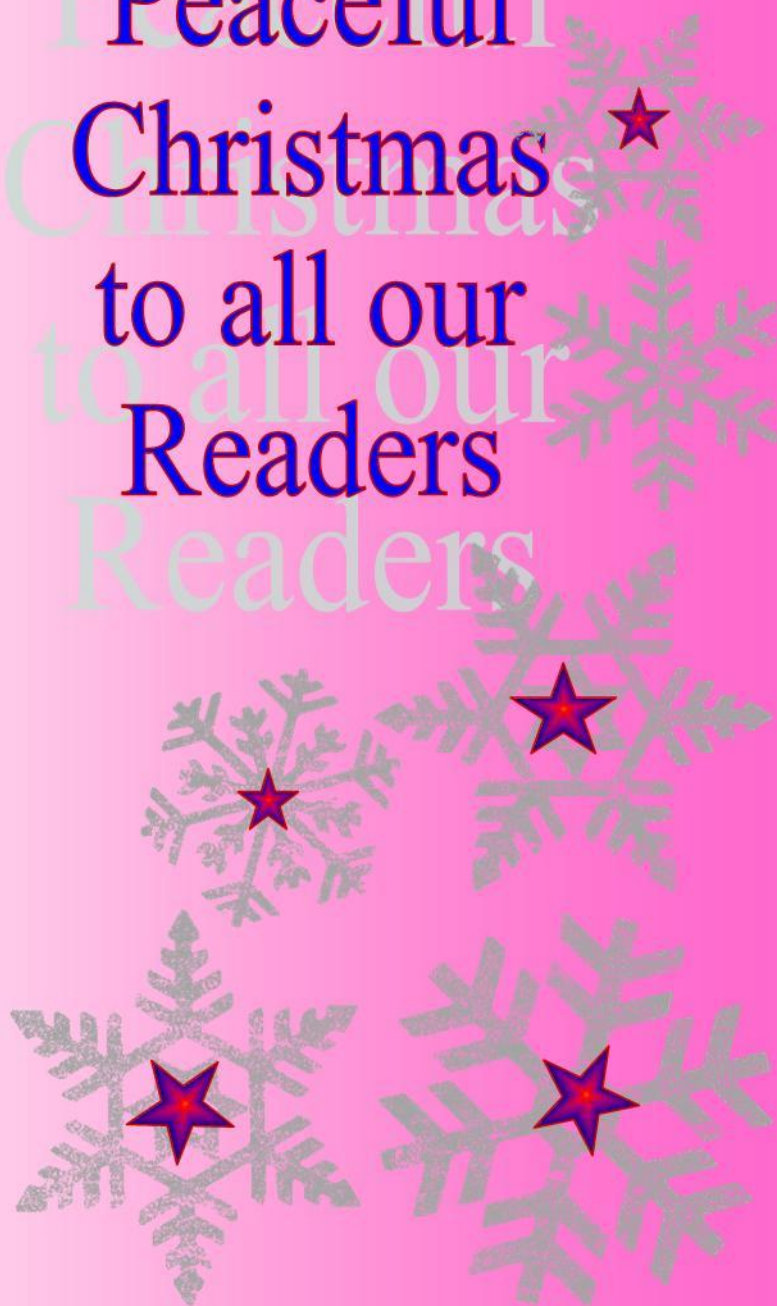


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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2022

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‘CHURCHWARDEN’S RAMBLINGS’

Christmas fast approaches but winter has now arrived with its strong, cold winds and plenty of rain. The sun is showing its face less frequently and no longer has much warmth to offer. The warmth of family, friends, and neighbours is what will get us through.

The community Carol Service is at St Michaels on Sunday 18th December at 5.00 pm and everyone is welcome to come and join in. The carols and readings will be familiar and the singing is always uplifting. The young children will be able to dress up for roles in the ad hoc nativity scene so perhaps please get in touch with Annabel Bellamy (810847) for ideas, roles and access to the wardrobe!

Christmas Day service this year will be a short Holy Communion at 10.00am so please join us. We do hope that those people not away for Christmas will come along for this short but important service.

We haven’t found our new Rector yet and due to the time of year this is not likely to change and we will therefore look at our options in the coming weeks.

Contact remains via the Rectory telephone in the first instance (**810903**) or by email to office@astwickvalebenefice.org. Otherwise, we are 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

KATHERINE HOUSE HOSPICE - What’s coming up later this winter?

As we head towards the end of the year we’re sharing some updates, ideas, and events for the festive season. We couldn’t continue to support our wonderful community without the help of people like you. Thank you!

- ❖ **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 “Arrives AYNHO approx. 6.50pm”

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree...

Our Tree-cycle scheme is back – and available in even more areas! Head to our website to find out more and check if your post code is included in the scheme. www.khh.org.uk/christmastree

Spread some cheer and volunteer!

We’re always on the lookout for new volunteers, but especially around Christmas when we’re running lots of events and adding extra touches to make the season even more special. If you think you can help, take a look at the seasonal roles available on our website: www.khh.org.uk/FestiveVolunteer

We’re here to help

If you have lost someone you love and would like some support, we have a team of trained Bereavement Support Workers waiting to help you. If you’d like to find out more about how we can help support you, please take a look on our website: www.khh.org.uk/bereavement-services

Digital monthly newsletter – keep up to date with your hospice

Sign up to receive our Katharine House digital monthly newsletter and keep you in touch with all our latest news and fundraising events at the hospice. www.khh.org.uk/newsletter

OUR VILLAGE ENTERTAINMENTS/ACTIVITIES

SHORT MAT BOWLS (Tuesdays 2.30-4.30pm) Contact: Kath 811868

We would love to welcome new members. This is Short Mat Bowls and we help each other to learn to play. Tea/Coffee and Biscuits are provided in the interval at about 3.15pm for 20 minutes. The cost is £2.50 a week per person.

There will be no bowls on 27th December & January 3rd. Resuming play January 10th.

GARDENING CLUB (2nd Wednesday 7.30pm) Contact: Annabel Bellamy 81084 It was good to see you at the AGM and well done for taking part in the Quiz. Thank you for your wonderful contributions to the buffet table – always a delicious mix.

The first event of 2023 will be held on **Wednesday 11th January** - second Wednesday of the month as always. Tom Duncan will talk on the garden at Mount Stewart, Co. Down. The talk will start at 7.30pm and we will be ready to re-new your Annual Membership (£12) prior to the talk. Guests £3. In the meantime the Committee wish all the Members of the Aynho Gardening Club a Very Happy Christmas. With best wishes Annabel Bellamy.

AYNHO WI (3rd Wednesday 7.30pm) Contact: Jill Wightman 811206

The WI's November meeting saw the History Society joining us for an excellent talk given by Blenheim Palace guide Pippa Gwilliam on Consuelo Vanderbilt, who as a teenager was forced into a loveless marriage with the 9th Duke of Marlborough. Pippa's talk was entertaining as well as informative and enjoyed by all.

Our coffee mornings are continuing each month and for those of us at the 2nd November one were lucky enough to enjoy a gorgeous Halloween cake – so our thanks to “The Cartwright”. The coffee morning in December will be mulled wine and mince pies (see below). The New Year is not far away and the WI Committee are well ahead with the booking of speakers. Meanwhile we wish all our members a happy and peaceful time in the preparation and enjoyment of Christmas.

Reminders: **Christmas Lunch** - Friday 2nd.

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies – Wednesday 7th. Cost £5.00

HISTORY SOCIETY (Last Wednesday of month 7.30pm)

Contact: Keith McClellan 810346

Sadly Keith has decided to retire as Chairman of the History Society after many, many years of involvement. We all send our heartfelt thanks for all the hard work he has put in over the years which has resulted in the successful society we have today. On the plus side he will still be attending the meetings so he will not be going completely. In January Helen McKenzie will be taking over and we wish her well. **There is no meeting in December** so it just remains to wish you all an enjoyable Christmas.

MCC (Men's Coffee Club)

Contact: Jill Wightman 811206

Dates for your Diary:

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies Wednesday 7th December. Cost £5.

Christmas Lunch Friday 9th December.

Booking is essential for both these activities.

WRITERS GROUP (Saturday 10th December 10.0am to 12.30 in the Village Hall)

Our November meeting heard some lovely memories of Guy Fawkes Night and Halloween, as well as memories of The Queen. On the 10th we will have our usual "Guess the Author" Stories of Christmas Past, followed by our Christmas Lunch at the Cartwright Hotel.

Contact: Keith McClellan 810346

"WELL BEING WALKS" (every Thursday 10.00am) Contact: Kathy White 810418

All our walks continue throughout the winter months but make sure that you put on sturdy footwear and extra layers. The tracks and pathways may be slippery with leaves, so extra care is needed. Being outside is a great break from feeling shut in during these darker months and is so good for your physical and mental health. Just take this opportunity to join in, make new friends and enjoy the refreshments which are even more welcome when we get back.

TOP DANCE SCHOOL – LATIN & BALLROOM Contact: Tizzy Jones on 07986837119

Beginners classes in A.V.H. 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 as above or email tizianajones@btinternet.com.

WINTER LUNCH CLUB –December: Thursdays 1st 8th & 15th. 12.15–1.30p.m

(2023 will start on Thursday 12th January)

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.

AD&D Photographic Society

Contact: Anne Hunsley www.addphoto.co.uk

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 7th December at 7.30pm at The Adderbury Institute. See our website for further details. You can also catch us at Castle Quay on the 10th of December 9am until 2pm and see our images and talk to us about becoming a member.

"BRIDGE CLUB" at Aynho

Contact: kevinds@salasinvest.com

If there are still more of you interested in taking part in our Bridge Group please contact me as above or call at 11, Portway, Aynho.

LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE at Kings Sutton

Contact: Ken Langdon 07850 616069

Have you ever thought of trying out Bridge? Kings Sutton Bridge Club is offering **free** taster sessions in January and February. So, how about giving it a try? If you find that you enjoy it, then you may want to join a beginners' course starting in March.

See <http://www.bridgewebs.com/kingssutton> for more information or call Ken on the number above.

PERHAPS BOTH YOU BRIDGE GROUPS SHOULD GET TOGETHER!!

CALLING ALL CHILDREN UP TO 10 YEARS OLD

**Give some cheerful colours to Father Christmas and his sack and bring completed pictures to Sybil Stevens at 32 Roundtown for a reward,
between 10.30am and 4.00pm on
Saturday 10th December.**



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Aynho children's Christmas party

Saturday 17th December,
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Tractor run and kick off
the festivities with

Dancing, Games, Food, Face Painting,
and a guest appearance from Santa
and his sack of toys!

**suitable for children 10 &
under. £5 per ticket**

RSVP to marcredfern@hotmail.com
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SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER

4pm to 6pm

*Join us on the Village Square to decorate the Christmas
tree.*

Kindly donated by Perry Tree Farm, Adderbury

*Let's get together to decorate the tree and switch on the
lights.*

*Sing Christmas carols with a delicious mug of hot
chocolate and a mince pie.*

*We may even get a visit from the Big Man himself, Santa.
Gifts for all the children.*

**Please come along and support us to raise much needed
funds for our village.**

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