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The Apricot Village

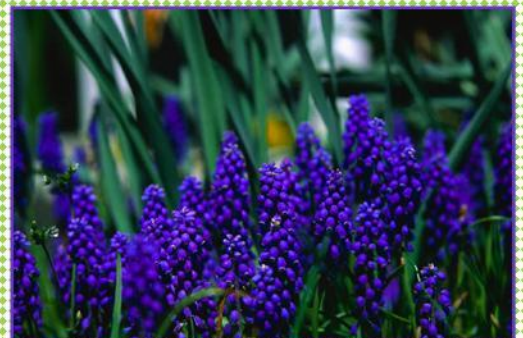
NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2022

SPRING IS JUST
AROUND THE CORNER -
SO IS
"MOTHER'S DAY"
MARCH 27TH



**MOTHERING
SUNDAY
SERVICE
11.00AM
(WITH
FLOWERS)**



ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE – MARCH 2022

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

March 2nd

Ash Wednesday	AYNHO	7.00pm	Holy Communion with Ashing
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March 4th

	Farthinghoe	2.00pm	Women's World Day of Prayer
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March 6th

1 st of Lent	AYNHO	11.00am	Holy Communion
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Sidespersons: Annabel Bellamy

Farthinghoe - 9.30am Said HC;
Hinton - 11.00am Morning Worship

March 13th
2nd of Lent

	AYNHO	10.00am	Morning Worship (Lay led)
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Sidespersons: Jenny Pusey, Ted Sutton

Croughton - 9.30am Holy Communion
Farthinghoe - 9.30am Morning Worship
Evenley - 11.00am Holy Communion

March 20th
3rd of Lent

	HINTON	10.30am	Benefice – Holy Communion
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	Aynho	1.00pm	Wedding
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March 27th
4th of Lent

	AYNHO	11.0am	Holy Communion
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Sidespersons: Gill Reynolds

Mothering Sunday

Evenley - 9.30am Morning Worship
Croughton - 11.00am Morning Worship
Hinton - 11.00am Holy Communion
Farthinghoe - 4.00pm Evening Prayer

Forthcoming Annual Parochial Church Council Tuesday April 26th 2.30pm in CHURCH

CHURCH CLEANING at St. Michaels on Thursday 24th 9.45am onwards.

BELL RINGING AT AYNHO: Tuesdays 7.30pm March 8th & 15th (2nd & 4th Tuesdays)

“ “ “ Sunday 20th March – Wedding 1.00pm

Information about the life of Aynho church -

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Items for APRIL 2022 - preferably before or by March 23rd 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 March 2022: Revd Sue Cooper writes:

Dear Friends,

Spring has sprung, and how happy we are to see the beautiful snowdrops, daffodils and crocus's which herald the beginning of brighter longer days to come. But as I write this (on Feb 19th) we have just had another storm with high winds. Storm Dudley! During the night I was kept awake by the howling of the wind and the banging and crashing of goodness knows what outside. I was worried what I might wake up to in the morning, but strangely, all was well and nothing had moved!., just a few branches were slightly bent. However just two days later we had Storm "Eunice" and parts of the UK were severely affected. Some property and trees were ripped up and thrown down; such is the ferocity and unpredictable nature of these things. But I think we are all becoming more resilient in the face of these events since having to learn how to manage our lives through the pandemic and its variants.

Life can be unpredictable sometimes; when storms of circumstances keep coming at us, threatening our peace and wellbeing, or the peace and wellbeing of our loved ones. These can be storms of sickness, storms of redundancy or financial hardship, storms of personal pain due to conflict within our families or workplace or schools, or a storm of pain that we feel for our children and loved ones, when they are beset by the troubles of life. Sometimes it feels as though the storms just keep coming, with ever increasing strength, and threaten to overwhelm us; this can be both frightening and wearying.

I often hear folk say that all they want in life is peace. Peace of heart and mind for themselves and their loved ones, but where is it to be found?

Although not fashionable, routines and good habits are invaluable for helping us to stay on an "even keel" and to keep things in perspective. Sadly, in our day and age, if we are not constantly "improving ourselves" or "challenging ourselves" with endless life goals we are thought of as rigid and stale, but this is just not true, because some things in life do need to remain constant and permanent for a sense of wellbeing to be felt .

Church and religion has come under a lot of flak in recent years, with some folk seeing them as part of an old institutional way of life that needs throwing overboard. And whilst there are certainly some things in Church and religion that do need to give way to new life, it is wrong to "throw the baby out with the bath water" so to speak. Having faith in God, and practicing religious routines, such as praying daily and attending Church weekly, are solid foundations on which we can build our lives upon. People have been doing this for centuries. Because when everything around is in turmoil and the storms of life are battering us, and when we look for something or someone to cling to or escape to ... **God is there** ... and so is The Church.

Practicing holy habits such as praying daily and attending Church every week can be the very things that keep us standing strong and steady in the hard times. Because when we pray we bring God into our situations, and then we no longer feel alone in it all; trying to hold everything together in our own strength while waiting for the storm to pass. And at Church we experience a warm welcome, and kindness from others, who understand that life is sometimes hard. But together with our friends and with God, we can face any storm, no matter how bad. And by sharing our troubles with God and others we may well find that the things that are troubling us the most turn out to be just "storms in a teacup" and, after a very short while, the storm blows over, and all is well again.

God bless you all,

With love Revd Sue.

2Thessalonians 3:16 “Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you”.

OUR VILLAGE ENTERTAINMENT ETC

GARDENING CLUB (2nd Wednesday)

Contact Annabel Bellamy 01869 810847

On **Wednesday 9th March** the talk will be given by **Dan Winter**, who is the present Head Gardener at Evenley Wood. His talk, starting at 7.30pm, is called ‘**Spring in Woodland**’. **Evenley Wood** is a wonderful 60 acre privately owned woodland garden, containing a large and notable collection of plants ranging from unusual trees and shrubs to a wide selection of lilies and other bulbs. At present the woodland floor is covered in snowdrops and these, of course, will be followed by swathes of daffodils. It is a lovely place to go for a walk at any time of the year and easy to get to from Aynho. In May an afternoon visit has been arranged for the Aynho Gardening Club Members when the azaleas, rhododendrons and camelias should be in their full glory.

Meryl, who kindly organised the ‘**Seed Swap**’ last month, will be bringing the seeds again. Any donations go to the Gardening Club.

Thank you to those who have offered to do the teas and coffees.

If you would like to bring a guest to a talk, please do, the cost is £3 for the evening.

AYNHO WI (3rd Wednesday)

Contacts: Jill Wightman 01869 811206

We had another fascinating talk last month on ‘Dementia Active’ by Melissa Fazackerley (an ex-Aynho resident) and Andy Gill who originally started the group. The group is there for those suffering from dementia as well as their carers giving them much needed free time. It was good to be given a better understanding and appreciation of what is involved.

Our next meeting on **16th March** is a ‘Murder Mystery’ evening. We will be at Mistletoe Manor, the home of the celebrated crime writer Aubrey St.Clair for the fiftieth annual meeting of the crème de la crème of murder mystery writers. As the writers take their places at the dining table there is a blood curdling scream. What was that and where is their host? Clara the maid flings the door open “It’s the master!” she cries. “All over blood he is. Stabbed through the heart in his own study, with his very own letter opener!” Who did it? It’s for you to solve the mystery. You may need a torch on the way home – you never know what’s behind you! Meanwhile take care

Coffee mornings in March are on the 2nd and 9th

HISTORY SOCIETY (Last Wednesday)

Any queries: Keith McClellan 01869 810346

The Dunsdon Brothers 30th March 7.30pm Entry £2.00

The Dunsdon Brothers – Tom, Dick and Harry (yes really!) were brothers born in the village of Fulbrook a mile north of Burford and were three of the most notorious robbers. They terrorised the area in the 18th Century before eventually coming to a sticky end. Would you like to know more about this infamous pair? Our speaker, David Goddard, will be filling in the details, so come along to the meeting. No Membership necessary – just pay at the door.

AYNHO WRITERS GROUP (usually 1st Saturday) **Contact: Keith McClellan 01869 810346**

However in March we will meet in the Hall on **Saturday March 19th 10.0am-12.30pm.**

AYNHO HEALTH WALKS

Details from Kathy White 01869.810418 or kathywhiteaynho@gmail.com

All welcome - starting at 10.0am from The Sports Pavilion. Short or Long Walks available.

Short Mat Bowls

We meet every Tuesday in our village hall
Where we play bowls with each wooden ball
It took me sometime, till I understood
That it's not called a ball, but is known as a wood.
It took even longer to be any good

As Jean G will frequently say
In the nicest possible way
It's absolute rubbish, it's no way to play.
But she bowls very well
When she has a good day.
For Keith such days are very rare.
He hopes in the end he will get there

Tea coffee and cake
Are there at the break,
The provisions are Kath's
And she does the maths
To register the scores
As agreed by the laws
Between Yellow and red
As each score is said.

Another good bowler is kick back Wendy
Whose style and bearing are very trendy.

Jean S and Gerald are inter related,
And both are so good they are top rated.
Peter and Doug have good days and bad,
Part a reflection on troubles they've had.

Carol's my favourite, she got me involved,
And helps me to get my problems resolved.

All in all it's a great afternoon,
And comes to a conclusion all too soon.

By Keith McClellan

JUBILEE WEEKEND and COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee bank holidays and weekends are coming up at the beginning of June – 4 days of celebration and public events – beacons, parades, shows, a service and the idea of “street parties”. We need to think what, as a community, we want to lay on for ourselves in Aynho over the 4 days.

We have time – and now just need ideas for Aynho – then we need organisers, preparers, do-ers, supporters – volunteering to do things for our community.

Many hands to share the load

We don't know quite where to start so how about coming along to the Cartwright Arms for a drink at 7.0pm Tuesday 15th March? We can meet, chat together, share ideas - and, at 7.45pm we will have a “no fuss” meeting in which we can lay the foundations of what we will do for each other in June; for the very young – and the elderly (who have done the same for us in the past).

We will plan to be done by 8.0pm! – and then perhaps another drink! –

PLEASE COME ALONG

AYNHO PARISH COUNCIL

Traffic Passing Through Aynho Village

There's little doubt the volumes and speed of traffic through the village on the B4100 has appreciably increased in recent months. And, with large scale development (see below) along with more general construction and building works across Oxfordshire and Northamptonshire, Aynho Parish Council are concerned about the negative impact this will have for residents living in the village. For the year ahead (and beyond), one of the Parish Council's principal objectives will be to challenge Oxfordshire, Cherwell and West Northants councils, Highways, Planning and other influencing bodies, hoping to enlist their support to help alleviate some of the problems of traffic through the village. What success our efforts will have is yet to be seen, decisions are made by other authorities with very limited consultation with the Parish Council.

Right now, we need your help!

Aynho Parish Council Objects to Planned Warehousing & Distribution Centre Development at Baynard's Green (3.7 miles distance).

We encourage all Aynho Residents to Respond!

Currently there's a planning application for a large scale warehousing and distribution centre submitted to Cherwell District Council. The scale of the development is very (very) large and its impact during construction and when built and operating will be significant. Given its location, adjacent to M40 Junction 10, A43 and B4100 - which connects Banbury to Bicester via Aynho - the levels of HGV and LCV traffic is likely to increase significantly. We already have problems with too much HGV and LCV traffic, any increase will have a disproportionately negative impact on the village and living here. To help protect the village the very least the Parish Council is calling for is a HGV weight limit and routing agreement away from the B4100 (West), to avoid Aynho becoming even more of a 'rat run' between Bicester, Banbury and the M40.

The Parish Council strongly objects to this and similar developments and we'd encourage all residents to do the same. We'd like you to add your own voice regarding this planning application.

Via The Web:

To read Aynho Parish Council's Objection, please visit the web page:

https://bit.ly/CDC_PlanningApp and if you'd like to submit your own comments to Cherwell DC Planning department, please use the link below. For your information, Cherwell DC are still registering comments (and objections) despite the 'comments due date' being October 2021. When responding, feel free to use any of the text above or from the Parish Council's response - **https://bit.ly/cherwell_planning**

No Web Access

For anyone who doesn't have access to the internet, we'll post a copy of our response on the two Village Notice Boards (Cartwright and Village Hall).

And your comments can be posted to: **Cherwell District Council (Planning), Bodicote House, White Post Road, Bodicote, Banbury OX15 4AA and Ms Yvonne Rees, Chief Executive, Cherwell District Council, Bodicote House, White Post Road, Bodicote, Banbury OX15 4AA**

Thanks for getting involved! As we move through the year we'll keep the village updated on our plans and, if you're interested, we'd love others to get involved! Get in touch with Chris Wilson, Clerk to the Parish Council (**clerk@aynho.org** or **07887 548774**) or email us at **traffic@aynho.org**

Aynho Parish Council's next meeting is on Monday 7th March 2022 in the Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. All welcome to attend.

Aynho Parish Council

AYNHO'S PARK CLUB DRAW

Enter the lottery for the next 12-months and support our sports and recreation facilities

Dear Villager/Park Club Draw Player

The Aynho Park Club Draw is our village lottery. It exists purely to raise money to help maintain the Pavilion, sports field, exercise equipment, tennis court and amenity track which is such an asset to our little community. Residents regularly celebrate birthdays, weddings, family get togethers here as well as taking casual walks with neighbours and friends. Children learn to ride their bikes on the safe track with no danger of traffic and a nice soft landing if they come off. Residents of all ages try and keep fit and local clubs connect us with other villages and the wider community.

Since the start of this, the 21st century, the PCD has cost just £12 per year to play. A cost of £1 a month, with half the proceeds going to Aynho Active to maintain the facilities, and the other half put back into the pot for a lucky player to win a share of each month. However, £12 doesn't go as far as it did 22 years ago, and so we are going to increase the cost of playing to £18 per year. This amounts to a 50% increase, but still just a small investment of £1.50 per month. The money raised goes nowhere except into maintaining the existing facilities and into the winning pot. Since 2021 we have run the PCD from April to March to avoid taxing your purse immediately post-Christmas, and to make going door to door drumming up players more pleasant for our volunteers!

We hope you understand our reasoning and continue to play if you already are an existing player; and decide to come on board if you are a new player. The cost to play has increased, but with that should come an increased prize pot!

Now to the specifics! If you already have a standing order or have paid £12 via bank transfer for 2022, many thanks. However, please can we ask that you transfer a further £6 if you wish to play for the full year? Otherwise, we will be delighted to keep you in the draw from April to October. For all new players or those who haven't paid yet, please transfer £18 to the following bank account:

Aynho Park Club

Acct No: 00467143

Sort Code: 30-11-08

Please use your name and address as a reference so we can make sure your winnings get to you a.s.a.p.

If you have any questions about the PCD, please don't hesitate to contact rachel.moroney@aynho.org who will be delighted to assist you.

Many thanks and good luck!!!

KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE

Springing into action Just like this time of year, we've got lots of exciting things coming up! From new partnerships and improvements, to a whole range of incredible events to raise money for our hospice. It's thanks to your ongoing support, we can continue to care for local people and families when they need us the most. See a selection of events below and visit our website for more events: address below.

New lease of life for Banbury shop

We're excited to announce that we have signed a new 10-year lease and will be staying right where we are – at the heart of the Banbury community.

But that's not all. We will also be giving our Banbury shop some TLC with a revamp that will make the most of all the fantastic donations we receive, as well as improve the shopping experience.

Growing our Open Gardens

We're always touched by the enthusiasm of our supporters to open their gardens for us – and we'd love to see our events grow...

You can find out more about how to get involved and where this year's events will be taking place on our website. We already have six Open Garden events lined up! But keep checking back for others added throughout the year.

A run for everyone

The Blenheim Fun Run is back and taking place on 15 May. Run, jog or walk in the spectacular grounds of the World Heritage site in Oxfordshire – and raise money for Katharine House at the same time. The beauty of the Blenheim Fun Run (aside from the stunning grounds) is that you can choose from the main 7km race, the 4-mile run suitable for buggies or wheelchairs, or the 1-mile route for under 15s. There's even an event for dogs so your four-legged friends don't miss out!

Find out more

Head to our website for more details, events and news: [**www.khh.org.uk**](http://www.khh.org.uk).

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