



Aynho
The Apricot Village

NEWSLETTER MAY 2023



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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR MAY 2023

May 7th 5 th after Easter	AYNHO	10.30am Benefice Holy Communion (Coronation Service) Sidespersons: Jenny Pusey, Ted Sutton
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May 14th 6 th after Easter	AYNHO	NO SERVICE Evenley – 9.30am Morning Worship Farthinghoe – 9.30am Morning Worship Croughton – 11.00am Morning Worship Hinton – 11.00am Holy Communion
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May 21st Sunday after Ascension	EVENLEY	10.30am Benefice Holy Communion Steane – 6.00pm Evensong
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May 28th Whit Sunday	AYNHO	11.00am Holy Communion Sidespersons: Gillian Reynolds, Ted Sutton Farthinghoe – 9.00am Holy Communion
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CHURCH CLEANING at St Michael's Aynho – Thursday 25th 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 June 2023 Newsletter preferably before or by **May 22nd** please to:
Sybil 32, Roundtown, Aynho Tel: **01869 810692** E-mail: [**syban@btinternet.com**](mailto:syban@btinternet.com)

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CHURCHWARDEN'S RAMBLINGS

We hope that everyone had a lovely Easter break, spending time with family and friends. It was great that so many joined together in St Michael's on Easter Sunday for the service and refreshments. The Risen Christ is the key focus of our Christian life.....and we had fun with the Easter egg hunt afterwards with all the children.

The focus for May is undoubtedly what should be another joyous celebration, the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla. Many will watch it and wonder at the ceremony as have previous generations; some of our community will remember 1953 as well – and congratulations to them!

There are events planned in the village over the weekend covered in more detail elsewhere, including the amazing Concert on Friday night with Connaught Brass (one of the 5 musicians is playing at the Coronation in Westminster Abbey the following morning!). On the Sunday we will hold a special service (10.30am) to commemorate the Coronation and we will be joined by the other 5 villages of the Benefice before we all head off for the community street party lunches. Please join us. On Monday afternoon (3.00pm) there will be a very special 3-hour Peal of the Church bells – the first time, we think, this has happened in Aynho since the last Coronation.

Otherwise, life goes on. We have had one lovely wedding in April, one sad funeral and burial, and one interment of ashes of an old Aynho family. Despite having no Rector, the life of the Church continues as those who came to the Annual Meeting on 18th April are aware.

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).

Contact remains via the Rectory telephone in the first instance (810903) or by email to: office@astwickvalebenefice.org.

Kathy and Andrew

RHS WISLEY VISIT

27TH MAY 2023

Why not join us on an exclusive visit to

RHS Wisley Gardens

Travelling in a small 19 seater deluxe Cheney Coach we shall be leaving Aynho at 09.30 and departing Wisley at 16.30

Tickets available for 25 Pounds per head

(includes Wisley entrance fee)

Please contact

Linda Burke (07879 544308)

or

Helen Mackenzie (07866 044985)

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

ROAD CYCLING

Contact: Faraz Shibli 07742906780 or faraz.shibli@oxon.org

With each passing month, more cyclists emerge from the woodwork in Aynho – no doubt lured onto the saddle by the rapidly improving weather and the chance to wear one of the Club's newly designed apricot-themed jerseys. We meet on Saturday or Sunday mornings once a month for a short ride, a longer ride and coffee/breakfast. Cyclists of all abilities and all bikes are welcome, including road bikes, mountain bikes, hybrids and e-bikes. Our next group ride is on Sunday 28th May. If you'd like to come along, please get in touch as above.

BRIDGE CIRCLE

Contact: kevinds@salusinvest.com

The bridge circle continues to attract new joiners and will soon hopefully be able to field three tables on a regular basis. We have a wide range of ages and abilities, from complete beginners to experienced players, with opportunities for new players to receive some coaching. We usually meet one Monday evening a month – although our next meet up will exceptionally be on Tuesday 30th May (7.00 for 7.15pm at the Cartwright), due to bank holidays and other village events scheduled on Mondays in May. An optional sandwich supper is available by request. If you'd like to come along, please get in touch as above.

SOCIAL DOG WALKING

Contact: Faraz Shibli 07742906780 or faraz.shibli@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.

IN YOUR VILLAGE HALL

At the **Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall** the Committee was appointed for 2023. Its members are Amanda Limb (Gardening Club), Helen Mackenzie (History Society and Writers Group), Jill Wightman (Aynho Ladies Group), Liz Hadley (Aynho Active), Andrew Bellamy (Church), Jeremy James (Treasurer), Ray Willis (elected) and Simon Wormald (elected). Please contact any of the Committee if you want to know anything about the Village Hall. Bookings are now made via the village website and a new on line booking system. Thanks are due to Leslie Leighton and Jonathan Clinch for their leadership and management of Committee business and the Hall in 2021 and 2022 - the difficult years!

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 to 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

On the afternoon of **Wednesday 10th May** we will be visiting Broughton Grange to look at the extensive gardens. You will remember that the Head Gardener, Andrew Woodall, came to talk to us last year. This is a self-drive event. We will meet there just before **2pm** and the cost is **£10 per head**. If you have a Gardener's World 2 for 1 card this will be accepted. As you will see advertised in this Newsletter, there is a trip being organised to RHS Wisley on Saturday 27th May - contact Helen Mackenzie and Linda Burke for this event. For queries regarding Gardening Club, please get in touch with Annabel Bellamy as above.

AYNHO LADIES GROUP *(3rd Wednesday in the Month)*

Contact: Jill Wightman 811206 or jayrw10@gmail.com

It is hoped that all readers had a happy Easter break and we welcome you to this the first article of our newly established group.

At the beginning of April we, along with the MCC, enjoyed another of our coffee mornings thanks to the Cartwright Hotel and, as it was almost Easter we were thrilled to be spoilt, not only with lovely hot cross buns and lemon drizzle cake but were also able to bring along our husbands/partners as well. These coffee mornings, although not always with the MCC or other halves, will definitely remain an important part of our new group and, as before, if you would like to come along you can book with our Chair Jill Wightman. Regarding our new group; talk of suspending Aynho WI had been 'in the air' for quite a while and the

decision to suspend it was not taken lightly. The first Aynho WI was started in 1922 with Lady Cartwright as its President, and after two other suspensions over the years it had been running unbroken since 1963. Suspending it was, therefore, quite an emotional decision. It has, however, now been made and at the new group's first committee meeting we had to choose a name for it. We had quite a lengthy list of suggestions and after consideration finally decided on **Aynho Ladies Group**, which it is hoped will be acceptable to all members. As a new group we are very happy to welcome new members with our programme of talks and fun events. Our first meeting is on 17th May when Carol McClellan will continue her talk on the 6 years she spent in Kenya. Subscriptions will also be due at this meeting.

HISTORY SOCIETY - (*Last Wednesday*)

Contact: Helen MacKenzie 07866044985

Canons Ashby's Garden Restoration ***Entry £3***

Canons Ashby, a tranquil Tudor Manor house with rare terraced gardens, was built on the site of the remains of a medieval priory and has survived largely unaltered since 1710. Sadly the once beautiful gardens were lost through post war neglect. However, following the National Trust's acquisition in 1981, the gardens were neatened thus allowing a full restoration to begin. Our speaker, Laura Malpas, a consultant and journalist who has worked at Canons Ashby for over 10 years, will guide us through the story of how the gardens were brought back to life and restored to the early Georgian elegance seen today. You do not need to be a member of the History Society to find out more about these historic gardens just come along and pay on the night.

TOP DANCE SCHOOL – LATIN & BALLROOM

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

Beginners classes in AVH Thursdays – Children aged 4 to 12 years – 5.00pm-6.00pm and Adults 7.00pm-8.00pm. IDTA Registered and Enhanced DBS cleared. For more information and to book a place please call or email Tizzy as above.

AYNHO WRITERS GROUP

Contact: keithcrolmac@gmail.com or Keith McClellan 810346

Next meeting: 10.00am -12.30 Saturday, 13th May

Last month we had our usual interesting and amusing contributions on 'If only I had...' and "What is there in Banbury " At May's meeting, "The Road not taken", or "Leaving a Job to spend more time with the Family". If neither suits you can offer something else.

If you fancy joining us, come to a meeting to hear what we do, and.... if it suits.... join.

CARTWRIGHT HOTEL

SUMMER LUNCH CLUB – (*Every Thursday 12 noon*)

Contact Jill Wightman 811206 or The Cartwright 811885

Many thanks to Amanda for running the very popular Winter Lunch Club and making the most delicious lunches over the last 6 months. It has been very much appreciated by all who have attended. Normally the Lunch Club finishes at the end of March but this year it will be carrying on as a Summer Lunch Club. It will be every Thursday at 12 noon at the Cartwright Hotel. It is open to all. To book please ring either Jill or the Cartwright Hotel as above.

AYNHO LADIES & MENS COFFEE - (*Wednesday May 3rd 10.30am*)

Contact Jill Wightman 811206

The coffee mornings are held in the Cartwright Hotel. Booking is essential. We will also be holding a Raffle. To book please contact Jill as above.

PLAYING FIELD & PAVILION NEWS

"WELL BEING WALKS" (*Thursday 10.00am*)

Contact Kathy White 810418

Our weekly walks continue, starting from the Sports Pavilion. 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.

(Also please note the piece on the Blandford Fly – and be protected)

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Annual Village Meeting

Make a date for your diary – Monday 22nd May in the Village Hall – 7:30pm. Ahead of the meeting we'll distribute a copy of the Annual Village Report to all household and circulate on email.

RH.com and the Annual Village Meeting

Unfortunately this year RH aren't able to send someone along but are still keen to answer your questions. Please submit your questions to me, Lesley Grant, by Friday 12th May and on the evening of the Village meeting you will receive the responses from RH.

You can submit your questions to me by email at lesley.grant@aynho.org . Thank you, Lesley

Aynho Park Club Draw “BE IN IT TO WIN IT”

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 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.

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

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

Community Speed Watch

After the first highly successful Community Speed Watch (CSW) event last June where over a hundred motorists were contacted by the Police for the excess speeds through the village, we're doing it again! And we need your help!

Running from Saturday 27-May to Saturday 24-June, we're looking for Aynho villagers that want to make a difference to traffic speeds through the village.

Make a difference - volunteer now! Contact David Dean at csw@aynho.org or call 01869 934164. Specific dates for each CSW session will be confirmed nearer the dates when we know how many villagers and days and times convenient for everyone.

The need for this type of initiative is evident from Northants Police own speed camera-van and recent feedback: “We have visited Aynho twice this recently, we detected 13 offences on one occasion and 8 offences on another, all exceeding 35mph+” **Get Involved, Please.**

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=361fa37ecd93ab1555e748ed&id=b7d84c0926>

Planning

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

Next Meeting – Monday 15th May, 7:30pm, Committee Room, Aynho Village Hall

Contact details

Chris Wilson is the Parish Clerk and can be contacted on email clerk@aynho.org or 01869 934164 you can find us on the website www.aynho.org

CORONATION EVENTS

❖ *5th May - 7.00pm*

CORONATION CONCERT - CONNAUGHT BRASS

The Early Bird offer for tickets at £15 may have closed for the general public BUT NOT for Aynho villagers! There are still tickets available to book - please email tickets.stmichaels@gmail.com to book and pay in advance. **Tickets (cash) will be available on the door for the 7pm start.** Free glass of wine at the interval; concert will last 90 minutes total. Hope to see you in the Bar at the Cartwright afterwards (and before of course) to get the weekend going.

❖ *6th May*

TEA PARTY - DON'T MISS OUT! There are just a few tickets left which are available at the subsidised price of £10. To book for this please contact the **Cartwright Hotel** on **811885**.

❖ *CORONATION CROWN HUNT* - This is a free event which starts from the Cartwright Hotel. If you would like to take part and would like tea and cake afterwards you will need to book – a family of 2 adults & 2 children is £10, all extra children are £2 each, adults £4 and concessions £3. Contact the **Cartwright Hotel** on **811885** to sign up.

❖ *7th May*

STREET PARTIES - DON'T MISS OUT! Well done and good luck to all those organising the "Big Coronation Lunch" street parties in their part of the village on 7 May. For those not able to have one but who would like to join others, you will always be welcome in The Square where together with Roundtown, The Hill and Little Lane we will be organising a bring your own food and drink to share. We will have some tables and chairs but you may need/want to add to the line or to the coverings if it is wet. We'll need to have a fair idea of numbers so please watch out for arrangements and contact details on Community Facebook in the first week of May.

❖ *HOUSE DECORATING COMPETITION*

- The village 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) and The Cartwright Hotel has kindly donated two of the prizes:
- **1st Prize: Evening meal for two at the Cartwright Hotel**
- **2nd Prize: Afternoon tea for two at the Cartwright Hotel**
- **3rd Prize: Bottle of Champagne**
- It is FREE to enter, just email the clerk@aynho.org or ring **01869 934164** to register with your house address.

BLANDFORD FLY – WARNING

The Blandford Fly is on its way. This fly is only 2-3mm in length but its bite packs a punch and can cause a serious reaction. Since March the larvae have been clinging onto the riverside plants of the River Cherwell cleaning the water by filtering out food particles. This river bank can support somewhere in the region of 10,000 larvae per square metre and as May approaches the newly emerging adults are ready to take wing. The males are harmless but the females need a blood meal (human and dogs seem to be a favourite) so they can mate. The bites can result in blistering, purple (haemorrhagic) lesions, high temperature and intense stabbing pain. Do not scratch as this may set up a secondary infection. They tend to fly near to the ground so legs are particularly vulnerable although they can bite anywhere. Not only will they be with us through May but in June & July as well. So cover up and slap on a good quality insect repellent.

For more information go to NHS Oxford Health website.

<https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/news/miu-update-patients-with-blandford-fly-bites>

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We look forward to welcoming you aboard!

WEDS 3RD MAY	Kenilworth Castle *English Heritage Site	Book your day ticket in advance directly with kenilworth to guarantee your entry £16 fare £12.50 entry fee (concession)
TUES 9TH MAY (day change bank hol)	Bicester Garden Centre/Village	Garden centre with restaurant and the designer outlet shopping centre *please advise which location you require
THURS 11TH MAY	Pub Lunch	Pub lunch - green man a43. Chef and brewer, lunch menu approx £10 for main course
MON 15TH MAY	Banbury	Our regular trip to banbury town for residents of brackley and surrounding villages
THURS 18TH MAY	Northampton Town And Museum/Gallery	Highly reviewed museum – free entry, donations welcome
MON 22ND MAY	Daventry Town/Country Park	Daventry town or daventry park – reservoir, woodland and meadow trails, small seating area and on-site toilets
FRI 26TH MAY	Bicester Town	Our monthly trip to bicester including drop off at the market
WEDS 7TH JUNE	Banbury	First wednesday of the month - our regular trip to banbury town for residents of brackley and surrounding villages
MON 12TH JUNE	Weedon Or Heart Of The Shires	Weedon ordnance depot, antique shops and choice of pubs for lunch) or the heart of the shires
WEDS 14th JUNE	British Motor Museum, Gaydon	Explore the collections of the british motor industry trust £15 fare £14 'on the day' entry fee
MON 19TH JUNE	Banbury	Our regular trip to banbury town for residents of brackley and surrounding villages
TUES 20TH JUNE	Stow On The Wold Or Morton In Marsh	Market towns in the cotswolds £18 fare (the market will be at moreton on marsh)
MON 26TH JUNE	Waterperry Gardens	8 acres of landscaped gardens, garden shop, gift barn, gallery and museum £10.50 entry fee
THUR 29TH JUNE	Yarnton Garden Centre	A popular location including large garden centre, shopping and restaurant

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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!

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

Having a spring clean? If you’re having a clear out and have good quality clothes that need a new home, how about donating them to one of our six charity shops across the area? Rather than throwing out your pre-loved unwanted items, donating to a charity shop is more sustainable and helps raise money for our hospice. Find the details for all our charity shops here: www.khh.org.uk/retail



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