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The Apricot Village

NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 2023

"PATRONAL DAY"



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*FEAST DAY
OF*

ST MICHAEL

And children's

"DRAGON HUNT"

Saturday 30th September



ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE
AYNH0-CROUGHTON-EVENLEY-FARTHINGHOE-HINTON-in-the-HEDGES with STEANE
CHURCH CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

September 3rd **HINTON** **10.30am** **Benefice Holy Communion**
Ordinary Time

September 10th **AYNH0** **10.00am** **Morning Worship – Lay Led**
Ordinary Time Sidespersons: Annabel Bellamy, Jane Wade

Farthinghoe – 9.30am Morning Worship
Evenley – 11.00am Holy Communion
Croughton – 11.00am Morning Worship
Steane – 6.00pm Evensong

September 17th **FARTHINGHOE** **10.30am** **Benefice Holy Communion**
Ordinary Time

September 24th **AYNH0** **10.30am** **Harvest/Baptism**
Ordinary Time Sidespersons: Gill Reynolds, Ted Sutton

Croughton – 11.00am Holy Communion
Hinton – 11.00am Morning Worship
Farthinghoe - 6.00pm Harvest Service

CHURCH CLEANING at St Michael's Aynho – Thursday 21st 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 October 2023 Newsletter preferably before or by **September 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

September begins to feel like the start of a whole new year; holidays fading into the background, a new school year beckons, whilst for some it is the start of new school life, others the beginning of the exam year and for parents the chance to get back into work without the worry of constant childcare. Good luck to all those starting out and we wish you and your children well as you find your feet and settle in. God will be with all your endeavours and we shall pray for you all as you take those new steps again!

In the Church it is a month for us to look forward to the Harvest celebration and then our first party for a long time to celebrate the feast of St Michael, which we will do on 30th September. Separate notices follow in the Newsletter.

Sadly the interview for a new rector in the middle of August did not realise in our prayed for objective so we remain "rectorless" and will probably remain so for at least another 6 months, and we will rely on all those volunteering to help us whilst we wait (and pray of course).

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

Harvest Service (and baptism)

Sunday 24th September ..

Is the day we celebrate this year's Harvest at the Church (10.30am);

- ❖ the day to thank the farmers for all they have produced;
- ❖ to think of those around the world whose harvest has failed or been ruined;
- ❖ to remember all those in food poverty.

We will kick start our support to the local food bank again.

The Church will be wonderfully decorated in traditional fashion and this short service will be integrated with the baptism of a young villager, Archie Carless, from The Hill - so it is a special day - do join and support us if you can!

Poppy Appeal - New Street Collectors

Due to two of our regular collectors leaving the village this year we are looking for 2 volunteers to cover Cartwright Gardens/The Bothy and Portway/Portway Gardens. It means going out once or twice to your neighbours around the last week of October or beginning of November with the poppies and rattling the tin.

If you can help please contact Andrew on 810847.

Thank you.

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

ROAD CYCLING

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

With high-speed traffic an increasing safety concern in the village, one can count on members of the cycling club to protect their fellow residents. Slowing traffic to a near standstill as we amble towards a local cafe, other road users clearly appreciate our valiant efforts, often signalling their appreciation with loud cheers and even jubilant hand gestures from their windows as we pass.

If you too, would like to help ensure the safety of Aynho's children, 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 with a stop for coffee/breakfast. If you'd like to come along, please get in touch as above.

BRIDGE CIRCLE

Contact: Kevin D'Silva email: kevinds@salusinvest.com

Monday evenings in Aynho have traditionally been solitary times, spent in one's own home in quiet contemplation of the week ahead. But now you may start your week in a flurry of excitement, facing down the risk of paper cuts, wine spillages and falling out of your chair over a raucous game of bridge with fellow residents.

We welcome players of all abilities, with coaching available for beginners. We meet one Monday evening a month at 7 for 7.15pm at the Cartwright, and our next meeting will be on **Monday 25th September**. 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 your dogs (and yourself!) some all-important 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

SHORT MAT BOWLS - Tuesdays 2.30-4.30pm

Contact: Carol McClellan keithcarolmac@gmail.com

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

Our **Gardening Club Day Trip** will take place on **Wednesday 13th 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. The coach will leave the village at 9.30am. It should be great day out.

There are still places on the coach - we need to fill the coach and REALLY do not want to have to cancel the trip due to lack of 'take-up'.

Book your place on the coach through Helen Mackenzie, our Visits Organiser (her number is 07866 044985, her email: h.mackenzie1@btinternet.com)

The cost is **£25** per person.

AYNHO LADIES GROUP (3rd Wednesday in the Month)

Contact: Jill Wightman 811206 or jayrw10@gmail.com

As per usual there was no 'official' meeting of our group in August although we did enjoy a coffee and refreshments morning at The Cartwright along with the MCC. At this we were happily surprised to be told that the Kandakov family, now returned to Ukraine, had sent, as a way of saying thank you to Aynho for hosting and helping them in their difficult times, a delicious Medovik cake. A lovely thing to do. Thank you so much to them – it was enjoyed by everyone.

At our next meeting on the **20th September** Peter Scrivenor will be setting our toes tapping and our memories stirring as we listen to him playing his clarinet and saxophone and recounting stories of his busy musical career, including his time appearing with the Joe Loss Band. It will be a fun meeting and is **open to everyone** so why not come and join us. The entry fee for guests is £3. Until then enjoy the sunshine and take care.

Coffee Mornings 6th and 13th September 10.30am – 12 noon at the Cartwright Hotel. All welcome.

HISTORY SOCIETY - (*Last Wednesday 27th*)

Contact: Helen MacKenzie 07866044985

The Banjo's Back in Town - Five Seasons at Steane Park, Brackley

Wednesday 27th September Entry £3

We are delighted to welcome as our speaker this month, Dr Wendy Morrison FSA, Senior Associate Tutor for Oxford University's Department of Continuing Education, Project Manager of Beacons of the Past as well as Director of Great Ouse Ancient Landscapes. Five years of excavation in a field in Northamptonshire has shed light on a fascinating palimpsest of human activity from the Neolithic to the Roman period. Dr Morrison reports on what has been discovered at Steane Park and what the future holds. Everyone is welcome. You do not need to be a member, simply pay on the door.

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

(*Meet monthly on a Saturday 10.00am -12.30pm in Village Hall*)

Contact: keithcarolmac@gmail.com or Keith McClellan 07512437291

At last month's meeting we had some delightful contributions on "Surprise Meetings at an Airport" and "We are what we eat". We also welcomed a new member.

At this next meeting (***Saturday 9th September***) we will hear of either "The Holiday That Went Wrong" or "The Luckiest Thing That Ever Happened To Me."

CARTWRIGHT HOTEL

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

Contact: Jill Wightman 811206 or the Cartwright Hotel 811885

The dates for September are 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th, at 12 noon in the Cartwright Hotel. You are welcome to attend but please book your place with either Jill or the Cartwright Hotel directly by the Monday of that week. The Summer Lunch Club will finish at the end of September and we hand back to Amanda for the Winter Lunch Club. Many thanks to the Cartwright Hotel and their chefs John and Paul for all their hard work and the excellent meals they have provided over the last 6 months.

MCC COFFEE MORNING (*3rd Wednesday of the month 10.30am at the Cartwright Hotel*)

Contact: Email: jayrw10@gmail.com

The September coffee morning for the **Men's Coffee Club** is on **Wednesday 20th September 10.30am – 12 noon** at the Cartwright Hotel. If you would like to join us you would be very welcome.

PLAYING FIELD & PAVILION NEWS

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

Contact: Kathy White 810418

Our weekly walks continue, starting from the Sports Pavilion at 10.00 am each Thursday. 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.

AYNHO CRICKET CLUB

Contact: Kevin D'Silva . 07802 306956; kevinds@salusinvest.com

The last cricket game of a first, successful season will be a friendly match between Aynho CC and the Chairman's XI. The match will start at 2 pm on Saturday 16 September 2023 and will comprise 25 overs each side with a generous tea at half time and drinks and a BBQ afterwards. All are welcome and suggest you bring a deck chair along to watch in comfort. The Chairman's XI will consist of a few cricket players from outside Aynho but we have also some spaces for Aynho members who know the game well but who have not played for a few years. We suspect there a number of you who would like a game and the invitation is not restricted to men. Please contact me if you want to play in this friendly match. **Paul Duncanson** is the captain of the Aynho CC team, **Henry Carless** is Club Secretary and **Chris Coopman** is the Treasurer.

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

THE AYNHO FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW

The Show was held in the Village Hall, Aynho on Saturday 19th August. The Hall looked wonderful, filled with all the entries to the classes, when the doors were opened at 2.30pm after the judging had been completed. The number of entries in the classes was up on last year as were the number of those who came to enjoy the Show and the delicious Teas which were available. The Committee and Helpers had worked hard to organise the Show and it was a great Village event.

Steve Chessum won the Best Vegetable Cup for his splendid beetroot – the judge was most impressed by the excellent quality of these. The George Ashbrook Vase was awarded to Stephen Spencer for his beautiful deep-burgundy dahlias. The Judge said that Vanessa Mill's lovely dahlias were also considered for Best Flower in Show. The Homecraft Plate went to Amanda Limb. The Aynho Shield was most-deservedly won by Stephen Spencer, who not only entered many flower classes but had also entered some exceptional vegetables. The RHS Banksian Medal was won by Stephen Spencer, who is eligible for a year's membership of Aynho Gardening Club.

The Great Aynho Half Pub Run

12pm, Saturday 23rd September, Cartwright Hotel

Long-distance running and the consumption of alcohol might seem unlikely bedfellows. But in a world where toe wrestling is a sport (the world championships are held in Derbyshire annually), tipsy jogging is slowly gaining credibility.

In furtherance of this noble pursuit, for the third year in a row, a group of villagers will take on the Great Aynho Half Pub Run at 12pm on Saturday 23rd September – running a half marathon via six local pubs and stopping for a half pint at each (soft drinks optional).

Starting and finishing at the Cartwright, we will visit the Fox at Souldern, the Duke at Clifton, the Red Lion at Adderbury, the White Horse at Kings Sutton and the Rose and Crown at Charlton. Each leg is roughly 5k, and everyone is welcome to join us for as little or as much of the run as they wish. We will move at a very social pace.

If you would like to join us to meet your neighbours, support local pubs and improve your health (sort of), please contact **Faraz Shibli on 07742 906 780 or**

faraz.shibli@oxon.org

WINTER LUNCH CLUB

(October 2023 – end of March 2024) Amanda 810341

A little advanced notice that I plan to restart Winter Lunch Club in October.

It will be held in the “Mary Cartwright Room” of the Village Hall, most Thursdays 12.15pm – 1.30pm.

It is an opportunity for any villager to come along to their village hall and enjoy a simple home cooked meal from a choice of soup, baked potato with filling, pudding, tea/coffee, at a very reasonable cost over the winter months. Whether a regular returning or a new face you will be given a warm welcome. A great team of volunteers who help front of house will be back. Any profit made this coming winter (after hall hire and ingredients) will go to supporting our Village Hall. More information re October dates, and how to book a place, in next month’s newsletter.

ST MICHAEL'S FEAST DAY – PARTY AT THE CHURCH

*On Saturday 30th September (2-4pm) we are having a
Party at the Church –*

Food and drink for all generations - to celebrate the Feast of St Michael, the patron saint of the village church. In Medieval times this "patronal day" was a huge celebration for all to attend and enjoy. We are bringing it back this year and in future years. Everyone is welcome - no invitation required...and for the children, because St Michael slayed the dragon, we will be having a "dragon hunt" in the churchyard.

NEWSLETTER PUBLISHING - HELP NEEDED

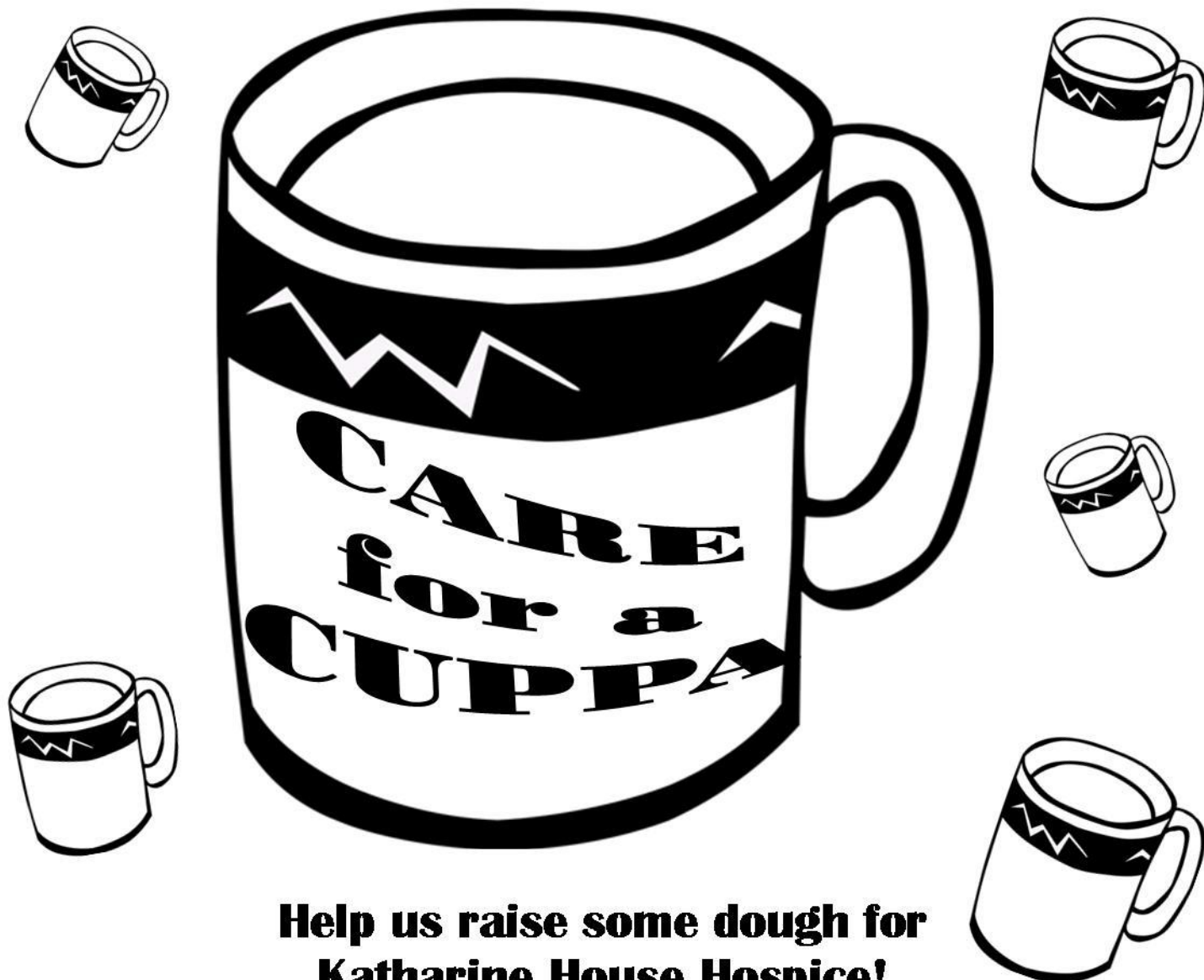
PLEASE - We need the talents of someone to help create the monthly Newsletter (after the end of September).

The role is a creative one:

- organising/formatting the provided contributions, usually in Word format, from clubs and sponsors in the village, for publishing, and
- preparing the front and back coloured pages in Publisher or Word.

We have the collator and we have the printer - all we need is someone, or two people to job share, in the middle.

Could you have those talents? Could you be prepared to help with this contribution to village life? If so please ring **01869 819692** to chat it through.



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Contact David Icke for further information: **Email: daveicke6578@gmail.com or Mob: 077144 02900**

CELEBRATORY CONCERT - 7 OCTOBER

Please see the flier with your Newsletter to remind you of the amazing Concert planned for Saturday 7th October at 7pm. Tickets will fly for this concert with the simply wonderful artist, Lizzie Ball with her violin. Last year she was exceptional with her world famous guitarist - this year with her world famous accordionist.

Aynho - Thank you from Ukraine



We have had a lovely message of thanks from Julia and Danylo Kandakov thanking the whole village for their support when they arrived in May last year - and during their 16 month stay.

They are so grateful to all provided furniture and furnishings for their house on Millers Lane - and for all the financial contributions which helped them through.

They had a successful 5 day drive back to Kiev and they are settled in their new house just outside Kiev.

Thank you Kandakov Family



The Kandakov family, now returned to Ukraine, had sent, as a way of saying thank you to Aynho for hosting and helping them in their difficult times, a delicious Medovik cake.

This was enjoyed by the Men's and Ladies Coffee Clubs who had a joint meeting at the Cartwright Hotel in August.

Thank you to the Kandakov Family for this unexpected treat.

We wish you well as you settle back in Ukraine.

