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JANUARY



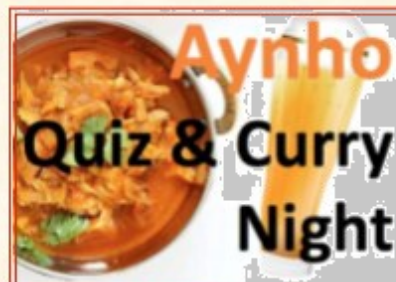
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QUIZ NIGHT

APRIL



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JUNE



CHURCH FETE

JULY



HOLIDAY CLUB

AUGUST



FRUIT & VEG SHOW

SEPTEMBER



HARVEST

OCTOBER



AUTUMN COLOURS

NOVEMBER



REMEMBRANCE

DECEMBER



CAROLS ON GREEN



ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2018

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



Sunday: **AYNHO - 11.0am Holy Communion**
January 7th (Sidespersons: Mrs.H.Dommett Mrs.J.Pusey)
Croughton 4.0pm PAC Farthinghoe 9.30am HC
Evenley 6.0pm TAIZE Hinton 11.0am MW

Sunday: **AYNHO – 11.0am MATINS**
January 14th (Sidespersons: Mrs White Mr.Sutton)
Croughton 9.30am HC Farthinghoe 10.0am FW
Evenley 11.0am HC Hinton 6.0pm ES

Sunday: **Benefice at CROUGHTON 10.0am**
January 21st

Sunday **AYNHO – 11.0am Holy Communion**
January 28th (Sidespersons: Mrs.Bellamy Mrs.Chong)
Croughton 9.30am HC Evenley 9.30am FW
Farthinghoe 6.00pm ES Hinton 11.0am HC

Choir Practices T.B.A.
Bible Study Meeting Monday 15th 10.15am 1, Cartwright Gardens
Prayer Group Tuesday 16th 2.30pm 16 The Butts
Church Cleaning Thursday 18th 9.45am.....onwards
Home Communion Monday 22nd 10.30am 16 The Butts
Bell Ringing Tuesdays: 7.30pm Evenley 1st Kings Sutton 2nd & 4th Aynho 3rd Croughton 5th

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or just write in the message and be put on our weekly mailings.

Church Warden: Graham Gibbs 01869 819727

Items for February 2018 by or before **Monday 22nd January** please to
Sybil at No.32 Roundtown Tel:810692 Email: syban@btinternet.com Vol.622
Or any comments re Newsletter to Sybil or Rev.Simon Dommett

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Rector's Ramblings

Happy New Year to all our Readers and many grateful thanks for all the help and support that has been given this past year. Many thanks as well to our News Letter Editors printers and distributors.

As Brexit rumbles on we turn our thoughts to the year ahead. For any organisation to flourish it needs a structure and that is as true for the church as any other. In your local church there is the Rector or priest with spiritual and legal responsibilities. Then there are two church wardens, they are not only responsible for the fabric of the local church but as channels of communication between the church people they represent and the priest. They hold important posts for the smooth running of the church. They are elected each year by the congregation from the church members and by the church members whose names are on the church electoral roll. Elections take place in April, but with Easter on 1st April (yes it isn't a joke) the congregations need to start thinking about who they want to represent them in the coming year now. Under the church wardens there is the Parochial Church Council which is a group of people elected by the congregation to help in the running of the church and to represent their wishes. They serve for three years and each year a third of their number is elected. Elections take place at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) before the end of April.

I hope many people will take the opportunity to thank the wardens and PCC members for all they have done this past year and consider if God may be calling you to this role in 2018.

This summer I hope that I might take a three month sabbatical or study leave from the Benefice. Priests are encouraged every seven years to take some time out for self nourishment and study. At the moment I have permission from our Bishop to take this leave and I am very grateful to the ministry team to help cover the services while I am away so services will continue as usual. I am awaiting some funding grants and trying to plan who might look after our dog some of the time, as I hope Heather will be able to come with me as well. On my previous sabbatical I studied pilgrimages from a pilgrim's perspective and have been involved in some way with them ever since. This time I want to explore the effect of pilgrims on the places they visit, both in a religious and non religious context, i.e. how has, say, Lourdes been effected by pilgrims and how have communities in Germany and Poland been effected by those visiting the concentration camp memorials.

Our own churches in their own way are places of pilgrimage, places where people go to find God and visitors can effect those who work and worship there. I hope to confirm shortly if this will all go ahead.

Cheese and wine with Miss Jones

Please join us at the Old Rectory Hinton-in-the-Hedges on the 28th January 12pm-2.30pm and listen to the Fabulous Miss Jones, Jazz Vocalist. Cheese and Wine and other fine foods will be served.

Tickets £10 (includes one glass of Wine) All proceeds raised go to The Most Holy Trinity Church, Hinton.

Tickets available from: Jeremy- 01280 840017 or Kaye – 07720325979

PAC ~ Praise Activity and Cake

4pm-5pm on Sunday 7th January at Croughton Reading Rooms.

Come and celebrate the Epiphany or the coming of the three kings as we start the New Year with new Sunday family afternoon time. Enjoy some singing, crafts and cake in the centrally heated Reading Rooms, parking available behind the venue. Next to the Black Bird Public house.

Croughton Christmas Tree Festival

My many thanks to all who helped in any way to make our first Christmas Tree festival such a great success. With special thanks to CT Walters Electrical and Mid Counties Co-op for their sponsorship.

Future Dates for your Diaries

4 th February PAC 4pm Croughton	12 th February-Lent Bible study starts
13 th February Pancakes at the Rectory, Aynho	
4 th March PAC 4pm Croughton	11 th March-Mothering Sunday
25 th March-Palm Sunday	29 th March-Maundy Meal
1 st April-Easter	
22 nd April-St. George Evenley Patronal Festival	
29 th April-Joint Service with USAF and Shared lunch	

Your Village Needs You!

Vacancy for Parish Clerk

After 9 years' service Sadie Patamia is leaving her role as Clerk to Aynho Parish Council. This has created a vacancy and the Parish Council is looking to recruit a suitable replacement to start in January 2018.

The Parish Clerk is responsible for the administration of the business and finances of the council. (Please note that as we have a Responsible Finance Officer – the role does not currently look after day to day finances). The key skills required include: good administrative skills, good written English; good IT skills and above all a willingness to learn. A friendly and positive outlook is also essential.

The post is part time – currently 30 hours per month, and is paid (Salary is based on the pro-rata annual salary of £18070 - £22658 depending on experience). The post includes some evening work and occasional attendance at civic functions. The successful applicant would be expected to have, or be prepared to obtain a CiLCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration). A laptop and printer is provided by the Parish Council.

Applicants do not need to be a village resident, although it would be an advantage.

More details about the position can be found on the village web site at www.aynho.org.

If you would like to apply for the post please send in a short CV, or if you would like to find out more about the job – please email Stephen Brook at stephen.brook@aynho.org or call 01869 811167.

Applications for the post will close on 10 January 2018.

BIODIVERSITY GROUP EVOLUTION GOING ON IN YOUR BACK GARDEN

People in the UK spend twice as much on bird food than those on mainland Europe and this may have resulted in the British great tits developing longer beaks. Oxford University, who have been studying great tits in Wytham Woods near Oxford for 70 years, have been collaborating with researchers at the Netherlands Institute of Ecology and the universities of Wageningen, Sheffield, Exeter and East Anglia. They found that since the 1970s the UK great tits have developed longer beaks than their relatives in the Netherlands suggesting that natural selection is at work. Further research into great tits with longer beaks found they visited bird feeders more often than birds with shorter beaks, they were in better condition and more successful at reproducing. Dr Lewis Spurgin, of the School of Biological Sciences at the University of East Anglia says "Although we can't say definitively that bird feeders are responsible, it seems reasonable to suggest that the longer beaks amongst British great tits may have evolved as a response to this supplementary feeding." What gives the birds with the longer beaks the advantage? Maybe they can access food in the feeders more easily or maybe as Dr Spurgin speculated "it could be that they don't drop seeds when they're carrying them away."





KNIT & STITCH begin their New Year on **Tuesday January 9th**
 Knit – Crochet - Patchwork over a “cuppa” at 2, Portway Gardens 2 – 4.0pm
 Contact Glenwys: 810880.

AYNHO HISTORY SOCIETY

January 31st Village Hall 7.30pm

The Committee of Aynho History Society is becoming increasingly worried about the viability of the Society, as we have been losing members regularly. Our Chairman Rupert Clark has retired as he is leaving Aynho, and has been replaced by Ted Sutton. Peter Cole is Secretary and Treasurer. There is enough money in the kitty to allow for speakers for the next six months, so it has been agreed that at least for the first half of



2018 to encourage members who have left to return, and hopefully recruit new members there will be no subscriptions, and anyone attending meetings will pay just £2 per time. The talk on January 31st will be by Peter Cole on “The Life (so far) and music of the father of British Traditional Jazz, Chris Barber”. Anyone is welcome. For those of you whose early recollection of him is from the 1950s and 60s, you are in for a real treat. For the last 16 years he has combined with Bob Hunt and his Ellingtonians, so his early band of 7 or 8 players now numbers 11. Most of them can play two instruments so Chris can now have any combination of 2 trombones, 3 trumpets, 3 clarinets, 3 saxophones and 2 bass

players in addition to electric guitar, banjo and drums. This all makes for great sounds. Please come along and enjoy.

Any queries to **Peter Cole 01869 811261**. If not available please leave message on the answerphone and he will get back to you as soon as possible.



AYNHO HEALTH WALKS continue as usual – wind, rain, *snow* or shine - from the Pavilion every Thursday at 10.0am. Three levels of Track. Medium & Long.

Refreshments and light lunches are available after the walks.

After our walk on **January 11th** we are celebrating the 6th anniversary of Aynho Health Walks with a lunch at the “Cartwright Hotel”. Details from Kathy White.

Keith McClellan 810346 or Kathy White 810418



WINTER LUNCH CLUB

Winter Lunch Club in the back room of the Village Hall on the **Thursday 11th 18th and 25th January 2018. Time: 12.15pm-1.30pm**
 No membership necessary, all welcome. Come and enjoy a home cooked lunch in a warm, friendly atmosphere, just turn up! **Amanda Limb – Tel: 01869-810341**



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ARMS – (Music Group)

Wednesday January 3rd 7.30pm Village Hall
Contact Bob Mann 810264

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY Wednesday January 3rd 7.30pm Apricot Room
Our January meeting will return to the "Cartwright Hotel". Our activity will be members displaying their best 3 images taken during the last year and a statement of where they took them and why they like them. Our monthly challenge will therefore be held over until February, and this will be "I HATE....." interpret as you wish!

New members are welcome – and all are welcome.

Paul Brewerton Tel: 01295 276949 paul.brewerton@btinternet.com

WRITER'S GROUP -

Saturday 13th 10.0am -12.30pm Village Hall

At our last meeting we had some amusing pieces about "Resolutions" and "Unusual Celebrations". This month we ask "Why someone said "No!".." "Put that back...." or "Good or bad day at work?"

Contact: Keith McClellan 801346

keithcarolmac@gmail.com or via Community Page



AYNHO GARDENING CLUB

Wednesday January 10th 7.30pm

The first event of 2018 will be held on **Wednesday 10th January** when The Hon Mrs Virginia Price will be talking to us about her beautiful garden "Pettifers" which we will be visiting in July as an evening visit. Do come and learn about the creation of her garden. Her talk will start at 7.30pm and we will be ready to re-new your annual Membership (£10) prior to the talk.

Contact: Annabel Bellamy 810847

AYNHO W.I.

Wednesday January 17th 7.30pm

A Happy new Year to you all and trust you had a Happy & Peaceful Christmas and enjoyed our Christmas Supper.

Our first talk of the New Year is from Deborah Allan who runs and owns the Wychwood Art Gallery based in The Old Town Hall, Deddington. Wychwood Art offers work from over 200 contemporary British artists starting at £20 and from some established artists with prices up to £2,000. They also offer a free advisory service handpicking work for your space. Deborah will be in conversation with a local landscape artists Judith Yarrow of Chipping Norton who has illustrated and written books and will be discussing her influences on art and her life as an artist.

This sounds like an interesting evening and all those who have received art/sketching kits for Xmas will now be more aware!

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

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Hope you all enjoyed the snow

This lady did!!