



Aynho  
The Apricot Village

# NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2017



"Come and join together  
in a

## VILLAGE THANKSGIVING

for our lovely surrounding  
countryside, our gardens  
and all they produce"



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH  
AYNHO  
1st October 11.00am

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**ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE**

**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2017**

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

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**Sunday:** **AYNHO - 11.0am Holy Communion with Baptism**  
**September 3<sup>rd</sup>** (Sidespersons: Mrs.H.Dommett Mrs.J.Pusey.)  
Trinity 12 Farthinghoe 9.30am HC Hinton 11.0am Morning Worship

**Sunday:** **AYNHO – 11.0am Holy Communion**  
**September 10<sup>th</sup>** (Sidespersons: Mr.Bellamy.Mr.Sutton)  
Trinity 13 Croughton 9.30 HC Evenley 9.30 (note change of time)  
Farthinghoe 11.0 F.W & Baptism  
**Steane – 6.0pm Evensong with Peter & Morey Gompertz**

**Sunday:**  
**September 17<sup>th</sup>** **BENEFICE at EVENLEY 10.0am**  
Trinity 14

**Sunday** **AYNHO – 11.0am Holy Communion with Baptism**  
**September 24<sup>th</sup>** (Sidespersons: Mrs.J.Pusey Mrs.M.Chong)  
Trinity 15 Croughton 9.30am HC Evenley 9.30am FW  
Hinton 11.0 HC Farthinghoe 6.0pm Harvest Celebration

**October 1<sup>st</sup>** **AYNHO – HARVEST FESTIVAL**

<b>Choir Practice</b>	<b>Thursdays</b> 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug. & 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept. in Church (Time T.B.A.)
<b>Bible Study Meeting</b>	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> 10.15am 4, The Butts
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> 9.45am .....onwards
<b>Prayer Group</b>	Thursday T.B.A. 2.30pm 15, The Square
<b>Home Communion</b>	Monday T/B.A. 11.00am 15, The Square
<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)  
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**Church Warden:** Graham Gibbs 01869 819727

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**Items for October 2017 by or before Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 please - to:**  
**Sybil at 32, Roundtown Tel:810692 Email: [syban@btinternet.com](mailto:syban@btinternet.com) Vol.618**  
or any comments re Newsletter to Sybil or Rev.Simon Dommett.

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Each year I am reminded with the changing seasons how beautiful the world is in which we live. The changing colours and the changes in the countryside as we see the brown fields change to green and the golden yellow and then back to earth after the harvest. As I travel from village to village I enjoy seeing the changes around me, but I am aware that this is a little naive and romantic. The reality for those who work on the farm is much harder. Wet weather and high winds at the wrong time can ruin the harvest and all their hard work can be wasted. But fortunately, although a poor harvest for us may mean a rise in food prices, we don't suffer the problems of starvation and famine that happens in many other countries. As I have mentioned before and may well do again, with Brexit and other negotiations, our care for creation must spread further than just the world around us. Fair trade and our support for third world countries must continue to be an important part of our character and nature. It worries me that the United States have pulled out of the Climate Change Agreement, when we have so recently suffered from extremes of weather conditions. We are fortunate to live in a democratic society where we can say what we think, where we can petition our government over our concerns without fear of reprisal. And yet I do not fall into the trap thinking that 'the government' has all the answers and the solutions to all our problems. For we have the free choice and freedom to make a difference locally as well. How we use our energy, where we buy our produce, how we treat our neighbours and countryside are all things that we have a choice in. May we have the wisdom to use our freedom wisely and may we be thankful that we have that choice.

<b><u>Harvest Dates</u></b>	24 <sup>th</sup> September	6pm Farthinghoe	1 <sup>st</sup> October 11.00am, Aynho
	1 <sup>st</sup> October 11.00am, Evenley	1 <sup>st</sup> October, 11.00am, Hinton	13 <sup>th</sup> October, TBA, Croughton

As the days begin to close in, in October and November what can be better than gathering around a warm fire with a good book and talking with friends. Our Autumn Bible Study groups start in October and will be looking for hosts and members new and old alike. If you would like to host a group please let the Rector Simon know-01869 810903

Then come and join the BFC. A group of singers of all standards, who meet on a Thursday evening starting again in October for Christmas. We now meet in a warm practice room and welcome new and returning members, To receive update about practices contact David Johnson 07747 635551

SAVE THE DATE 25<sup>th</sup> November Christmas Cheese and Wine – Croughton Village Hall

This is the scheme whereby people pay £1 a week and, if they are lucky they win £20 on a Saturday if their number is the bonus number on Saturday Lotto draw.

First thank you so much for those people who so kindly have supported us so faithfully.

By this means we are able to make about £1500 each year towards the upkeep of the church.

We have a few spare numbers & would be very grateful if we were able to recruit a few new members. The next year of the scheme will begin on 4<sup>th</sup> November. *Although still called the 49 club there are now 59 numbers*  
Please contact either:- Angie Robbins (01869) 811445 or Mary Marriott (01869) 810267



A kind reminder of

**RIDE & STRIDE** on Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup> to help raise funds for Northamptonshire Historical Churches Trust. Bring out your bike, or walk, to enjoy some quality time in the beautiful county of Northamptonshire or even Oxfordshire. Participants ride ( bicycles – or even horses) or stride between churches as few or as many as you choose, usually planning your own route and timing. For more information and sponsorship forms for Aynho - please contact:

**PAT STUBBS 01869 810695**



**“ ALL FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT”**

**ARMS (Aynho Recorded Music Society). 7.30pm 6<sup>th</sup> September Village Hall**

**Contact: Bob Mann 810264**

**PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY 6<sup>th</sup> September “Apricot Room” Cartwright Hotel**

We meet at **7.30** at the “Cartwright Hotel” and our September talk will be given by David Boag on the subject of “Photographing Nature more Creatively”. Do come and join us.

**Paul Brewerton Tel: 01295 276949 [paul.brewerton@btinternet.com](mailto:paul.brewerton@btinternet.com)**

**AYNHO GARDENING CLUB**

**13<sup>th</sup> September –Outing**

**DAY VISIT TO KEW GARDENS – WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**



Come and join the Gardening Club on our next outing for a day at the world famous Kew Gardens, London, membership not necessary. See the Great Broad Walk Borders, the longest double herbaceous borders in the country, visit The Hive – a special installation all about the secret life of bees, explore the treetop canopy from the Treetop Walkway or keep your feet firmly on the ground and enjoy the many other historic buildings and plants found at Kew. ([www.kew.org](http://www.kew.org))

Cost: £27.00 per person (includes coach and entry to Kew)

**Contact Mrs Jean Skuce to book your place: Tel: 01869 810034.** Coach leaves 9.30am at Grammar House

**WRITERS' GROUP - Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup> – 10.0am -12.30pm Village Hall**

Our August Meeting was particularly enjoyable as it was well attended and we had some fascinating accounts of life over the years in people's houses and in things that run in the family as well as a Midsummer Madness. This month we will be hearing some “Childhood stories” or “Some roads less travelled”

**Contact: Keith McClellan 801346 – [keithcarolmac@gmail.com](mailto:keithcarolmac@gmail.com) or via Community Page**

**AYNHO W.I. - OPEN MEETING**

**7.30pm Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

There was no meeting in August or entry in the last Aynho News but we can now say thank you to Suzy Stathers for her absorbing and fascinating talk in June on lacemaking. She had us all enthralled with her wonderful enthusiasm and devotion to the subject, especially as it involved local areas. Two of our members had family connections to lace making and maybe there are others, so if you find out more from your own families Suzy would love to know and would be happy to look further in their past. Suzy is involved with a book being written about “Lacemakers of Oxfordshire & Northamptonshire 1800-1900”. Any information, photographs, family records, tools & equipment, especially bobbins, please let Suzy know. Her number is 07729 988243.

We usually have a July garden meeting, but if you remember the weather you will not be surprised this had to be cancelled – another time maybe!. Our next meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> September is with Robert Allan a highly qualified engineer, being a Fellow of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers, on “Fusion Power – within our grasp” a subject very relevant to us all so it will be an “OPEN MEETING” – not only member's friends and relations but other interested people as well will be most welcome.

Your tea hostesses will be Mrs D Gibbs & Mrs L Burke.

**Contact: Mrs B Watkins 01869 811152**

**“A Public Library Pioneer”** The man who changed your library bookshelves forever” .....Speaker: Keith McClellan. October month sees the 100<sup>th</sup> Society Meeting. It will be an evening celebrating Aynho’s famous and infamous history.

**Contacts: Rupert Clark 07808763261 ...Peter Cole 01869 811261**



**AYNHO HEALTH WALKS** every Thursday 10.0am from the Sports Field.

Three levels of walk, Track. Medium 3-4miles. Long 5-7miles. No charge.

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

**Library Van** visits next on September 1st stopping at The Butts 10.50-11.15am



**YOGA** Every Wednesday in the Village Hall –YOGA with Fran Kirk.

Easy gentle beginners yoga for everyone 10.0am-11.0am school term time only.

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## **BIODIVERSITY GROUP**

### **Traditional Orchard on the Playing Field**

A traditional orchard is defined as “having at least five trees widely spaced and allowed to grow gnarled, hollowed and eventually fall where they stand. They are not intensively managed and are treated with few or no chemicals.” Last year the Biodiversity Group planted a traditional orchard on the playing field. It contains 12 local varieties of fruit tree including apples, pears, plums and a greengage. It is hoped, with careful management, it will encourage a wide diversity of flora and fauna including insects such as bees, moths, butterflies and hover flies as well as bats, hedgehogs, birds and lichen. This year we are pleased to say we have our first fruit courtesy of the Beauty of Bath apple tree and the Cherry Stella plum. Hopefully next year there will be even more and as it is a community orchard they will be available for you to pick.



**COFFEE & CAKE = THURSDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Please come and join us for Coffee and Cake in the Village Hall on THURSDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER to help raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support (Registered Charity Number: 261017).

10.30am – 12.30pm. Everybody welcome.

We look forward to seeing you. Amanda Limb and Amanda Leigh

**BALLROOM DANCE CLASSES** – in the Village Hall. Thursdays Sept.7<sup>th</sup> to Oct.5<sup>th</sup> 7-8.0pm followed by optional 1 hour practice. Class £6.00 per person.

*See you on the dance floor!*

## **Thank-you**

**“FLOWER SHOW”** I would like to thank everyone who helped to set up and run our Flower & Vegetable Show. It is always absolutely exhausting but you all worked so hard. Hopefully we will have impressed the producers of “Village of the Year”.

Thanks also to everyone who entered or came along on the day. It was a great atmosphere and showed Aynho at its best.  
*Carol McClellan.*

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