



Aynho
The Apricot Village

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2020

Mothering Sunday
22nd March
Join us at
St Michael's
at
11.00am to Celebrate.



ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE CHURCH CALENDAR - MARCH 2020
AYNHO-CROUGHTON-EVENLEY-FARTHINGHOE-HINTON-in the-HEDGES-STEANE

Sunday: 1st **Aynho Holy Communion with Baptism –11.0am**
 (Sidespersons: Mrs Wade. Mr.Sutton)
 Farthinghoe: Said Communion 9.30am
 Hinton: Morning Worship 11,00am
 Evenley: No Taize

Sunday: 8th **Aynho Family Worship-Lay Led 9.30am**
 (Sidespersons: Mrs.Bellamy Mrs.Pusey)
 Croughton: Holy Communion 9.30am
 Farthinghoe Family Service 10.00am
 Evenley: Holy Communion 11.00am

Sunday: 15th **Benefice Communion at Evenley 10.00am**

Sunday: 22nd **Aynho Holy Communion 11.00am**
Mothering Sunday (Sidespersons: Mrs.White Mr.Bellamy)
 Evenley Family Service 9.30am
 Croughton Family Worship 9.30am
 Hinton Holy Communion 11.00am
 Farthinghoe Evening Prayer 6.00pm

Sunday: 29th **Benefice Communion at Farthinghoe 10.00am**
(Remember Clocks go forward!)

Women's World Day of Prayer March 6th @ Farthinghoe 2.0pm.
Lent Studies Thursdays 12th 19th 26th 4.0pm 13, Portway Gardens (Mrs White)
Morning Prayer Tuesdays 8.30am in Aynho Church
Morning Bible Study Monday 9th 10.30am 1. The Bothy (Mrs Croft)
Prayer Group Tuesday 17th 2.30pm 18, The Butts (Mrs Stubbs)
Church Cleaning Thursday 19th 9.45am onwards (more help always needed)
Home Communion Monday 23rd 11.00am 16, The Butts (Mrs.Usher)
A.P.G.M Tuesday 31st 2.00pm in CHURCH all welcome



Bell Ringing -Tuesdays of each month 7.30-9.00pm Aynho 3rd + Weddings .
Evenley 1st Kings Sutton 2nd & 4th Croughton 5th March.7, 21 & June 6 & 27

Information about the life of Aynho church -

enquiries from: **Rev.Sue Cooper** – revsue.cooper@gmail.com Tel: 01869 – 810903
 or **Church Warden** - Graham Gibbs 01869 819727

Items for April 2020 - before or by March 20th please to:
Sybil at No.32 Roundtown Tel:810692 Email: syban@btinternet.com (Vol.647)
and any comments re Newsletter to Rector – Church Warden..... or Sybil.

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Pastoral Letter March 2020: Revd Sue Cooper writes

Hello Everyone, how wonderful it is to see that spring is just around the corner. The lengthening days give us cause to celebrate and look forward to brighter days ahead. We are just entering the season of Lent in the Church, and Lent gets a bad press. It is traditionally associated with a time of depriving ourselves, and going without some of the pleasures and luxuries of life. However, the reality is that Lent is supposed to remind us of the time that Jesus spent in the wilderness being tempted, and how this prepared him for his work; and we are encouraged to use Lent to reflect on this.

When Jesus was just getting started with his work, he went into the desert for 40 days to be all alone with God. He went without food and prayed, and was tempted away from what God wanted him to do in all kinds of ways, but he resisted that temptation. You can read about that in Matthew 4:1-11. During Lent, Christians are encouraged to do something different too, like setting special or extra time aside every day to be alone with God and to pray or read the Bible.

So how can we enter into Lent in a positive and prayerful way? It may be that we do give up something for Lent, but to make it more constructive we could take up something in its place and offer that as a living prayer to God. So for example, if you have a coffee habit, perhaps you could swap your usual Cappuccino or latte for something less expensive and collect the money saved during Lent and give it to Charity. Or Perhaps for a few minutes every day you could give up watching some telly and take up praying for whatever is in the current news that day. These are creative and constructive uses of our energies, which focus our efforts not only on God but on helping others.

When Jesus came out of the wilderness after 40 days, he had faced temptations and deprivation, yet in Luke's gospel we are told that he came out "in the power of the Holy Spirit", and he was able to go on doing his work with confidence, resilience and love. Sometimes we have to take time out of our usual activities to face our own 'demons' so to speak, it is why dry January has become so popular. The difference with Lent is that you enter the time with Jesus; you spend some conscious time in prayer and reflection, calling on him to help you with your problems or mistakes in life.

Every day we get a new chance to stop, and reflect on where we are in life and where we are heading. Every day we have another opportunity to turn to Jesus and invite him into our hearts and lives. Every day there is a new offer to wipe the slate clean and begin to change our lives for the better.

We will never fully comprehend the life and ministry of Jesus. But we don't need to understand everything, we are told we just have to believe.

John 10:10 Jesus said "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full".

With love and blessings Revd Sue

FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL.....

Parish Council Annual Donations

The Council approved donations at the last meeting and please to confirm the following:

£375.00 for St. Michael's Church, Aynho

£200.00 for Thames Air Ambulance

£200.00 for Banbury Citizens Advice Bureau

Keep Aynho Beautiful and maintenance day

It is that time of the year for the tidy-up of our beautiful Aynho. We will be meeting at the Pavilion on: **Sunday 29th March 10:30am to 12noon**

It is good news that previous clean-ups have collected less and less rubbish. The usual inspection of the village's roads will be done, however we would like to also spend time undertaking maintenance at the sports field. For example, cleaning down and treating the benches around the walking track and pavilion.

We would really appreciate it if you come and meet us at the Pavilion and we will issue you with a litter picking stick, a hi-viz vest and a black garbage bag or help rub down a bench. Just half an hour or an hour's time will make such a difference.

A Reminder.....Aynho Parish Council – WHY NOT JOIN?

Every four years Aynho's Parish Council is elected with nine residents appointed to serve on the Parish Council (PC) to represent the village and its needs, ensure continuity of key local services and, where affordable, improve the general look, feel and wellbeing of the village for residents. The annual precept is circa £25,000. Serving on the PC is entirely voluntary and there are no payments for attendance, etc.

During the past four years the PC has been instrumental in bringing Gigaclear to the village, installing new conservation-style low-energy streetlights and improving facilities at the sports field.

This year the Parish Council elections will be on 7-May. All current Councillors and any prospective new candidates will need to be Nominated. If there's more than nine Candidates these will be added to the ballot on 07-May and, if fewer than nine, Candidates will be elected unopposed onto the PC with no ballot.

If you're interested in joining the PC we'll be publishing full details on the village web site (aynho.org) with links to SNC's own web pages. The key dates are 01-April, the point at which any candidate can submit their Nomination Pack to SNC's Election Officer and 08-April when Nominations close.

In the meantime, why not attend a Parish Council meeting in March to get a feel for the type of work and decisions that are made as part of the role. If interested contact Chris Wilson (Clerk to the PC) for dates and details. Chris' number is 07887 548774 and email clerk@aynho.org

Aynho Residents' Parking & Church Car Park www.aynho.org/parking

The Council would like to remind villagers that the church has for a few years kindly allowed residents to use the car park. A few 'rules' of use are

Car park is open for use from 5.00pm to 10.00am daily. All cars need to be removed outside of the permitted times.

The facility is for cars only – no other vehicles allowed.

Occasionally these times might vary reflecting church events (e.g. weddings, funerals, etc.) which will be posted on the notice board at the car park, the village web site and/or Twitter.

Everyone is requested to be considerate when entering, leaving and parked in the car park – people live immediately adjacent.

All users of the car park accept their vehicle and its contents are left at the owners risk. The church will not accept any responsibility for damage, accident or loss. If you damage the car park it is your responsibility.

The Council also provide **Residents' Parking Badges** for Aynho residents. It is voluntary initiative, 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.

To receive your Aynho Residents' Parking badge email us with your contact details, how many cars in the household and their makes, models and number plates and we'll get the badges to you.

Planning Applications:

S/2020/0222/MAF: Aynhoe Park House, Aynho Park, Aynho OX17 3BQ.

Variation of Condition 2 (drawings) to planning application S/2019/0521/MAF (Three new dwellings, new heritage workshop and associated parking, new gated access and landscape works). To allow a reduced house layout to Plot 2.

Two chances to help your community!

Aynho Shoppers' Bus - February If you have visited Waitrose in Banbury (or Brackley) and put those green tokens in the appropriate places Aynho Shoppers' Bus will be in the chance to have a proportional share of £1000 which will help support the Thursday bus.

Aynho Village Hall – April in Brackley

Visit Waitrose in Brackley and put those green tokens again in the appropriate places, and Aynho Village Hall will be in the chance to have a proportional share of £1000 which will go towards the new LED lights recently fitted in the main hall.

Next meeting to be held in the Village Hall Committee room is: Monday 2nd March 7.30pm.

Contact Chris Wilson (Clerk to the PC) for dates and details. Chris' number is 07887 548774 and email clerk@aynho.org

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AYNHO COMMUNITY THEATRE PRESENT

BULLSHOT CRUMMOND

By Ron House, Diz White, Alan Shearman, John Neville Andrews & Derek Cunningham

A comedy parody of low budget 1930's detective movie heroism

FRIDAY 10TH APRIL 2020 @ 7.30PM

SATURDAY 11TH APRIL 2020 @ 2.30PM & 7.30PM

AYNHO VILLAGE HALL (opposite Cartwright Hotel)

To include a bread & cheese supper on arrival or afternoon cake and sandwiches in the interval

Tickets £12 (or £8 without food)

Not recommended for children under 14 years old

Licenced Bar & Raffle

To obtain tickets phone Kay 0330 113 6008/07980 546332

or Amby 01869 338107

Email kaynho178@gmail.com or amby@hitchcox.myzen.co.uk

This amateur production of Bullshot Crummond is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd on behalf of Samuel French Ltd.

Our Village Hall..... Entertainments

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Monday 9th March 7pm

If you think this is an important village resource at is worth keeping please let us know and come along to the meeting. Due to the retirement of several key members of the long- standing committee, new volunteers are needed otherwise the hall may have to close. These roles include booking secretary and caretaker/admin/maintenance positions. If you have a few hours spare a month and want to help keep and develop this important village facility please call the current temporary Chair Andy Anderson and he can explain further (tel:0330 113 6008 or 07768 294775). We would welcome the involvement of new residents, families or anyone with new initiatives.

ARMS (Aynho Recorded Music Society) 1st Wednesday 7.30pm. 4th March



Keith was his usual eclectic self with a variety musical extremes.

Shostakovich with 'Piano Concerto No 2' was followed by 'Jazz Suite No 1' then Kathleen Jenkins charmed us with 'Song to the Moon' and 'House of no Regrets'. Elvis Presley, Fats Domino and Frankie Vaughan heralded Mendelsohn's 'Violin Concerto', followed by Malcolm Arnold's 'Scottish Themes'. After the break Keith introduced us back to the old days of LP's with Tchaikovsky and Robbie Burns. I was strangely reminded of Semprini with his selection of 'old ones, new ones, loved ones, neglected ones.

Altogether a very moving presentation, thank you Keith.

The next meeting Wednesday March 4th invites all members to bring along an item of their choice.

Contact: Bob Mann 810264

AYNHO GARDENING CLUB

2nd Wednesday 7.30pm 11th March

On the **11th** Kate Toller is coming to talk to us about her garden at the **Old Rectory, Sudborough**. This is a wonderful example of a privately owned English garden including a walled Potager, designed by Rosemary Verey, a twisted Hazel Spring Garden, three deep borders around the main lawn, beautiful roses and trees. This talk is a great opportunity to learn about the garden which we will be visiting on **Wednesday 10th June**.

Jean Skuce, our Trip Organiser, will be taking names of those who want to go on the trip.

Meryl, who kindly organised the '**Seed Swap**' last month, will be bringing the seeds again. Any donations go to the Gardening Club.

If you were unable to come to the meeting last month, this is another opportunity to renew your membership; the annual subscription is £10.

For any queries, please get in touch with **Annabel Bellamy (810847)** or any of the Committee Members.

WRITERS GROUP

Saturday 10.0am-12.30pm 14th March

A more select group attended last month but there were some interesting childhood memories and some narrowly missed disasters. At our next meeting, we will hear memories of former bosses, or "Spring" is on its way".

Contact: Keith McClellan 810346

AYNHO W.I.

3rd Wednesday 18th March 7.30pm

Our February talk and film show by Rosy Burke, a Graphics designer, photographer and now very much an “ideas person”, was really fascinating as not only did she tell us how complicated but fun was the work involved in picking the winners for the well known Country File Calendar (Rosy herself being a past winner - hence her being on the judging panel) but also of her involvement with many events in Banbury including the creation of our “Fine Lady” statue.

Our March talk will be on Couture, Millinery and Hat Hire” to be given by Lucy Bowler who has a successful business in Fritwell, especially with her ‘bespoke’ hats. Now surely this comes at a good time, as no doubt we are all looking into our wardrobes with the aim of finding the right clothes for our ‘promised’ forthcoming Spring/Summer - and some might even be considering hiring a hat for that special occasion. Have to say this, but don’t you just love Lucy’s surname when you think about her specialist subject! Also I must report on the photograph printed with last month’s article; unfortunately not the best reproduction but it was in fact Matt Baker a ‘Country File’ presenter - relevant to our February talk?! Spring is definitely on the way so very much look forward to our next meeting and hope to see all our members there.

Contact: Mrs Barbara Watkins 811152

Aynho History Society

Last Wednesday 25th March 7.30pm Entry £2.00



It is the winter of 1944—1945 and life for the Dutch people is a struggle for survival under the German occupation. Making a welcome return local Oxford author Imogen Matthews talks about the history of this period and shares with us more personal stories.

Imogen’s books “The Hidden Village” and its sequel “Hidden in the Shadows” are set in this period of history and will be available for purchase after the talk.

Any queries to Peter Cole 01869 811261 or Keith McClellan 01869 810346

More Village Hall Activities:

LINE DANCING Monday 2.00pm.

PILATES Mondays & Wednesdays 10.00am For info: RefernPilates@gmail.com

SHORT MAT BOWLS Tuesday 2.30pm-4.30pm

DIMENTIA ACTIVITIES -Friday 11.00am-3.00pm

Contact: dementiaactive@gmail.com or www.dementiaactive.co.uk

OTHER ACTIVITIES for your pleasure:

Adderbury Deddington & District Photographic Society – at The Apricot Room, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho on 4th March at 7.30pm.

Donald MacLellan –“ Challenging Portrait Photography” All Welcome

Contact: Anne Hunsley@msn.com www.addphoto.co.uk

KNIT & STITCH..... 2.0 – 4.0pm @ 2, Portway Gardens. 10th & 24th March

Do come and join us – “cuppa” included!

Contact: Glenwys 810880

THURSDAY HEALTH WALKS start from the Sports Pavilion on 10.00am. 3 different lengths to choose from so all abilities are catered for. Everyone welcome and what better time to see the beautiful countryside around our village as new life starts to spring forth. Refreshments are available and a chance to chat over a coffee makes it a very pleasant way to exercise. For further details please contact:

Kathy White on 810418 or kathywhiteaynho@gmail.com

WINTER LUNCH CLUB in the VILLAGE HALL

March 2020 dates



Thursdays: 5th 12th 19th 26th

Time: 12.15pm-1.30pm



No 'club' membership needed, come and join us for a home-cooked meal at very reasonable prices in the warmth of the village hall over the winter months (October-end of March).

This year all profits, after hall hire and ingredients, will be donated to the Village Hall, St Michael's Church (specifically towards the cost of relining the velvet curtains), Katherine House Hospice and Dementia Active.

Last lunch of the winter – March 26th.

Amanda

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