

*MAY WE WISH ALL OUR READERS
A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND
PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR*



ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE

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

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2023

January 1st **AYNHO** **10.30am** **Benefice Holy Communion**
 1st Sunday after
 Christmas

January 8th **AYNHO** **NO SERVICE**
 Epiphany 1

Evenley – 9.30am Morning Worship
 Farthinghoe – 9.30am Morning Worship
 Hinton – 11.00am Morning Worship

January 15th **CROUGHTON** **10.30am** **Benefice Holy Communion**
 Epiphany 2

January 22nd **AYNHO** **11.00am** **Holy Communion**
 Epiphany 3

Sidepersons: Gillian Reynolds, Ted Sutton

Croughton – 11.00am Morning Worship
 Farthinghoe – 9.30am Morning Worship
 Hinton – 11.00am Morning Worship

January 29th **EVENLEY** **10.00am** **Benefice Holy Communion**
 Epiphany 4

CHURCH CLEANING at St Michael's Aynho – Thursday 19th from 9.30am
 BELL RINGING – Alternate Tuesdays - 7.30pm at Aynho

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

Church Wardens: Andrew Bellamy Tel: **01869-810847**
 Kathy White Tel: **01869-810418**

Items for February 2023 Newsletter preferably before or by January 21st please to:
 Sybil 32, Roundtown, Aynho Tel: **01869 810692** E-mail: syban@btinternet.com

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CHURCHWARDEN'S RAMBLINGS

Above all, let us wish a very Happy New Year to everyone in the community of Aynho. A New Year which we hope and pray will bring respite from the cold, the cost of living crisis and the challenges facing everyone in the work place – and in our community that we look out for one another and help out where we can. In our church, inside St Michael's and outside in the village, we will try and play our part. The bells will ring out at 2.00pm on 2 January to bring in 2023 and make it a successful and happy year for all.

We are here as your first point of contact in the village if there is anything you need - general or specific information, enquiries about weddings, funerals and burials. Our personal contact details are Kathy White in Portway Gardens (810418) and Andrew Bellamy in The Square (810847). You can also leave a message at the Rectory behind Aynho Court, or telephone 810903, or email office@astwickvalebenefice.org.

Kathy and Andrew

AYNHO VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

The Village Newsletter is produced by St. Michael's Church as a vehicle for informing residents on a monthly basis of events that have either happened or are due to happen.

Input is welcomed from any of the various groups which provide leisure activities and fellowship to the local community. It has an electronic circulation list reaching around 200 addressees in addition to 325 printed copies distributed monthly by our group of volunteers. The local nature of this list represents an attractive target audience for some small businesses.

All of the work in producing the Newsletter ready for printing is undertaken voluntarily by Sybil Stevens and Deborah Gibbs. Printing, although we are fortunate in having it undertaken on a heavily subsidised basis, is our major cost. The financial facts are that in 2022 the cost of producing the Newsletter was £984 whilst income was £765. The income came from the Parish Council, Advertisers, a donation from a local resident and contributions from two societies. The deficit is borne by the Church.

We already know that the printing costs will be substantially higher in 2023 and even though we have increased advertising charges they will only go part of the way to meet the increased cost. We have discussed, and rejected, charging societies for their input. We would nevertheless welcome contributions from any group or, for that matter, any resident who felt that they would like to make a contribution towards the running costs of the Newsletter.

Norman White
Treasurer
St. Michael's Church

14 December 2022

OUR VILLAGE ENTERTAINMENTS/ACTIVITIES

SHORT MAT BOWLS (Village Hall - Tuesdays 2.30-4.30pm)

Contact: Carol McClellan 810346

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. Next game **January 10th**.

GARDENING CLUB (Village Hall - 2nd Wednesday)

Contact: Annabel Bellamy 810847

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all Members - We start our Gardening Club year with a talk by Tom Duncan on **Wednesday 11th January**. Tom will be talking about the garden at Mount Stewart, Co Down. A great way to get our gardening year going..... The Village Hall will be open at **7pm** for you to pay your yearly subscription and receive the programme for the year. The subscription is £12. Guests £3. The talk will start promptly at **7.30pm**. Looking forward to seeing you.

AYNHOW WI (Village Hall - 3rd Wednesday)

Contact: Jill Wightman 811206

A happy, peaceful and interesting New Year to all our members and of course readers of this Newsletter. It is hoped that you all had wonderful Christmas and New Year celebrations.

Our last get together in December was a splendid occasion when we joined with the MCC (Men's Coffee Club) for some excellent mulled wine and mince pies provided by the Cartwright Hotel. It was good to meet the MCC, especially as some of its members were the other halves of some of our members. In December we also took part in the local WI's Carol Service at the Baptist Church in Brackley. It was well attended by the ladies of Aynho WI and ended with more mince pies. What would our Christmas celebrations be without mince pies? Our next meeting on 18th January will be a talk by Kate Angel on Mindfulness; a little about its history and also a few activities for us to try.

Coffee Mornings 4th & 11th January 10.30am – 12 noon

HISTORY SOCIETY (Village Hall - 4th Wednesday)

Contact: Helen MacKenzie 07866 044985

Wednesday 25th January - A Life in Politics by Lord Boswell of Aynho

Our own Tim Boswell talks about how he moved from a family of farmers and market gardeners in Essex to Aynho over 50 years ago, married his late wife from South Wales, gradually transitioned from a largely academic life to farming before finally beginning his life in politics during which he represented his adopted village and county as an MP for 23 years. Definitely a talk not to be missed. You do not need to be a member just come along and pay on the night.

Please note that as the fees for hiring the village hall have risen considerably this month we are having to raise the entrance fee to **£3**. I'm sure you will agree, however, this is still really good value for an interesting evening's entertainment.

AYNHOW WRITERS GROUP (Village Hall Saturday, January 14th 2023, 10.00 -12.00)

Contact: Keith McClellan 810346

At our December meeting, we all wrote something about Christmas but, as we usually do, we put no names on, put them in envelopes, and redistributed and tried to guess the writer as they were read out. After the meeting, we crossed to our Christmas lunch at the Cartwright. We also had our Annual publication thanks to Jayne for a fantastic production. Next month we shall be writing about 'My printer/computer and me,' or 'The Interview'.

WELL BEING WALKS

Contact: Kathy White 810418

Every Thursday starting at the Sports Field 10.0am. Short & Long Walks. Please be sure to wrap up warm and wear some really good footwear against snow, rain or slippery leaves etc.! Refreshments are offered at the finish!

MCC (Men's Coffee Club)

Contact: Jill Wightman 811206

Coffee Morning 18th January 10.30am – 12 noon at the Cartwright Hotel.

WINTER LUNCH CLUB (Village Hall 12.15–1.30pm 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.

At the beginning of the WLC season back in October I had not chosen a village project, that still needed to be thought about! I have now made a decision and, with the backing of all those present at WLC on Thursday 15th December, the profit from January - end of March 2023 will go towards support of the Village Hall, such a vital amenity to the village.

TOP DANCE SCHOOL – (Village Hall – Thursdays)

LATIN & BALLROOM

**Contact: Tizzy Jones on 07986837119 or
email tizianajones@btinternet.com**

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Adults 7.00pm - 8.00pm.

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AYNHO ROAD CYCLING

**Contact: Faraz Shibli on 07742 906 780 or
faraz.shibli@oxon.org**

A small group of residents have begun an informal road cycling club. We aim to meet once a month on a Saturday or Sunday for a social ride with a stop for breakfast. **All abilities welcome.**

AYNHO CRICKET CLUB

Contact: Henrycarless@live.com

After the success of the Jubilee cricket match against Souldern, we are delighted to announce that, starting in the 2023 season, the Aynho Cricket Club will be a registered club with the ECB for the first time since many decades.

We are excited to be hosting up to 5 senior games per season on the playing fields against other local clubs, and very proud to also be facilitating the running of the ECB All Stars programme for children aged 5-8 in the area.

The final details are in the process of being worked through, but we would welcome interest in the Club from adults (men or women) including parents whose children, initially ages 5-8 in the present school year, might be interested in the game.

If you would like to know more then please contact Henry: Henrycarless@live.com

“BRIDGE CLUB” at Aynho

Contact: kevinds@salusinvest.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.



AYNHO Quiz & Curry Night

Aynho Village Hall
Saturday 18th March 2023 7.30pm

Maximum of **4** in a team

Licensed Bar

Raffle

£12.50 per person
Includes Meal and Quiz Entry

All proceeds toward Aynho Active
Tickets from Michael Johnson mjohnson.deepdale@gmail.com 07585 616747

ABILITY – THE COMMUNITY MINI-BUS SERVICE

FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF AYNHO

There is a **£10 fee to REGISTER** and it is **FREE to use** if you have a valid bus pass and use the village bus stops.

See below for the 2022 Silver and Gold annual membership fees, which offers a more convenient pick-up point or a door-to-door service.

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The Ability Community mini-bus service runs to **Banbury on Tuesday & Thursday** to the town centre, various supermarkets & retail parks. On **Friday** there is a choice of a mini-bus to either **Brackley or to Bicester** to visit the market & various shops as well as **special trips out to a variety of locations**. (See current list below)

You need to complete a form to REGISTER with this service before you can use it.

Seats need to be booked in advance by telephoning **Ability on 01327 604123**.

It's easy to register online - <https://abilitycic.org.uk/membership/>

Please ring Ability with any queries. Tel. 01327 604123

***PLEASE NOTE: The above prices are for 2022 and these could be subject to change later in 2023.**

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Aynho's Christmas Tree Event

3rd December 2022



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PARISH COUNCIL
FOR ORGANISING
THE CHRISTMAS TREE
DECORATIONS

&

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PERRY TREE FARM
FOR DONATING IT