</u>

Assistant Curate: Revd Shemil Mathew 07401 587151 revshemil@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 August 2016 by or before Monday July 18<sup>th</sup> to: Sybil at 32, Roundtown Tel:810692 Email: <a href="mailto:syban@btinternet.com">syban@btinternet.com</a> Vol.604 or any comments re Newsletter to Sybil or Rev.Simon Dommett.

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# Rectors Ramblings for July

If you are reading these ramblings then by now the vote for in or out will be over and the world didn't end. I hope you thought carefully and prayerfully before putting pen to paper. Now we have to work with the result and move forward. I hope we can do so in a spirit of unity and generosity, and not as winners and losers. For we are all in this together, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health as they say in the marriage service. Now each day of our lives we make potential life changing decisions, sometime they appear very small, like when should we cross the road. Yet the wrong decision here can have dire consequences, in the same way as our choice of diet or our decision to overtake that car or not.

But whatever our future now holds, one thing we can be certain about is our summer Christian Holiday club that will run from 25<sup>th—</sup>29<sup>th</sup> June at All Saints School in Croughton.

This year our theme is Polar Explorers which is developed by Scripture Union as part of their great <u>holiday club</u> programme, designed for a fun filled Christian clubs for 5 to 11-year-olds.

With the help of Sir Random Finds and Bare Feet, the children are explorers who go on a mini-expedition each day and learn about a New

Testament character. Through the lives of these people, they learn that no one is too anything to be part of God's big expedition, that is, to be a friend of Jesus and go out and help other people be friends of Jesus too. It features stories told by Gemma Hunt and Blizz the husky dog.



A lot of preparation has been going on and includes a service of commissioning or blessing for the Holiday Club and it leaders and helpers. This will take place at 10am on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July at St. George Evenley. I hope that all leaders and helpers will be able to come that Sunday as we join together to launch the holiday club and then go to our separate villages for the following Sunday.

Registration forms are available in our village schools and can also be obtained by emailing me at <a href="mailto:the.revd.simon@gmail.com">the.revd.simon@gmail.com</a>. Just put "Polar Explorers" in

the subject line and your contact details in the main text with children's names and ages and we will get the forms to you.

We will end the week with a special celebration service at 10am at All Saints Church Croughton, which will be lead by those attending the week. We hope that all parents and many friends will come and join us then. Although this service is a special family service, families of all ages and sizes are welcome at all our services. But do look out for services with 'Family' in the titles as they will be shorter and more all age family focused. The exception to this rule is Pizza Praise which doesn't have family in its name but has lots of food for all ages.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon

Simon

# AYNHO FETE - Sunday 12th June

A huge thank you to everyone in the village who supported the fete at Aynhoe Park this year in what turned out to be the "Right Royal Event" for which we had wished! So many people helped before, during and after but also a huge number of villagers contributed through the generosity to the cause by gifts of cakes, bottles, plants and all sorts of other things that we could sell on the day to help with the fundraising effort. We raised more than £6,000 to help with the restoration of the windows in the church – it was a fantastic effort by the village – thank you. The whole afternoon at Aynhoe Park gave a lot of pleasure to the 1200 fete-goers who supported us; just brilliant.

#### From your Parish Council

# Warning!

Please be aware that there have been reports of Blandford Blackfly on the field. They are not as prevalent at this time of year as earlier in the Spring but they do give a nasty bite so please be careful.

#### Village Parking Survey

Thanks to everyone who completed the survey. We are inputting the results and will report back in due course.

#### **Blacksmiths Hill**

Please remember to drive down this road and its surrounding areas carefully.

It was discussed at the Village Meeting as people have concerns about the area.

Please ensure you drive considerately and observe the road signs there.

#### **Bins**

Please help keep the village tidy by bringing in your bins in a timely fashion.

We all have so many nowadays and bringing them in helps ensure Aynho stays the picturesque village we all love.

# Village Speed Sign

Earlier this year the Parish Council purchased a mobile 'Vehicle Activated Sign' (MVAS) to remind drivers of the 30mph village speed limit. Being portable, the sign will be used across the three main entrances into the village - at Banbury Road, Croughton Road and Charlton Road - and moved every two to three weeks.

The MVAS unit also gathers a wealth of information for traffic volumes and speeds by day, day-part and speeds of the worst offenders. And, interestingly, the first results from each location shows differing issues.

Notably, whilst average speeds on Croughton Road and Banbury Road are generally within the legal limit it's the volume of traffic that surprises - with an average of 12,000 vehicles passing through the village each weekday. By contrast, the weekly vehicle movements on Charlton Road are equivalent to one weekday (only) on the B4100 (i.e. 12,000 Charlton Road weekly average) but the speeds are much faster with most cars travelling at 40mph or more coming into the village. On all three locations the worst offenders are travelling at 70-80mph as they enter the village, usually between midnight and 6am and, thankfully, only one or two cars.

If you're interested volume and speed details will be published on the web site, at www.aynho.org.

#### **Contact details**

Sadie Patamia is the Parish Clerk and can be contacted on Mondays and Thursdays from 3pm – 6pm on 07887548774 or Sadie.patamia@aynho.org The postal address is 25 Brackley Road, Croughton, NN13 5PP, or you can find us on Facebook and Twitter

#### **PRESCRIPTIONS** – Deddington Health Centre

It has been brought to notice that a number of patients are getting very anxious if their medicines are not with them on a Thursday. Please note that the correct delivery day is Friday either morning or afternoon depending on the number to be delivered which is now sometimes 15/20, *To those who carry out this service we continue to say a big "Thank-you"* 

If any patient has a query please contact Sybil on 01869-810692.

LIBRARY VAN will now visit Aynho at the new time of 11.0-11.30am at The Butts

on the first Friday of each month i.e. July 1<sup>st</sup> August 5<sup>th</sup> September 2<sup>nd</sup> October 7<sup>th</sup> November 4<sup>th</sup> & December 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Don't Forget** to keep supporting your POST OFFICE Tuesdays 1.30 – 3.30pm in the back room of the Village Hall.

#### **ALL FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT**

JUNE 29<sup>th</sup> NOTE:

#### AYNHO HISTORY SOCIETY

#### 7.30 Village Hall



"Beer, Sausages & Marmalade"

A history of Oxford foods in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century with Liz Wooley.

Further lectures will be in September, October & November. All welcome.

Annual Membership £20 or pay as you go £3.00 per event. Student concession £1.

Contact: Rupert Clark 07808 763261 rupert.ds.clark@gmail.com or Peter Cole 01869 811261

7.30pm Village

Contact: Bob Mann 810264



July 6th

July 6th ARMS (Aynho Recorded Music Society)

7.30pm Cartwright Hotel

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY At last month's meeting, member Randall Miles ARPS gave a second presentation entitled

'Tales of future excursions in the wilds,' in which he explored wildlife and portrait photography at the Masai Mara National Reserve in Kenya - an area of approximately 600 square miles. Now retired, Randall had responsibility for television lighting and camera working his previous career and, in a series of prints, he demonstrated his creativity and mastery of various photographic

The next meeting of the Society is on 6 July, when professional photographer Dan Evans returns to present 'Lens lore- using the lens for best creative effect,' followed by an Outdoor Workshop on 20 July (see web site for details). The Society's meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, and everyone is welcome to attend. Just come along, you can be assured of a warm welcome.

Contact: John Branton www.addphoto.co.uk

JULY 9<sup>TH</sup>

WRITER'S GROUP -

10.0am - 12.30 Village Hall



At this meeting we look forward to hearing people's "Summer Delights" or "Three People I would most like to have dinner with and why". Always a warm welcome for newcomers.

Contact: Keith McClellan 810346

**KNIT & STITCH** 

Holiday now until SEPTEMBER -

But.... keep knitting!

2, Portway Gardens. 2.0 – 4.0pm Contact:Glenwys Wormald Tel: 810880



# July 13th

#### **GARDENING CLUB - OUTING**

What a lovely evening we all had at "Friars Well"; a huge thank you to both Anne and Nick Attenborough for inviting the Aynho Gardening Club into their beautiful garden. The next event in our calendar is the trip to John's Garden and Ashwood Nurseries, Kingswinford, West Midlands on Wednesday 13th July. This should be a really nice day out; the nursery and garden come highly recommended with some interesting plants to buy. Please contact Jean Skuce (our visits Organiser) to book a place on 01869 810034.

The cost of the trip is £20 (which includes the coach and entrance to the garden).

The AYNHO GARDENING CLUB ANNUAL FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 20th August. More about this in next month's newsletter, along with the programme for the show, listing all the classes.

Contacts: Annabel Bellamy Tel: 810847: Jean Skuce - Visits – 810034 Carol McClellan – Show - 810346



July 20th

W.I. "Garden Meeting"

At the kind invitation of Mrs.Jan Dogherty.

This will be a 7.0pm start.

**Contact: Barbara Watkins 811152** 



# **HEALTH WALKS with Pavilion Refreshments**

Aynho Health walks start from the Pavilion each Thursday at 10.00 am.

Contact: Keith McClellan 01869 810346 or Kathy White 01869 810418

Support AGE U.K.Oxfordshire –" JAZZ at the CASTLE " Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 7.0-9.30pm. at BROUGHTON CASTLE

Tickets only. £15.00.

Contact: Lynda Moore, 5 White Lion Walk, Banbury. Tel: 01295 278040

A supply of white plastic garden chairs and tables are available free to anyone in the village – please contact:

Mr.R.Sawbridge on Tel: 01869 819669

# Biodiversity—Bird of the Month: The Great Tit

The great tit is the largest British tit. It has a yellow breast, long black central band running from its chin to its tail, has a black and white head and blue grey tail feathers with white outer ones. The longest running study of great tits has been taking place in Wytham Woods an ancient woodland just outside Oxford which is owned by Oxford University. The study started in 1947 when a student in the Department of Zoology erected 100 nest boxes and a garden shed in which he spent the next 3 summers. There are now over 1,000 nest boxes with every parent and fledgling using them being



given a numbered ring and a tiny radio tag enabling researchers to study such things as their behaviour, relationships, whether characteristics are inherited and reaction to climate change. Some of the conclusions they have come to so far are: shyer birds tend to stay with the same flock of birds whereas the bolder ones are more gregarious foraging with several different flocks, males prefer to associate with birds of a similar personality (the shyer birds avoiding the bolder ones), blue tits are very good at learning new behaviour from others. They are also finding that in response to climate change birds are laying their eggs about 3 weeks earlier than in 1960 thus taking advantage of the earlier emergence of the winter moth larvae which makes up 90% of the diet for their young.

#### Did You Know?

- Great tits are very aggressive and can actually kill other birds. Their beak is a good weapon it must be as it can open a hazel-nut.
- 10,000 caterpillars are needed to feed the 9 11 great tit chicks from hatching to fledging.
- To help her decide when to lay her eggs it is thought the female uses temperature, length of day and possibly the emergence of the tree leaf buds as she has been seen closely inspecting them and even tasting them.

# FROM SIMON - Poem or Prayer?

I asked God to take away my pain, God said, No.

It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole. God said, No.

Her spirit was whole, her body was only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience. God said, No.

Patience is a by-product of tribulations, it isn't granted, it is learned.

I asked God to give me happiness. God said, No.

I give you blessings. Happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain. God said, No.

Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said, No.

You must grow your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked for all things that I might enjoy life. God said, No.

I will give you life so that you may enjoy all things.

I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as he loves me.

God said ... Ahhh, finally you have the idea.

This day is yours, don't throw it away. Anthony Oliver

From the Parish News of Hertford Heath, Pinehurst and Foxholes East.

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