



Aynho  
The Apricot Village

# NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2023

## "Fruit & Veg" Show

### Saturday 19th August

### Village Hall

**OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS**

**TRY YOUR LUCK!**

**'ENTER A CLASS OR TWO'**

*See Schedule inside*

**ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE**  
**AYNHO-CROUGHTON-EVENLEY-FARTHINGHOE-HINTON-in-the-HEDGES with STEANE**  
**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2023**

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**August 6th**                      **CROUGHTON**    **10.30am**    **Benefice Holy Communion**  
Ordinary Time

**August 13<sup>th</sup>**                      **AYNHO**                      **10.00am**    **Morning Worship – Lay Led**  
Ordinary Time                      Sidespersons: Gill Reynolds, Jane Wade

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

**August 20<sup>th</sup>**                      **EVENLEY**                      **10.30am**    **Benefice Holy Communion**  
Ordinary Time

Steane - 5.00pm Songs of Praise

**August 27<sup>th</sup>**                      **AYNHO**                      **10.00am**    **Songs of Praise**  
Ordinary Time                      Sidespersons: Jenny Pusey, Ted Sutton

Farthinghoe – 11.00am Holy Communion

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CHURCH CLEANING at St Michael's Aynho – Thursday 24<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 September 2023 Newsletter preferably before or by **August 25<sup>th</sup>** please to:  
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# CHURCHWARDEN'S RAMBLINGS

## Churchwarden's Ramblings

Holidays are ongoing – and we have had our fair share of fun and sun, even here in the village, but typically the best of the weather was over as the children broke up from school! We thought we should look ahead to key village events this month and beyond for your calendars:

- ❖ **Mid-August** (with luck) – start the replacement heating project with a new electrical connection to the Church.
- ❖ **17th August** – Kathy and I are part of the team to interview a candidate to be the new Rector. We need your prayers!
- ❖ **Saturday 19th August** – The Flower & Vegetable Show – organised by the Gardening Club – please take part, visit the exhibits from Aynho's gardeners; come for tea and cakes. It takes a lot of effort to put on this traditional village event!
- ❖ **24th September** – Harvest Festival in St Michael's Church
- ❖ **29/30th September** – celebrating St Michael at the Church; welcoming all to a party for the St Michael's Feast Day celebration and the start of our Tercentenary period.
- ❖ **Concert 7th October** "Save the Date"

### FAREWELL TO THE UKRAINIAN FAMILY

It is time to say Farewell to the Kandakov family who have lived here with us in Aynho for the last 15 months.

They have decided (courageously) to return to the Ukraine, to a house just outside Kiev, and to restart the Ukrainian schooling for Maria, Anastasiia and Varvara.

Danylo and Juliia need to be present to run their two small businesses which need their presence - running them from their base here on Millers Lane (WFH) has been a challenge as much as they loved living there.

We will miss them all and wish them lots of luck with the journey back home, some time after this first week of August, and then for their life back in Ukraine.

FAREWELL

### Church Heating Project

The replacement of the old oil fired heating system (pipes and radiators) begins this month and will be completed in the beginning of 2024. The replacement system will be a new range of infra red heating which is carried on chandelier type light units. The existing 6 hanging lights will be replaced by these new HALO heater units. The benefit will be quick warmth at the flick of a switch and at a tenth of the running cost. Very good for the environment too. There are two phases to the work - a new National Grid supply to the Church which will be put in this month followed by the rewiring of the Church for the new heaters in January. During the project the use of the Church and the churchyard will be as normal until the last weeks of the project when the Church will have to be closed.

We will announce the dates nearer the time.

**CATCHING UP WITH “WELCOME”  
TO THE VERY NEW, NOT SO NEW (PANDEMIC TIME) AND OTHER  
RESIDENTS OF AYNHO**

**We have been remiss in the Church for not extending a warm welcome to all newcomers (of all ages) to the village – and we will do better!**

Welcome to all of you and please accept our real apology. We think we have had our eyes elsewhere and for too long!

For your information:

- of the 600 or so villagers we have about 30 who are churchgoers on Sundays:
- in addition, we have lots of village visitors to St Michael's:
  - to look in the Church,
  - visit family graves and walk in the churchyard, looking at the War Memorials or
  - popping into the Church for a moment of “something” and even of prayers when needed;
- little ones can play and colour at the children's table;
- there is an organ to play and bells to be rung.

On top of those visitors we have volunteers who help in the Church for various things – *flowers, cleaning, gardening and refreshments.*

Many villagers help the Church financially for which we are very grateful.

Obviously, we have Services as described on page 2 – at least two services each month. We have concerts, which we advertise, and we have organised the village Fete (more to follow).

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ALL OR ANYTHING IN OR AT OR WITH THE CHURCH.**

***Most of all*** – St Michael's is central in village life, not necessarily to village life, however much we would like it to be! Within the community there is support for all who need it, whether in bereavement, illness or loneliness.

Located next to Aynho Park and now RH it is a place to be visited and enjoyed – and we would welcome you to it and to meet any of us who are involved with it. If we had, or indeed get, a Rector he or she has, or can have, a part to play in what goes on in our village life.

The Church is opened in the morning and generally closed in the late afternoon.

As ever, 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)*

**Andrew and Kathy**



## **VILLAGE ACTIVITIES**

### **ROAD CYCLING**

**Contact: Faraz Shibli 07742906780 or [faraz.shibli@oxon.org](mailto:faraz.shibli@oxon.org)**

As the Tour de France draws to a close, the attentions of the cycling world turn once again to Aynho. Battling for the coveted apricot jersey, local riders take on arguably more scenic routes, with only the aid of performance-enhancing coffees and breakfast at local cafes. Why not join us? We welcome cyclists of all ages and abilities, and all bikes are welcome, including road bikes, mountain bikes, hybrids and e-bikes. We meet on Saturday or Sunday mornings once or twice a month for short and long group rides. If you'd like to come along, please get in touch as above.

### **BRIDGE CIRCLE**

**Contact: Kevin D'Silva email: [kevinds@salusinvest.com](mailto:kevinds@salusinvest.com)**

Florence Osborn, American bridge columnist and author, once wrote, 'Cards are one means of bridging differences in age and habits, drawing children and parents, old and new friends together in fair and friendly competition.' Ignoring the fact that she was later stabbed to death at home by her husband, the sentiment rings true in Aynho, where players of all ages and abilities meet with their neighbours, friends and family for bridge and general merriment. We are hosted by the Cartwright one Monday evening a month at 7 for 7.15pm, and an optional sandwich supper is available by request. Coaching is available for beginners. 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](mailto:faraz.shibli@oxon.org)**

Countless studies in canine behaviour indicate that a lack of socialisation can lead to nervousness, fear and aggressive behaviour in dogs. Anecdotal evidence also suggests that a lack of socialisation in humans can lead to gloominess, irritability and rattiness between neighbours. Do yourself and your dog a favour and join us on one of our social dog walks. 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**

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

**Contact: Carol McClellan 07398210313**

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.

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

**Contact: Annabel Bellamy 810847**

The **AYNHO GARDENING CLUB ANNUAL FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW** will be held in the Village Hall on **Saturday 19th August**. Accompanying this month's Newsletter you will receive a schedule, entry form and the recipe for the show – please have a look and enter a class or two – there are a variety of categories for both adults and children. Try your luck! The Show is open to **all** residents of Aynho.

**Tea and cakes** will be served during the afternoon and there will be a raffle as usual. For those of you who enjoy the produce, this will be auctioned at the end of the afternoon.

**Any cakes and raffle prizes will be greatly appreciated.**

**So please support our Show and the Gardening Club Committee.**

Contact: Carol McClellan – Show Organiser – 810346 or any Member of the Committee.

### **A REMINDER:**

Our **Gardening Club Day Trip** will take place on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**. We will be visiting **Bourton House**, Bourton-on-the-Hill and on our return journey, we will be stopping off at the Batsford Arboretum Plant Nursery/Café. It should be great day out. Book your place on the coach through Helen Mackenzie, our Visits Organiser (her number is on the back of your 2023 Membership Card).

The cost is **£25** per person.

## **AYNHO LADIES GROUP** (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in the Month)

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

Our June meeting in Sarah Harding's garden was well attended with almost a full complement of members, all of whom thoroughly enjoyed the relaxed afternoon with scrumptious sandwiches, gorgeous gateaux, beautifully baked biscuits, plenty of chatting and laughter and of course plenty of tea. I am sure all preferred the fact that there wasn't the blistering heat we experienced earlier in the month, in fact there were even a few spots of rain - what we would call a lovely English summer's day. Our planned July meeting was to be a talk from Rachel of Towcester Reptile Centre but unfortunately she could not make it in the end so instead we thoroughly enjoyed seeing a video, under the overall title of Famous and Influential Women, this one of the Medieval Queen Eleanor of Aquitaine.

At our next meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> September we will be entertained by a very enthusiastic musician, Peter Scrivener, who is very happy to share his love of music with us by playing his clarinet and saxophone and relating stories of his busy career, including his time appearing with the Joe Loss Band. Not only will this get our feet tapping but jog our memories of those times from our own past. Until we meet again in September enjoy the rest of summer.

## **HISTORY SOCIETY** - (Last Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>)

**Contact: Helen MacKenzie 07866044985**

There is no meeting this month the next one will be on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September. There will be more details in the September newsletter.

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

**Contact: Tizzy Jones on 07986837119 or [tizianajones@btinternet.com](mailto: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: [keithcarolmac@gmail.com](mailto:keithcarolmac@gmail.com) or Keith McClellan 07512437291**

*Meet monthly on a Saturday 10.00am -12.30pm*

Contact Keith McClellan for further details.

## **CARTWRIGHT HOTEL**

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

**Contact: Jill Wightman 811206 or the Cartwright Hotel 811885**

**Dates for August's Summer Lunch Club are the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>.** If you would like to come along simply contact either Jill or the Cartwright Hotel direct. Booking is essential.

## **AYNHO LADIES & MCC**

### **SUMMER COFFEE MORNING**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 10.30am at the Cartwright Hotel.**

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

This coffee morning is for both the Aynho Ladies Group and MCC. The cost will be £5 as there will be cake instead of the usual biscuits. Booking is essential.

## **PLAYING FIELD & PAVILION NEWS**

### **“WELL BEING WALKS”** (Thursday 10.00am)

**Contact: Kathy White 810418**

Our weekly walks are always available, starting from the Sports Pavilion at 10.00 am each Thursday. As we are coming into the summer, numbers will vary with people being on holiday and looking after grandchildren during school holiday periods but you will always find someone to walk with. A cuppa and a cake will be waiting when you return.

With the long periods of dry weather, we have to be careful of ridges and dips in the solid fields so please keep to your sturdy shoes. It is advisable to bring a bottle of water and carry antihistamine if you think you may be allergic to grasses or insect bites.

## **MONTHLY MINDFULNESS WORKSHOP AT THE AYNHO SPORTS PAVILION**

Contact: Kate Angell **07478 276891** to book a place or Email: [\*\*kate@calmerminds.co.uk\*\*](mailto:kate@calmerminds.co.uk)

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## **PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY**

Contact: Killpack treads and threads @ [\*\*protonmail.com\*\*](mailto:protonmail.com)

New members are always welcome. Please contact as above for more information.

### **RIDE & STRIDE**

*Saturday 9th September —*

*A great day out discovering England's churches*

As well as raising much needed funds through sponsorship to keep churches and chapels in good repair and active in our communities, it is also the perfect opportunity to visit many of the lovely villages around Aynho and enjoy some beautiful countryside on the way.

You can plan your own route, whether walking or cycling, crossing into neighbouring counties such as Oxfordshire, Warwickshire etc. If you have never done this, why not start this year? You will probably meet a lot of like-minded people on the way!

*Contact: Pat Stubbs 810695 or [\*\*pitcairn4@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:pitcairn4@gmail.com)*

### **AYNHO CLUB PARK DRAW**

Winning numbers for:	July	84	Valerie Swann
	August	88	Jean Skuce

### **KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE**

We may be halfway through the year, but there are still plenty of ways to get involved and events to enjoy. Your support helps us to make every moment matter for local people living with a life-limiting illness. We couldn't do it without you! Below is just some of what's coming up in the next few months.

#### **Singing for the Soul**

We're excited to launch an informal singing group starting September 2023 as part of our Living Well offering. Sessions are free and open to anyone with a life-limiting illness, their family members or those who have experienced bereavement within the last two years. No experience necessary and no auditions – just singing for the joy of it! Call **01295 228500** for more details and to register your interest.

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#### **Digital monthly newsletter – keep up to date with your local hospice**

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Contact David Icke for further information: **Email: [daveicke6578@gmail.com](mailto:daveicke6578@gmail.com) or Mob: 077144 02900**

### **SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

"Save the Date" and buy early tickets to beat what we expect to be a sell out for a Celebratory Concert on Saturday 7th October at 7pm with Lizzie Ball - Violinist and Vocalist - (Remember her from last year!) and Milos Milivojevic - brilliant international award-winning Accordionist.

Tickets on sale now at £15 from [tickets.stmichaels@gmail.com](mailto:tickets.stmichaels@gmail.com)