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**at**

**St Michael's**

**on**

**Sunday 12th November**

**at 10.15 am**

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## ***“ FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT ”***

### **ARMS – (Music Group) Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 7.30pm Village Hall**



Douglas opened our new season with a programme of immense variety ranging from Mozart's "Piano Concerto" to Peter, Paul & Mary. Verdi and Purcell restored the classical element with "Fiddler on the Roof" and "If I were a Rich Man" popping up in between. A Beethoven Sonata & Vivaldi's "Concerto for Two Violins" brought the first half to an end. A great DVD featuring one of the world's finest violinists Maxim Vengeroy with Daniel Barenboim accompanying provided an excellent finale.

*Thank you Douglas.*

Bob presented the ARMS Treasurer, Eleanor, with a bouquet of flowers to thank her for all her work as Treasurer of the group and everyone wished her well in her new home. We also welcomed two visitors to the evening.

**Contact: Bob Mann 810264**

### **PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November Cartwright Hotel**

We meet 7.30pm in the Apricot Room. Always a warm welcome.

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

### **AYNHO GARDENING CLUB Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 7.00pm Village Hall**

At this meeting, after the AGM, we will look forward to a quiz, prepared by our very own Quiz Mistress, Amanda Limb. This was added due to popular demand so come and enjoy a bit of garden knowledge rivalry!

**Contact: Mrs A Bellamy 810847**

### **WRITER'S GROUP - Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup> 10.0am -12.30pm Village Hall**

Our October meeting featured a very interesting talk by Sally Strutt a former librarian from the British Library and is now a researcher and publisher of the history of estates and their mansions. A well attended meeting really enjoyed her talk.

We also received copies of our Annual Publication thanks to Brian and Jayne for the usual professional production.

Next meeting we will hear members efforts on "It's a Funny Old World" and "Things we have in Common" before enjoying our Annual Lunch

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

### **AYNHO W.I.**

### **Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Village Hall**

At our **September OPEN** meeting we had a most interesting talk by Mr Robin Stafford Allen who was a member at the time of Culham Centre for Fusion Energy, and the way forward as the basis of our future energy. All present, members and guests were quite enthralled, fascinated and amazed at the work that has been going on in the past, is going on now and will continue to do so into the future. Our sincere thanks for such an important talk.

**October A.G.M.** time – after the formalities that this involves we will enjoy our Ploughman's Supper.

Our meeting **this month** is a talk by Liz Wooley, who with her love and knowledge of all things Oxford will be talking about "Beer, Sausages & Marmalade" – Samples? Not sure about that – but look forward to finding out!! **A.W.**



**W.I. Contact: Mrs B Watkins 01869 811152**





**KNIT & STITCH** Tuesdays November 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> 2.0-4.0pm All welcome  
With a “cuppa”  
**Contact: Glenwys 810880**

**AYNHO HISTORY SOCIETY Wednesday November 29th 7.30pm Village Hall**

At this meeting we will have our **A.G.M.** and then

“A delve into the archive for an insight into Aynho’s past”

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

**AYNHO HEALTH WALKS** continue as usual from the Pavilion every Thursday at 10.0am. Three levels of Track, Medium and Long.



Fortunately we now have **new refreshment arrangements\*** as Dawn has taken on the task with some very tasty light lunches and cakes.

Well worth dropping by if you are missing the Winter Lunch Club.

**Keith McClellan 810346 or Kathy White 810418**

**AYNHO SPORTS PITCHES**



Again a reminder to come along and support the young footballers on Saturdays - Kick Off 10.30am

*At least one local resident will be involved.*



**Library Van** visits next on 3<sup>rd</sup> November stopping at “The Butts “ 10.50-11.15am



A huge thank you to everyone who took part in Aynho’s Macmillan Coffee Morning on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

We raised a fantastic £374.60 in donations from cake and coffee. A further £64.70 on the “ Guess the Height of the Cake” which was won by Deborah Gibbs. Deborah very generously donated her winnings to Macmillan. Hopefully the amount that can be claimed through Gift Aid is £57.20 so a final total of

**£496.55.**

Amanda Limb and Amanda Leigh

*I am sorry to be “pulling the plug” on W.L.C. again for November month, but it is easier than having to cancel at the last minute. I need to be free to return to Scotland at short notice if needed.*  
**Amanda.**

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### **ART SHOW at DUNS TEW** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2 – 5.0pm

at The Studio, 74 Main Street and 64 Hill Farm Lane.

Paintings by Michael Kelly & Neal Morley. Wood Turning by Paul Wilesmith

Entry Free



### **CROUGHTON CINEMA - New Season**

November 17<sup>th</sup> - "Lion"

Diary Dates: January 5<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> February 16<sup>th</sup> March 9<sup>th</sup> April 6<sup>th</sup> May 4<sup>th</sup>

Membership still only £10.00

**\*Light Lunches** are now being served by Dawn at The Pavilion after the Health Walks on a Thursday.

All are welcome.



In All Saints Church Croughton.

Would you like to decorate a tree as an individual or family or organisation?

6<sup>ft</sup> tree loaned for a suggested £5 donation.

To book a Christmas tree & place please contact Peter Jackson 01869 810023

Angie Robbins 01869 810445

Full Festival details will be available for the December News Letter

The Christmas Tree Festival will end with a special Christmas carol service.

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### **AUTUMN CHEESE & WINE EVENING - Saturday November 25<sup>th</sup> 7.0pm**

In Croughton Village Hall. Tickets £10.00 from Angie Robbins 01869 811445

In aid of All Saints Church, Croughton.

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## **Biodiversity Group**

### **Creature of the Month: The Stoat**

Stoats have slim chestnut coloured bodies with lighter underparts and short black tipped tails. They are solitary and very territorial only coming together during the breeding season. Although they mate during the summer the fertilised egg is not implanted until spring of the following year and the young are born 3 – 4 weeks later. The female raises the young alone often using old rabbit burrows which she lines with fur, grass and leaves. The young do not open their eyes for the first 4 – 5 weeks. By 12 weeks they are fully independent and able to kill their own prey but may well stay in their family group for some time hunting and playing together. When hunting stoats may travel as far as 5 miles and reach speeds of 20mph. They are fierce predators killing animals much larger than themselves. Often when approaching a group of prey animals they will leap, spin and twist gradually getting closer to the transfixed prey. The next minute they pounce! As their main food is rabbits the size of the stoat population depends on the abundance of rabbits although they do take other small mammals, birds, eggs, worms, large insects and carrion. The main danger to the stoat is starvation in winter, predation by larger carnivores and being killed on the roads. Their average life span is 1½ years but they can live for up to 7 years.



### **Did You Know?**

- Baby stoats are called kittens and a group of stoats is called a caravan.
- Stoats kill their prey with a bite to the back of the neck. If there is a surplus of food they will often break the neck of their prey instead so they can store it and presumably it will last longer.
- Stoats communicate through scent and it is believed they can tell the sex, age and health of prey animals by their scent.
- Ermine, the white winter coat of the stoat, used to be seen as a symbol of high status and was not only worn by royalty around Europe and Britain but also by Members of the House of Lords and academics of Oxford and Cambridge who saw it as a sign they were equal to nobility.

## Rectors Ramblings November

**Remember, remember the 5<sup>th</sup> of November**.....Remember me when I am gone away.

We probably all have at one time or another commented on how time appears to go quicker now, especially as we get older. A recent study suggests that our memory of time is punctuated with the old and the new. The more new experiences we have in our lives the longer time appears, as we have lots to fit in. When we get older we often have fewer new experiences to mark our time sheets with and so time goes quicker. Who knows, but one thing I remember from my child hood is the summer holiday club I went to and what I made there.

In our benefice we have had the benefit of over 20 years of summer holiday clubs for children to remember and we are very grateful for all who have helped over that period in so many ways, setting many happy and good memories into children's and family's minds. The only sad part was that it only happened once a year. But now that is all about to change with **PAC**.

PAC is a new monthly follow up or extension of the summer holiday club, but for all the family. It will follow the tried and tested formula of the summer group, starting with a time of praise and story telling, then time for craft activities and then refreshments. As Holiday Club follow on Group, doesn't roll off the tongue, we thought we would use a shorter name that does what it says. And hence we have PAC

**PAC stands for :- Praise, Activities & Cake following on the formula from the summer.**

We will be holding a monthly session for one hour on the first Sunday of each month in the Reading Rooms in Croughton. We have decided on the Reading Rooms, because of the facilities that they can offer, heating, toilets, kitchen and space. There is also car parking available behind them which is a luxury at most of our churches. Like the summer holiday club PAC is aimed at families with primary age children, but families with younger and older children are welcome as well. We hope that a regular time and place will help people's memory and form a brand new habit. For your diaries here are the dates of the sessions until Easter. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

**PAC 4pm-5pm Croughton Reading Room**

<b>November 5<sup>th</sup></b> Advent/Light	<b>December 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Christingle	<b>January 7<sup>th</sup></b> Epiphany
<b>February 4<sup>th</sup></b> Pancakes	<b>March 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Mothering Sunday	

### **Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup>-Crib Blessing**

Each year we have continued a tradition of sending 'the Holy Family' on a journey around our villages on their way to 'the stable'. This consists of a set of figures to create the nativity scene which we invite people (young or not so young) to host for a night. And hopefully as they visit that the host will receive a blessing in return. At a Special Benefice Service at 10am at Saint Michael Aynho, with help from the BFC, we will be blessing our Christmas Cribbs and figures before they start their journeys around our villages on their way to our Christmas Crib services.

If you would like to host the 'Holy Family' please let me know (Simon 01869 810903) or have a word with your local church wardens or Carrie O'Regan (01280 702300). There will also be lists put up in churches later with more information.

All we ask people to do is arrange to pass the crib onto the next family each day.

**Also Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November –“Stir-Up Sunday”** Another thing we remember is the stirring up of the Christmas pudding or cake. This would take place on '**Stir Up Sunday' Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November** which gets its name **not** from the stirring of the pudding but from a prayer used in church that Sunday. "Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that they bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be richly rewarded: through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen"

The Rectory, Croughton Road ,Aynho, OX17 3BD will be hosting its annual open house from 4pm-7pm inviting you to come and 'stir up' our Christmas cake mix and to have a drink and a sausage.

Heather and I look forward to seeing you then.

God bless     Simon

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**ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE**  
**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2017**  
**AYNHO-CROUGHTON-EVENLEY-FARTHINGHOE-HINTON-in-the-HEDGES with STEANE**

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**Sunday:** **AYNHO - 11.0am Holy Communion**  
**November 5<sup>th</sup>** (Sidespersons: Mrs.H.Dommett Mrs.J.Pusey)  
**All Saints** Farthinghoe 9.30am HC Hinton 11.0am  
Evenley 6.0pm TAIZE



**Sunday:** **AYNHO – 10.15am REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**  
**November 12<sup>th</sup>** (Sidespersons: Mrs.K.White. Mr.A.Bellamy Mr.T.Sutton)  
Croughton 10.50am Evenley 10.45am on The Green  
Farthinghoe 6.0pm Hinton 10.50am

**Sunday:** **AYNHO – 11.0am Holy Communion**  
**November 19<sup>th</sup>** (Sidespersons: Mrs.Bellamy. Mrs.Grey)  
**Trinity 23** Croughton 11.0am with Baptism. Evenley 9.30 F.W.  
Farthinghoe 6.0pm Evensong. Hinton – 11.0am HC

**Sunday** **BENEFICE at AYNHO 10.0am**  
**November 26<sup>th</sup>** **with Crib Blessing**  
**Christ the King** (Sidespersons: Mrs.K.White. Mrs.M.Chong)



<b>P.C.C.</b>	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>7.30pm in Church</b>
<b>Choir Practice</b>	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>t.b.a.</b>
<b>Bible Study Meeting</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>	<b>t.b.a.</b>	
<b>Home Communion</b>	<b>t.b.a.</b>	
<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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