



Aynho
The Apricot Village

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2021

With God's help and a 'fair wind' in 2021

we will welcome back

Gardening
Club

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History

Music

Health
Walks

Writers

... But we had and have ...
Food, drink, water and warmth,
Sunshine and showers.

A paperman, postman, milkman
carers, and refuse collectors!

To whom we say a special

THANK YOU

welcome to 2021
A year of hope
Keep Smiling



ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE CHURCH CALENDAR – JANUARY 2021

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

January 3rd AYNHO Holy Communion 11.00am

Sidespersons:

Farthinghoe 9.30am HC Hinton 11.00am Morning Worship

January 10th AYNHO Lay Led Morning Worship 10.0am

Sidespersons:

Croughton 9.30 HC, Evenley 11.00am HC

January 17th HINTON Holy Communion 11.00am

Farthinghoe 9.30am Morning Worship

January 24th AYNHO Holy Communion 11.00am

Sidespersons:

Evenley 9.30am Morning Worship, Croughton 10.30am

Morning Worship

January 31st BENEFICE ZOOM 10.30am

Obviously all the services will be subject to Covid restrictions at the time.

The Church is also open 10.00am – 3.00pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays for Private Prayer

Church Cleaning - Thursday 21st 9.45am onwards.

Information about the life of Aynho church -

enquiries from: **Rev.Sue Cooper** – revsue.cooper@gmail.com Tel: 01869 – 810903

or on Aynho Village Facebook.

Items for February 2021 - preferably before or by January 23rd please to:

Sybil at No.32 Roundtown Tel:810692 Email: syban@btinternet.com (Vol.657)

and any comments re Newsletter to Rector or *Sybil.

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Pastoral Letter January 2021 Revd Sue Cooper writes:

Dear Friends,

I hope that your Christmas was enjoyable, even if somewhat different from the one you had planned! But now, as we turn our thoughts to a new year; can you remember New Year's eve last year,,,,,none of us knew what was about to happen to the world with the pandemic, which is probably a good thing! What a year 2020 was.

But hope springs eternal and we have the promising vaccines coming to the rescue. Only time will tell how this will work out, but we hope and pray for better days ahead.

Traditionally at the turn of a new year many of us are looking at ways we can change certain aspects of our lives for the better, like getting a new job, changing career, or moving house, and we might also look at what "self-improvement" methods we might employ in an attempt to change certain aspects of ourselves. Those dreaded New Year's resolutions that disappear somewhere around mid-January!

However, for many people, these thoughts have already been addressed in the past year during the time and space created by lockdown and restrictions. Much of the nation has already been engaged in a process of self-examination, and making life changes, which, for some has been liberating. For others, however, the past year has left them struggling to put food on the table, struggling to pay the bills and make ends meet; and for thousands of others the past year has been a process of grief, with one loss after another and has left them shell-shocked and heartbroken as they pick up the pieces of their lives. It has been said that although we are all going through the same Covid storm, we are not all sitting in the same boat. This is true.

At the beginning of this letter I said that, "this time last year none of us knew what was about to happen to the world with the pandemic"; but the thing is, God knew.

God knew that this was coming to the world and he knows how it will pass. Although some of us may find it hard to believe; God is still in control of this world.

This is very hard for us to get our heads around, and it is something which causes many people to question whether there is a God at all? and if there is a God....then what sort of God is he that would allow this terrible pandemic to wreak such disaster on the world? These are valid questions. So why doesn't God do something?? Why doesn't he act in our world??

The truth is, God has done something.....and he has acted in our world. He sent Jesus! And although this truth might sound simplistic to some, trusting in God's actions, or apparent inactions in our world, is not easy.... it takes courage and faith. Jesus warned his followers *that "in this world you will have many troubles but take heart! I have overcome the world."* (John 16:33)

Trusting in God's ultimate goodness towards us requires a daily step of faith, especially when we don't understand how God is working through all of this.

It is a daily step of faith to live our lives with God, and for God.

I do pray that 2021 will be a happy and healthy one for us all.

Happy New Year to you all.

With love

Revd Sue.

Tel 01869 810903, email revsue.cooper@gmail.com

WELCOME TO ALL NEW VILLAGERS

Amongst all the differentness of 2020 there has been a lot of change in the community here in Aynho and whilst we have tried to look after one another, protect the senior households and those who have shielded, and to really make sure the children have had excitements and distractions perhaps we have missed noticing there are newcomers in nearly all parts of the village.

We hope that you have been welcomed by your immediate neighbours and helped to find out what you need. But as a community we can welcome you – **All of You** - in houses or flats on virtually every road, close or gardens in Aynho and the Wharf – only Little Lane and the first half of Butts Close have the same faces as 2021 is entered.

We have a thriving community and you will find in this monthly Newsletter much of what will go in the course of the year – the activities, the events, the clubs and societies, all when they can start to get active again. There are many contacts to help supplement sketchy information – and of course there is more on Aynho website and the Community page on Facebook. **You are all very Welcome** – and we hope to see and meet you.

CHRISTMAS BRIC A BRAC

Thanks to all who helped and supported at Douglas' late Pop- Up in mid-December at the Apricot Room – he half emptied his flat as a result and raised just over £580 in combination with the refreshment and treats stall outside. It was a big success – thank you for your donations and thank you to Caroline at the Cartwright Hotel for allowing the stall to be set up inside.

BUSY BAKERS AND CHRISTINGLE MAKERS AND GIFTS

Shortbread biscuits – Christingles – Chocolates and Christmas cake and Christmas cards were out and about in the last fortnight of December reaching we hope all those who are living alone and of a senior age. Thank you to the makers, givers and deliverers for your time ideas, time and generosity. There have been many lovely messages of thanks and appreciation. Well done to the children in Reception and Key Stage 1 at Charlton School and a big thank you to Waitrose (Brackley) Community Matters team for providing 50 oranges into the cause!

ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

This Newsletter is produced and edited every month by volunteers in the community and organised by St Michael's Church. It costs really quite a lot to publish – even at the very generous arrangements with the printer – so we need in 2021, and into the future, to raise a stronger fund to pay for it. We will advise local advertisers and we are grateful for their contributions. We will seek more advertisements especially for local businesses and services.

We would also be grateful for donations towards its production costs. **Contact Sybil - 810692**

VILLAGE HALL - YOUR VIEWS NEEDED

The Village Hall is an amazing facility at the heart of the village. It exists for the benefit of the villagers of Aynho. So, to allow it to continue carrying out this mission, it would be great to hear your views on what you need or would like to see in the Hall to encourage your use. Some ideas already expressed include:

- a permanent overhead projector and screen for showing events,
- comfortable furnishings to make it more welcoming.

Any ideas will be collated with views already expressed in the Village Survey, with the aim of producing a plan for consideration by the village in due course.

Please let me know if you have any thoughts **by 31 January 2021 at cdcoopman@gmail.com**

OUR VILLAGE..... ENTERTAINMENTS

ARMS-Aynho Recorded Music Society.

Contact: Bob Mann 810264

Wishing you all a better 2021, with the hope we can one day meet again.

AYNHO HISTORY SOCIETY

Contact Keith McClellan 810346.

History Society, Meetings have been cancelled for most of the year, and continue to be so. We hope we can start again in the not too distant future. Contact me on 01869 810346. Best wishes

Keith McClellan, Chairman of A.H.S.

AYNHO GARDENING CLUB

Contact: Annabel Bellamy 810847

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all Members of the Aynho Gardening Club.

The Committee hope, as more of us have the vaccines, that we will be able to start up the 2021 Programme (an adaption of the 2020 programme).

As mentioned in the end of year notes, the membership fee that you paid for 2020 will cover your Membership fee for 2021. We will keep you all informed about when we can start to get back together. Our priority, of course, will be to keep everyone safe.

In the meantime, we can all look forward to the first cheery little snowdrops appearing in our gardens soon.

Best wishes Annabel Bellamy

AYNHO W.I.

Contacts: Jill Wightman 811206 or Fiona Hodges 369122

Despite the Virus and the frequent changing of 'visiting/travelling' rules we do hope everybody had a wonderful Christmas and, where possible, met up with their friends and families as planned. Judging by all the fabulous decorations in the village, (up earlier than usual?) the Christmas spirit was definitely not dampened and with the vaccine and assurances of control of Covid19 let us hope that 2021 will give us back our old freedom. Won't it be nice to actually see folks smiling rather than assuming and hoping they are under that face mask. All members will have received the Winter Quarter Magazine, in which are the suggestions for the next WI Resolution, so if you have an opinion then do please, in our case, let Val Swann have your answer by the end of the first week of this month. Also, as we can't meet to talk about it, if any member has taken advantage of the many interesting talks organised by Denman via Zoom, again contact Jill or Fiona and we can arrange a sort of 'opinion section' in future in the Aynho Newsletters. As for our next meeting – say no more - but to you all

A VERY HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR.

AYNHO WRITERS GROUP

Contact: Keith McClellan 810346

Aynho Writers had their usual Christmas email day this month where our efforts were distributed by email in two batches. Our items were anonymous so we had to guess the author of each one. We all enjoyed this as well as the interesting items. Thanks to Fiona for organising that so well. Our meetings are cancelled as are everyone's at the moment but our email system has kept us cheerful.

HEALTH WALKS - currently each Thursday 10.00am from the Sports Field. For further information contact: kathywhiteaynho@gmail.com or 01869 810418 for the up-to-date position. Happy New Year
Kathy White.

PILATES

In the Hall – Monday/Wednesday 10.00am Tuesdays 6.00 -7.30pm.

ADDERBURY, DEDDINGTON AND DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Anne Hunsleywww.addphoto.co.uk

Contact: Anne Hunsley www.addphoto.co.uk

FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL.....

Buses

Northants Ability – Bus www.abilitycic.org.uk

A community interest company has now set up a pre-bookable bus service. It will run on a Thursday to Banbury and on a Friday to Brackley. All passengers need to be registered for contact tracing purposes and journey booked in advance, the booking office is 01327 604123 and open (M-F) 9am to 2pm. Bus passes are accepted. Masks should be worn and seating is social distanced.

Cherwell Valley Rural Lynx – 07923422227 ruralandschoollynx@gmail.com

The Rural Lynx Bus Company will be operating a weekly service on a Thursday (Banbury) & Friday (Bicester). As a self-funding Service, a contribution will need to be paid. The minimum £3 & maximum £5 depending on pick up. The buses are all accessible for anyone with mobility problems. You will need to fill in a free membership form, so we are able to track & trace all our passengers. These can be picked up from the driver or phone us.

Thursday - Aynho grammar school bus stop 09:40 to Banbury 10:10
- Banbury Town Hall 13:10 to Aynho 13:35

Friday - Aynho grammar school bus stop 09:25 to Bicester stand 7 10:10
- Bicester stand 7 13:10 to Aynho 14:05

December Parish Council Meeting

The PC met over ZOOM again, the budget was finalised for 2021-22 and therefore the precept of £26,698 was approved. It was approved to extend the mowing contract to a third year ending March 2022 and in the public session the issue of parking on The Glebe and Portway verges was discussed.

Seasons Greeting and Happy New Year

In these very different times, the PC hopes residents had a Merry Christmas and wishes all the very best for 2021.

Keep Aynho Beautiful

Many thanks to all that have helped walk the village and clear any rubbish left behind. The PC would also encourage residents that have properties next to roads, footpaths or areas overhanging public spaces to be mindful of how vegetation encroaches. The next meeting is to be held on: **Mon 1st February 2021 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.

Planning Applications:

S/2020/2180/FUL:1 Portway Gardens, Aynho OX17 3AR:

Two storey extension, dormer, Utility room extension, amendments to existing dormers and veranda with hipped roof.

S/2020/2205/TCA: Rose Cottage, 6 Banbury Road, Aynho OX17 3AB:

Various tree works on 8 trees.

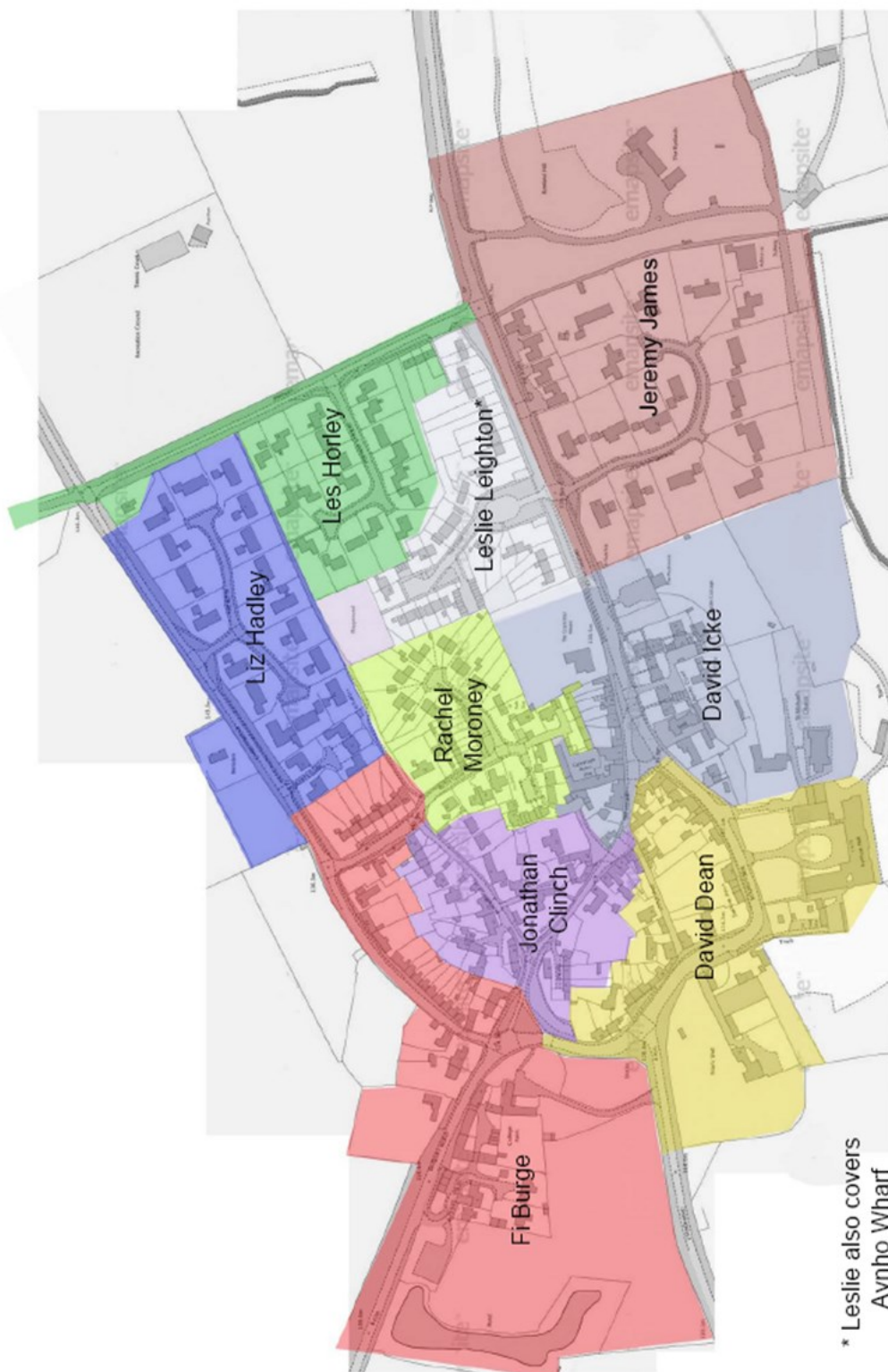
S/2020/2158/FUL: The Cottage, Upper Aynho Grounds, Bicester Road, Aynho OX17 3AY: Subdivision of a cottage into two flats.

S/2020/2181/TPO: Land East Of The Ryelands, Croughton Road, Aynho:
Fell Lime and Beech tree (Group TPO 01/1961).

S/2020/2048/FUL: 1 Blacksmiths Hill, Aynho OX17 3AH:

Proposed Front and Rear Porches, Loft Conversion and Car Port

Aynho Parish Council Find out which Councillor is responsible for your area



Please use this map to find out which Parish Council is responsible for the area you live in. They would be happy to hear from you if you have any issues or concerns that you would like to talk through with the Parish Council.

CHRISTMAS TRACTOR RUN

Congratulations to our Farmers - 100 beautifully decorated tractors all in aid of Katharine House Hospice.

What a wonderful effort and our own Belcher families took part.

A spectacular event enjoyed by all. Some spectators coming from Brackley and Milton Keynes!!

