

Ever wondered who looks after Aynho's stocks and who holds the key!? ...



NEWSLETTER

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... THIS LADY - WHO FOR MANY YEARS HAS CLEANED AND

weeded to keep them 'up to scratch'. The stocks ultimately come under the responsibility of Northamptonshire CC Archives who occasionally check they are being cared for.

Who knows what not complying with lockdown will lead to!!

You have been warned!!!



ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE CHURCH CALENDAR - OCTOBER 2020 AYNHO-CROUGHTON-EVENLEY-FARTHINGHOE-HINTON-in the-HEDGES-STEANE ******************* October 4th **Aynho Holy Communion** 11.00am Farthinghoe 9.30am Hinton 11.0am October 11th Aynho Family Worship-Lay Led 9.30am Croughton 9.30am Evenley 11.0am October 18th No Service at AYNHO Farthinghoe 9.30am Hinton 11.0am October 25th **Aynho Holy Communion** 11.00am Croughton 10.30am Evenley 9.30am **CLOCKS GO BACK!!** Church Cleaning Thursday 15th 9.45am onwards (more help always needed) Information about the life of Aynho church enquiries from: Rev.Sue Cooper – revsue.cooper@gmail.com Tel: 01869 – 810903 ************************ Items for November 2020 - before or by October 26th please to: Sybil at No.32 Roundtown Tel:810692 Email: syban@btinternet.com (Vol.654) and any comments re Newsletter to Rector or Sybil. ********************** If you DO need a printed copy of this newsletter because you are not connected to the internet or have trouble reading it online please Telephone 01869 819727 or email avnhogibbs@btinternet.com ************* This Newsletter is issued by: "ST.MICHAEL'S CHURCH" AYNHO

Revd Sue Cooper writes:

Dear Friends

As I write this letter, the weather has been glorious as summer turns into autumn. I love everything about this time of year don't you; especially the resplendent display that our fields and lanes provide us with. The fields have been harvested and lay neatly ploughed, and the trees and hedgerows transform and glow into a golden riot of colour. It even feels great to get the jeans and boots out again whilst still enjoying warm Autumn Sunshine. The only thing I am not enjoying are the spiders as they make their way indoors!!!

The whole scene makes me want to jump for joy and say "Thank you God for all this goodness".

In our Churches we have been celebrating Harvest festival. This annual celebration is our way of saying "Thank you God for all this goodness". We thank God for the earth, the seed, the rain, and the sun; and we also thank God for the Farmers, Fishermen, industries, suppliers, retailers, and the workers that make up the food chain. Although Harvest Festival is an annual celebration, this year it has felt even more important to say thank you. Whoever would have thought that this year we would need to see such a mammoth effort from all those involved in the food chain to keep the nation fed and supplied with food and goods, as they struggled to operate under lockdown and Covid conditions and restrictions. Thank you to you all who are involved in the food chain, you really kept us going, and still are, with online deliveries increasing. I learnt that more than 300,000 delivery slots have been added across the UK's major supermarkets since the start of the Covid crisis, which fortunately has created many new jobs.

It still strikes me though that at its most basic and traditional our Harvest Festival is about people saying thank you to God for the earth, the seed, the rain, and the Sun, without which nothing would grow and nothing and nobody would be fed. It is humbling to acknowledge this. Worldwide we are reliant on God's goodness to supply our need for food and water, and without this we cannot survive; this should remind us of our fragile place in the Cosmos.

But this year more than ever we realise we are reliant on other people too. Unless we live like Tom and Barbara in the old television sit com "The Good Life", whose dream was to live completely self-sufficiently, we are very reliant on others to help us put food on the table and water in our cups. This is humbling too. We may have the money to buy food and water, but if there were none to purchase most of us would not survive as most of us are not self-sufficient.

The truth is, we all need God to provide what we need to eat and drink, and we all need others to supply our needs. Thank you again to everyone who is involved in the food chain, supplying food and drink to our homes. But seeing as we have all been able to reflect on our fragile place in the world this year due to the unexpected chaos that Coronavirus pandemic has wrought worldwide. Harvest is a good time to say "Thank you God for all this goodness". He is still providing for our needs, he is still providing seed for the sower, and rain and sun to make it grow. Thank you God. God bless you all,

With love Rev Sue.

Our Village Entertainments



WINTER LUNCH CLUB

Very sadly, as Covid-19 has not gone away, new social gathering guidelines and restrictions in the village hall mean that it will not be possible to restart WLC in October as in previous years. I feel that one of the best features of WLC was a chance for those who wished



to come to lunch to enjoy lots of chat, with everyone mixing at tables over the dish of the day during the winter months. There is no safe way for me to achieve this currently. The other Amanda (Leigh) joins me in saying stay safe and well until we can welcome you back.

Amanda

ARMS— Aynho Recorded Music Society

Contact: Bob Mann 01869 810264

Contact: Peter Cole 811261

AYNHO HISTORY SOCIETY

AYNHO WRITERS GROUP

Aynho Writers had another interesting and successful email meeting on 12th September, and even a socially distanced gathering of six members. We had a number of fascinating accounts of people's first jobs and some gripping Heatwave stories. Next month we will continue the email meeting with writing to the subjects of Harvest or Crossed Wires. emailed by 9th October for reading the following day.

Contact: Keith McClellan 810346

AYNHO GARDENING CLUB

This month we should have been visiting Nicholsons Nursery but as with so many other events over the past few months this was cancelled. We are pencilled in to go to the Nursery on the 8th September 2021. Our speaker for October has cancelled and she has taken the opportunity to retire! We will not be trying to replace her as at present we could only have 16 people in the Village Hall. Our plan is to get going again in 2021. It is very sad that our 2020 programme has been so badly disrupted but at least we have our gardens to enjoy and we can but plan for next year.

Contact: Annabel Bellamy 810847

HEALTH WALKS - usually each Thursday 10.0am from the Sports Field Any questions please feel free to contact Kathy on 01869-810418 or kathywhiteaynho@gmail.com

AYNHO W.I. Contact: Fiona Hodges 369122 or

Jill Wightman Tel: 811206



AYNHO PARK CLUB DRAW

The Aynho Park Club Draw winners for July and August are D Long of Portway Gardens and K McClellan of The Butts. Thanks for playing and supporting.

Adderbury, Deddington and District Photographic Society

Our next presentation is by Scott Hurd about Namibia and wildlife on October 7th at 7.30pm. We are still meeting on 'Zoom' and therefore please check the website for details if you wish to join us. Members will receive the joining details by email. There are a number of outdoor workshops available to attend over the coming months so do check emails or the website for details.

Contact: Anne Hunsley www.addphoto.co.uk

FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL......

Report and track issues with highway problems: Street Doctor

Any highway or pavement related issues or defects should be reported via Street Doctor, the Northamptonshire County Council public reporting system. By using Street Doctor, your report will be logged appropriately, go to the right team and you will, if you request, receive updates.

https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/northamptonshire-highways/roads-and-streets/Pages/report-highway-problem.aspx

New Councillors

The Parish Council is up to full strength once more and we welcome Councillors Liz Hadley and David Icke, of Blacksmiths Hill and Croughton Road respectively. We were oversubscribed with villagers wanting to get involved and we thank everyone who expressed an interest. It's great to see so much engagement across such a wide cross section of Aynho.

Planning Applications:

S/2020/1572/FUL: Land Adj to 1 Butts Close, Aynho OX17 3AE

Erection of an attached dwelling with front solar panels, on land adjacent to 1 Butts Close.

S/2020/1510/FUL: 12 The Butts, Aynho OX17 3AN

Demolish existing conservatory and construction new extensions.

The next meeting is to be held via ZOOM: Mon 5th October 2020 at 7:30pm.

Contact details

Chris Wilson is the Parish Clerk and can be contacted on email clerk@aynho.org or phone on 07887548774 or you can find us on the website www.aynho.org.

VACANCY - AYNHO ALMSHOUSE

The Trustees of the John Baker Charity, which manages the village Almshouses in Bowmen's Lea, Aynho, are advertising for a new resident to occupy an unfurnished, one-bedroom dwelling. The dwelling is available now and the Trustees would like it to be occupied by the beginning of December.

The Almshouses are for single occupancy and the Trustees are required to seek potential applicants: single men or women aged 50 or above who are able to live independently, and who have a need which the Charity can support. A connection with Aynho or the parish of St Aldate's, Oxford, is the main requirement for any prospective applicant but, where no applicants have any connection, the Trustees prioritise based on need. They do not want good houses to be left unoccupied. The weekly maintenance charge (rent) for the dwelling is £52.50 per week (£2,730 per year).

Applications should be submitted as soon as possible. The window for applications closes on 15 October. Interviews for prospective applicants will be notified.

Enquiries or initial applications should be made by email to **contact.almshouses@aynho.org** or by post to Mrs Amanda Leigh at 12 Bowmen's Lea, Aynho, OX17 3AG, Tel. 01869 810843. She will provide information on the next step.

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CARRY ON OUILTING



Pic 1: Dyeing and Patchwork 3rd and 4th October

Now that the world seems to be calming down a little, we would like to announce an exciting new venture offering the chance to learn or improve your quilting and sewing skills. With a joint interest of sewing and after acquiring a lovely workshop, Vicky and Stephanie, long term friends are



starting to run quilting courses with the help from some skilled teachers. Our workshop is situated near Aynho on Upper Aynho grounds surrounded by open fields. The classes will have limited numbers resulting in plenty of attention for everyone in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. We will be starting on 3rd and 4th October with a Fabric Dyeing and patchwork piecing weekend, followed by Christmas Placemat Course on 21st October. Have a look at our website for more details.

In the New Year, we will start our Quilt As You Go Block Courses with a Beginners and Intermediate course where you will cover many techniques from Rail Fence Block, Flying Geese, Applique, Card Tricks block and many more. We hope to expand the range of courses and talks we offer as we grow to include crochet, knitting, children's courses, lace making, paper piecing and many more, so if there is anything you are interested in please get in touch via our email and we can always happy to discuss any ideas with you. www.carryonquilting.co.uk email: info@carryonquilting.co.uk