



Aynho
The Apricot Village

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2020

AYNHO GARDENING CLUB

THE VERY DIFFERENT FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW 2020

Date: **Saturday 22nd August 2020**

Venue: **Aynho Village Playing Field**

Time: **12 noon**—Present class entries (one entry per person per class, each entry 20p)

12.30pm—Judging

1.00pm—Presentation of Certificates

Join the fun—Bring your own picnic

Social Distancing required!

Open to all Aynho residents and AGC members

No WC facilities available

Classes:

Class 1: Best Specimen Bloom

Class 2: Vase of flowers

Class 3: Best vegetable (3 of same type)

Class 4: Medley of 3 different vegetables (1 of each type)

Class 5: Plate of homegrown fruit (1 variety only)

Everything in Classes 1-5 to be homegrown

Class 6: A Recycled 'Lockdown' Monster made by children (and their parents!?)

Pastoral Letter August 2020: Revd Sue Cooper writes

Dear Friends, August is usually holiday time, and hopefully many of you will try to get away for a break. I have been reflecting on Childhood summers, when life seemed so simple. Although package holidays had begun to be popular in the late 1960's and early 1970's, my family holidayed in the UK. My Dad had a particular love of camping, a love that my Mum and us girls did not share!! However, seaside holidays were a wonderful treat to look forward to each year. Everything was exciting, the beach, the donkeys, the Pier, the rock pools, the eating out, Summer holidays were something to look forward to, and looking back now, they hold many treasured memories.

After spending much of this year under Covid restrictions, I wonder what you are looking forward to now? We all need things in life to look forward to otherwise we will become despondent. In a recent email, I shared that 'Hope' and having something to look forward to, is a powerful motivator. I shared the story of my Mum, who is in a hospice, and she was told by a doctor that she may have a few weeks left to live, rather than the few days she had originally been told. The hope offered to her that day fuelled a desire to enjoy life again. Mum began to eat ice-cream and soup, she began to walk again with a frame, and she began to read the daily papers again and to listen to the radio. Hope began to rise in her heart, and she has now been asked to leave the hospice as she is too well to stay there. Mum is going to a care home where she is looking forward to seeing Nurses and Carers going about their work, and to being part of a small community again. If I had told her 6 months ago that she would be going into a care home she would have gone bananas. She wanted to stay at home. Mum lived alone since Dad died, and although she coped she didn't realise how much she missed living with other people until she went into the hospice. Sometimes it takes a major shock or incident to force us out of our usual patterns, but the strange thing is, that when we are forced into a situation we thought we would hate, it is surprising how often we are wrong, and situations are not nearly as bad as we think they will be. Mum is looking forward to going into the care home, I am looking forward to having her around for a bit longer. But like I said at the beginning of my message; I wonder what you are looking forward to?

August is traditionally a time to slow down and enjoy the summer. Don't let this summer pass you by, allowing the Covid-19 restrictions to rob anymore of your precious life. Life is a gift, and every day is a gift, as any person who is having treatment for a serious illness or who is terminal will tell you. God has made a beautiful world, and we don't have to go on holiday to see it. If you can't get away this year, why not plan one or two nice things to do, perhaps a nice walk, or a picnic; a nice pub lunch somewhere, or even just some lazy afternoons in the garden with a long cool drink, or a lovely cup of tea and a good book. God has given us the gift of life and his beautiful creation, seen all around us in the fields, the birds and the flowers, our response must be to say "thank you Lord", and to enjoy it all, whenever and wherever we can. God bless you all, and make sure you go and plan something nice to do in August to look forward to.

With love Rev Sue.

Gen 1 31-2: 1-2 "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work."

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 September 2020 - before or by AUGUST 22nd please to:**
Sybil at No.32 Roundtown Tel:810692 Email: syban@btinternet.com (Vol.652)

Our Village..... Entertainments

GARDENING CLUB NEWS 2nd Wednesday 7.30pm

The Very Different **AYNHO GARDENING CLUB FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW** will be held, this year, on the Playing Fields on **Saturday 22nd August**.

All the details, with the classes, are on the Front Cover of this Newsletter, you will also be able to find them on the Village website and posters dotted around the village. The Show is open to **all** residents of Aynho and Members of the Gardening Club. Please join in - bring your entries and a picnic and let's hope the weather is fine. **Please support this Gardening Club event.**

Contact: Annabel Bellamy 810847

AYNHO WRITERS GROUP 2nd Saturday 10.00am – 12.30pm

Aynho Writers continued their offering items by email. Reading them and responding to them on the second Saturday of the month. This month lots of enjoyable accounts of one's life with animals, and one or two on breaking out. For August we are writing about those teenage years or a story or experience with masks. We will aim to collect them together for Saturday 8th August.

Contact: Keith McClellan 810346

AYNHO W.I. 3rd Wednesday 7.30pm - "Life Goes On WI's Garden Party

The WI Committee had a meeting on the 29th June in, with our thanks, Val Swann's garden to discuss our future gatherings. The first consideration was the annual Garden Party and it has now happily been arranged that on Wednesday 19th August at 12.00 this will take place, again in Val Swans' garden, as a "bring your own" picnic event. This will also be an opportunity to say our thanks and farewells to our President Barbara Watkins and Committee Member Hazel Croft, who will both be leaving Aynho in September. Would you please let Val Swann know if you are able to attend so the 'spacing' can be organised. Also there is the annual Aynho Fete, now in September, where the WI usually has a presence, although in what way this time is not yet decided; and visits to the National Arboretum at Alrewas, Staffordshire in October and to Chatsworth in November are also being looked into. Further details of these will be detailed in future Newsletters so meanwhile please carry-on keeping safe and well and see you all soon - and don't forget to let Val know if you are going to the Picnic.

Contact: Mrs Barbara Watkins 81115

AYNHO HISTORY SOCIETY – Last Wednesday 7.30pm

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

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY - Wednesday 5th August at 7.30pm

A 'Zoom' presentation - 'Small is Beautiful' by Robert Harvey ARPS.

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

HEALTH WALKS - usually each Thursday 10.0am from the Sports Field

South Northants has advised that small groups can start to walk again with a total of 6 people maximum including a Walk Leader but are not obliged to do so if they do not feel that it is safe.

Some of the Long walkers have started to walk slightly shorter ones already. At the time of writing this, I am unable to lead walks due to a problem with my foot but am happy to hear from anyone wanting to start again as I will build a list and see what can be arranged.

Email: kathywhiteaynho@gmail.com or phone no. 810418

KNIT & STITCH 2.00 – 4.00pm 2, Portway Gardens

If interested in joining this group please contact: **Glenwys on Tel: 810880 or Sybil on Tel: 810692**

Join The Parish Council. Get Involved.

Aynho is an active village and the Parish Council does its best to reflect that. Recent projects include the installation of fibre optic broadband via Gigaclear, the street lighting project and the revamp of the sports pavilion and installation of our very own outdoor gym. But there is much more to do and your village needs you!

**YOUR
VILLAGE
NEEDS
YOU!**



The Parish Council is currently seeking two new councillors after the resignation of former Chairman Stephen Brook of The Square and Chris Reynolds from Charlton Road. Huge thanks are due to both Stephen and Chris who were unstinting in their efforts and achieved a lot in their tenures. Anyone resident or working in the village and is over the age of 18 is eligible to apply. If you think you can give up one evening a month for meetings and your energy and ideas for current and future projects, do please consider applying. We'd like the broadest representation as possible as there are a maximum of 9 councillors at any one time in our parish.

With the summer break the next PC meeting is September when we hope to co-opt two new Councillors. In the meantime, if you're interested contact either your local Councillor or Chairman (leslie.leighton@aynho.org) to chat through what's involved. Our next meeting is Monday 07-September, either by Zoom or socially distanced in the Village Hall.

Bus Service: On Demand.



The Parish Council has been notified by Kings Sutton PC that the Thursday bus organised through Cheney Travel which was temporarily stopped due to COVID will not be returning.

However, Ability CIC has launched a new 'on demand' bus service operating Tuesday and Thursday from Kings Sutton to Banbury that will call to collect registered users in Aynho when booked prior to the day of travel. This is a paid-for service starting at an annual registration fee of £24 (Silver service) and £36 (Gold service).

For full details of their scheme, how to book a seat and detailed subscription and fare costs go to <https://abilitycic.org.uk/register/> or call Ability CIC on 01327 604123.

Aynho's Car Boot Sale: August Bank Holiday Monday!

In other news, we are still hoping to go ahead with the now annual Car Boot sale on August Bank Holiday Monday, which this year falls on 31 August. Any volunteers who might be able to help would be welcomed with open arms. Duties are primarily limited to directing cars or making bacon sandwiches. All volunteers will get a free bacon sandwich obviously! This event raises a significant amount for the sports field and pavilion and is a great opportunity to clear your cupboards of your old stuff and then buy someone else's to replace it!



Stay Safe. Get an 'Aynho Mask'

Further to this, if you need a mask and you'd like to support a community project, Councillor Rachel Moroney has been making face masks for the last month and has already made in excess of 50 so far for people in the village. These masks are **NOT** for profit and can be sized accordingly to individuals. All proceeds from the masks initially went to Aynho Active, but are now going to support the conversion of the bus stop into a book stop. The masks cost £5 each and you can supply your own fabric if you like, although the price remains the same. Payment is via bank transfer to the Parish Council. If you're interested in one of these masks, please email rachel.moroney@aynho.org.

Aynho Village Report: 2020

Due to COVID the Village Report from the Parish Council including the Chairman's Report and reports and updates from the village's clubs and societies in Aynho has been delayed. However, we are now looking to get this updated and have it distributed at the end of August.

If you know a neighbour or others that don't use email and would like a hard copy of the latest from Aynho Parish Council or St Michael's newsletter please email (on their behalf) to 'newsletter@aynho.org' or call Chris Wilson (the Clerk to the Parish Council) on 07887 548774. Thanks.

Finally, in these strange times, don't forget that if you need help, you only have to reach out. Aynho has willing volunteers ready to help out. Stay Positive, Stay Alert, Stay Kind.

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.

AYNHO VILLAGE HALL

There was a meeting to discuss the possible re-opening of the Hall. We have decided to postpone opening until September at the earliest. It is not a requirement for us to open earlier. We have evaluated, in detail, the latest guidance regarding Covid-19 precautions for village halls, and we are unable to fulfil the cleaning, sanitising and social distancing requirements with our current resources/space. We will continue to monitor the situation and open as soon as is practical.

We will be using this period to undertake some much-needed maintenance.

Andy Anderson
Temporary Chair

A PLEA FROM AN O.A.P. WHEN THERE WAS NO BUS FROM AYNHO TO BANBURY

1.

This is a plea from an elderly lady of 85
My eyes are not good and my hearing is poor
I certainly cannot touch my toes anymore!
But I keep on trying and am still "game"
Even with the help of a walking frame.

2.

So many problems confront old age
Child proof packages you cannot undo
Tight bottle tops that you cannot unscrew
Nowhere to shop – only in Town
But how do I get there I ask with a frown?

3.

I could have a Blue Badge but that lets me down
Parking spaces limited and restricted to time
You pay with a card you haven't got
I'm so used to putting cash in the slot.
So how do I get to the dentist, optician and
ordinary shop.

4.

I can thumb it to Deddington and get on their bus
Then on my return I thumb it back
I would give all those NCC workers the sack.
May I be so bold as to suggest a problem solved
Just divert that said Bus 6 miles from
Deddington to Aynho then Adderbury lights
This then would surely solve our plight??

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