

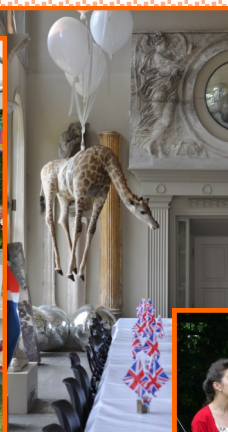


Aynho
The Apricot Village

NEWSLETTER JUNE 2020

AYNHOO FETE

*AS IT HAS BEEN IN
JUNES GONE BYE*



*AS IT MIGHT BE AGAIN
ON 13TH SEPTEMBER
(MAYBE!)*



Pastoral Letter June 2020: Revd Sue Cooper writes

Dear Friends, can you believe that we are almost half the way through this year already! And what a year it has been. It's hard to tell where we are at with regards to coronavirus, there are so many competing voices; some want to lift lockdown to get everything going again, others are very fearful that any lifting is going to open the door to another spike in cases and lead to many more deaths. There is no easy answer to all of this, and we must pray for all those in Government, and for people who influence decision making, such as scientists. This leaves the ordinary 'man in the street' in an uncomfortable position, of either feeling in limbo and constantly waiting for something to happen, or feeling in a constant state of flux where we feel things are constantly changing and we can't keep up.....what a terribly conflicting position we are in; and this is taking its toll on everybody.

As I write this letter, we are just entering into a week that has two big themes; 'Mental Health Awareness week', and 'Thy Kingdom Come' Season in the Church. And I see the two as very much connected.

As its theme this year Mental Health Awareness week is focusing on 'Kindness'. The interesting thing is that Kindness is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. The fruits of the Holy Spirit are a kind of litmus test to show Christians where we are in regards to our walk with the Lord. If Christians are not displaying the fruits of the Spirit, it will damage the credibility of the Church, and raises questions. But the fruits of the Spirit come to life in a person who is connected to the tree as it were; fruit cannot appear from nowhere, it has to grow on a tree, and get its life from the tree. So it is with the fruit of the Holy Spirit; we need to stay connected to Jesus, who said of himself, I am the true Vine. The main way we stay connected to God is through prayer. And Jesus is our example, as he was always taking himself off to quiet places to connect with his Father in prayer, and to be refreshed and empowered for life.

Most people are kind to others, and we have even seen a wonderful increase in kindness in our communities, but many folk are not kind to themselves, and that is a shame. I spoke about this recently in one of my regular messages by email, because God has been speaking to me about this. We are coming through this terrible time, and one thing that is evident is that everybody is doing the very best they can to help, and to offer kindness in any way they are able to, given the restrictions. The other thing that is evident is that more people are praying. I am going to leave you with two prayers to help you continue to get through this time; the 1st is for yourself; and it is better known as 'The Serenity Prayer'. Please be kind to yourself, you are doing the best you can, and please know that God is with you and loves you. The second prayer is for everyone. It is the basis for 'Thy Kingdom Come' season and is better known as 'The Lord's prayer'. It is a powerful prayer that Jesus himself taught us to pray, it's a prayer that has the power to change us, and our world, for the betterment of us all. God bless you,

With love Revd Sue. X

The Serenity Prayer

*God grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the
Courage to change the things I can, and the Wisdom to know the difference.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is The King-
dom, The Power, and The Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law".
Galatians 5: 22-23*

Our Village Hall Entertainments

AYNHO GARDENING CLUB 2nd Wednesday 7.30pm

To all our Members:

As we carry on with this extraordinary existence of being at home, we all can really appreciate our gardens and the time we are able to spend in them. There are huge benefits, both for us and our gardens, in having the extra time to nurture plants which in the usual rush of things get overlooked.

We should have been visiting the garden at the Old Rectory in Sudborough this month but that is now scheduled for the 9th June 2021. In the meantime we carry on with our restricted lives. It is sad that we are unable to have our monthly meetings but we will return to them when circumstances allow.

Keep safe.

Contact: Annabel Bellamy 810847

WRITERS GROUP 2nd Saturday 10.0am-12.30pm

Aynho Writers have continued their emailing exchange in May with some fascinating Lockdown experiences. Most members contributed both items and supportive comments on members' work. Next month we will write about "Stormy Weather", or "Love is in the Air".

(see Keith's Poem)

Contact: Keith McClellan 810346

AYNHO W.I. 3rd Wednesday 7.30pm. "Life Goes On"

It seems that the last comment of our next meeting "in the not too distant future" has to be repeated. I know we are all looking forward to getting together again so maybe our next meeting could be our delayed but annual "Garden Lunch" even if it's held "correctly distanced". At the moment Who Knows! Meanwhile we hope you are all keeping safe, well and calm and staying in touch with your friends, family and neighbours.

Contact: Mrs Barbara Watkins 811152

AYNHO HISTORY SOCIETY - Last Wednesday 7.30pm

Just to say we still exist and are looking forward to the time when we can get back together again

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

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY There is a change to next months meeting for the Photographic Society. It will be by 'Zoom' on 3rd June at 7.30pm and will be a presentation by Stuart Wall on 'Urban/Street' photography.

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

KNIT & STITCH 2.0 – 4.0pm 2, Portway Gardens.

We are missing the company, the chat, and yes, even the cuppa! However the needles are still clicking away, even more so in this lock-down situation. We have a number of items for sale - mostly for the very young.

If interested please **contact: Glenwys on Tel:810880 or Sybil on Tel:810692**

HEALTH WALKS - each Thursday 10.0am from the Sports Field

We have not heard from the "Walking for Health" people but I think that the Aynho Walks will remain suspended until the end of June. As the restrictions are gradually lifted, anyone in the village who is able to can do the longer walks with their family members or possibly arrange it with one other person as long as they abide by social distancing. We will get the walks going again as soon as we can and if we receive any further updates, will let everyone know but for now

KEEP SAFE. Best wishes to you all e-mail kathywhiteaynho@gmail.com or phone No. 810418

WINTER LUNCH CLUB



WLC sadly needed to finish earlier than planned, once the dreaded Covid-19 put us all into lockdown in mid-March. In spite of a reduced season in terms of weeks WLC was actually held, after costs (50% of hall hire and ingredients) there was a healthy level of profit made.

Donations will be as follows once it is possible to hand the money over in person:

£400 Village Hall; £400 St Michael's Church, towards the cost of relining the velvet curtains;
£150 Dementia Active and £716.92 Katherine House Hospice.

Thank you to everyone who came to lunch over the winter; to Amanda Leigh for all her front of house help, without her support WLC would not happen, and to the Parish Council for contributing 50% of the hall hire costs. Thanks too go to Sybil Stevens, who so kindly donated £98 to the total profit as a result of the sale of her wonderful knitted items.

It would be lovely to think that WLC could run again starting in October – we will have to see in the meantime please stay safe and well.

Amanda Limb

***To both Amandas ... on behalf of all your Thursday diners ...
a big "Thank-you" and "Well done"***

THANK-YOU

PETER PHILLIPS would like to express his sincere thanks to all those who sent letters and cards of sympathy on the death of his dear wife Marlene. Also thank you to all those who were with him "on line" at the Cremation Service beautifully led by Rev. Sue Cooper. It is hoped that a Memorial Service will be held as soon as restrictions are lifted.

Please note:

The Post Office continues to run in the back room of the Village Hall on Tuesdays 1.30-3.30pm. There is a one way system set up to maintain social distancing for everyone's safety.

The Blandford Fly.



How many of you heeded the warning to beware of this "naughty" fly?
Some of us have been bitten – have you? It could still be around.

KEITH'S POEM "THE JOYS OF SILENCE"

We sit in a sunlit garden with a glass of lightly cooled beer
There is no sound from the motorway the background noise all year
A romantic chirrup of birdsong. A noise we are happy to hear.
The bark of an excited dog will carry on I fear,
But no, he's quiet now, silence is once more here,
Tranquillity and calmness, brought on by isolation
Affecting every person through the whole nation
For us it is a blessing, or some it is frustration
Some suffer loved ones loss, or financial devastation
But we through age and setting enjoy our quiet location

THE FETE – THE PAST AND THE FUTURE

The Cartwrights of Aynhoe Park would have a grand old party most years at which villagers – mostly their agricultural workers, employees and tenants all joined in – there was a Flower Show, Flower and Veg Show, pillow fights, greasy pole racing, music, bands, dressing up, Ladies races (and children's), food and drink and celebration and prizes. Whether the event was in celebration of a Coronation or a Jubilee it was the big function of the year for the village.

In more recent times we have had the Fete – well since 1964 anyway! It was first brought back into village life and was used as the means of fundraising to help maintain the St Michael's Church – no longer supported by the Lords of the Manor and needing to be self-financing. The first Fete in this era was held in the grounds of Friars Well, hosted by Lord and Lady Ward, before it moved to the Rectory Gardens (now St Michael's House) for a few years until the Rectory was sold by the Diocese.

The Fete then moved back to its historic home back at Aynhoe Park, when the Park House was owned by the Country House Association, until its sale to James Perkins about 15 years ago.

During all these years from 1964 the Fete has been conducted annually – everyone enjoys their day out in the grounds of Aynhoe Park and seeing all the changes that James and Sophie have brought to the Park House and the gardens – and now the Deer Park beyond the south lawn and with its view over to Souldern.

This month, of course, would have seen the Fete – Sunday 14th June - but COVID-19 has put a stop to things this summer. We have planned a reserve date on Sunday 13th September – and we hope we can put on the Fete again – to have fun as villagers together, welcome visitors from outside who come and enjoy themselves, and yes..... to raise a bit of money for the Church which still needs the support in these different times. We want to have a Tombola, run a big raffle and win that helicopter ride, sell flowers and plants, and cakes, and apricot jams, and hold a fun dog show, ride the Unicorn, run the races, and enjoy rides, and play those traditional Fete games. We might have to find a special way to do some or all of it even we are not allowed to hold the Fete – and find a way we must.....so all your ideas, your imagination, your thoughts are welcome!



1967 – Monte Crick (played Dan Archer); Mrs Crick (played Carol Tregorran) in The Archers; Rev Gregory Laurence and Geoff Stevens

1973 - The Rev Laurence; Sir John Mills; Geoff Stevens and Lord Ward



1974 – Frank Ifield and Sybil Stevens



BUT NOT TODAY!

I'd gladly walk that extra mile through lanes and pastures new, if only oh if only
I could just walk with you -- but not today
I'd gladly raise a glass with you to celebrate the day, when all is safe and we are free
And the bugs have gone away – but not today
I'd gladly share a meal with you – and not a take-away! To sit and reminisce – have fun
Like we did back in the day – but not today.
To sit, to sip, to chatter, to hug and maybe kiss,
To see the laughter in your eyes – oh all of this I miss – **MAYBE TOMORROW.**

Satan: “I will cause anxiety fear and panic
I will shutdown businesses, schools, places of worship,
and sports events. I will cause economic turmoil

Jesus: I will bring together neighbours, restore the family unit
I will bring dinner back to the kitchen table
I will help people slow down their lives and appreciate what really matters
I will teach my children to rely on me and not the world
I will teach my children to trust me and not their money or material resources”

C.S.LEWIS 1942

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Ladies Bike - In this lock-down situation is there a lady out there who would like to take up bike riding again? If so a cycle is available by telephoning **01869 810517** and by giving a small donation for charity.

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

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