



Aynho

The Apricot Village

NEWSLETTER  
APRIL 2023

# EASTER GREETINGS

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MICHAELS'S  
CHURCH

EASTER  
SUNDAY  
SERVICE

10.00AM



# ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE

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

## CHURCH CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2023

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**April 2<sup>nd</sup>** **CROUGHTON** **10.30am** **Benefice Holy Communion**  
**Palm Sunday**

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>** **AYNHO** **7.00pm** **Compline**

**4<sup>th</sup>** **Croughton** **7.00pm** **Compline**

**5<sup>th</sup>** **Farthinghoe** **7.00pm** **Compline**

**Maundy Thursday** **EVENLEY** **7.00pm** **Benefice Holy Communion**  
**April 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Good Friday** **EVENLEY** **11.00am** **Family Service**  
**April 7<sup>th</sup>** **(Village Hall)**

**HINTON** **2.00pm** **Benefice “An Hour Before the Cross”**

**April 9<sup>th</sup>** **AYNHO** **10.00am** **Morning Worship**  
**Easter Sunday** Sidespersons: Annabel Bellamy, Jane Ward

**FARTHINGHOE** **10.30am** **Benefice Holy Communion**

Hinton – 11.00am Holy Communion

**April 16<sup>th</sup>** **NO SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> after Easter**

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>** **HINTON** **10.30am** **Benefice Holy Communion**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> after Easter**

Steane – 6.00pm Evensong

**April 30<sup>th</sup>** **AYNHO** **11.00am** **Holy Communion**  
**4<sup>th</sup> after Easter** Sidespersons: Gillian Reynolds, Ted Sutton

Farthinghoe – 11.00am Holy Communion

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**CHURCH CLEANING** at St Michael’s Aynho – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> from 9.30am

**BELL RINGING** – Alternate Tuesdays - 7.30pm at Aynho

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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**

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Items for May 2023 Newsletter preferably before or by **April 21<sup>st</sup>** please to:

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# CHURCHWARDEN'S RAMBLINGS

## *Happy Easter to everyone in the community*

Easter is the greatest of the Christian festivals during which we remember with joy and thanksgiving Jesus' victory of good over evil and life over death. With the war in Ukraine still raging, and earthquakes and other disasters around the world, it is difficult to remember that good does conquer evil. We must hold on to our belief that the sacrifices made by so many will eventually lead to freedom and peace and good will triumph over evil with the same certainty God sacrificed his only son for us.

Next month there is much to look forward to with the Coronation of King Charles already on the close horizon. We will hold a celebratory concert in the Church on the Friday evening and a special Coronation Thanksgiving service on the Sunday to which all are very welcome. This is a significant moment in our lives as some will remember from 1953!

This year is also the Tercentenary of St Michael's Church since its rebuilding in 1723. We shall find ways to celebrate this later in the year in proper fashion – perhaps with a new Rector, but certainly with a new modern heating system now we have had approvals from the authorities (a planning notice is on the Church notice boards until 17 April).

**Kathy and Andrew**

## **King Charles III – Coronation Weekend in Aynho**

In outline the following events are known to be planned. There is flexibility to build upon this outline with other events by local organisers. Coronations don't seem to happen very often so let's give the children something to remember and the older folk an opportunity to reminisce about the last one. It is another opportunity for the community to do things together.

**Friday evening 5<sup>th</sup> May – at 7pm** in St Michael's Church. (Separate flier enclosed with the Newsletter – see attached). Connaught Brass – a talented group of young musicians will get us off for a good start to the weekend. An evening of celebration in the Cartwright should also be good preparation for the weekend ahead. (We had fun all meeting up last year at the Jubilee).

### **Saturday morning - the Coronation**

### **Saturday lunchtime – Bowmens Lea plan their own Coronation Street Party**

### **Saturday afternoon**

- A ticketed Coronation Tea Party in the Apricot Room at the Cartwright – aimed at those who might even remember 1953! Tickets at £10 per head are subsidised by an Aynho community fund.
- A "**Crown Hunt**" starting and finishing at the Cartwright Hotel – a bit of a challenge and some rewards. This will be free. If, however, you would like tea and cake afterwards you will need a ticket – a family ticket will be £10 (2 adults & 2 children), all extra children £2 each, adults £4 and concessions £3.

**Tickets for both these events will be available from the Cartwright Hotel.**

**Sunday morning 7<sup>th</sup> May – at 10.30am** a special Coronation Thanksgiving Service in St Michael's Church

**Sunday lunchtime – Street Parties** (The Square are planning one of their own and others are welcome to join)

## **VILLAGE ACTIVITIES**

### **ROAD CYCLING**

**Contact: Faraz Shibli 07742 906 780 [faraz.shibili@oxon.org](mailto:faraz.shibili@oxon.org)**

Contrary to popular belief, the cycling club isn't entirely populated by MAMILs (middle-aged men in lycra), but we would particularly welcome more lady members! We meet on Saturday or Sunday mornings once or twice a month for a short ride, followed by coffee/breakfast and an optional longer ride. In March, our short ride took us to Farthinghoe and our longer ride took us to Deddington, Bloxham and Adderbury. We also run regular virtual rides on Zwift. Cyclists of all abilities and all bikes are welcome, including road bikes, mountain bikes, hybrids and e-bikes. Our next group rides are on Sunday 2nd and Saturday 29th April. Dust off your bike and come join us.

### **BRIDGE CIRCLE**

**Contact: [kevinds@salusinvest.com](mailto:kevinds@salusinvest.com)**

James Bond fans will recall the moment the spy, played by Roger Moore, made a grand slam with a rigged deck against billionaire villain Sir Hugo Drax in Moonraker. Similar scenes are played out when the bridge circle meets at the Cartwright one Monday evening a month - but with more wine and merriment and an optional sandwich supper. We have a wide range of ages and abilities, from complete beginners to experienced players, and we attract players from as far-flung places as Evenley. Our next meet up is on Monday 17th April, 7 for 7.15pm. New joiners would be very welcome.

### **SOCIAL DOG WALKING**

**Contact: Faraz Shibli 07742 906 780 [faraz.shibili@oxon.org](mailto:faraz.shibili@oxon.org)**

Discover new dog walks and give yourself and your dog some much-needed social interaction. We organise ad hoc, casual walks for dogs young and old via WhatsApp, usually on weekdays around lunchtime but occasionally at other times and on weekends. There's no pressure to join - just come along if and when convenient. Do get in touch if interested.

### **MCC & WI COFFEE MORNING**

**Contact: Jill Wightman 811206 Email: [jayrw10@gmail.com](mailto:jayrw10@gmail.com)**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am -12 noon at "The Cartwright Hotel"

This Easter coffee morning is for both coffee morning groups and will include Hot Cross Buns. The cost is £5 and **booking is essential**.

## **IN YOUR VILLAGE HALL**

### **SHORT MAT BOWLS** - Tuesdays 2.30 - 4.30pm

**Contact: Caroline McClellan 810346**

We give a warm welcome to new members. We help each other to learn play and Tea/Coffee and Biscuits are provided in the interval. The cost is £2.50 a week per person **playing**.

### **GARDENING CLUB** - 2nd Wednesday of the month

**Contact: Annabel Bellamy 810847**

The next Gardening Club evening will take place in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April**. Sue Bedwell will be talking to us about "**Clematis and their relatives**". Sue is an author of forty gardening titles, a speaker and a broadcaster, along with being a consultant on RHS Encyclopaedia. She opened her garden this spring – a glorious village garden packed with spring flowers. She came to talk to us about Nerines in 2016 and it is good that she is returning to the Aynho Gardening Club. The talk will start at 7.30pm. For any queries regarding the Gardening Club, please get in touch with Annabel Bellamy.

### **AYNHO WI** – 3rd Wednesday of the month

**Contact: Jill Wightman 811206 Email: [jayrw10@gmail.com](mailto:jayrw10@gmail.com)**

Our March meeting was the AGM where our President thanked the Committee for their hard work and our members, the vast majority of whom were present, for their support and enthusiasm. Owing to financial constraints we had to vote on whether to stay part of the WI or become a village group having discussed this over the last month. The final count was a large majority for leaving the WI so the current group will keep going but as a village club and under another name which will be announced later.

Following this Carol McClellan, one of our members, gave an amazing talk (with lots of photographs) on her and her husband Keith's experiences teaching in Kenya during the late 1960s early 1970s. We all thoroughly enjoyed hearing about all their ups and downs and are looking forward to hearing what happened next as she shares more of their adventures at our May meeting. **Our next meeting is on the 19<sup>th</sup> April, and is a much deserved lunch out at the Blue Diamond Garden Centre, Bicester.**

## **AYNHO WRITERS GROUP**

**Contact: Keith McClellan 810346**

We had a very successful meeting in March with interesting and amusing contributions on “Committing a crime” and “Advising our younger selves”. Next month we will consider “What is there in Banbury?” or “If only I had...” Our next meeting will be held on **Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 10.00am -12.30pm.**

## **HISTORY SOCIETY** - Last Wednesday in the Month, 26<sup>th</sup> April

**Contact: Helen MacKenzie 07866 044985**

### **“Oxford – Town and Clown”**

**Entry £3**

This month we are delighted to host a visit from Richard Smith a prestigious comedic writer who has published many books, contributed to Radio 4's 'Now Show' and the 'News Quiz' as well as regularly writing for the Oxford Times. In tonight's talk Richard promises to show us a much more humorous side to the 'dreaming spires' with an insight into the funnier parts of the city, its inhabitants and 'goings-on' away from stuffy academia. This evening is sure to prove to be a very amusing and light hearted look at Oxford's historical fact and fiction, and a great night out!

*You do not need to be a member just come along and pay on the night.*

## **TOP DANCE SCHOOL – LATIN & BALLROOM**

**Contact: Tizzy Jones 07986837119 [tiziana.jones@btinternet.com](mailto:tiziana.jones@btinternet.com)**

Beginner's classes Thursdays – Children aged 4 to 12 years – 5.00 - 6.0pm and Adults 7.00 - 8.00pm.

IDTA Registered and Enhanced DBS cleared. For more information or to book a place please call or email Tizzy Jones.

**QUIZ & CURRY Night – Sat 18<sup>th</sup> March** The recent Quiz & Curry Night in the Village Hall raised just over £1300 for Aynho Active so thank you to all those who came along and supported this event. Thanks also to all those who provided raffle prizes which included: The Cartwright Hotel; Bicester Village; Sky Wave Gin; The Great Western Arms; Brew Box; Cedar Therapy; Stanbra Powell Estate Agents; Brackley Town Football Club & Nellie & Dove.

## **PLAYING FIELD & PAVILION NEWS**

### **“WELL BEING WALKS”**

**Contact: Kathy White 810418**

“Our weekly walks continue, starting from the Sports Pavilion at 10.00 am each Thursday. The numbers for the long walks are just about back to normal but we are a little light on the shorter walk. Many people walk around the village regularly throughout the week on their own to get some exercise. Perhaps you would like a bit of company sometimes so please come and join us, just once a week. We are a very friendly bunch and happy to stay and share a cuppa and a cake when we get back. As we are nudging slowly into Spring, we must still be aware of the chilly winds and muddy fields so make sure that you wear warm clothing and sturdy shoes. I hope to see a few new faces over the coming weeks.

## **MONTHLY MINDFULNESS WORKSHOP** - Aynho Sports Pavilion

**Contact: Kate Angell 07478 276891 to book a place**

**or Email: [calmerminds.co.uk](http://calmerminds.co.uk) [www.calmerminds.co.uk](http://www.calmerminds.co.uk)**

## **AYNHO PARK CLUB DRAW**

The Winners from the start of the draw in April 2022 to March 2023.

All winners have received a cheque for £65.

April	Andrew Bellany		October	Derrick J
May	Derek Skipper		November	Marc Connor
June	Jane Willis		December	Pam Cramb
July	Joyce Ashbrook		January	Stephen Brook
August	Hendry Family		February	Tim Boswell
September	<i>Claim Returned</i>		March	Marc Connor

Please note we have received a lot of standing order payments for the original fee of £12, could all participants note that the fee is now £18. As a compromise last year we entered them for 8 of the 12 months. If you want to be included from April then please forward £6 balance. The Bank details are-**Account Name: Aynho Park Club** **Sort Code 30-11-08** **Account Number 00467143**

## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

### **Keep Aynho Beautiful**

Saturday, April 1st, 2.00pm – 4.00pm meet at the Sports Field Pavilion. Tea/coffee and cake for all volunteers willing people required to litter pick, tidy up areas or undertake small maintenance tasks. The Council are also taking part in ‘No Mow May’ – so don’t worry if the grass areas go wild!

<https://nomowmay.plantlife.org.uk/what-is-no-mow-may/>

### **Tuesday Post Office - Opening hours are 1:30pm-3:30pm at the Village Hall**

Just a reminder from a previous newsletter for this useful amenity, the PC provides half of the rental cost for the hall hire (£500) – **use it or lose it!**

### **Receive electronic updates.....**

The PC use mailchimp to distribute emails at various points, sometimes urgently or as a matter of updating residents –sign up with your email to get these here <https://us19.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=361fa37ecdf93ab1555e748ed&id=b7d84c0926>

### **Planning**

Latest planning can be found at <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/planning-applications-and-enforcement/view-and-comment-planning-application>

#### **WNS/2023/0410/FUL:**

22A Charlton Road Aynho OX17 3AD

First Floor part two storey extension over part of existing dwelling and adjacent garage.

#### **WNS/2023/0320/NMA:**

Aynhoe Park House, Aynho Park, Aynho OX17 3BQ

Non-material amendment to WNS/2022/0365 (Application for planning permission and listed building consent for internal and external physical works to the building). To amend the colour of the glazing bars.

#### **WNS/2023/0257/FUL:**

College Farm, Charlton Road, Aynho OX17 3AW

Demolition of existing Dutch barn and erection of replacement agricultural building.

**Next Meeting – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 7:30pm, Committee Room, Aynho Village Hall**

### **Contact details**

Chris Wilson is the Parish Clerk and can be contacted on email [clerk@aynho.org](mailto:clerk@aynho.org) or you can find us on the website [www.aynho.org](http://www.aynho.org)

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## **AYNHO PARK CLUB DRAW:**

### ***GET YOUR NUMBER NOW!***

The Aynho Park Club Draw is our village lottery. It exists purely to raise money to help maintain the Pavilion, sports field, exercise equipment, tennis court and amenity track which is such an asset to our little community.

Now running from April to March, this is the moment to renew your ticket for the next 12 monthly draws.

The annual cost is £18 from which 50% goes to the prize fund and. The other 50% contributing to the Pavilion’s upkeep.

The quickest way to get involved is to make a payment direct from your bank account - or better still, set a standing order - for £18, using the bank details below. Don’t forget to put your name as the reference on your bank payment. For those that have already done that, thanks!

If you’d prefer to pay by cash, drop us an email at [apcd@aynho.org](mailto:apcd@aynho.org) with your contact details and we’ll pop by to collect.

Monthly winners will be contacted directly and winning numbers published in the monthly village newsletter.

As someone else said, **“YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT”**

Bank Details

**Aynho Park Club Acct No: 00467143 Sort Code: 30-11-08**

We will not be making a draw in April and will be making two draws in May

# **YOUR LOCAL TRADE PAGE**

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## **KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE**

**SPRINGing into action** - Whether you join us at an event, sign up to be a volunteer or shop with us – your support makes a difference! Without the generosity of our wonderful community, we couldn’t keep caring for local people when they need us the most. Thank you!

**Get ready to MOVIE** - Our Fundraising Team is busy getting ready for the Moonlight Walk on Saturday 20 May. This year, we’re going to the movies – and it’s going to be spectacular. Get the date in your diary and tell your family and friends. Tickets are available on our website now. [www.khh.org.uk/moonlight](http://www.khh.org.uk/moonlight)

**Open Gardens return** - We have six dates for our Open Garden scheme running throughout the spring and summer! A huge thank you to all our green-fingered supporters who are opening their gardens to help raise money for our hospice. If you’re looking for some fun family days out in the months ahead then take a look at our Open Gardens page to find out more. [www.khh.org.uk/gardens](http://www.khh.org.uk/gardens)



# AYNHO CORONATION HOUSE DECORATING COMPETITION

Aynho held a competition at the 1937 Coronation and the Council would like to see the village decorated at its best. Judges will convene over the weekend (6th – 7th May) and visit all the houses that have notified the Clerk ([clerk@aynho.org](mailto:clerk@aynho.org)) and The Cartwright Hotel has kindly donated two of the prizes:



- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Evening meal for two at the Cartwright Hotel
- ◆ 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Afternoon tea for two at the Cartwright Hotel
- ◆ 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Bottle of Champagne

It is **FREE** to enter, just email the [clerk@aynho.org](mailto:clerk@aynho.org) to register  
with your house address.