



Aynho

# NEWSLETTER

The Apricot Village

MAY 2017

## May Time in Aynho



**SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017**

**2pm in The Square**

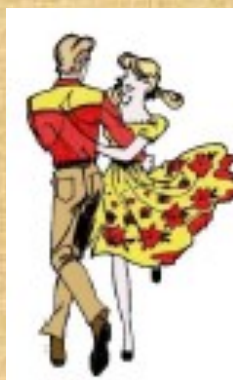


- Town Crier
- Procession
- Crowning of The May Queen
- WI's homemade refreshments
- Craft & Gift Stalls
- Gardening Club Plant Stall
- New this year – A Mummer's play

**Followed by**

**FAMILY BARN DANCE**

**7pm Village Hall**



- Want a stall in The Square?
- £5 per table
- Call Kay
- [kaynho@lineone.net](mailto:kaynho@lineone.net)
- 0330 113 6008
- Dancing to Apricot Pie
- Licensed Bar
- Catering by the Great Western Arms



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## ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE CHURCH CALENDAR FOR MAY 2017

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

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**Sunday:** **AYNHO 11.0am Communion**  
**May 7<sup>th</sup>** (Sidesperson: M.Chong)  
Farthinghoe 9.30am HC Hinton 11.0am MP  
Evenley 6.00pm TAIZE

**Sunday:** **AYNHO 11.0am Communion**  
**May 14<sup>th</sup>** (Sidesperson: T.Sutton)  
Croughton 9.30am HC Evenley 11.0am HC  
Farthinghoe 10.0 am FW Hinton 6.0 pm ES

**Sunday:** **BENEFICE at AYNHO 10.0am**  
**May 21<sup>st</sup>** (Sidespersons : J.Pusey A.Bellamy)  
Croughton 9.30am HC Evenley 11.0am FW  
Farthinghoe 9.30am HC Hinton 11.0am HC

**May 25<sup>th</sup>** **AYNHO 7.00pm**  
**Ascension Day Candle Lit Service**

**Sunday** **AYNHO 11.0am Communion**  
**May 28<sup>th</sup>** (Sidesperson: K.White)  
Croughton 9.30am HC Evenley 9.30am FW  
Farthinghoe 6.0pm ES Hinton 11.0am HC

<b>Prayer Group</b>	Thursday 4th	2.30pm	15 The Square
<b>Bible Study Group</b>	Monday 8th	10.15am	Lower Aynho Grounds
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	.....onwards
<b>Home Communion</b>	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.0am	15, The Square
<b>Chips in Church</b>	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6.50pm	
<b>P.C.C. Meeting</b>	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>Choir Practices</b>	Thursdays 11 <sup>th</sup> & 25th	2.0pm	in Church
<b>Bell Ringing</b>	Tuesdays 7.30pm	Evenley 1 <sup>st</sup>	Kings Sutton 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Aynho 3 <sup>rd</sup> Croughton 5 <sup>th</sup>

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

**Revd.Simon Dommett Tel:01869.810903** [Email@the.revd.simon@gmail.com](mailto: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 June 2017 by or before Monday 22nd May 2017 to:**

**Sybil at 32, Roundtown Tel:810692** Email: [syban@btinternet.com](mailto:syban@btinternet.com) **Vol.614**  
or any comments re Newsletter to Sybil or Rev.Simon Dommett.

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## Rectors Ramblings

Easter Day may be over but for the Christian church the celebration of Easter and new life runs for 6 weeks until 25th May when we remember Jesus' ascension, or the day that he went back to heaven. The Christian year can be hard to follow with some events played out in real time, i.e. the 40 days Jesus was seen after his resurrection. To the 30 years of his life covered in the three months from Christmas to Easter. But 10 days after Ascension day 25<sup>th</sup> May we will celebrate Pentecost or the coming of The Holy Spirit to Jesus' disciples, which enabled them to go and share the good news of Jesus with others.

*Jesus told his followers "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses ...to the ends of the earth. When he had said this...he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight...Then they returned to Jerusalem ... and were constantly devoting themselves to prayer...*

*When the day of Pentecost had come they were all together in one place... All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit... and that day about three thousand persons were added." Acts 1,2*

For many years many of us will have prayed the Lord's Prayer and be familiar with the phrase 'thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven'. The prayer for 'thy kingdom come' has been on the lips of Christians for some 2000 years. Last year the Archbishops of Canterbury and York started an invitation for Christians to use the 10 days between Ascension and Pentecost to join him in prayer for God's kingdom to come. This call to prayer has become an international and ecumenical call to movement uniting people from all over the world.

The website is <https://www.thykingdomcome.global>.

Between 25th May and 4th June, communities and churches around the world are gathering together to pray that their friends, families and neighbours come to know Jesus Christ. Prayer events of all shapes and sizes will take place across the 10 days, including 24-7 prayer rooms, prayer days, prayer walks and half nights of prayer. Cathedrals, churches and other venues will host Beacon Events, gathering people across towns and cities to worship and to pray for the empowering of the Holy Spirit for effective witness. In our Local communities our churches will be open for quiet and prayer during the day and will host special candle lit quiet times in the evenings.

**This will start with an Ascension Day service at 7pm on 25th May at Aynho**

Followed by churches open in the evening 7pm-8pm for people to come and go as they please, to pray, to reflect or just to enjoy the peace and beauty of the church

Tuesday 30th May Croughton  
Thursday 1st June Hinton

Wednesday 31st May Evenley  
Friday 2nd June Farthinghoe

God Bless Simon

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**Chips in Church??!! 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, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 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 & tea/coffee. Please phone Liz Short on 01869 810180 with your order by 12 noon on the day and they will be wrapped ready for you to pay and collect at the church. I have a menu and price list. (New prices this time.) Or just come along to the church and order at the van.

**Everyone Welcome**

## **From your Parish Council    Village Parking & Use of St Michael's Church Car Park**

Aynho. The Apricot Village



### **Background**

The 2014 'Village Survey' highlighted the community's concern regarding the lack of parking, especially in the older parts of the village. Comments highlighted various frustrations of residents, especially those relying on street parking who are sometimes unable to park adjacent to their homes. The issue has been further complicated that in the same Survey residents also expressed the view that the Parish Council (PC) must act to reduce parking on verges and the Village Green.

In Summer 2016 a survey was carried out of villagers most effected and there was a 47% response. It was established that many households in the affected areas experience difficulties parking at some time, with some households affected once or twice each week. At the time of the survey the PC conducted a count of cars regularly parked in the village and the number of spaces available. In summary, there appears to be circa 110-120 cars regularly parked within the village by residents with 'optimum' on-street parking for 105 cars. Which suggests, the village has 'just about' adequate parking but with little capacity for visitors. As such, a solution which identified an extra 15-20 spaces is required.

### **Way Forward**

The PC has been told by NCC Highways that there is no funding available and as such any solution would have to be self-funded. The costs of providing dedicated additional parking spaces are well in excess of the PC resources within the current precept level.

The PC has consulted with Aynhoe Park, The Cartwright Hotel, The Village Hall Committee, Aynho Court Residents Association and St Michael's Parochial Church Council (PCC) to examine both procedural solutions and also to find additional space.

The key development is that the PCC have kindly agreed that from 1 May residents may use the church car park overnight where roadside parking isn't otherwise available. In principle residents may use the Car Park from 1700 to 1000 hours the following morning. The PCC will establish a notice board in the Car Park which will advise when parking is not available due to the Church's own requirements to use the Car Park – in reality this will be infrequent.

Initially the village's use will be on a trial basis and may be withdrawn if abused. By using the car park residents will be deemed to have agreed to specific terms of use as detailed separately. If the trial proves successful the PCC will look to improve the lighting. The PC will make an annual contribution to the PCC for village residents' use of the Car Park.

The Parish Council is currently drafting a guide to parking in Aynho, including details of locations and 'best practice' guidance. This will be published on the village web site – go to [www.aynho.org/parking](http://www.aynho.org/parking) and will include the rules for using St Michael's Car Park.

Additionally The Cartwright & Aynhoe Park have agreed to work more closely to encourage visitors to Aynhoe Park weddings and staying at the Cartwright to use the Park's facilities rather than the hotel's parking and for their residents to be informed that parking is an issue and that they should be considerate with regard to where they park.

The Parish Council is introducing a voluntary residents' parking badge (shown above); the objective being to identify resident parking from visitors. And, where residents are happy to give contact details to the Parish Council, provide emergency contact in the event of access issues for emergency services.

Finally as a result of the provision of additional space the PC intend to formalise the parking restrictions on the Village Green and on the verges outside Aynho Court with the installation of bollards. In the latter case this is at the request of Aynho Court Residents Association and also as it is a safety issue.

## Conclusion

The Parish Council hopes these measures collectively will go some way to resolving some of the frustrations residents experience with parking. Additional space will be available within the village – although not necessarily immediate adjacent to residents properties.

Obviously these will only work if everyone is involved and takes their share of responsibilities, such as respecting the conditions of use for the church car park, making better use of their own parking facilities and considerate parking on the roadside.

We encourage everyone to check regularly the village's web site, which will be updated periodically. Go to [www.aynho.org/parking](http://www.aynho.org/parking)

Finally, many thanks to everyone involved with the Survey, and to the PCC for kindly making the space available.

**Aynho Parish Council**

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## **BIODIVERSITY GROUP - WARNING: IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!**

### **The Blandford Fly**

Blandford flies are a species of black fly. They are approximately 2 - 3mm long making them only slightly larger than midges. The females lay their 200 – 300 eggs in the cracks of steep river banks in June and July. These eggs then lie dormant through the winter. In March having become moistened with the higher water levels over the winter, the larvae emerge. Clinging to the riverside plants by hooks on the end of their abdomens and a kind of silk they help to clear the water by filtering out small food particles brought to them by the current. Five weeks later they pupate and in May the adults emerge. They are now on the wing through May, June and July flying close to the ground and ranging approximately 1km from water. Males only feed on nectar but females need a blood meal before they can lay their eggs. Their scissor-like mouth parts cut the skin so they can inject an anaesthetic and suck the blood. In June or July, once her eggs have matured, the female returns to the river to lay them and the cycle begins all over again. Although the females bite domestic, farm and wild animals they do seem to prefer dogs and humans. Bites tend to be on the lower limbs and women seem to be bitten more than men but this may be because skirts leave the lower limbs uncovered.



### **Did You Know?**

- The Blandford Fly got its name from a major outbreak of people being bitten around the town of Blandford Forum in Dorset in the 1960s and 1970s.
- The saliva from the fly often causes severe irritation, pain, swelling, blistering, a high temperature and joint pain with some people needing to seek medical advice.
- Streams and rivers can support vast numbers of blackfly larvae (perhaps 10,000 per square metre of river bed).
- Stuart Hine, entomologist at the Natural History Museum, said the growing popularity of water features over the past 10 years has encouraged the insects to migrate from the countryside to towns and cities.

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### **Newbottle and Charlton Playgroup's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

This year sees the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the running of Newbottle and Charlton Playgroup. We are thrilled to invite and welcome all ex-pupils and parents to a Casino themed evening celebration on the **17<sup>th</sup> June** being held at the Memorial Hall in Charlton. Tickets are just £15 per person, which includes betting chips and a glass of fizz on arrival. This will be a great opportunity to meet up with old friends, support an invaluable local service and help secure it's future for the benefit of families in the surrounding area. Please get in touch if you'd like to celebrate with us, and spread the word if you have friends or family with ties to the Playgroup.

For tickets or more info contact: 01295 812909 [info@charltonplaygroup.co.uk](mailto:info@charltonplaygroup.co.uk)

[www.facebook.com/charltonplaygroup/](http://www.facebook.com/charltonplaygroup/)

## **ALL FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT**

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> May 7.30pm Village Hall**



Douglas gave our April meeting a rousing start by playing the 2nd Movement from Shostakovich's 5th Symphony, having first described the tribulations of the composer in the USSR at the time of its writing. Beethoven's Romance for Violin and Orchestra No 2 then followed before we heard Katherine Jenkins perform Puccini's "One Fine Day" from his opera "Madame Butterfly". Beethoven's lively Rondo A Capriccio for piano was played by Alfred Brendel before we "went to Scandinavia" to hear the 3rd Movement from Sibelius' Violin

Concerto, Halvorsen's Norwegian Dances and the 2nd Movement from Grieg's Piano Concerto. The first half of the evening then concluded in a more modern relaxed style with Vera Lynn singing "White Cliffs of Dover" and Glen Miller getting us "In the Mood" for our interval refreshments. In the second half we watched the Amati Chamber Orchestra play Mozart's Eine Kleine Nachtmusik and Serenata Notturna. Thank you Douglas for an entertaining evening. We look forward to May's meeting when we can each bring a cd with a selected track and "raffle" which ones to play.

**Contact: Bob Mann 810264**

### **PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY 3<sup>rd</sup> May 7.30pm at the Cartwright Hotel.**



At the A.G.M there was a good turn out with members filling the room at the Cartwright Hotel. The Society has had a successful year with a steady 52 members and the annual exhibitions have stimulated public interest which has helped to establish the Society as a recognised part of the local community Special thanks was made to the Cartwright Hotel for the use of their "Apricot Room"

At the next meeting May 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be a presentation entitled "Astrophotography" by Mary Spicer which promises to be an interesting evening.

**Contact: Paul Brewerton [www.addphoto.co.uk](http://www.addphoto.co.uk) Tel: 01295 276949**

### **AYNHO GARDENING CLUB**

**10<sup>th</sup> May Village Hall 7.30pm**

On **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>** an evening visit has been arranged to 'Placketts', High Street, Adderbury. This visit is by kind invitation of Dr David White and his garden is delightful - full of bulbs and many other plants. The charge for the evening will be **£3** which Dr White will be donating to the National Garden Scheme. The plan is to meet at **6.30pm** and you will find the garden just past the village shop. There will be no refreshments but of course there is the chance of popping into one of the Adderbury pubs if anyone wishes to do so. If anyone wants a lift, please contact a Committee Member.

The Aynho Gardening Club will have their usual table at **MAYTIME-in-the- SQUARE** on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>- May** so come along and buy plants for your borders and vegetable gardens. There will also be some garden tools, etc, for sale on the stall. Those of you who have been kind enough to grow plants for the stall, please bring to 6 The Square beforehand or give to any member of the Gardening Club Committee. Our trip to **Mottisfont Abbey** will take place on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June**. Please contact Jean Skuce, our visits organiser, on 81034. The cost of the trip is £26 (National Trust Members £15). This is a wonderful garden near Winchester and the roses should be at their best.

For any queries re the Gardening Club, please contact **Annabel Bellamy (810 847)**

## WRITER'S GROUP - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April 10.0am – 12.30 Village Hall



We had a surprising number of writers who were averse to sport at our last meeting and some interesting hairdressing episodes. Next meeting we will hear cases of mistaken identity or people's favourite places.

**Contact: Keith McClellan 810346 or via Community Page**

## KNIT & STITCH & a CUPPA! At 2, Portway Gardens. Tuesdays May 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>



2.0 – 4.0pm.

**Contact: Glenwys Wormald Tel: 810880**

## AYNHO W.I.

**May 17th 7.30pm Village Hall**

Our thanks to Anne Richardson for her very interesting and absorbing talk at our April meeting on "Mental Health Homicide". Our next meeting is a little more relaxed as it will be mainly to talk about the Resolutions that will finally be discussed at the W.I. AGM in Liverpool when they choose just one (maybe 2) to take to a higher level for further action. To add a little frivolity to the meeting, all those attending are asked to bring along a photo of their parents so that over our refreshments and chat we can all have a go at putting the right photo to the right child (!) – should be fun.

Tea Hostesses: Mrs.J.Dogherty & Ms.J.Alsford.

**Contact: Barbara Watkins 811152**

**AYNHO HEALTH WALKS** start from the Pavilion each Thursday 10.0am. All 3 walks are flourishing, but more walkers are most welcome. Lovely countryside, good company and wonderful refreshments to follow. Maps withdrawn through lack of publishing licence. Descriptions of the long walks on PC and Community websites.



**Contact: Keith McClellan 810346 or Kathy White 810418**

## AYNHO HISTORY SOCIETY – APRIL 26<sup>th</sup> & May 31<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm Village Hall,.

**April 26<sup>th</sup>** "Old Woodstock and the history of its Royal Park" presented by Robert Edwards.

**May 31<sup>st</sup>** "The Cold War and its impact on Oxfordshire" presented by Simon Parr.

**Contact: Rupert Clark 07808 763261 [rupert.ds.clark@gmail.com](mailto:rupert.ds.clark@gmail.com)**  
**or Peter Cole 01869 811261 [petercole39@outlook.com](mailto:petercole39@outlook.com)**

*I'm Peter Cole, secretary of AHS. From the beginning of May I shall be conducting **FREE History tours of Aynho Village. This will be an illustrated talk on the history of Aynho (going back for more than 900 years) followed by a tour of the more interesting places. So if you are new to our village, or if you have lived here for many years but don't know much about Aynho, please give me a ring on the above and we can arrange a date and time for a visit. If I am out please leave your details on my answerphone and I shall get back to you as soon as possible. Thank-you.***

## AYNHO MAYTIME BARN DANCE on the evening of "Maytime in the Square"

**20th May 7.0pm in the village hall.**



Run by and proceeds to Newbottle & Charlton School PTFA. Tickets Adult £10 - Child £6 can be purchased from:

Keith – Charlton P.O & Shop

School Office, Green Lane, Charlton

Laura Reichert: Aynho 01869 810961

Liz Short: 01869 810180

Cash or cheque (payable to Newbottle & Charlton School PTFA).

Ticket includes food prepared by The Great Western & dancing to the renowned Apricot Pie.

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