



Aynho
The Apricot Village

NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER 2022

WE WILL REMEMBER



*Sunday 13th November
join us in
St Michael's Church for a
Service of
Remembrance*



AYNHO-CROUGHTON-EVENLEY-FARTHINGHOE-HINTON-in-the-HEDGES with STEANE
CHURCH CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2022

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‘CHURCHWARDEN’S RAMBLINGS’

Autumn is in full show and winter approaches – the heating is still off in these mild temperatures and we are waiting for the definitely coming expense of keeping warm in the months ahead. Perhaps we just need to keep it in perspective and things are much worse elsewhere – and particularly these last couple of weeks in Ukraine.

As we come to the time of Remembrance it is sometimes good to pinch ourselves and remember how awful it was on the Western Front in the First World War and how that affected the men from Aynho who went to fight and died – and for the families left behind and became bereaved. The same is so for the Second World War and what the nation put up with, it under the terror and threat of Hitler – until we fought back and started defeating him. There is a resemblance to what we see in Ukraine as we watch and support that brave and determined people. We can keep all this at the forefront in our minds in these first two weeks of November wearing our Poppies. We will have our normal – always special – Remembrance Service at St Michael’s Church and the War Memorials on 13th November.

An advertisement has been placed for a new Rector and it is hoped any applicants will be interviewed at the end of the month. Meanwhile we are well looked after by our retired (and well known to us) clergy – Rev Terry Richards and Rev Hugh Warwick. Contact is via the Rectory telephone in the first instance (**810903**) or by email to **office@astwickvalebenefice.org**.

Otherwise we remain your first point of contact in the village if there is anything you need - general or specific information, enquiries about weddings, funerals and burials - contact Kathy White in Portway Gardens (**810418**) and Andrew Bellamy in The Square (**810847**).

Kathy and Andrew

Concert - 26th November

The last Concert of this season is on
26 November at 7pm in St Michael's Church
“Sounds Historical” -

performing baroque music from across Europe on period instruments.
A real treat is in store - book your "early bird" tickets by 20 November
(see flier) - and come along to be entertained!

CHRISTMAS CARDS

A selection of Christmas Cards, in aid of

THE CHILDREN’S SOCIETY

will soon be on sale at 32 Roundtown.

Just pop into take a look or phone Mrs Sybil Stevens on **01869 810692**

OUR VILLAGE ENTERTAINMENTS/ACTIVITIES

SHORT MAT BOWLS (Tuesdays 2.30-4.30pm)

Short Mat Bowls is held weekly in the Village Hall.

GARDENING CLUB (2nd Wednesday 7.30pm)

Contact: Annabel Bellamy 81084

Wednesday 9th November AGM followed by a quiz, starting at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

Our final meeting of the year is a chance for us all to spend time together as Club members.

We will be starting the evening with a **short** AGM to keep you informed about your Gardening Club. After this you will make up your teams for the quiz that Amanda has prepared. This will be followed by the usual buffet with time to enjoy a chat over a glass of wine. We would be very grateful if you would bring something to add to the buffet table – your contributions are always delicious and greatly appreciated; wine and soft drinks will be provided. Entry is £1.00 for the evening – the starting time is **7.00pm**.

If any Member wishes to raise a point at the AGM please contact Annabel on 01869 810847.

AYNHO WI Jointly with Aynho History Society

Contact: Jill Wightman 811206

(3rd Wednesday 16th November 7.30pm)

Our AGM, the first proper one since 2019 because of Covid, went very well with a good number of our members present. Val Swan our Secretary started the meeting by reading the minutes of the last meeting and, in the unfortunate absence of our Treasurer, read out her prepared report. Our President, Jill Wightman continued with her report on the events and happenings of the last few years – albeit ‘spasmodic’ as a result of Covid and explaining that our financial year would now be from April - April, meaning that we would have our next AGM in March 2023, when our membership fees would be due – **NOT** in January. After this official part of the evening we had time to enjoy our many homemade cakes, tea, coffee and plenty of our usual chat. We were then delighted to see a short presentation that our previous Joint President, Fiona Hodges, had prepared with technical help from Jill on her new home venue of Wells in Somerset – very interesting, our thanks to Fiona. Our next meeting on November 16th will be a joint one with the History Society.

Pippa Gwilliam, a Blenheim Palace guide, will be telling us all about Consuelo Vanderbilt, who married into the Churchill family becoming the 9th Duchess of Marlborough. Should be interesting. Meanwhile take good care of yourselves and enjoy the Fireworks.

The next WI coffee mornings are on the 2nd + 9th November 10.30am – 12 noon at the Cartwright Hotel. Please note this is the last date for letting Jill have your menu choices for the Christmas Lunch on 2nd December

HISTORY SOCIETY Jointly with Aynho WI

Contact: Keith McClellan 810346

16th November at 7.30pm Entry £2

Consuelo Vanderbilt was a socialite and member of the prominent American Vanderbilt family. On the 6th November 1895, aged just 17, she was coerced by her ambitious mother into marrying Charles Spencer Churchill the 9th Duke of Marlborough. Our speaker Pippa Gwilliam, a Blenheim Palace guide, will tell us what happened next. **Please note this is not on the usual History Society night.**

MCC (Men's Coffee Club) (3rd Wednesday)

Contact Jill Wightman 811206

The next coffee morning is on 16th November, 10.30am – 12 noon at the Cartwright Hotel

Please note this is the last day for giving me your menu choices for the Christmas Lunch on 9th December. Thank you Jill.

WRITERS GROUP (Saturday 12th November 10.00am to 12.30 in the Village Hall)

Contact: Keith McClellan 810346

We had a good attendance at last months meeting and heard some interesting ways on “How to save money” and 1 or 2 stories “Via letters and E-mail” This month we will be hearing “Personal Memories of the Queen” or “Halloween” or “Guy Fawkes”
New Members welcome.

BRIDGE CLUB

Contact: kevinds@salasinvest.com

If there are still more of you interested in taking part in our Bridge Group please contact Kevin at the above e-mail address or at number **11 Portway**.

WELL BEING WALKS (Thursdays 10.00am)

Contact: Kathy White 810418

As usual our walks start from the Sports Field and as it may be a little colder wrap up and join us for your different length walks or on the track and then enjoy refreshments together afterwards.

TOP DANCE SCHOOL – Latin & Ballroom

Contact: Tizzy Jones as below

Beginners classes in AVH. Thursdays – Children aged 4 to 12 years – 5.0pm-6.0pm and Adults 7.0pm-8.0pm. IDTA Registered and Enhanced DBS cleared. For more information and to book a place please call: **Tizzy Jones on 07986837119 or e-mail tizianajones@btinternet.com**

WINTER LUNCH CLUB (November Thursdays 3rd 10th 17th & 24th 12.15–1.30pm)

Contact: Amanda 01869 810341

Winter Lunch Club takes place most Thursdays from October 2022 to end of March 2023. It is an opportunity for any villager to come along to the village hall and hopefully enjoy a simple home-cooked meal from a choice of soup, baked potato with filling, pudding, tea/coffee, at very reasonable cost during the winter months. Whether a regular returning or a new face you will be given a warm welcome. To book your place (max numbers are 22) please telephone Amanda on 810341 before 12 noon on Mondays at the start of the relevant week (leave a message on the answerphone if I am out) or you can sign up when at lunch. If you book a place but can no longer come please let me know. Payment is by cash only.

AYNHO CRICKET CLUB

After a very successful meeting in the Cartwright last month we decided to constitute a Cricket Club for the village. Its purpose is twofold - to run a team for friendly matches against neighbouring villages/clubs and to organise and run a cricket training course for 5-8 year girls and boys. More will follow about setting up the Club and a first meeting will likely happen towards the end of the month or early December.

AD&D Photographic Society

Contact: Anne Hunsley www.addphoto.co.uk

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 2nd November at the Adderbury Institute.

SOCIAL DOG WALKING

Contact Faraz Shibli on 07742 906 780

To make dog walking a bit more social - for dogs and their owners alike - a
Whats App group is being set up for dog owners in the village.

The idea is for people to let each other know
when and where they are heading out from time to time
to see if others might like to join.

All very casual and no pressure.

VILLAGE ALLOTMENTS

It is that time again to review the allocation of allotments in preparation for 2023. There are part allotments available should anyone wish to join the allotment community to grow some fine veg and protect themselves from all this food inflation.

- Beginners are welcome.
- There is lots of advice on hand.
- Old timers are welcome too!
- Give it a try.

*Applications need to be in **by 21st November**
to the Allotment Coordinator (**telephone 810847**).*

*It is £5 for a full allotment plot and £2.50 for any part plot for the year.
Get in touch if you are interested*

POPPY APPEAL - HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTIONS

Aynho's local house to house to collectors will be getting round the village with poppies, pins and stickers (even these last days of October) during the Remembrance fortnight. Please look out for them and support the cause. The

Royal British Legion does great stuff looking after old and not so old servicemen and women who have given so much for their country - and they need our support in raising funds for the cause.

A big thank you to the Collectors.

COMING UP AT KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE

We've got some fantastic events and opportunities lined up to see you into the festive season with a warm glow. Your support makes such a difference to the hospice at what continues to be a very challenging time. Here are just a few things that are coming up...

- ❖ **SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER- SANTA FUN RUN:** contact www.khh.org.uk/santa
- ❖ **THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER – LIGHTS OF LOVE:** contact www.khh.org.uk/lights
- ❖ **SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER - RC BAKER CHRISTMAS TRACTOR RUN:** contact www.khh.org.uk/tractor “ROUTING TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON”

Could you be a Village Champion for Katharine House? We're looking for volunteers to help put up posters three or four times a year in their local village to help us spread the word about our upcoming events. We already have some brilliant Village Champions, but we're looking to recruit even more. If you think you could help, then we'd love to hear from you. Send an email to getinvolved@khh.org.uk or find out more on our website.

Try our Tree-cycle scheme

Our Tree-cycle scheme is back – and available in even more areas! So instead of worrying about how to environmentally dispose of your tree after all the festivities are over, you can make a donation to Katharine House Hospice and, in return, we will send one of our elves to collect and recycle your tree. Head to our website to find out more and check if your postcode is included in the scheme.

www.khh.org.uk/christmastree

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and thank you for the generous
donations of produce and
money.*

*Brackley Foodbank received a
full car load of goods and a
cheque for £99.52*

