



Aynho
The Apricot Village

NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2021

Mothering Sunday



14th March
Service with flowers
St Michael's 10.00am

(Volume No.659)

Pastoral Letter March 2021: Revd Sue Cooper writes,

Dear Friends,

Throughout March the Church is celebrating Mothering Sunday and Palm Sunday. Mothering Sunday has its roots in our Parish Churches links with our Cathedrals, or “the Mother Church” as they were known, but more recently its roots go back to when many people were in Service and they were given a day off on Mothering Sunday to go home and visit their Mums.

It was a lovely tradition, as most folk love to have a special day to thank their Mothers and to show their appreciation. Some of us have, or had, great Mum’s, while sadly others didn’t! But Mothers matter, and every child deserves a good start in life. Carrie O’Regan our lay reader is collecting for a Charity called Baby Basics, and she makes this appeal:

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As you can see, this is a very worthy cause. Please support this if you can.

The other date we are celebrating in March this year is Palm Sunday. This is the beginning of Holy Week for the Church and it commemorates Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem on a donkey on his way to the events that led to his death on the Cross. His entrance was one of great celebration: people were cheering and waving palm branches and celebrating Jesus as the one who would save them from their Roman oppressors; however, just a few days later many of this same crowd had turned on Jesus and were crying out for him to be crucified!

Following the crowd has been a human trait since time began. How often in our own time do we see a politician, or sports hero or celebrity held up and put on a pedestal, only to see a short while later that they are torn down again by the media or on social media, and the opinion polls tell us that they have lost their popularity. Jesus fell foul of this kind of popularity culture in Jerusalem, but it did not deter him. Jesus had been controversial from the moment He began His ministry and He wasn’t worried about his reputation or how others viewed him, He was determined to show to the people that God was doing a new thing in their time, and it had been a long time coming. Jesus’ core message was that in him God’s Kingdom had begun, and the things He did proved this. Everything Jesus said and did was scrutinised or criticised by the people of his day. This led some to believe and follow, and others to scoff and turn away. Jesus loved people, but He wasn’t a crowd pleaser. His message was the same with everyone He met, and some folk believed him and became his followers, while others didn’t.

It’s the same today, the message of the good news of God’s love and salvation found in Jesus hasn’t changed and we can either take it, or leave it. My prayer is that you would take a fresh look at Jesus, leaving aside what everybody else may think about Him, and open your heart and mind to believe that what He said and did is true; and that God’s Kingdom of love, joy, justice and peace began, and continues, in him. God bless you,

With love

Revd Sue (01869 810903)

OUR VILLAGE..... ENTERTAINMENTS

ARMS-Aynho Recorded Music Society.

Contact: Bob Mann 810869

“When will I see you again????” !

AYNHO HISTORY SOCIETY

Contact Keith McClellan 810346

All events still postponed until further notice

AYNHO GARDENING CLUB

Contact: Annabel Bellamy 810847

Jabs are being done, some of you have even had your second ones and still we wait for things to begin to get back to normal! In the meantime those of you who are on email, please look out for information about a ‘get-together’ Zoom chat with members of the Aynho Gardening Club and even the possibility of joining other gardening clubs for a talk.

Let’s hope our gardens begin to dry out a bit and we can enjoy some time pottering around in them.

AYNHO W.I.

Contact: Jill Wightman 811206 & Fiona Hodges 369122

We are getting there, albeit more slowly than we probably anticipated and initially hoped, but definitely getting there. A lot of us will have already had our first injection and hopefully by the time of the March issue, we will all have had both – well let’s think positively. At least we have time to perfect our newly acquired crafts and cake baking skills – sounds like a challenge is on its way! Happy to report that a few of you returned your forms for a future WI Resolution; these will be forwarded for future Head office discussion and debate. Our Northamptonshire Head Office has very simply reported that they are looking forward to normality as even with no income are still having to pay for the area Office, though the staff are part of the government ‘furlough’ scheme. All that can be said is “Keep Calm, Keep Safe” and look forward to Spring, which judging by all the green shoots appearing in the garden is not far away and, of course, there’s always our next meeting.

AYNHO WRITERS GROUP

Contact: Keith McClellan 810346

Writers group had another successful email session this month with some very powerful pieces on “*New Beginnings*” as well as some amusing ones and some clever poetry. We will use the same successful system for our next meeting on 13th March.

HEALTH WALKS - normally! each Thursday 10.0am from the Sports Field

Any questions please feel free to contact **Kathy on 01869-810418 or kathywhiteaynho@gmail.com**

Adderbury, Deddington and District Photographic Society

Contact: Anne Hunsley www.addphoto.co.uk

FREE YOGA CLASS – all abilities

I am an advanced qualified yoga instructor living in Aynho and would love to offer a free one-off yoga class online to anyone in the village who would like to join. The class, which will be taught via Zoom at **7.30–8.45pm on Thursday 18th March**, is open to people of all ages and abilities, and I will offer various options for different poses to cater for all experience levels. If you would like to come along, please

Email bryony.leach@hotmail.com. Bryony (Instagram: [@byogauk](https://www.instagram.com/byogauk))

It would be great to see you there.

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

February Parish Council Meeting

The PC met over ZOOM again, no members of the public zoomed with us. The PC donated from the precept:

- £375 to Aynho Parochial Council for production of this newsletter and upkeep of the church cemetery.
- £200 to Thames Valley Air Ambulance.
- £200 to Brackley Community Hospital 2020 Trust.

The council decided to develop new policies to deal with grants, complaints and finances. Village maintenance, new improvements to the pavilion and recent meeting of Little Brook ward was discussed. The next meeting is to be held on: **Mon 1st March 2021 at 7:30pm on Zoom.**

Keep Aynho Beautiful – Saturday March 27th

The Spring village clean-up is planned for Saturday 27th March – further details to follow in our regular email update – sign up here to be included on these:

<https://us19.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=361fa37ecdf93ab1555e748ed&id=b7d84c0926>

Elections 2021

Our vice-chairman Fi Burge has moved from the parish and therefore a vacancy has arisen. The postponed elections for the new unitary council and the parish are due in May, register for a vote **<https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>**. The new authority is having a briefing about the process on Wednesday, 3 March, from 5.30pm.

The session, which will be held on Zoom, will cover the nominations process, key electoral information, dates and deadlines as well as setting out important details about the Covid safety measures being planned for candidates and agents.

Those wishing to attend should email **electoralservices.ddc@westnorthants.gov.uk** or call 01327 302326. The session will be recorded and available on YouTube later for those unable to attend.

Census 2021 <https://census.gov.uk/>

Every household will receive an information pack soon with details on how to complete on paper or online.

***Aynho Park Club Draw - Supporting an Important Village Facility**

The Aynho Park Club Draw is the official village lottery whose proceeds support the maintenance of the sports field and pavilion. After 18 years at the helm, Valery Taylor has decided to retire from the role and the Parish Council has decided to take it on. It should not be underestimated how much work Valery has put into this over the years, literally pounding the pavements, cajoling residents to help and to play and she has overseen the raising of approximately £30k over this period. Many thanks Valery!!!

The current situation with Covid makes collecting money door to door unwise at the moment, we are pausing the lottery until April when we will re-start. If you have already paid your subscription, rest assured it will take you for a full 12 months from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. Next year we plan to increase the subscription from £12 to £18. As the current subscription has been in place for over 20 years now, it seems reasonable to do this and we hope everyone will continue to play. The facilities up at the sports field are a major village asset and there are running costs in order to maintain them. We will be sending out details of how to play and pay in March.

Grit bins

Hopefully the cold spells have now finished, but remember the grit bins around the village can be used on public paths and roads around the village and the outgoing county council encourage this. If you find them empty or have any highway issue please report on streetdoctor. <https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/northamptonshire-highways/roads-and-streets/Pages/report-highway-problem.aspx>

Planning Applications:

S/2021/0272/LBC: 6 Blacksmiths Hill, Aynho, Northamptonshire, OX17 3AH; Replacement of defective floor joists.

S/2021/0173/FUL: St Michaels House, 5 Roundtown, Aynho, Northamptonshire, OX17 3BG; Pavilion and Natural Pool.

S/2021/0055/TCA: 1 Charlton Road, Aynho OX17 3AL; Tree works.

S/2020/2294/TCA: Cherwell Cottage, 22 Charlton Road, Aynho OX17 3AD; Tree works.

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

***Park Club Draw The final lucky two winners of the Park Club Draw 2020 were Christine Box of Cartwright Gardens (November's winner) and Jane Wade of The Almshouses (December's winner).**

AYNHO ACTIVE

Hi Everyone,

I've taken over running Aynho Active on the behalf of the Parish Council.

My whole life has centred around Sports so I'm looking forward to promoting health and fitness in our community.

I plan to help and encourage new groups to be set up at the Pavilion.

We have recently improved the storage facilities with a secure shipping container.

We will be looking for volunteers to help paint that in the Spring.

We have also been kindly provided with a Brand New Table Tennis table.

I'm looking to purchase table football, a dart board and pool table too so we can set up a weekly social group to be run out of the Pavilion/Village Hall.

I propose to set up the following groups once the restrictions are lifted:

- 1) Running Group – Sunday Mornings (9am). All ages and abilities welcome.
Using the track and local 5k routes.
- 2) Social Football evening (during Spring/Summer time)
- 3) Coffee Morning – A chance to have a catch up/socialise over a hot drink and cake.
- 4) Disc Golf (Frisbee) – Looking to purchase a couple of Disc Golf baskets for the community to use.

If you are interested in joining one of these groups or would like to help set up another group, please get in touch via my email David.icke@aynho.org

I look forward to hearing any ideas that you may have to help enhance our local facility.

Kind regards, Dave Icke

Contact - Dave Icke 07714402900



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One small point! Re Adverts etc. Those persons ringing from a land line find calling a mobile number very expensive, so quoting a land line number would be helpful. Thank you.

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