



Aynho

The Apricot Village

# NEWSLETTER

## MAY 2022



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## ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE – MAY 2022

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

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<b>May 1<sup>st</sup></b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> of Easter	<b>AYNHO</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion with Baptism</b> Sidespersons: Annabel Bellamy  Farthinghoe - 8.30am Said HC Evenley - 11.00am Wedding Hinton - 11.0am Morning Worship
<b>May 8<sup>th</sup></b> 4 <sup>th</sup> of Easter	<b>AYNHO</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Lay Led</b> Sidespersons: Jenny Pusey, Ted Sutton  Croughton - 9.30am Holy Communion Farthinghoe - 9.30am Morning Worship Evenley - 11.00am Holy Communion with Baptism Steane - 6.00pm Evening Prayer
<b>May 15<sup>th</sup></b> 5 <sup>th</sup> of Easter	<b>AYNHO</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>BENEFICE Holy Communion</b> Sidespersons: Annabel Bellamy
<b>May 22<sup>nd</sup></b> Rogation Sunday	<b>AYNHO</b> <u><b>NO SERVICE</b></u>		Evenley - 9.30am Morning Worship Croughton - 11.00am Morning Worship Hinton - 11.00am Holy Communion Fathinhoe - 4.00pm Evening Prayer
<b>May 29<sup>th</sup></b> Ascension	<b>CROUGHTON</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>BENEFICE Holy Communion</b>

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CHURCH CLEANING at St.Michael's Aynho – Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup>

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BELL RINGING – Tuesdays 7.30pm. Aynho each fortnight

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FLOWER ARRANGING FOR PLATINUM JUBILEE – Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup> 10.30am

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### Information about the life of our church or baptisms or wedding –

Enquires from: **Rev.Sue Cooper: - [revsue.cooper@gmail.com](mailto:revsue.cooper@gmail.com) Tel: 018689-810903**

Or Church Wardens: **Andrew Bellamy Tel: 01869-810847**

**Kathy White Tel: 01869-810418**

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Items for June Newsletter preferably before or by May 22<sup>nd</sup> please to:

Sybil 32, Roundtown, Aynho Tel: **01869 810692** E-mail [syban@btinternet.com](mailto:syban@btinternet.com)

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**Pastoral Letter May 2022. Revd Sue Cooper writes:**

Dear Friends,

I hope you are well. As we enter May, we are noticing that the beauty of our gardens and lanes are beginning to really come into their own. It has felt like a long winter but I think this reflects the tiredness that many are still feeling after the last two years of Covid's presence in the world, and the situation in Ukraine.

If we have learnt one lesson out of all of this it is that life is fragile, and it can all change in an instant. This should lead us to reflect on how we want to live in this world and what our values really are. Before Covid everyone was so busy just getting through the days and so never really had the time or energy to think about where our lives were going. But Covid has changed so many things, not least the way we reach out and care for others. We have seen this highlighted even more starkly in recent weeks with the outpouring of love and concern and charity towards the Ukrainian people in their plight.

I am also more aware of how our children and young people are not afraid to get involved in the difficult challenges that are facing the world, especially the climate and environmental issues. Much of this comes down to the good teaching and education they have had. Teachers have had a much harder time dealing with Covid than most. I have been amazed by their ability to manage their workload amidst the constant changes and challenges that they have been dealing with, and they still have many challenges ahead as they seek to make sure that all children catch up on missed learning over the past two years.

I am especially grateful for the way values are taught in school to our children. Things like charity, respect, love, forgiveness, justice, and courage; these are all Christian values which, when taught, give our children a good grounding in life and help them find depth, meaning and purpose throughout life. Over the past few months many people have come to me and told me they feel as though they have lost their way in life, and sadly I see that what's been lost is connection ..... connection with God, and connection with any values or purpose they may have once felt.

Our Christian faith and values are like a compass, they guide us and lead us on our journey of life. In the tough times, or when we feel lost, they always point the way to keep us going on the right path and direction in life. All of us lose our way sometimes and struggle to find the path and direction we feel we should be traveling on, and that's when our faith and our values behave like a compass; they point to the things that are truly important in life, and help us navigate a way forward, step by step, and day by day with God. Our connection with God is simple to restore, it is only ever a prayer away, and that prayer can be as simple as saying "Lord, please help me". Our connection with our values has to be navigated daily as we journey on, but our values become a measuring stick by which we can decide whether something is good or not, and whether we should be involved in, and connecting with something or someone .....or not. Most of us want to live lives that have charity, respect, love, forgiveness justice and courage at the core and centre of everything we are and do...and in reality we need God to keep us on this path daily, and then we need to think about, and move in the direction of, the things, values and people that we can connect with that will help keep us on the right road.

If you feel as though you have lost your way I encourage you to reach out to God with a simple prayer every morning, even before you get out of bed, but especially before you start the day in earnest, because a simple "Please help me Lord " is enough to help you feel that you are connecting with God, and he will help you. If you keep your connection with God, he will guide you, lead you and keep you safely in his love and care. God bless you. With love Rev Sue.

***Isaiah 48:17 This is what the Lord Says, your Redeemer, the Holy one of Israel: "I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go." Amen***

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

### **SHORT MAT BOWLS** (every Tuesday 2.30pm)

New players made very welcome.

**Contact: Douglas Ward 810723**

### **GARDENING CLUB** (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 7.30pm)

**Contact Annabel Bellamy 810847**

On the afternoon of **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May** we will be visiting Evenley Wood. This is a self-drive event. We will meet there at **1.45pm** and the cost is **£7.50**. (Please ignore the information in the Membership Card). Dan Winter will greet us at the beginning and then you can wander around and enjoy the wonderful surroundings.

Our trip to **RHS Wisley** is planned for **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June**. The cost of joining the trip is **£17.50** (payable by cash or cheque). Helen Mackenzie, our Trips Organiser, is taking names and money, please contact her – her details are on the back of the AGC Membership Card.

### **AYNHOWI** (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 7.30pm)

**Contact: Jill Wightman 811206**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May      Resolutions and Seated Pilates with Sarah Redfern**

The WI has been campaigning on a wide range of issues for over 100 years playing a key role in achieving change. Our May meeting is when we look at the resolution for this year which is ***Women and Girls with ASD & ADHD - under-identified, under-diagnosed, misdiagnosed, under-supported*** and decide whether we think this issue should be adopted by the WI as a campaign. There will be more information on this at the meeting.

Afterwards there will be a chance to experience Pilates with Sarah Redfern who runs the popular Pilates classes in the village. So that it will be accessible for all it will be chair based.

### **HISTORY SOCIETY** (Last Wednesday)

**Contact: Keith McClellan 810346**

**A Thread Running Through: 25<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm      Entry £2.00**

Our speaker this month is Lis Mann who is going to talk about her personal journey from early childhood in Vienna, the family's flight to England following Austria's annexation by Nazi Germany through to her present life in rural Northamptonshire.

This promises to be a fascinating talk. Everyone is welcome. You do not need to be a member just pay on the door.

### **WRITERS GROUP** (Sat: May 14<sup>th</sup> 10.0am to 12.00)

**Contact: Keith McClellan 810346**

This month we will "Follow the River" or "I thought I'd seen a ghost"

### **HEALTH WALKS** (every Thursday 10.00am)

**Contact: Kathy White 810418**

All welcome - starting from The Sports Pavilion. With Short or Long Walks available. Refreshments also served in the Pavilion.

### **MCC (MEN'S COFFEE CLUB)** (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)

**Contact: Jill Wightman 811206**

The next coffee morning is on **18<sup>th</sup> May, 10.30am -12 noon** at the **CARTWRIGHT HOTEL**

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

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

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm at The Adderbury Institute.**

Our next speaker will be Steve Williams about photographing sport Do check our website for more details.



## **WARNING – BLANDFORD FLY**

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. The canal and river bank at Aynho can support somewhere in the region of 10,000 larvae per square metre and when May arrives 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 so that 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 the Deddington Health Centre has an advice sheet. See the link below:  
<https://www.deddingtonsurgery.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/New-ajcgo-Blandford-Fly-Bite-Advice-Sheet.pdf>

## **NEWS FROM KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE**

It's a busy time at the hospice with so many events and services opening up again. Whether you join us to take on a challenge, sign up to be a volunteer or shop with us – your support makes a difference! Without the generosity of our wonderful community, we couldn't keep caring for local people when they need us the most. Thank you!

### **WALK THIS WAY!**

Our Fundraising Team is busy getting ready for the Moonlight Walk on Saturday 16 July. This year, we're going back to the 80s for our flagship fundraising event – and it's going to be spectacular. Get the date in your diary and tell your family and friends. Tickets are available on our website now.

[khh.org.uk/moonlight](http://khh.org.uk/moonlight)

### **GIVEN HALF A CHANCE...**

The Oxford Half Marathon is back on 16 October! Join Team Katharine House for the 13.1 mile run around Oxford's most iconic landmarks and help raise money for our hospice. We'll be there to support you every step of the way. All runners will receive a branded running vest, as well as expert fundraising advice and top tips on training. Sign up now! [khh.org.uk/oxford](http://khh.org.uk/oxford)

### **DIG DEEP FOR A GOOD CAUSE**

If you love spending time in the great outdoors, then don't miss out on our Open Garden events throughout the spring and summer months. We have some fabulous villages taking part, as well as some private tours and events with limited availability. You can find the full list of our Open Gardens on our website.

[khh.org.uk/gardens](http://khh.org.uk/gardens)

### **WELCOME RETURN**

Our Living Well programme of events is back up and running on Mondays and Thursdays!

We are now able to offer bookable sessions for patients and family members to take part in art/craft & photography, mindfulness, hand massage and reflections. We welcome referrals from carers and families of people with a life-limiting illness over the age of 18. If you would like to find out more about Living Well or book one of our sessions, please contact the Living Well team on **01295 228500** or visit the website.

[khh.org.uk/livingwell](http://khh.org.uk/livingwell)

### **ART WITH HEART**

We're on the lookout for Volunteer Artists to support with our Living Well sessions. Could it be you? You don't need to be a modern-day Monet or a budding Banksy! We're looking for people with a keen interest in art who can share knowledge or teach new techniques to encourage our patients to achieve their goals.

Without our wonderful volunteers we couldn't offer these valuable sessions to our patients – so we'd love to hear from you. [khh.org.uk/volunteer](http://khh.org.uk/volunteer)

### **DID YOU KNOW...?**

As well as our six local shops we also have an eBay store selling a wide variety of items, ranging from men's and women's fashion, through to books and DVDs. So if you can't make it into one of our town centre shops, why not take a look online from the comfort of your own home? [khh.org.uk/ebay](http://khh.org.uk/ebay)

### **FIND OUT MORE**

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

# HELP FOR UKRAINIANS IN AYNHO

Thank you to everyone for the support and offers of help for the Ukrainian family who will join us in Aynho. The response from the village has been fantastic. A family have applied for the visas to come and stay in the house for the rest of the year depending on circumstances in Ukraine; they are presently in Krakow, Poland). We have yet to arrange all the detail of their arrival but they know the house is ready for them from 24 May.

We have not yet managed to set up the Charity bank account but will publish the details when they are available - else we will make a temporary arrangement to make sure we have the initial funds for the family's arrival.

Great progress is being made to equip the house - please still make any offers to Alice on [home.h4ukraynho@gmail.com](mailto:home.h4ukraynho@gmail.com)

All other questions and offers to [info.h4ukraynho@gmail.com](mailto:info.h4ukraynho@gmail.com)

The Trustees for the Charity are Catherine Johnson, Charles Hughes, Nick Montgomery and Andrew Bellamy and the trust deed for the Charity will be published on the village website when it has been approved by the Charity Commission.

## Charlotte's Cake Stall for Ukraine

Charlotte (age 7) would like to send a HUGE thank you to everyone who supported her Cakes for Ukraine bake sale on 26<sup>th</sup> March. "Thank you very much to everyone who baked yummy cakes, and came and bought them at my stall, and donated lots of money. I had lots of fun doing it and it's nice to think we will help many families and children in Ukraine."

The total raised was an astonishing £1,044 which will all go to Save the Children's Emergency Fund helping families caught up in the appalling situation in Ukraine. The event was a wonderful community effort and a lovely chance for lots of villagers to gather and socialise in the spring sunshine - special thanks to the Cartwright Hotel for hosting us.



LIS MANN is exhibiting in Oxfordshire Artweeks with 5 other artists in the Barn at the New Inn, Middleton Cheyney from May 20th to May 27th. The New Inn serves delicious meals too. Love to see you there.

## **THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

### **EXTRA INFORMATION**

- Please help neighbours attend the events where assistance to book tickets or reach the activity is concerned
- Bunting – decorate houses, streets and gardens to celebrate the record 70 years of the Queen's reign
- Bouncy Castle – there will be free access to Edwin's bouncy castle on the Glebe on Thursday, Friday and Saturday – thank you Edwin.
- Activities on the Sportsfield do need more organisers and supporters – if you can help please ring 01869 810847
- Road Closures. We have applied for road closures to make the Charlton Road both safe for the Beacon lighting – a closure at the Junction with the B4100 and also at Portway – and also for the Street Part lunches on the Sunday to restrict access (but not to emergency vehicles). The detail will be in June's newsletter
- Note there will be more information in June's Newsletter to give detail or new ideas if they arise

### **Jubilee Cricket Match - WHO WANTS TO PLAY CRICKET?**

We are proposing to put on a limited overs cricket match on the playing field, on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June starting at 2pm.

We hope to have a brand new cricket wicket prepared, with the very kind assistance of Tom Haslegrove, and all equipment will be provided on the day.

Now, all we need are players!

If you'd like to play – and we're aiming to put two teams together from the village – please register your interest with me on the email address below. All are welcome – teams will be mixed, include all ages and capabilities/experience. Obviously some understanding of the rules of the game would help but is not critical to joining in!

Please let Paul Duncanson know if you're interested and your level of experience/knowledge as well as age – just so we can balance the sides and make the experience both fun and include an element of competition!

**Contact Paul on [paul.d@creativebrief.com](mailto:paul.d@creativebrief.com)**

# **UPDATES FROM AYNHO PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Join Aynho Parish Council. Get Involved**

Aynho Parish Council currently has two vacancies and are looking to co-opt two new Councillors to join the PC at our June meeting, held on Monday 06-June at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall. In the meantime we'd suggest anyone interested to make contact with Leslie Leighton (Chair) or Chris Wilson (Clerk) to register an interest and/or find out more about the role. If you think you might be interested we'd very much encourage you to attend the May meeting to observe procedures and ask any questions (Monday 09-May at 7.30pm, Village Hall).

Details of the co-opting process can be found at: [https://bit.ly/aynho\\_2022](https://bit.ly/aynho_2022)

## **Keeping Aynho Beautiful**

WOW! What a turn out and what an impact! Across the weekend the hardy band of Aynho volunteers cleared 14 black bags of rubbish, tidied kerbs and gutters across the village, prepared selected areas (like Skittle Alley) for wildflower and native species planting and generally gave the village a Spring tidy-up!. So, Aynho is more beautiful. Especial thanks to Councillor Dawn Willis for organising.

## **Be Community Spirited - Pick Up Your Dog's Poo!**

Yes, it's an age old request but obviously some dog owners haven't yet heard the call! Please, if you have a dog and it poo's in a public place - PLEASE - pick up the poo! It's community spirited - dog faeces carry disease - and it's the law. The Parish Council is trying to make it easy for you - we've placed poo bags (in recycled bottles) at key places, especially around Black Path.

## **Aynho ECO Update: Hedgehogs**

As you will be aware, hedgehogs are in decline in the UK and need our help if numbers are to recover. We can help them by building a hedgehog highway, linking as many gardens as possible, within the village. We now know that one of the main reasons why hedgehogs are declining in Britain is because our fences and walls are becoming more and more secure, reducing the amount of land available to them to feed and roam. So, how about it? Have a chat with your neighbour and dig out a small channel under your fence. Every little helps.

## **Annual Village Meeting**

This year's Annual Village Meeting will be held at the Village Hall on Monday 23-May, starting at 7.30pm. Ahead of the meeting we'll distribute a copy of the Annual Village Report to all households and by email.

## **Aynho Park Club Draw**

### **Annual Subs £18 from April 2022 - Play and Everyone Wins!**

As you know the Park Club Draw has changed slightly with the year's subscriptions now running April to March. And, after many years we've increased the subs to £18 per annum with all income split 50:50 between prizes for the monthly draw and the PCD's contribution towards the maintenance costs of the sports field and pavilion. It's a great cause and gives players the chance to win in the monthly lottery!

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 a lottery number is attributed to you, and any winnings get to you a.s.a.p. If you have any questions about the PCD, please don't hesitate to contact [david.dean@aynho.org](mailto:david.dean@aynho.org) who will be delighted to assist you - David has taken on the management of the PCD - and many thanks to Rachel Moroney for her brilliant work managing the PCD for so many years.

Thanks Rachel.



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# THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE



## THURSDAY

- 3pm Children's Jubilee crown making in the Village Hall
- 7.30pm A Community evening in the Cartwright Hotel (start of procession to Beacon lighting at 9.15pm)
- 7.45pm Jubilee concert in St Michael's Church (tickets required – see separate flier)
- 8pm Original Film of Her Majesty's Coronation on 2 June 1953 in the Village Hall
- 9.15pm Processions lead to the lighting of the Beacon
- 9.45pm The lighting of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon (Charlton Road opposite Butts Close)

## FRIDAY

- 3.30pm Jubilee Tea Party in the Village Hall (tickets required – see separate flier)
- 4.15pm Fun procession for children with Crowns – meet in The Square (4.15pm)

## SATURDAY

- 12pm Cricket match on the Sportsfield (information inside this Newsletter)
- 3.30pm Afternoon Fun for All (more information to follow)

## SUNDAY

- 10am the Special Platinum Jubilee Service in St Michael's Church to celebrate Queen's life of service to her people
- 12pm Village Street Party lunches begin

**EXTRA INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND INSIDE**