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The Apricot Village

**NEWSLETTER**  
SEPTEMBER 2021

# HARVEST HOME

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**ST MICHAEL'S**  
**SUNDAY**  
**26TH SEPTEMBER**  
**AT 11.00AM**



## ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE - SEPTEMBER 2021

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AYNHO-CROUGHTON-EVENLEY-FARTHINGHOE-HINTON-in-the-HEDGES-STEANE  
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<b>September 5th</b> 14th after Trinity	<b>AYNHO</b>	<b>11.00am Holy Communion</b> <b>Sidespersons:</b> Annabel Bellamy; Jane Wade  Farthinghoe 9.30am Morning Worship Hinton 11.0am Morning Worship
<b>September 12th</b>	<b>AYNHO</b>	<b>10.00am Morning Worship Lay Led</b> <b>Sidespersons:</b> Jenny Pusey; Ted Sutton  Evenley 11.00am Harvest Festival/Holy Communion Farthinghoe 9.30am Morning Worship Croughton 9.30am Harvest Festival/Holy Communion Steane 6.00pm Evening Prayer
<b>September 19th</b>	<b>AYNHO</b>	<b>10.30am Benefice Holy Communion 2 Baptisms</b> <b>Sidespersons:</b> Annabel Bellamy; Jane Wade; Jenny Pusey
<b>September 26th</b>	<b>AYNHO</b>	<b>11.00am Harvest Festival</b> <b>Sidespersons:</b> Gillian Reynolds; Jane Wade  Evenley 9.30am Morning Worship Croughton 9.30am Morning Worship Hinton 11.00am Holy Communion Farthinghoe 6.00pm Harvest Festival

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**There will be Church Cleaning at St Michaels on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 9.45am onwards**  
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### Information about the life of Aynho church -

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Kathy White Tel: 01869 - 810418 or on  
Aynho Village website: [www.aynho.org](http://www.aynho.org)

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**Items for OCTOBER 2021 - preferably before or by SEPTEMBER 22nd 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 Letter September 2021: Revd Sue Cooper Writes

Dear Friends,

I hope you are all keeping well and enjoying the summer. August seems to pass at a more gentle pace than the rest of the year, which is lovely. So far things are holding out well with regards to the lifting of restrictions and we are now getting into a better routine in our Sunday services. Our worship is feeling more familiar with hymn singing allowed, and coming up to the front to receive Communion with wafer indicted with wine by the Priest.

Autumn will see the resumption of several roles and activities such as Coffee Mornings and soup lunches, and Autumn Bible Study groups.

I am also very pleased to be welcoming Joyce Stevens back with the return of a weekly "Pews News". Many people have commented over the past two years that they missed Joyce's "Pews News" and it became apparent that information has been slipping through the cracks. Joyce will produce a weekly sheet which will become the primary source for information sharing. Among other things, it will have the Services and activities for the coming week and the names of people we are praying for. If you have any item or information you would like shared with the Benefice, please send it to Joyce for the Pews News, her details are **tonyjoyce2021@gmail.com** and her phone number is 01280 702861. Joyce will be producing this to begin for the 1st Sunday of September (5th September). It will go out electronically on email to all folk who are currently on the various Parish mailing lists, and there will be hard copies available in your Parish Churches. Thank you Joyce xxx.

We are looking to restart some of our other ministry activities and I am asking for help with these. Is anyone able to help in any of the following ways please:

1. **BFC:** We are looking for a new Choir Master please to take on the Benefice Festival Chorus. This person will need to be able to direct the Choir, perhaps initially with hymn singing at benefice services and with their existing repertoire, and then progress to new pieces.
2. **Open The Book:** I am looking for a group of folk to come into school with me to share Bible Stories with the children. I will narrate the stories and the group will "mime" as we go along. There is no acting involved, it is simply storytelling, and is a lot of fun because we will involve the children. I have had a couple of interested people come forward for this and would love some more please. Time commitment is minimal, just 1 practice and 1 story in school per half term.
3. **Website:** Is there anyone who can run and update the benefice Website please. The time commitment is minimal but it does require some IT skills (which I don't have!). If you can help with any of these please contact me. Thank you.

And please remember that benefice wide we are supporting **Polly** with food for the homeless. If you are able to provide easily prepared foods for people that may not have any facilities except perhaps a kettle or microwave at best, please do leave contributions in your Parish Churches. Thank you.

A Service Schedule for September is attached and I look forward to seeing much more of you all in the coming weeks. We have weathered a terrible storm this past 18 months, but with the Lord's help we are coming through. It reminds me of the story in Mark's gospel where Jesus is asleep in the boat when a storm threatened to overwhelm the disciples and they frantically wake Jesus and call on him for help, and he calmed the Storm, and simply said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith? (Mark 4: 35-41) We have all had our faith tested in recent times and I am sure we have all called on Jesus for help; but we can truly say that although we know that the storms of life will come, as long as we have Jesus with us, all will be well in the end.

God bless you.

With love Rev Sue x

## ***OUR VILLAGE ..... ENTERTAINMENTS***

### ***ARMS-Aynho Recorded Music Society. (1st Wednesday)      Contact: Bob Mann 810869***

ARMS are still looking forward to welcoming past and new members for the first meeting on **Wednesday October 6th**. Hopefully to fill the Hall with the “Sound of Music”.

### ***GARDENING CLUB (2nd Wednesday)      Contact: Annabel Bellamy 810847***

The Post Lockdown Aynho Flower and Vegetable Show went very well. A report is on the back page of this newsletter.

On **Wednesday 8th September** we will be meeting outside The Grammar House at 2.30pm – we will be visiting 3 or 4 Aynho Gardens by kind invitation of the owners and finishing up at Carol McClellan’s for refreshments from 4 – 4.30pm. (kindly remember to bring some money for your refreshments). This is a change from the original plan as we are unable to visit Nicholsons Nursery as a group. The October meeting will be held in the Village Hall – a talk by Barry Smith about the Restoration of Stowe Gardens. The talk will start at 7pm.

### ***AYNHO WI (3rd Wednesday)    Contacts: Fiona Hodges 369122 & Jill Wightman 811206***

Thankfully life is definitely getting back to normal now as we had our first coffee morning on the 18th August at The Cartwright with 12 members and friends (obeying the rules) being present – followed by another on the 25th. The WI don’t normally meet in August however both events were really enjoyed so definitely pave the way to being repeated.

Our next talk on **Wednesday 15th September** is called “Famous Last Words” and will be given by Ian Calderbank. As the title suggests it is those last words spoken before a person actually leaves this world. Their words can sometimes say quite a lot about their character and so over the years a number of these statements have been noted down, some wise, some sad, some amusing and some just ‘plain bizarre’ so Ian hopes that the various examples he has chosen will prove of interest.

Please remember that non-members are welcome to any of our talks, to get a taste of what the WI has to offer. There is a small fee of £3 for non-members which of course will be refunded should, hopefully, there be the decision to join us.

Look forward to seeing you all – members and friends – in September.

### ***AYNHO WRITERS GROUP***

***Contact: Keith McClellan 810346***

We had a very well-attended meeting in August and some entertaining stories of “Things I Could Not Throw Away”, as well as some interesting pieces about “Freedom”. This month we will revert to email only as so few people will be available. Topics are “In the Heat of the Moment”, or “The Secret to Me” by Friday 10th September. Meetings resume on 9th October.

## **BOWLS CLUB**

**Contact: Doug Ward 810723**

We continue our Tuesday afternoon meetings in the Hall at 2.30pm.

**Contact: Doug Ward 01869 810723 or email: [dougward@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dougward@hotmail.co.uk).**

## **HISTORY SOCIETY (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday)**

**Contact: Keith McClellan 810346**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.30pm. Village Hall Entry £2.00 “The Banjo’s Back in Town”**

We are delighted to welcome as our speaker this month, Dr Wendy Morrison FSA, Senior Associate Tutor for Oxford University’s Department of Continuing Education, Project Manager of Beacons of the Past as well as Director of Great Ouse Ancient Landscapes as our speaker this month.

Five years of excavation in a field in Northamptonshire has shed light on a fascinating palimpsest of human activity from the Neolithic to the Roman period. Dr Morrison reports on what has been discovered at Steane Park, and what the future holds.

## **AYNHO HEALTH WALKS**

**Contact: Kathy White 810418**

Just a reminder that you are welcome to join our Walks, long or short ones, starting from the Pavilion at 10.0am. Hand sanitisers are still in use when using the facilities inside the building.

**Further details from Kathy White on 01869 810418 or [kathywhiteaynho@gmail.com](mailto:kathywhiteaynho@gmail.com)**

## **ADDERBURY, DEDDINGTON & DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY**

Our next meeting will be at the Adderbury Institute on 1<sup>st</sup> September at 7.30pm. Covid 19 protocols will be in place. You are welcome to join us to hear Andreas Klatt talk to us about his photography in China. Check the website for further details. Finally, we are celebrating the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the Society, more about our celebration next month.

**Anne Hunsley [www.addphoto.co.uk](http://www.addphoto.co.uk)**

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## **WINTER LUNCH CLUB**

Provided our current freedoms continue, Winter Lunch Club will restart on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October**. I had a great response to my request for a volunteer/s to help ‘front of house’. THANK YOU everyone who responded and also to backup reserves! We will be able to work a rota which should suit all. Dates for October including start and finish times along with other details will be confirmed in the October newsletter.

For everyone’s safety there will be hand sanitiser at all doors as you enter the village hall which I would encourage everyone coming to WLC to please use (and on each table). Payment will be cash only as in previous years. Looking forward to restarting and welcoming you to the back room of the Village Hall again.

**Amanda**

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# **AYNHO CAR BOOT SALE**

Aynho Sports Field, Charlton Road

(Vehicle Access on Charlton Road by Portway)

**Bank Holiday Monday 30th August**

**From 11.0am to 3.0pm**

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## **Village Hall Booking Secretary Needed**

The Village Hall Committee have exciting plans to update and improve the facilities and we are looking for someone organised and enthusiastic to join the team as Bookings Secretary. Full hand over provided, so no previous experience necessary, however computer literacy essential, as we take bookings online.

To find out more please email [VHbookings@aynho.community](mailto:VHbookings@aynho.community).

## **TerraCycle**

"**TerraCycle**" are collecting empty blister packs and recycling them (rather than them going to landfill). £1 from the value of each kilo collected is going to the Marie Curie Care Charity.

The Rotary Club of Banbury are setting up a number of collecting points for people to deposit these empty packs. One such box is placed in the porch of St. Michael's Church.

**Many of us unfortunately have to take medication (or supplements) involving pills with such blister packs.** Please do not throw your empty packs away but save them to put in the appropriately labelled box in the church porch.

Alternatively, if it is easier and avoids a difficult walk, pop them through my letterbox at 15 The Butts. Thank you.

Ian Calderbank

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# THE POST LOCKDOWN FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW



The Post Lockdown Aynho Flower and Vegetable Show went off very well on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August.

Due to the Covid restrictions there were fewer classes and so fewer entrants but the Village Hall was full of glorious garden flowers and a good selection of vegetables. As usual, a delicious tea was provided by the hardworking Committee and helpers.



Nick Attenborough won the Aynho Gardening Club Shield for the most first prizes.

The George Ashbrook Trophy was awarded to Annabel Bellamy.

The Best Vegetable Cup was awarded to Andrew Bellamy for his excellent tomatoes.

Amanda Limb received The Royal Horticultural Society's Banksian Medal as she was the person who won the most prize money.

