



Aynho

The Apricot Village

# NEWSLETTER

## JUNE 2022



**Congratulations**  
**Your Majesty on 70 years of service**  
**to our nation**

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# ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE

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## CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JUNE 2022

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

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**June 5th**

Queen's Platinum  
Jubilee (Pentecost)

**AYNHO**

**10.00am Thanksgiving Service**

Sidespersons: ALL

Farthinghoe - 9.00am Holy Communion with  
Thanksgiving  
Hinton - 11.00am Thanksgiving Service

**June 12th**

Trinity Sunday

**AYNHO**

**10.00am Lay Led**

Sidespersons: Annabel Bellamy, Jane Wade

Croughton - 9.30am Holy Communion  
Farthinghoe - 9.30am Morning Worship  
Evenley - 11.00am Holy Communion  
Steane - 6.00pm Evening Prayer

**June 19th**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after  
Trinity

**EVENLEY**

**10.30am BENEFICE Holy Communion and  
Relicensing of Hugh Warwick**

**June 26th**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after  
Trinity

**AYNHO**

**9.30am Holy Communion**

Sidespersons: Gill Reynolds, Jane Wade

Croughton - 11.00am Morning Worship.  
Hinton - 11.00am H.C.  
Evenley - 9.30am Morning Worship  
Fathinhoe - 4.00pm Lay Led

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CHURCH CLEANING at St.Michael's Aynho – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

BELL RINGING – Tuesdays 7.30pm. Aynho each fortnight

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**(Vol:674) Pastoral Letter June 2022. Revd Sue Cooper writes:**

Dear Friends,

As I sit writing this letter the view from the Rectory window is glorious. The garden has exploded into a riot of colour and the flowers and shrubs look wonderful. There is constant birdsong, and the peace and tranquillity has the ability to calm the mind after busy times. There is a poem that says we are closer to God in the garden than anywhere else on earth, and I think that is a good assessment. June is such a wonderful month. We have traditional events like the Wimbledon Tennis Tournament, and we have the longest day on June 21<sup>st</sup>, better known as the Summer solstice and the Church will be celebrating Pentecost, which is considered to be “the birthday” of the Church. Everything seems better in the summer, and this year many of the events and festivals that have not taken place over the last two Covid years are now back. Live music is back. Life is back. Hooray!!

This June is exceptional as we are celebrating 70 years of Queen Elizabeth II's reign. This really is a glorious event. Our Queen has served faithfully, under God, for longer than any other monarch in our history, and it truly has been a blessing to us that we have had her for so long. Our Queen has a very strong faith, and she has never been afraid to bear witness to God's sovereignty over her rule and reign, as well as over her personal life. We cannot begin to comprehend the challenges and sacrifices she has made over the years in order to fulfil her duty, but it's still easy to forget that she is only human like the rest of us. She has the same hopes and fears for her own family as we do, and like us, she has the same desire and concern to see communities across the land living in peaceful harmony, where children and elderly folk are safe and nurtured. She has the same need to be loved and valued as the rest of us, and none of us will forget the sad images of our Queen sitting alone in St George's chapel in Windsor Castle due to Covid restrictions, as she said farewell to her beloved husband Prince Phillip at his funeral last year. She is only human and she suffered like the rest of us during that awful time.

None of us choose the family into which we are born. But all of us are special to God and he desires that we all live lives of purpose and meaning. We are not all born with equal advantage or opportunities in life, but God can certainly open doors and avenues to us that we are not able to access ourselves. Queen Elizabeth is very aware of God's hand on her life, and the grace that she has received from him to do the work she has been destined to do, and God's grace is upon all of us who faithfully seek to live our lives under his sovereignty. Our Queen is 96yrs old, and she may have slowed down in recent months but she is still making a difference to the world by her contribution. And like her, no matter how young or how old we are, as long as we have life and breath in us we can all contribute in some way to the betterment of society, and to this world.

I do hope you enjoy celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee; it is a once in a lifetime event that we have been truly blessed with.

God bless you all, and God save the Queen.

With love, Rev Sue

***Psalm 71:17-18 “Since my youth, God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvellous deeds. Even when I am old and grey, do not forsake me my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come.” Amen.***



**TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE**

**Platinum Jubilee Tea Party to held on**

**Friday 3rd June 2022 at 3.30pm in the Village Hall**

**Cost: £5.00 per person (cash only)**

**Dress: Jubilee Tea Party (prize for best effort)**

**This is a ticketed event for adults - no children please. Tickets available from Amanda**

**Limb: 01869 810341.**

**Please apply for your tickets by Monday 30th May - we have to shop for ingredients in advance!**



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

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

New players made very welcome.

**Contact: Douglas Ward 80723**

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

**Contact Annabel Bellamy 810847**

The trip to **RHS Wisley** is all arranged for **Wednesday 8th June**. Please gather for the coach in good time for a 9.30am departure on the main road by The Grammar House, Aynho

.... DATE FOR YOUR DIARY .... **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July** – an evening visit to Ushercombe, Tadmarton – by kind invitation of Louise and Mike Hillman. Self-drive. Cost £5. More details in next month's Newsletter and via email.

For any queries regarding the Gardening Club, please get in touch with Annabel Bellamy (810 847).

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

**Contact: Jill Wightman 811206**

Our Beetle Drive, held in April was fun and gave us some good giggles, however our May meeting was a little more serious as we had the annual WI resolution to discuss and vote on. After a summary read out and explained by our President Jill and a short presentation and video the members unanimously agreed to adopt the resolution and this result will now be taken forward to the national WI's AGM in June. After this and to take away any stress we might have ended up with we finished the evening with an enjoyable session of 'seated Pilates' thanks to our local Pilates teacher Sarah Redfern. Sarah made us realise that you don't have to jump up and down to be fit; so ladies, keep it up!

Our next meeting will be the June Garden meeting to be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> in Carol's magnificent garden from 2.30pm, when we will also be having, along with our summertime refreshments, a treasure hunt - other plans are afoot should it decide to rain. Meanwhile take care and look forward to seeing you all on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**The next WI coffee mornings are on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am – 12 noon at The Cartwright Hotel.**

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

**Contact: Keith McClellan 810346**

**The Banjo's Back in Town - Five Seasons at Steane Park 29<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm Entry £2**

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. 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, which is between Brackley and Farthinghoe, and what the future holds. Everyone is welcome. You do not need to be a member, simply pay on the door.

### **WRITERS GROUP** (Sat: May 14th 10.0am to 12.00)

**Contact: Keith McClellan 810346**

Last month had some very enjoyable stories based on "Following the River" and a few on "Thinking they saw a Ghost". It was also good to welcome John to his first meeting.

This month we meet at **10.00am Saturday 11th** and will hear about "Village Life" - "The light bulb moment" or "Jubilee"

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

**Contact: Kathy White 810418**

Following the changes to the administration of the health walks they have been renamed Ramblers Well Being Walks. Nothing else has changed and they remain free for everyone to enjoy exercise, fresh air and time with friends. *All walks start from the Sports Pavilion.*

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

**Contact: Jill Wightman**

**811206**

The next coffee morning is on **15<sup>th</sup> June, 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 1<sup>st</sup> June at 7.30pm** at the Adderbury Institute where our speaker, Bob Bracher will give a talk about travel. Check our website for more details.

## **WINTER LUNCH CLUB**

It was great to be able to run Winter Lunch club over this past winter, good to see regulars again and to welcome some new faces. After costs (hall hire and ingredients) the profit is being distributed as follows: donations of £500 each to Macmillan Cancer Support and Marie Curie, once costed a maximum of £500 will go towards purchasing some portable Car Park signs for direction to village events and the remaining balance of £650 to the 'Help for Ukrainians in Aynho' fund. Thank you to all who supported WLC and made the above possible.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to my wonderful team of volunteers, Sheila, Ailsa, Glenwys and Shirie who helped front of house, WLC does not happen without such help!

Amanda Limb

## **WELCOME**

A warm welcome to the Kandakov family from Ukraine - we hope your three children settle happily into the local schools and that you have a peaceful and enjoyable time living within the Aynho community

### ***A MESSAGE FORWARDED FROM YOUR MP; RT HON DAME ANDREA LEADSOM DBE***

As your MP I hold regular village action days when my team and I walk round the village knocking on doors and speaking with lots of residents about local and National issues. In a recent visit to Aynho a big area of concern raised with me was about the state of local roads, and also speeding through the village. I have raised this with West Northamptonshire Council and the police and am continuing to monitor the situation. A number of residents in Aynho have worked together to find a new home for Ukrainian refugees. Thanks so much to all involved, and if I can be of help, do let me know. I have a Ukrainian family now living with me, so am familiar with many of the issues that crop up.

Each year I provide a number of local students with a week of work experience in my constituency office and in Parliament. Students spend time with my team in the constituency and in Westminster, learning more about my role and responsibilities as an MP, as well as contributing to casework, correspondence and parliamentary work. I have a few spaces left for local students during June and July – if you or a student you know may be interested then please get in touch on the contact details below.

I recently visited Kings Sutton for their regular Friday coffee morning at the Millennium Memorial Hall. Arranged by the local community, it is always well attended and I had a good chat with a local disability group, with the regular walkers club, and with residents. The subject of the worrying rise in the cost of living was a key topic of discussion.

Nearby, readers may be aware that planning approval has been granted to RAF Croughton for a new entrance and ancillary buildings on the B4031. The new entrance will be the main entrance and exit for the base, with bollards in place on the highway to ensure that drivers adhere to driving on the correct side of the road. I am sure this will be welcomed by many residents after the tragic death of Harry Dunn outside RAF Croughton in 2019.

My team and I are always here to help with a huge range of issues, so please do get in touch if you think I might be able to help you by using the contact details below.

Andrea Leadsom MP

[andrea.leadsom.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:andrea.leadsom.mp@parliament.uk) 01327 353124; [andrealeadsom.com](http://andrealeadsom.com); @andrealeadsom

## VILLAGE MAINTENANCE PERSON

After many years of being Aynho village maintenance person I feel that now is the right time to step down from the position.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have supported me over the years. A special thanks to everyone who supplied me with tea, coffee and squash, much appreciated. Also a big thank you to all those people who stopped for a chat and to thank me for the work I was doing. Your support was very much appreciated.

Thanks to former PC members Dave and Rachel, both were so supportive. Also thanks to Chris for all his help and advice.

Finally a massive thank you to Stephen Brook who gave me the opportunity to do the job in the first place. Always approachable, always helpful and always supportive.

Peter Tustain

## FROM KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE, ADDERBURY

There are so many ways to support our hospice throughout the spring and into summer. Whether it's signing up for our Moonlight Walk, taking on one of our challenge events or enjoying a gentle stroll at one of the Open Gardens – there's something for everyone. Our community events help raise vital funds for our hospice, and we couldn't keep providing specialist care without the support of local people and businesses. Thank you!

### **The countdown in on...**

There's not long to go until our biggest fundraising event of the year. Join us on Saturday 16 July for the Moonlight Walk! Whether you're walking in memory of a loved one or just want to support our hospice, we'd love to see you there. This year, we're going back to the 80s – and it's going to be spectacular. Get some friends together, dig out your shell suit and sign up now. [khh.org.uk/moonlight](http://khh.org.uk/moonlight)

### **Calling all runners**

We have a range of running events coming up later this year that are not to be missed. Help us to raise money for our hospice and sign up today.

- The Big Half – Have a taster of the official London Marathon race route on 4 Sep
- Chicken Run – We've teamed up with Brackley Running Club for a 10k run on 18 Sep
- Oxford Half – Join us for the 13.1 mile run around Oxford's most iconic landmarks on 16 Oct

We'll be there to support you every step of the way. For more details and to sign up to any of the above events, visit [khh.org.uk/challenge](http://khh.org.uk/challenge)

### **Going swimmingly**

We're excited to have secured four places for the Swim Serpentine event again this year. The one-day open water swimming event is taking place on 17 September in the beautiful setting of Hyde Park. Sign up for the half-mile or one-mile swim for Katharine House and join around 6,000 others taking part in the event this year. Don't miss out – find out more here: [khh.org.uk/challenge](http://khh.org.uk/challenge)

### **Gardens galore**

Our Open Garden events are already under way and off to a great start. We wanted to grow our Open Garden scheme this year, and our supporters did not let us down. 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)

### **The Rose**

Our supporter magazine has had a shiny new makeover! As well as a new name – The Rose – we've given it a fresher look, which we hope you'll love. Each spring and autumn we publish The Rose magazine to say thank you to our supporters and to keep you up to date with what's happening at Katharine House.

You can download the latest issue here: [khh.org.uk/rose](http://khh.org.uk/rose)

### **Find out more**

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

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## ROAD CLOSURES

There will be two road closures affecting residents during the Jubilee weekend. Both road closures will close the Charlton Road at the bottom with the B4100 and at the top at Portway. There will be signs and space left for residents of **Charlton Road, The Butts, Rainscliffe Close, Butts Close, Bowmens Lea and Blacksmith Hill** to drive in and out at either end. Please just take added care for the duration. The road closures are to enhance the safety of other villagers enjoying the Jubilee.

### TIMES OF CLOSURE:

FOR THE BEACON LIGHTING:

**Thursday 2 June - 8.30-10.30pm.**

FOR THE STREET PARTIES:

**Sunday 5 June – 11.00am-18.00pm**

## PLATINUM JUBILEE EVENTS -and the more bunting the better!

**STREET PARTY LUNCHES** Thank you to all the local organisers... ..but for anyone who feels they haven't got a shared lunch to go to then please just join the rest of us in The Square where there will be extra tables. Bring your own food and drink to share with friends - and join in the atmosphere of the day. Starts after 12 and will run as long as anyone wants.

**TICKETS** There are still tickets available for the Thursday evening Jubilee Concert at St Michael's Church (7.45pm start) and for the Jubilee Tea Party at the Village Hall on Friday at 3.30pm. **HELP THE ORGANISERS BY SIGNING UP EARLY PLEASE.**

**CHILDREN** Something for the younger children every day - **THURSDAY** craft workshop to make their crowns and much more (3pm in Village Hall), **FRIDAY** parade with crowns and Jubilee medals (4.15pm in The Square), **SATURDAY** fun on the Sportsfield for picnic/bbq fun and games (from 12.30).....and then **SUNDAY'S STREET PARTY!** And the Bouncy Castle on The Glebe is available too!