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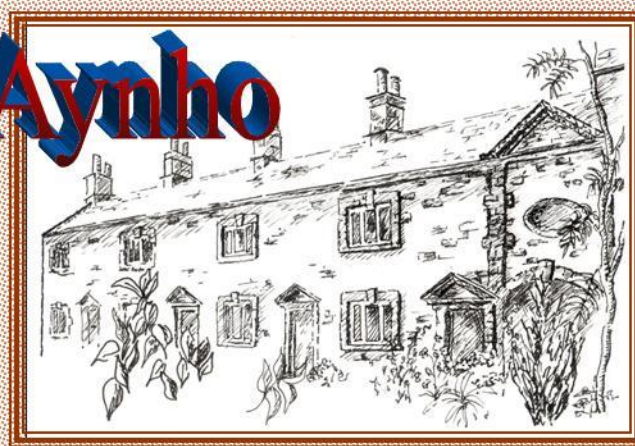
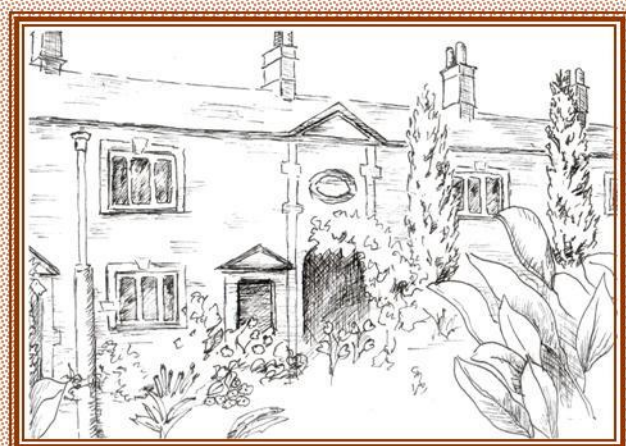
NEWSLETTER
JULY 2022



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BY LILI CARTWRIGHT

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Celebrating 200 years of Almshouses in Aynho



SKETCHES BY JILL WIGHTMAN

ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JULY 2022

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

July 3rd

3rd after Trinity

AYNHO

11.00am Holy Communion

Sidespersons: Annabel Bellamy; Jane Wade

Farthinghoe - 9.30am Holy Communion

Hinton - 11.00am Morning Worship

July 10th

4th after Trinity

AYNHO

10.00am Lay Led

Sidespersons: Jenny Pusey; Ted Sutton

Croughton - 9.30am Holy Communion

Farthinghoe - 9.30am Morning Worship

Evenley - 11.00am Holy Communion

Steane - 6.00pm Evening Prayer

July 17th

5th after Trinity

FARTHINGHOE

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion

July 24th

6th after Trinity

AYNHO

11.00am Holy Communion

Sidespersons: Gill Reynolds; Jane Wade

Croughton - 11.00am Morning Worship.

Hinton - 11.00am Holy Communion

Evenley - 9.30am Morning Worship

Farthinghoe - 4.00pm Lay Led

July 31st

7th after Trinity

HINTON

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion

CHURCH CLEANING at St.Michael's Aynho – Thursday 21st July

BELL RINGING – Tuesdays 7.30pm. Aynho each fortnight

Information about the life of our church or baptisms or wedding enquires from:

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Kathy White Tel: **01869-810418**

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Pastoral Letter July 2022. Revd Sue Cooper writes:

Dear Friends,

As we launch into the second half of 2022 it's worth reflecting on how quickly things can change for us all. At the beginning of the year we were in the thick of the newest variant of Corona virus, the dreaded Omicron variant which threatened to be the most easily transmissible covid variant so far. Thankfully, although very transmissible, it did not make people as ill as had been expected and we have continued to learn to live with covid very well; in fact it rarely even gets a mention on the news these days.

We have changed the way we do a lot of things since covid... not least the way many people now work... with more and more people enjoying a mixture of home working as well as going into the workplace.

The biggest change this year so far was in February, when we were all taken by surprise by the Russian invasion of Ukraine. This conflict has ravaged their country and displaced its people, and it has changed the way we all thought that peace in Europe was secure, making us question how much has really been learnt from the terrible lessons of World war one and two.

The 1st half of this year has seen a rise in the cost of living that has shocked us by the sheer speed at which it has affected just about everything we spend our money on, and is changing our spending habits. But I think the biggest change has been in the way we think now. For a long time we were all saying we just want things to get back to normal after covid, but we have learnt that life is never going to be the same as it was just a few short years ago, but that life is still good, and we can still enjoy it in many different ways.

We have just celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and it was a much needed time of joy and celebration, with our Queen thrilling us all with her appearance with Paddington bear, and the revelation of where she keeps her marmalade sandwiches!! But as we enjoyed those images of our Queen and her family on the balcony of Buckingham palace, one could not help but notice that change is coming to our Monarchy, as the Queen is no longer able to do as much as she used to. It is reassuring that Prince Charles and Prince William are ready to step in when necessary.

Everything changes, and as it does we either embrace the change, and change with it, or we mourn the past and can become stuck.

For those of you that have not heard, I will be leaving the Astwick Vale benefice at the end of August. Change is coming to our Churches once again. I have very much enjoyed my time here, albeit with many challenges and times of personal loss. You have all made me feel very loved and appreciated and I thank you all for your support during my time here, and I leave with many fond memories and valued friendships that will continue into the future.

In life we all know that everything we do is only ever for a time and a season, and when we serve God in any role or ministry we are aware that we are on God's time schedule and not our own, and for some time I had been feeling that my time as incumbent of the benefice was coming to an end. This means that God has something new, and someone new, in mind for you all here in this Benefice. So as I make plans to leave, I am praying that your next Vicar is feeling the prompting for change in their own life, and hears the call of God to minister in this place. I am here until the end of August, and so hope to see many of you before I leave. God bless you.

With love

Revd Sue

Romans 8: 28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Amen.

Aynho's wonderful Apricot Jam maker

has been busy for The Platinum Jubilee and created this year's special jam. **£3.50 a jar** available at various outlets sold in aid of St Micheal's Church.

Jars available now at 6 The Square – please knock the door.

Church Flowers - Platinum Jubilee

Thank you to all those who kindly arranged flowers in the Church for the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. They really did look lovely and your contributions were greatly appreciated.

Annabel Belamy

OUR VILLAGE ENTERTAINMENTS

SHORT MAT BOWLS (Tuesdays 2.30pm)

Contact: Douglas Ward 810723

It has been decided to take a Summer break so we will not be meeting for the whole of July and August and part of September. We will start meeting again on Tuesday September 20th and will again welcome anyone wishing to try this activity from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Any queries contact Douglas.

GARDENING CLUB (2nd Wednesday 7.30pm)

Contact: Annabel Bellamy 810847

The evening visit on **Wednesday 13th July at 6.30pm**, is to **USHERCOMBE, TADMARTON**. This is the wonderful garden that Louise and Mike Hillman have created over the past 28 years out of a field and a valley by some barns (now their house). Self-drive event. The cost will be **£5 each** (to include tea/coffee and cake). **** **WE NEED NUMBERS** so please can you let me know if you will be joining us and drop off the money at 6 The Square, Aynho.****

DIRECTIONS: Heading out of **Tadmarton** on the Swalcliffe Road **B4035**, slow down after the 'S' bend, go past a row of houses on your left, a lay-by, followed by a gap in the hedge with 2 drives. Take the left-hand drive * and the house is half a mile down the track. *There will be a board with 'garden visit' by gate.

The **AYNHO GARDENING CLUB ANNUAL FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW** will be held in the Village Hall on **Saturday 20th August**. Please support this village event. More about this in next month's newsletter, along with the programme for the show, listing all the classes.

AYNHO WI (3rd Wednesday)

Contact: Jill Wightman 811206

We are happy to report on a wonderful Garden Meeting held in Carol McClellan's amazing garden on a very warm and sunny 15th June. Our afternoon began with a treasure hunt which meant looking thoroughly round her garden to find the relevant answers. This was followed by a typically English 'afternoon tea', all accompanied of course, with a lot of chatter and laughter.

Our next event will be a lunch at **Turweston Flight Deck Cafe** on the **20th July**. The choices on the specials board will be sent out nearer the date so please keep checking your emails. Let us hope that the weather of the 15th June will still be with us to give us a good view of the light aircraft. And remembering happy times, the Aynho WI would like to thank all those Aynho residents who gave their time and effort with the many events of the 4-day Platinum Jubilee celebrations, all so well organised and very much appreciated.

Do all take care and we look forward to seeing you at our lunch next month.

The next WI coffee mornings are on the 6th and 13th July 10.30am – 12 noon at the Cartwright Hotel.

HISTORY SOCIETY (Last Wednesday)

Contact: Keith McClellan 810346

We are taking a break over the summer but will be back in September with "The History of the Railways through Brackley" a talk by David Micro.

We look forward to seeing you then.

WRITERS GROUP (Sat: July 9th 10.0am to 12.30)

Contact: Keith McClellan 810346

Last month we enjoyed "Interesting examples of Village Life" "A few light bulb moments" and "One Jubilee History" This month we will be writing about "That wasn't meant to happen" or "A friend in need"

HEALTH WALKS (every Thursday 10.0am)

Contact: Kathy White 810418

We meet at The Pavilion at 10.0am each Thursday. Why not join in one of our regular walks through the beautiful countryside around Aynho. The Strollers walk ranges of between 3 and 4 miles depending on the route taken and this lasts between 1 hour 15minutes and 2 hours maximum. The longer walk is more strenuous and faster as well as being between 6 and 7 miles most weeks. If you have mobility issues and just need to get started there is the track which is used by many people throughout the whole week.

The walks are free and there are refreshments available to make it both a beneficial and sociable way to spend a morning. For further details feel free to contact Kathy on 810418 or kathywhiteaynho@gmail.com

MCC (MEN'S COFFEE CLUB) (3rd Wednesday)

Contact: Jill Wightman 01869 811206

The next coffee morning is on 20th July 10.30am-noon at the Cartwright Hotel.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Contact: *Anne Hunsley* www.addphoto.co.uk

Our next meeting at the Adderbury Institute will be on Wednesday 6th July 7.30pm. The Speaker will be Steven Galvin L.R.P.S. *We welcome new members.*

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CARTWRIGHT EXHIBITION FUND

The trustees of the Cartwright Exhibition Fund wish to advertise for children of secondary school age, resident in Aynho parish, to apply for the Cartwright Exhibition.

The successful applicant will receive an amount of money three times a year to put towards items to further their education.

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JOHN BAKER CHARITY (AYNHO ALMSHOUSES)

The Residents, Trustees, families, friends and past Parish Councillors joined together on Wednesday 22nd June to celebrate the Bicentenary of the Almshouses with an Afternoon Tea Party. The weather was perfect and the bunting strewn along the gazebos and railings added to the celebrations.

Thanks were given to those people who give of their time and have done so over the years, to maintain the houses in good order so that they can be a joy to live in for the residents. We were unable to trace the family links back to John Baker but can just remember the great Baker family, one-time glaziers in Oxford, with personal links to Aynho and buried in magnificent tombs on the south side of St Michael's Church.

There was plenty of food and drink for everyone and cups were raised in a toast to John Baker and the next 200 years!

Thank you to all those helping to put this celebration together and to those clearing up afterwards.

Kathy White

FROM KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE, ADDERBURY

MOONLIGHT WALK – THE FINAL COUNTDOWN - Our biggest fundraising event of the year is taking place on 16 July – and we want to make this year's Moonlight Walk the best one yet. Celebrate those that we've loved and lost with a special personal challenge and a glorious evening of fun and frolics all in aid of Katharine House Hospice. Get into the groove with live 80s' music and a pre-walk 80s' party picnic! If you haven't already signed up, then there's still time! We'd love to see as many people taking part as possible.

khh.org.uk/moonlight

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED - Our challenge events have proved hugely popular – and we have plenty more coming up!

- Extreme Abseil: Tackle the 418 feet National Lift Tower in Northampton on 3 September
- Thames Path Challenge: Trek along the famous Thames Towpath on 10-11 September
- Swim Serpentine: Take the plunge in a major outdoor swimming event on 17 September
- Chicken Run: Sign up for the cracking Brackley 10k Chicken Run on 18 September
- Oxford Half Marathon: Secure your spot for the 13.1 miles around Oxford on 16 October

Find full details, plus even more events, here: **khh.org.uk/challenge**.

DAYS OUT FOR YOUR DIARY - We're so grateful to our local community for raising more than just a smile with events in aid of Katharine House. You can find a list of supporter events on our website that help to raise money for our hospice. From the Open Gardens running throughout the summer, to country fairs and family fun days. Keep checking back as new events are added throughout the year. And don't forget to let us know if you're holding an event to raise money for our hospice! **khh.org.uk/supporter-events**

THREE CHEERS FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS - We simply couldn't do what we do without the incredibly selfless people willing to give up their time to make a difference. We're looking to recruit volunteers across a number of areas, including: shop volunteers, gardeners, hospice companions, receptionists and artists for Living Well. Could you spare some time – either on a regular basis or occasionally? Find out more here: **khh.org.uk/volunteering**.

CARING FOR OUR CARERS - Did you know that as well as caring for people with an incurable illness we also offer support for their carers and family members? Our services include an online Carers Café, social work support and our Hospice Companion Service that aims to reduce loneliness and isolation. If you'd like to find out more about the support we offer, **visit our website: khh.org.uk/carer-support**

JUBILEE

*I was requested for Jubilee night,
To lead people up to see the beacon alight.
I summoned them all out of the pub
They finished their drinks and the last of their grub
Then I as town crier to the crowd did proclaim
That they should follow me up to see the beacon aflame.
We marched up the road and entered the grounds
At the top of the hill where the beacon was found
Two hundred of us stood by the low hedge
When three young men went over the edge
They lit the beacon which sent up a great flame
And in the distance were some more of the same.*

*Next day I once more did proclaim
As the dear little children hoped for their fame.
They competed to make a beautiful crown
And they all had a medal from a lady in a gown.
I led them across to the Village Hall tea
To display their crowns for the oldies to see.
Next day it rained when street parties were due,
So what could be done we no longer knew.
No longer town crier, my magic was gone,
I could do nothing, we would be rained upon,
Our next door neighbours were the answer we needed
They took all twenty-eight and the party succeeded.
The final delight was something so rare
When we saw our dear Queen talk to Paddington Bear.*

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