



Aynho

The Apricot Village

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2021

EASTER GREETINGS

ST
MICHAELS'S
CHURCH

EASTER
SUNDAY
SERVICE

10.00AM



ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE CHURCH CALENDAR - APRIL 2021

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

April 1st Maundy Thursday	AYNHO	4.0pm said Holy Communion 6.0pm Zoom Benefice
April 2nd Good Friday		Family Service at Evenley 11.0am Reflective Service at Hinton 2.0pm.
April 4th Easter Day	AYNHO	10.0am Holy Communion by extension Sidespersons: Mrs.Bellamy.Mrs.Wade Farthinghoe 9.30am Croughton, Evenley & Hinton 11.0am or 11.15am Zoom
April 11th 2nd after Easter	AYNHO	10.0am Lay Led Sidespersons: Mrs.Pusey. Mr.Sutton Evenley 9.30am Croughton 11.0am
April 18th 3rd after Easter		Farthinghoe 9.30am Morning Worship Hinton 11.0am Holy Communion
April 25th	AYNHO	11.0am Holy Communion Sidespersons: Mrs.Reynolds. Mrs.Wade Evenley 9.30am . Croughton 11.0am Farthinghoe 6.0pm

There will be Church Cleaning - Thursday 15th 9.45am onwards.

Information about the life of Aynho church -

enquiries from: **Rev.Sue Cooper** – revsue.cooper@gmail.com Tel: 01869 – 810903
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or on Aynho Village Facebook.

Items for MAY 2021 - preferably before or by April 20th please to:
Sybil at No.32 Roundtown Tel:810692 Email: syban@btinternet.com
and any comments re Newsletter to Rector or Sybil.

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Pastoral Newsletter April 2021. Revd Sue Cooper writes:

Dear Friends,

April is always such a cheerful month, and all the more cheerful this year with the hope of further restrictions being lifted. There is more joy coming in April in the way of Holy week and Easter Sunday (4th April) and it is a time of great celebration, especially for Children as they anticipate the fun of Easter egg hunts and chocolatey treats. In the fields the little lambs are jumping around, and the celebration of new life is all around us.

New life is what Christians worldwide celebrate at Easter. But to some, it seems strange to hear that, because they can only go as far in their thinking as recalling the events of a good man named Jesus who died on a cross on Good Friday; but that is only half the story. On the first Easter Sunday a miracle took place; Jesus's body was not in the tomb where he had been laid to rest. This was strange enough, but then Jesus appeared, (alive and well) to Mary Magdalene and then to his other disciples; he had been raised to life, and this was a miracle. Our 21st century minds struggle with miracles because they cannot be understood or proved scientifically. And yet miracles and things that cannot be understood or explained do happen.

Jesus had told his disciples that he would die and would be raised to life again, and they struggled to get their heads around it. One of his friends named Thomas was not present when Jesus appeared to them, and Thomas said he would not believe Jesus was alive unless he could touch his wounds. Sometime later Jesus did appear to them again, and this time Thomas was present, and he was completely dumbfounded by what he saw! And all he could do was acknowledge the reality by saying "my Lord and my God," and Jesus tells him to "stop doubting and believe." This was a new day for Jesus's disciples. They were witnesses to a miracle that would change the world.

This past year the things we have witnessed have been depressing beyond belief. Death has stalked the whole world in the form of Covid and over 126,000 people have died either of, or with Covid in the UK alone. There is nothing that can be said or done to make this better.

But out of this devastation the promise and the hope of the 1st Easter morning still shines, which is the Christian gospel message that new life is found in Jesus after we die to this world. We can know this to be true because Jesus showed us this was possible by being raised to new life again himself, and we don't need to understand every detail of this to believe that it is true. The early Church and the Christian Gospel spread very quickly because the disciples were witnesses to something so remarkable that they could not keep it to themselves, even though they did not fully understand it.

New life through Jesus is not wishful thinking or hopeful fantasy, it is the reality that awaits us, and it is for all of us. Miracles cannot be explained and this is why many folk turn their back on Jesus. Thomas couldn't make sense of what he had heard after hearing the news that Jesus was alive, and so he refused to believe, later Thomas could not explain what he was seeing when Jesus appeared to him, he could only respond with awe and amazement, and Jesus said to Thomas, what he is saying to us all, "Stop doubting and believe." A very Happy Easter to you all, and God bless you.

With love

Revd Sue.

OUR VILLAGE ENTERTAINMENTS

ARMS-Aynho Recorded Music Society.

Contact: Bob Mann 810869

Looking forward to getting together for our monthly musical meetings when the village hall reopens, I miss you all. Bob. In the meantime maybe you could "Write a sonnet about your Easter Bonnet!"

HISTORY SOCIETY

Contact: Keith McClellan 810346.

All events still postponed until further notice.

GARDENING CLUB

Contact: Annabel Bellamy 810847

A year ago we cancelled our April meeting as we hurtled into the first Lockdown. Now, one year on, we are beginning to think about starting our activities again. Realistically, it looks as if our first event will happen in July, so here is the outline plan.

Wednesday 14th July

Evening visit to Primrose Gardens, Steeple Aston. This will be a self-drive event with the cost to be confirmed nearer the time.

Saturday 21st August

Flower and Vegetable Show – a low-key version

Wednesday 8th September

Afternoon visit to Nicholsons Nursery with a talk.

Wednesday 13th October

An evening talk in the Village Hall at 7.30pm –
"The Restoration of Stowe Gardens" by Barry Smith.

Wednesday 10th November

AGM and Quiz

This is a **provisional** programme. Please **pencil** these dates in your diaries; details to follow. There are a great many new residents in Aynho and if there are any of you who would like to join the Gardening Club, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We always enjoy welcoming new members. For any queries regarding the Gardening Club, please contact Annabel Bellamy on 810847.

AYNHO WRITERS GROUP

Contact: Keith McClellan 810346

Aynho writers continues its emailed writings each month.

In March we had a mixture of pieces. Some involved "Sunset", and others an old family photo, with some unknown person within it. The quality was wonderful. Let us hope that this month is as good. **The topics are: "A story about a 'staycation' holiday. Real or imaginary, the best you've ever had, or the most horrific."** and **"April Showers bring May flowers"**.

They will be shared on **10th April**.

W.I.

Contact: Jill Wightman 811206 & Fiona Hodges 369122

Before going any further please accept sincere apologies for a repeat of February's article in last month's issue. As far as the Covid problem is concerned it is still there but we are definitely beginning to look forward to a change in life generally and for a reinvigorated WI. More of us must be feeling a little safer (though still not completely mask free) having had the vaccination - and for some the booster as well; and possibly we might soon even be able to set a date for our next meeting – a celebration meeting?

Before that is a reminder of the annual subscription due at the end of March. The committee have agreed to waive the portion of the fee that comes to Aynho WI reducing the amount payable from £44 to £22.40. Unfortunately because of the charity law we are not allowed to waive the amount going to NFWI and the federation. More information will be emailed to you and if you don't have an email account a note will be pushed through your door.

The Committee is already thinking and planning for some future happenings and, as always, is very happy to listen to any ideas from its members and possible future members. Till we meet again, take care, keep calm and keep safe.

AYNHO HEALTH WALKS

“Ramblers and Walking for Health are hoping to re-start health Walks from 12th April provided that the Government’s Road Map stays on track.

This means that our village walks would be able to resume with effect from Thursday 15th April.

Please check the website or **contact Kathy White on 01869 810418**

or kathywhiteaynho@gmail.com for further updates.

ADDERBURY, DEDDINGTON AND DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

March saw a return visit from Nathan Barry, to speak to us about achieving a natural result with Lightroom. Nathan is primarily a landscape photographer who aims to achieve a natural affect when in post-production with an image. During the interactive evening Nathan explained his thought process, by demonstrating within Lightroom, the variety of changes he might make to a photograph. Whether it was making the sky brighter in a reflection, using a graduated filter to make the sky darker or a crop to focus the eye to move through the image. It was interesting how a little movement of the sliders made a difference to the results. Nathan emphasised the importance of the tone curve and how effective tweaking the curve could be. Members bravely submitted a selection of their images for a makeover by Nathan with the subtle changes improving the photograph even more. Regardless of the members’ expertise everyone found the evening interesting including the use of the lens correction button for a subtle vignette. Nathan Barry’s images can be seen at www.theimageproject. Clever software can enhance an image; everyone was encouraged to build on the skills workshops previously delivered, pre-pandemic, by Jim Muller. So, more tweaking of the sliders will be the order of the day from now on.

Our next meeting will be the AGM on 7th April at 7.30pm followed by the “What is it?” slideshow. You are welcome to join us by Zoom; go to the website to find the links. Who knows it might not be too long before we can meet in person.

Contact: Anne Hunsley www.addphoto.co.uk

Lis Mann is again taking part in virtual OXFORDSHIRE ART WEEKS. You can visit her page and see what she is showing or follow the posts from the group on www.artweeks.org. From May 1st-23rd 2021

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

The APCM, which is normally held in Aynho in April, will be postponed this year to the second half of May when it will be held one evening at 7pm – either in person in St Michael’s Church or, if necessary, on-line via Zoom. The arrangements about lockdown and restrictions will guide the decision. Notice will be given of the date certainly in next month’s Newsletter and via other media beforehand if possible.

FOR SALE - STILL AVAILABLE FOR AYNHO CHURCH FUNDS:

Homemade Marmalade..... Annabel Bellamy, 6 The Square. Tel:810847

Baby knits and Simple Home-made Greetings Cards.... Sybil, 32 Roundtown. Tel:810692

On behalf of our Readers a special “**Thank-you**” to **Edwin** for his Stall in The Glebe which has helped so many over this difficult time by providing eggs and vegetables etc.

FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL.....

Elections 2021

The postponed elections for the new unitary council and the parish should have been officially announced by the time you receive this newsletter. To register for a vote <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>.

To become a Councillor for either the newly created West Northamptonshire Council or the Parish, a candidate needs to be nominated and the outgoing authority has provided a useful video to 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.

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Planning Applications:

S/2021/0441/AGD: *Agricultural Building, Upper Aynho Grounds, Bicester Road, Aynho*

Determination as to whether prior approval is required for the erection of an extension to agricultural building.

S/2021/0550/FUL: *3 The Square, Aynho OX17 3BL*

Removal of existing extension. Proposed one and a half storey extension to side.

Replace existing uPVC windows door with traditional windows and doors.

S/2021/0487/LBC: *12 The Square, Aynho OX17 3BL*

Install dedicated electrical circuit for cooker (change of use of room). Install hot and cold water feed and waste removal for kitchen sink. Install extraction fan capable of 60 litres/min.

S/2021/0358/TCA: *9 Roundtown, Aynho OX17 3BG*

Treeworks.

S/2021/0398/FUL: *4 Bowmens Lea, Aynho OX17 3AG*

Single storey side extension to bungalow.

S/2021/0377/FUL: *15 The Square, Aynho OX17 3BL*

A single-storey extension of the existing L-shaped property.

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. The next PC meeting is Monday 5th April 2021, 7:30pm on Zoom,

The Aynho Park Club Draw is our village lottery. The proceeds of the draw are split evenly between the monthly cash draw and supporting the maintenance of our sports field and pavilion and all its associated equipment. The sports field and pavilion are an amazing village asset, and the Park Club Draw is a valuable source of funding for it. Should you wish to support our asset and be in with a chance to win each month, it costs just £12 for the annual subscription this year. The draw is made monthly at the Parish Council meeting and the winners are published in the Church Newsletter. Because of Covid19 this year we won't be going door to door to collect your subscription; but ask instead that you make a payment via bank transfer to the following account.

Acct name: Park Club Draw Acct no: 00467143 Sort code: 30-11-08

Please include your name as reference and email rachel.moroney@aynho.org to let us know you have made the transfer and your address so we can be sure to give you your winnings!

Should you wish to pay in cash, please place £12 in an envelope along with your name and address and drop it into 19 Blacksmiths Hill.

Please note if you have already made your bank transfer, you will automatically be entered for the full 12 months starting from the first draw on **Monday 5 April 2021**.

THE SUNSHINE CENTRE

Below is an extract from Rev Sue's church email message sent out last Saturday 21st March.

"Opportunities to join with National initiatives are very good for us, it helps us to remain united for the good of all. It is also very good when we are able to get involved at a local level with charities and initiatives that make a difference to the lives of folk that live in our little corner of the world. Last week I was made aware of a place called "The Sunshine Centre". It is based in Banbury working with families from the Bretch Hill area. One of our folk from St Michaels, Ian Calderbank, along with a friend are involved in the Community Walking Challenge, which is walking the equivalent miles from Lands End to John O'Groats to raise vital funds for The Sunshine Centre, this is what Ian Says:

"Hello Sue, Yes, please feel free to mention my walking to raise funds for the Banbury Sunshine Centre. I am now up to 170 miles as my contribution towards the Community Challenge of 838 miles for Lands End to John O' Groats. Hopefully more miles next week. If anyone wishes to donate they can contact me or do so using the link :

Fundraiser by Sharon Ellis : Community Walking Challenge Sharon is the organiser. Best regards, Ian"

Thank you Ian for sharing your walk with us. If anyone would like more details please contact Ian at iancalderbank15@gmail.com, and here is a link to The Sunshine Centre which explains the work they are doing with families that need a little help. It is a very good work indeed.

The Sunshine Centre – Moving forward together with children and families in the community."

Since Rev Sue wrote this piece Ian has reported that he has now walked 220 miles and he has asked us to thank all those who have already donated so far to this very worthwhile Centre.

Editor

HEADS UP FOR MAY!

Get your insect repellent in now

The Blandford fly is on its way. This fly is only 2–3mm in length but its bite packs a punch and can cause a serious reaction.

During March and April the larvae have been clinging onto the riverside plants of the River Cherwell and cleaning the water by filtering out food particles.

A river bank can support somewhere in the region of 10,000 larvae per square metre and as May approaches the newly emerging adults are ready to take wing. The males are harmless but the females need a blood meal (humans and dogs seem to be a favourite) so they can mate.

Unfortunately many people suffer a severe reaction to the saliva which may vary from pain to swelling, blistering, a high temperature or joint pain and medical advice may be needed. They tend to fly near to the ground and legs are a particular favourite of theirs although they can bite anywhere. Not only will they be with us through May but into June and July as well. So slap on the insect repellent and cover up. For further information please follow the link below to the Deddington Surgery Advice sheet:

<https://www.deddingtonsurgery.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/New-ajc-Blandford-Fly-Bite-Advice-Sheet.pdf>

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