



Aynho
The Apricot Village

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2018

Aynho's Winter Gems



CHURCH WALK



CROUGHTON RD



PORTWAY



CHURCH YARD



CHARLTON RD



LOWER GREEN



PANCAKES
Tuesday 13th February
The Rectory
6.00 - 8.00pm



STATION RD

ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE
CHURCH CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2018

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

Sunday: **AYNHO - 11.0am Holy Communion**
February 4th (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 Holy Communion**
February 11th (Sidespersons: Mrs White Mr.Sutton)
Croughton 9.30am HC Farthinghoe 10.0am FW
Evenley 11.0am HC Hinton 6.0pm ES

Wednesday:
February 14th **AYNHO - Ash Wednesday HC 10.0am**

Sunday:
February 18th **Benefice at FARTHINGHOE 10.0am**

Sunday **AYNHO – 11.0am Holy Communion**
February 25th (Sidespersons: Mrs.Bellamy Mrs.Chong)
Croughton 9.30am HC Evenley 9.30am FW
Farthinghoe 6.00pm ES Hinton 11.0am HC

P.C.C Meeting	Thursday 8 th	7.30pm	in Church
Choir Practices	To be announced.		
Morning Bible Study	Monday 12 th	10.15am	16. The Butts
Lent Bible Studies	To be announced (see Pew News)		
Prayer Group	Tuesday 13 th	2.30pm	17, The Butts
Church Cleaning	Thursday 15 th	9.45am.....onwards	
Home Communion	Monday 26 th	11.00am	16 The Butts
Bell Ringing	Tuesdays: 7.30pm Evenley 1 st Kings Sutton 2 nd & 4 th Aynho 3 rd Croughton 5 th		

Collections: Christmas Carol Service : £250 to K.H.H & £250 to “Crisis”

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

Revd.Simon Dommett Tel:01869.810903 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

Items for March 2018 by or before Monday 19th February please to
Sybil at No.32 Roundtown Tel:810692 Email: syban@btinternet.com Vol.623
Or any comments re Newsletter to Sybil or Rev.Simon Dommett

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Rector's Ramblings

For most of us an opportunity to save some money is something we look out for, and it can be even better if somebody else can also benefit from our actions.

Your local church, like the majority of UK churches is insured through "Ecclesiastical Insurance", which insures not only the building, but also the PCC and their legal responsibilities. "Ecclesiastical Insurance" is different from most insurance companies as it is owned by a charity and it gives a significant amount of its profits to good causes.

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I cannot give any advice as what is best for you and your circumstances and you must make up your own mind.
But it works for me Best wishes Simon

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If you are a cathedral worker, church worker or volunteer, you can save over 25% if you buy contents and buildings insurance together online. Simply enter the discount code DIOP10 when getting a quote online.

Holiday Club Plus - Pancake Party Sunday 11th February 4pm—5pm Croughton Village Hall

Come and enjoy all things pancake and family

Pancake races, pancakes to eat, pancake fun and games.

No need to book-**but** to assist with the catering it would help to drop us a line 01869 810903 or

the.revd.simon@gmail.com

All Saints Church. Croughton part of the Astwick Vale Benefice.

Shrove Tuesday 13th February

The Rector and his wife (Simon and Heather) invite you to come to an Open House and Pancakes at The Rectory, Aynho Court, Croughton Road, Aynho, OX17 3BD. Please feel free to drop in any time from 6pm to 8pm and sample freshly cooked pancakes and Rectory hospitality. Warning of advanced numbers welcomed but do just drop in if you can. Parking available in Aynho church car park.

Looking forward to seeing you, Simon & Heather Dommett 01869 810903

Ash Wednesday 14th February

Ash Wednesday derives its name from the marking in ashes of a cross on a person's forehead, signifying their turning from the wrong things in life (sin) and turning to Christ. It is also a reminder, if needed, about our mortality as the priest uses the words 'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.' The ashes used are made from the burnt remains of last year's palm crosses used on Palm Sunday.

Lent for Christians is a time for preparing for Easter as we recall the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness. Historically this would mean going without luxuries and hence the using up of ingredients on Shrove Tuesday. Today some people still give up certain foods or activities as Lenten discipline. If you want to try this why not give the money saved to charity.

The middle of Lent is marked by Mothering Sunday which this year is on 11th March, which gives an excuse to have a celebration.

Have a Good Lent

Simon

Lent Bible Study- "The Bible"

Our new Lent Bible study begins week commencing 11th February for six weeks, we will be looking at the Bible as a whole as it is one of the most influential books in the world. We will be holding meetings in our villages, at various times and days of the week to suit as many diaries as possible. Could a group of people meet at your house at a time to suit you? Give me a ring for more details. Why not come along and join the discussions and share your experiences and maybe learn something new along the way. Details of venues and time will be published in the churches and in the Pews News.

If you would like to receive more details then just email me or Astwick.vale@gmail.com and we will keep you updated. Rev Simon 01869 810903

BAND CONCERT – Saturday 10th March 7.0pm



Music from the Classic Era of Swing

Something different to help close off the winter, we have The Great Central Big Band – Brackley based with two members from Aynho – coming to our village church to play a two set concert.

Tickets are £10 (Students £5) inclusive of a refreshment drink and nibbles.

Tickets available: 810847 810810 and on The Great Central Big Band website.
Book early!

" ALL FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT"

ARMS – (Music Group)

Wednesday 7th February 7.30pm Village Hall



At our pre Christmas gathering Lee let loose an avalanche of seasonal numbers, some 23 memorable recordings dating from the 50s. Andy Williams, Clayderman, Garland and Sinatra, Roy Orbison & Perry Como all continued our journey back to those forgotten Christmas' of long ago. After our Christmas refreshments, The Andrew Sisters, Ray Conniff & Slim Whitman led to Eartha Kitt purring out "Santa Baby", Fats Waller was "Swinging Them Jingle Bells" followed by Kings College Choral Soc. and Elvis Presley. The Royal Philharmonic with chorus rendered "Walking in the Air" Jimmy Bond & The Ronettes saw "Mommy kissing Santa Claus" then Percy Faith, Robert Shaw Chorale & Tammy Wynette led to the incomparable Mario Lanza with "O Holy Night". Many thanks Lee for a wonderfully evocative programme.

Our January programme presented by Ian started with the appropriate theme "Winter" from Vivaldi's "Four Seasons". A delightful duet, soprano/contralto by Pergolesi was followed by Delius "The Walk to Paradise Gardens" and "interlude" by Tippett from the "Triple Concerto". The choir of Trinity College Cambridge sang "The Lamb" and Mozart's "Piano Concerto No.20" heralded a complete switch from classical to Noel Coward "Don't Lets be Beastly to the Germans" and "A Bar on the Piccola Marina" a suitable prelude to the interval. The second half maintained the informal mood with Jacqui Dankworth & Charlie Wood singing "Quiet Nights of Quiet Stars" followed by The Beatles "I Will", Matt Monroe rendered "Portrait of my Love" which recording reinforced the reputation he once had of being the "Singer's Singer". After Peggy Lee sang "Mr Wonderful" the final recording switched back to the classical "Romance for Viola and Orchestra" by Bruch. Thank you Ian for another excellent evening's entertainment.

P.S the committee invites members and "would be members" to submit any choices they would like to hear played.

Contact Bob Mann 810264

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY Wednesday 7th February 7.30pm Apricot Room Cartwright Hotel



Paul Brewerton will present: "A Short Journey through Alaska and the Yukon"

New members are always made very welcome

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

WRITERS' GROUP - Saturday February 10th 10.0am—12.30pm Village Hall



Last month we enjoyed intriguing variations of "No! Stop!" - "Put it back..." and some good and bad times at work. This month we respond to "Late again!" or relate a story or incident from two points of view. We welcome May & Phil as new members but still have room for more!

Contact: Keith McClellan 801346 keithcarolmac@gmail.com or via Community Page

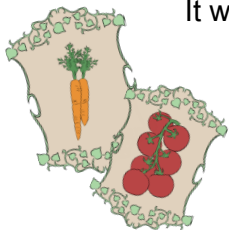
KNIT & STITCH Tuesdays February 6th & 20th 2 – 4pm. - 2, Portway Gardens



Knit – Crochet - Patchworkover a "cuppa".

Contact Glenwys 810880

AYNHO GARDENING CLUB – Wednesday 14th February 7.30pm Village Hall



It was lovely to see so many of you for the start of our 2018 Gardening Club programme when Gina Price showed us the most wonderful pictures of her garden, “Pettifers”, which we will be visiting in July. At our next evening **14th February**, we are delighted that Anthea and Peter Cowley are coming to talk about the work they have done in their new garden near Ledbury. It will be lovely to see them and learn about their garden. We will also have a ‘Seed Swap’ that evening, so do bring along your packets. The doors will be open early – around 6.50pm - so that you can swap your seeds and catch up with Anthea and Peter. For those of you who were unable to come to the meeting last month, we can renew your Membership card on 14th February; the annual subscription is £10. This covers the entrance fee for the evening talks. Guests will be charged £2. Do please encourage newcomers to come along and see what we offer; we are always delighted to welcome any new Members or guests. For any queries, please get in touch with

Annabel Bellamy (810847) or any of the Committee Members

Important: We are looking for Judges for the Homecraft Classes (cakes, jams and chutneys) in the Flower and Vegetable Show in August. If you, or you know anyone or a couple of people, who could/would be happy to do this, then please do get in touch.

AYNHO W.I.

Wednesday 21st February 7.30pm



Our thanks to Deborah Allen of Wychwood Art and her colleague Judith Yarrow for their interesting conversation/talk last month, giving us an insight through the world of art – and so, those who do, keep up with the classes!. Also, hope to have renewals of W.I. Membership plus some interest from possible new members, keen to hear our talks with demonstrations and trips out – theatre and walks etc.

February talk is from Andrew Jackson of “Brackley Hogwatch” – probably not the best time of the year as hopefully the hedgehogs will be in hibernation, but it will inform us of their world so we will be aware and sympathetic with them when they appear again, when, as time goes these days, that will not be long!

W.I. Contact: Mrs B Watkins 01869 81115

AYNHO HISTORY SOCIETY

February 28th Village Hall 7.30pm.



At this meeting the Rev. Simon Dommett will give a talk on the role and place of “Mumming” in our English folk history, including references to our local traditions. His talk will include lots of video clips and maybe even a chance to take part yourselves. The cost is only £2.00 per person.

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

AYNHO HEALTH WALKS continue as usual – whether 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.



We have just celebrated our 6th Anniversary with a wonderful lunch at the “Cartwright Hotel”.

Contact: Keith McClellan 810346 or Kathy White 81041

WINTER LUNCH CLUB



Winter Lunch Club in the back room of the Village Hall on the

Thursdays. Feb.1st. 8th. 15th 22nd. 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**



Forthcoming:

BOOK NOW for AYNHO QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT



Aynho Village Hall – Saturday 3rd March 7.30pm. Doors open 7.0pm

Licensed Bar - Maximum of 4 in team.

£10 per person. Price includes Meal and Quiz entry.

Tickets available from: Michael Johnson, 27, Blacksmith Hill

mjohnson.deepdale@gmail.com All proceeds to: **Aynho Active. (Sports Field)**



Info: Money raised at “Carols on the Green” for Children’s Society = £185.00

Library Van – Friday 5th January The Butts at 11.30 – 12.00noon

Croughton Cinema – February 16th.

Social Ballroom & Latin Dance Classes -Village Hall Thursdays 7.0-8.0pm

For people who want to take first steps in the world of dance or refresh what they already know. These friendly and fun classes cost £6.00 per person.

Info: JANE COLES [topdance aynho@hotmail.com](http://topdance.aynho@hotmail.com)

Look forward to seeing you on the dance floor.

From your Parish Council

At present the Parish Council is without a Parish Clerk. Whilst recruiting for a new Clerk takes place please note that the new email address to contact Clerk and Parish Council is clerk@aynho.org This account is being monitored and will also be the email address for the Clerk when recruited.

“VILLAGE OF THE YEAR COMPETITION” T.V. Channel 4.

You will recall that last summer the village entered “Village of the Year” Competition being produced by Channel 4. Aynho was one of about 400 villages to enter and we were out of about 80 selected to take part and be filmed.

Transmission of the show started January 15th.

Aynho is part of the Central zone and will be featured at

3.0pm on Monday 29th January.

The semi final of Central zone Saturday 3rd February at 8.0pm and the final Saturday 10th February 8.0pm. All shows will then be available online via ALL4 .

You can also zone in online on Facebook & Twitter using the hashtag.

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Tel: 07792212988 email sandynbilly@yahoo.com

* Until end of March Sandy is at The Windmill Centre, Deddington.

Northants Native Breeds Club Are you interested?

We are a friendly group who raise funds supporting rare and native breeds of British farm animals. After many years we are finding it hard to attract more people to our indoor meetings. Anyone interested is welcome – you don't have to be a farmer/smallholder or own farming stock.

We know how easy it is to sit by a warm fire after a hard days work but we try very hard to provide interesting speakers and unless we have more support we will be forced to close. We have indoor meetings in the winter months and a farm walk in May plus our annual Boxed Poultry & Fleece Sale in June at Elm Tree Farm,

Evenley, by kind permission of the Snell family and our famous Christmas dinner at the beginning of December. There is no joining fee.

Our talks are held at our new and amazing Brackley Town Football Club at 8.0pm.

Our next meetings are:

Thursday February 8th – Talk and demonstration of Butchery by Stephen Smith of Brackley Butchers. There will be the ability to purchase meat too.

Thursday March 8th – Talk by Brian Pile on Auctioneering Rare & Native Breed.

Warm welcome awaits all. Contact: Carrie 01327 857195 or

Email snakesharbour@aol.com

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Email: Lauren.hudson@akeleywoodschool.co.uk

NEWS Northamptonshire Neighbour Alert

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Tel: 03000 111 222 ext 341063; email:

news@northants.pnn.police.uk 10th January 2018

Police relaunch free message alert system to help keep communities safe – sign up today!

Northamptonshire Police has relaunched a free message alert system, to help people living and working in Northamptonshire be much better informed about crime and police activity in their local area, and help keep their communities safe.

The messaging service, called Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert (formerly known as Community Connect), now has greater functionality than previously, allowing frontline police officers to send alert messages direct from their mobile devices to thousands of local people. They will be able to do this in real-time while they are out and about policing the county.

The alert service is free and simple to activate by registering at www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk and is available to anyone living or working in Northamptonshire.

After signing up to the messaging system, people will receive regular alerts from Northamptonshire Police, Neighbourhood Watch and other partner organisations, keeping them up to date and informed about crime and issues relevant to them and the area where they live or work.

Alerts are received either by email, text message or voice message – whichever suits. People will also be given the option of what they want to receive alerts about, and how often – you will only receive messages about topics that you have selected.

Chief Inspector Lara Alexander-Lloyd said: “Our communities play a crucial part in helping us prevent and detect crime and anti-social behaviour. Police officers and PCSOs will be regularly sending out message alerts via Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert, appealing for help, highlighting suspicious activity, offering crime prevention advice, and keeping people up to date about general police work and safety events.

“This re-launched community messaging tool means we can now do this in real time, with officers sending out alerts via mobile devices while they are still out on patrol. This allows information to be shared really quickly and much more directly with the public about crime and activity in their specific locality, helping us to involve and protect the community much more.

“If for example, there has been a spate of distraction burglaries in a particular district or an increase in vehicle crime, we can tell people immediately. So they can better protect themselves and be more alert to any potential threats and risks. We can also very quickly share descriptions of suspects or appeal for witnesses – giving us a greater chance of arrest.

“We already have more than 10,000 people signed up to the alert system and we want many, many more to register and receive information from Northamptonshire Police and our partners. By working together, we can make Northamptonshire a safer place to live and work and help to protect people from harm.”

Signing up to the messaging service is really simple and quick. The alert system is completely secure and registration is free. To register with Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert visit

www.Northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk .