



Aynho

The Apricot Village

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2017



To all our Readers

ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2017

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



Sunday:

January 1st

BENEFICE at HINTON – 11.0am

Sunday:

January 8th

AYNHO – 11.0am - Holy Communion

(Sidespersons: Mr. Leigh Mr. Sutton)

Farthinghoe 9.30am HC Hinton 11.0am MW

Evenley 6.00pm. TAIZE

Sunday:

January 15th

AYNHO – 11.0am - MATINS

(Sidespersons: Mrs. Gray. Mrs. Pusey.)

Croughton 9.30am HC Evenley 11.0am HC

Farthinghoe 10.0am FW Hinton 6.0pm ES

Sunday

January 22nd

BENEFICE at CROUGHTON 10.0am

Sunday

January 29th

AYNHO – 11.0am - Family Communion

(Sidespersons: Mrs. Bellamy Mrs. Chong)

Croughton 9.30am HC Evenley 11.0am FW

Hinton 11.0am H.C Farthinghoe 6.0pm ES

Next PCC Meeting

Home Communion

Bible Study Group

Prayer Group

Choir Practice

Church Cleaning

Bell Ringing Tuesdays 7.30pm Evenley 1st Kings Sutton 2nd & 4th Aynho 3rd Croughton 5th

Thursday 16th February

To be announced 11.00am 15 The Square

Monday 16th 10.15am “Rose Cottage” Banbury Rd.

Thursday 12th 2.30pm 15 The Square

Friday 6th & Thursday 26th

Thursday 19th 9.45amonwards

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

Revd. Simon Dommett Tel: 01869.810903

Email@the.revd.simon@gmail.com

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

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Items for February 2017 by or before Monday 16th January 2017 to:

Sybil at 32, Roundtown Tel: 810692 Email: syban@btinternet.com Vol. 610

or any comments re Newsletter to Sybil or Rev. Simon Dommett.

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RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS for JANUARY

A Happy New year to all our readers, may it bring us all our hopes and dreams.

Christmas is the time of year, when with all the Christmas cards, thanks to everybody who sent us one, we also receive the Christmas letters, these like marmite, you tend to love or hate.

They can be a good way to catch up with what been going on, they are also a way of sharing the good and the bad of the past year.

As a community of five villages, this past year we have seen our own share of ups and downs. Several members of our communities have died, some better known than other, but all missed equally by their family and friends. We have also seen communities come together for village fetes and for the celebrations of our monarch's birthday.

As a church community we have much to be thankful for too. For those who clean our churches week by week, those who care for the churchyards, those who decorate our churches with flowers, those who serve on parochial Church Council and those who take the office of Church Warden. We can add those who have played the organ, those who have given refreshments, those who have rung the bells, sung in the choirs and benefice festival Chorus (BFC). Those who have distributed newsletters, welcomed people at services, this list goes on and on and I thank you all.

As a group of churches we have managed this past year to pay all our bills, the nearly £10,000 to insure our buildings, the £55,000 to pay the cost of ministry, plus heating, lighting and £150,000 of repairs to the windows and roofs. This hasn't been easy, but with generous support and contributions from charities we have paid our way. I am very grateful for all who have supported us, with one off donations, and those who regularly give each week, in a timely and tax efficient manner. Thank you for your support.

We can also give thanks for Shemil and his ministry among us. 2017 will see him come to the end of his training here and he will be looking for his next post or job. We must also thank Heather for the work she has done with our young adults Routz, they have met regularly in the rectory and around the place and Heather has lead the group and encouraged them as they grow. If they are to continue to grow then she will need some extra help.

Shemil and I have gone into the schools at Croughton and Charlton each week to take a themed assembly and have enjoyed services in church at the start and end of a term. We have also enjoyed inviting the school children at Croughton into church to experience Easter, Pentecost and Harvest, in practical and exciting ways. We also have a team who read the younger children bible stories going under the name of 'Open the Book'. If you would like to join please let me know.

We have also had the fun of the summer holiday club with two special guests from CSI in Melbourne and are very grateful to the head and governors at Croughton school for allowing us to use it in the summer and for all the other thirty strong team of helpers.

Our churches have also seen regular use this year with all but one church having at least three Sunday services each month and then sharing worship with the other churches on the fourth Sunday. Also there is daily prayer in our churches during the week, to which everybody is invited. We have had 20 weddings and blessings and 8 baptisms in our churches, and many funerals as well.

30 people have met regularly for bible studies (Cuppa and Chat) during Lent and autumn and other meet all year round. So as you see, there has been a lot going on and even more to come in 2017.

So if you are thinking of a New Years resolution, maybe you could think about what you might do to grow your faith, what you might do for your church and also for your community. There are many ways to help and much to be done. But thank you one and all for all your hard work in 2016.

May God Bless us all in the coming year.

Simon.

"A THANK-YOU " I would like to thank the many, many people who sent me cards etc and gave me such a wonderful time around my 100th birthday and afterwards. I hope that they enjoyed sharing the occasion as much as I did.....Margaret Taylor



Chips in Church??!!

After a very enjoyable time in November we invite you along for another evening to enjoy your village church, even if church services aren't your thing.

Everyone is invited to join other villagers at St Michael's Church when the chip van comes to Aynho on Monday, 30th January, calling at the church at 6:50pm.

Bring your chips into the church where we will have tables and chairs and a warm welcome for a sociable evening.

Please bring a fork (or your fingers!) and we'll provide salt & vinegar, ketchup and tea/coffee.

Please phone Liz Short on 01869 810 180 with your order by 4pm on the day and they will be wrapped ready for you to pay and collect at the church.

I have a menu and pricelist. (Examples – Cod £4, Pie £2:70, Sausage £1:70, Chips £1:80-£3) Or just come along to the church and order at the van.

Everyone Welcome!

From your Parish Council:

Sports Field and Pavilion

Aynho PC is looking for a volunteer to help take care of the Pavilion. This is a precious village asset and we really need someone to take over the general jobs that need to be done to maintain its use.

Without a new volunteer there is a chance the Pavilion will cease to be usable which would be a great shame for the village.

Defibrillator

Aynho PC are looking for volunteers to go on to the rota to check the defibrillator every week. It is a month long rota and you will be required to carry out a simple series of checks. Please contact Sadie (details below) if you can lend your time or for more details.

Defibrillator Training

This will take place on Saturday 21st January at 10,30am in the village hall. Please do come along!

Warning!

Aynho PC would like to make people aware there have been a few break-ins to cars in Aynho and the surrounding villages. Please be vigilant and do not leave valuables (Sat Navs etc.) on show in your vehicle.

Contact Details

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

ALL FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT

ARMS (Aynho Recorded Music Society) - 4th January Village Hall 7.30pm.

Douglas opened December programme with Winchester Cathedral Choir singing Stainer's "Come Thou long expected Jesus", Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Pie Jesu" was sung by Petits Chanteurs de Quebec, Baccherini's popular "Minuet!" and the newly established Military Wives Choir heralded Mozart's "Piano Concerto 24" followed by The Hairy Old Chaps singing "All for me" Elizabeth Schumann sang "Barcarolle" whilst "Love is a Rebellion Bird" from Carmen was performed by Victoria de Los Angelis. The beautiful carol "Once in Royal David's city" by the Worcester Cathedral Choir and a selection of carols by The New College Choir rounded off the first half.

The second half featured a DVD of the Lodz Chamber Orchestra playing Mozart's "Concerto for Flute, Harp & Orchestra": A wonderful ending to a splendid programme.
Many thanks Douglas

Contact: Bob Mann 810264

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY 4th January 7.30pm at the Cartwright Hotel.

Everyone is most welcome to attend, just come along and meet us all.

Contact: John Branton www.addphoto.co.uk

KNIT & STITCH & a CUPPA! at 2.0 – 4.0pm. 2, Portway Gardens.

We meet on January 10th and 24th. All welcome.

Contact: Glenwys Wormald Tel:810880

AYNHO GARDENING CLUB

11th January Village Hall 7.30pm

A Happy New Year to you all.



At our first meeting of 2017 Malcolm Moodie is coming to talk to us about 'Orchids of Thailand' – this should be a colourful and cheering talk to get our gardening year going. The talk will start at 7.30pm and the doors will be open early for you to renew your Garden Club membership and receive the exciting 2017 programme. The annual subscription is £10. We are always delighted to welcome any new Members or guests. The Committee look forward to seeing you then.

For any queries, please get in touch with **Annabel Bellamy (810 847)**.

AYNHO W.I.

18th January 7.30pm Village Hall

Our first talk of the year, "The Invigilator who set fire to his trousers", hopefully one to make us all laugh, is from Anne Borrowdale on the humorous side of invigilating examinees, in which she herself was involved in 2005. Dr. Borrowdale, her doctorate achieved on a thesis entitled "In search of a feminist theology of work", obviously has a good sense of humour, has Christian ethics, is a socialist and a feminist. Her position as a "Personal Coach", and working with the Teeside Industrial Mission at the Social Responsibility Office in Oxford and lecturing at St. Albans and Oxford Ministry courses, adds to her being very well experienced in the understanding of how our emotions work, particularly us ladies, and helps to appreciate the best ways to put this into practice and maybe improve our lives.

Contact: Barbara Watkins 811152

CROUGHTON CINEMA - Croughton Village Hall Doors Open 7.30pm
Members £3.00 Non Members £5.00 Under 16s £3.00. Licenced Bar. All welcome

WRITER'S GROUP - Saturday 14th January 10.0am – 12.30 Village Hall

We had a very enjoyable meeting last month having put our contributions into blank envelopes, shuffling them and then tried to guess the writer when they were read.

This coming month we shall be hearing about “Pantomimes” or “Crossroads”.

Membership renewal will be the same as last year.

Contact: Keith McClellan 810346 or via Community Page

HEALTH CLUB WALKS

with delicious refreshments after in the Pavilion



See village website for walk descriptions. New walkers always welcome.
Walks start from the Pavilion each Thursday 10.0am to suit all tastes & fitness.
On Jan.12th we celebrate our 5th Anniversary with lunch the “Cartwright Hotel”



Contact: Keith McClellan 01869-810346 or Kathy White 01869- 810418

AYNHO HISTORY SOCIETY

25th January 7.30pm Village Hall

Contact: Rupert Clark 07808 763261 rupert.ds.clark@gmail.com
or Peter Cole 01869 811261 petercole39@outlook.com



WINTER LUNCH CLUB

WLC will re-start in 2017 in the back room of the village hall on
Thursday **12th January**. Other January dates: 19th & 26th. Time: 12.15pm-1.30pm.

If you would like any further information contact **Amanda tel:01869 810341**



ALLOTMENTS: There is one complete allotment (23mx7m) and half or quarter allotments available on the village allotment site just beyond the sports fields on the Charlton Road. Rent is £5.00 per year for one allotment, £2.50 for half, and £1.25 for the quarter. A water point is going to be provided at the allotment this year; there will be a small service charge for its use which is to be collected in the late summer. Grow your own plentiful supply of veg and flowers. If you are a beginner there are lots of experienced growers on site who can help with advice and suggestions.

If you are interested in a plot or part of a plot for 2017 then ring

Andrew Bellamy on 810847.

Give it a try and enjoy the rewards.



Another little reminder to book your table for:

AYNHO QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT on Saturday 18th March 2017

Licensed Bar. Maximum of 4 in a team.

£10 per person – price includes Meal & Quiz entry.

Tickets available from: Michael Johnson 27, Blacksmith Hill. mjohnson.deepdale@gmail.com 01869 811175
and Kay Anderson, 11, Portway kaynho178@gmail.com 03301136008

All proceeds towards Aynho Sports & Recreation Association

AYNHO PARK CLUB DRAW We'd really appreciate it if you would support us again this year and your collectors will be round in January to collect your subscription to the Draw of £12 for the whole year. Every month you'll have a chance of winning a payout (currently £85) and the rest of the money goes towards maintaining the sports pavilion and field. Recently this has paid for new windows in the whole building and security items. If you'd like to pay the £12 by bank transfer the details are

Lloyds Bank Account No. 00467143 Sort Code. 30-11-08 Amount £12

Please make sure you reference your Name/Address and as a double check tell us by e mail on kaynho@lineone.net so we can be sure we have got you on the list.

Winners for 2016 were:

<i>January:</i>	Lang, The Glebe	<i>February:</i>	Long, Portway Gardens
<i>March :</i>	Spiteri, Blacksmiths Hill	<i>April</i>	Reichert, Cartwright Gardens
<i>May :</i>	Box, Cartwright Gardens	<i>June:</i>	Nichol, The Butts
<i>July:</i>	Burge, The Hill	<i>August</i>	Brookfield, Portway
<i>September:</i>	Love, Charlton	<i>October:</i>	Greener, Blacksmiths Hill
<i>November:</i>	Richardson , The Butts	<i>December :</i>	Edwards , Portway Gardens

If you have missed your collector, please contact the Draw Co-ordinator Valerie Taylor West on 01869 819746. It's getting harder and harder to get the volunteer support to keep this facility going but at least if we have the funds we can pay someone else to do the maintenance. Thank you.

YOGA GROUP

We have started a small private yoga group in the pavilion. We only have space for 8 people (men and women) and it's on a Wednesday morning at 9.30am until 10.30am. Its run by a lady called Barb Nievens from Brackley and is aimed at beginners/improvers. We have a potential couple of spaces for the new year starting on 4th January. If anyone is interested please call me on 0330 113 6008 or mail me on kaynho@lineone.net. Cost is £6 per session. Even if you cannot make it on a regular basis but want to be a "fill in" person, do get in touch.



BED AND BREAKFAST ACCOMMODATION IN AYNHO

Accommodation in a spacious self-contained annex with king sized bed, private en suite bathroom and conservatory for continental breakfast. £60 per room per night Sun – Thurs, £65 per night Friday and Saturday. Phone 0330 113 6008 (Aynho landline) or kaynho@lineone.net or find us on Facebook: No. 11. We are dog and child friendly for a small extra charge!

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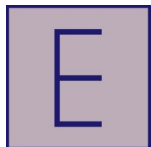
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