



Aynho  
The Apricot Village

**NEWSLETTER**  
**NOVEMBER 2023**



**Join us as we remember  
those**

**who gave their lives in The Two World Wars**

**Sunday 12th November**  
**10.15am**  
**St Michael's Church**



# ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE

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

### CHURCH CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2023

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<b>November 2<sup>nd</sup></b> Thursday	<b>HINTON</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>All Souls Service</b>
<b>November 5<sup>th</sup></b> Celebrating All Saints	<b>EVENLEY</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Benefice Holy Communion</b>
<b>November 12<sup>th</sup></b> Remembrance Sunday	<b>AYNHO</b>	<b>10.15am</b>	<b>Remembrance Service</b> <b>Sidepersons:</b> Annabel Bellamy, Jane Ward  Croughton – 10.45am    Remembrance Evenley – 10.50am       “ Hinton – 10.50am       “ Farthinghoe – 6.00pm    “
<b>November 19<sup>th</sup></b> Christ the King	<b>FARTHINGHOE</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Benefice Holy Communion</b> (Blessing of the Travelling Cribs)
<b>November 26<sup>th</sup></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	<b>AYNHO</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Sidespersons:</b> Gillian Reynolds, Ted Sutton

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CHURCH CLEANING at St Michael's Aynho – Tuesday 21<sup>st</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 December 2023 Newsletter preferably before or by **November 23<sup>rd</sup>** please to:  
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# CHURCHWARDEN'S RAMBLINGS

November is a month of preparation. On one side – Bonfire Night, children getting their lines for their Nativity plays, Christmas increasingly to the fore in all the shops, and on the other November is a period of remembrance. Remembering those who have died this year within family and friends; remembering those who have died in ghastly wars, conflicts, disasters and climate related events. We do this in our church services week in week out and not just in November – we should not forget those loved ones and those situations – they are always in our prayers and we light a candle to them every day.

We also hold a special Church service on All Souls Day (2 November) when we read out those names, light candles, and pray together – to remember and to find comfort. This year our Benefice service is being held at the Church in Hinton in the Hedges – next year it will be back at Aynho. There is a handwritten list at the back of St Michael's if you want to add a name then please do – and we will take it, along with all the others to the Service.

On Remembrance Sunday we will remember all those who gave their lives in the Two World Wars. It is a special occasion – and we will never forget the sacrifice of those generations. Please join the church service at 10.15am or just before 11 o'clock outside at the War Memorials – never mind what sort of weather it is.

As ever, we remain your first point of contact in the village if there is anything you need - general or specific information, enquiries about baptisms, weddings, funerals and burials - contact Kathy White in Portway Gardens (810418) and Andrew Bellamy in The Square (810847).

Andrew and Kathy

## Community Fund

Aynho has not had a Community Fund for many years. We need such a Fund so that villagers can get help towards funding of community activities that perhaps need a little seed corn to get them going. The first example of this was the Coronation Tea Party which was part funded by the Community Fund. Now that the fund exists, you are welcome to approach us for support for your ideas and are invited to regard this resource as a kind of kick start for new initiatives.

There will need to be fundraising events to build up the fund in the years ahead. One such event will be the Church/Village Fete which needs resurrecting again next Summer - and will be if we can find enough volunteers to help run things as we managed before Covid. For initial enquiries please call **01869 810847**.

## A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

30th November 8.00 pm

**“An ADVENT SEQUENCE of Music and Readings  
by The WHEATSHEAF CONSORT”**

**We are delighted to welcome this wonderful choir back to St Michael's.**

**Entrance is free BUT we welcome DONATIONS towards our Heating Project.**

***We look forward to seeing a full Church for this special occasion.***

## **VILLAGE ACTIVITIES**

### **AYNHO APRICOTS CYCLING CLUB**

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

We meet on Saturday or Sunday mornings once or twice a month for group rides with a stop for coffee/breakfast. We organise long and short rides, and we welcome cyclists of all ages and abilities, whether on road bikes, mountain bikes, hybrids or e-bikes. Please get in touch if you'd like to come along.

### **BRIDGE CIRCLE**

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

We meet one Monday evening a month at 7 for 7.15pm at the Cartwright. We are a very social group, and we welcome players of all abilities, including complete beginners, for whom casual coaching is available. A sandwich supper is also available upon request. Please get in touch if you'd like to come along.

### **SOCIAL DOG WALKING**

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

We usually meet on weekdays around lunchtime (but occasionally at other times and on weekends) for dog walks with fellow villagers. We arrange a time and place to meet on the morning of the walk itself via WhatsApp, with no pressure or regular commitment - just join us if and when convenient. Please get in touch if you'd like to come along.

### **AYNHO RUNNING GROUP**

**Contact: Liz Hadley 07788379829 or [liz.hadley@live.co.uk](mailto:liz.hadley@live.co.uk)**

We usually meet on Sunday mornings at 9am on Portway for local runs. Routes and distances vary, but we tend to run around 5-10km on roads and sometimes trails at a pace that is comfortable for all. There is something for everyone, from experienced runners, to those returning after a break, to those who are just starting out. Please get in touch if you'd like to come along.

### **IN YOUR VILLAGE HALL**

Bookings Secretary – Shirie Beaumont – Tel: 07878 430705

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

**Contact: Carol McClellan [keithcarolmac@gmail.com](mailto:keithcarolmac@gmail.com)**

A warm welcome is given to new members and we help each other to learn play.

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**

**Wednesday 8th November AGM followed by a quiz, starting at 7.00pm in the Village Hall**

Our final meeting of the year on **Wednesday 8th November** is a chance for us all to spend time together as Club Members. We will be starting the evening with a **short** AGM to keep you informed about your Gardening Club. After this you will make up your teams for the quiz that Amanda has prepared. This will be followed by the usual buffet with time to enjoy a chat over a glass of wine. We would be very grateful if you would bring something to add to the buffet table – your contributions are always delicious and greatly appreciated; wine and soft drinks will be provided. Entry is £1.00 for the evening - the starting time is **7.00pm**.

If any Member wishes to raise a point at the AGM please contact Annabel on 01869 810847.

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

**(Note: November's meeting 29<sup>th</sup>)**

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

Autumn is now with us with a definite cooler feel in the air although our October coffee mornings were enjoyed in the remaining warmth of our late summer. Our grateful thanks go to Andrew Bellamy for sharing his personal life in the army with us at our October meeting. It was interesting and informative as well as amusing at times and gave us inside knowledge of his life from new recruit to brigadier.

Our talk in November is a joint meeting with the History Society and will be on **29<sup>th</sup> November**. Pippa Gwilliam returns, having given us an excellent talk last year on Consuelo Vanderbilt, to this time give a talk entitled 'The Wonders of Woodstock'. See the History Society for more details.

### **COFFEE MORNINGS**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30am – 12 noon at the Cartwright Hotel**

## **HISTORY SOCIETY** - (Last Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>)

**Contact: Helen MacKenzie 07866044985**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November The Wonders of Woodstock by Pippa Gwilliam Entry £3**

We are delighted to be welcoming Pippa Gwilliam back to Aynho this month. Many of you will remember her entertaining talk last year and this evening should prove to be just as interesting, amusing and informative. Pippa is a longstanding, avid and extremely knowledgeable member of the Visitor Guides at Blenheim Palace, Woodstock; and it is Woodstock which provides the history for this talk. Pippa promises to guide us through many of the events and happenings which have occurred here since Ethelred the Unready held his Grand Witan through to the Churchills and beyond. This is a History Society and Aynho Ladies Group talk. Refreshments will be available. Membership is not required simply pay on the door.

## **WINTER LUNCH CLUB**

**(November dates Thursdays 2<sup>nd</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>)**

**Contact: Amanda 01869 810341**

**Mary Cartwright Room in the Village Hall 12.15pm – 1.30pm**

Winter Lunch Club is an opportunity for any villager to come along to the Mary Cartwright Room in the Village Hall and hopefully enjoy a simple homecooked meal from a choice of soup, baked potato with filling, pudding, tea/coffee, at a very reasonable cost during the winter months. I run Winter Lunch Club for the community; any profit made this coming winter (after hire of hall and ingredients expenses) will go to supporting our Village Hall. **Payment is by CASH only.**

**To book your place (max numbers are 22) please telephone Amanda on 01869 810341** before noon on the Monday of the relevant week, (leave a message if I am out) or you can sign up for the following week when at a lunch. I need to know numbers by Monday midday so that I can go and buy sufficient ingredients! If you book a place but find that you are no longer able to come please let me know.

## **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: Keith McClellan at [keithcarolmac@gmail.com](mailto:keithcarolmac@gmail.com)**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am – 12.30pm** - followed by our Anniversary Lunch. We shall be reading 'A Bad Car Day' or 'An Amazing Party' Come and listen if you want to consider joining.

## **CARTWRIGHT HOTEL**

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

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

The November coffee morning for the **Men's Coffee Club** is on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November**, 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**

Although the weather is getting colder, the weekly walks continue each Thursday. Just remember to add a few more layers of clothing before venturing out. Unfortunately, at the moment, I am unable to lead or take part in the short walks due to a hip problem but the other leaders can usually cover so keep turning up.

Many thanks to my fellow leaders for keeping it all going.

## **AYNHO CRICKET CLUB**

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

The Aynho Cricket Club is holding its Annual General Meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 at 7.30pm.

It will be held in the **Apricot Room at The Cartwright Hotel**. All Club members are invited and so are any Aynho residents who are interested in cricket or joining Club.

## **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.

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### **AYNHO CLUB PARK DRAW**

Winning number for October:      101              Leslie Leighton

### **The Village Allotments - Growing Veg and Flowers**

If you are looking for more garden space to help battle the cost of living crisis by growing your own vegetables and flowers then why not try it up on the village allotments.

There are vacant part plots for 2024 but you need to bid for one by 20th November to be in with a shout.

Half or part plots are £2.50 for the year ahead (plus a deposit of £10).

Telephone 01869 810847

## **WINTER FAIR**

**Just a note about an event in the VILLAGE HALL on  
SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER  
from 1.30 to 4.00pm.**

- ❖ **A Winter Fair will be organised with all sorts of stalls selling lovely things.**
- ❖ **There will be tea and cakes on offer as well as a raffle and other attractive offerings.**
- ❖ **Monies raised at the event will be donated to the Community Fund.**
- ❖ **If you would like to provide a stall please contact:  
07795 087874 (£10 for the table)**

## **CONCERT – 4.00pm 25<sup>th</sup> November**

The last concert in the 2023 series sees the return of the wonderful

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The concert will be in two halves and should last 90 minutes.

Book your tickets early to save £3 or buy them at the door on the afternoon.

### **KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE**

We may be coming to the end of another year, but we've still got some of our most popular and much-loved events to come. Or why not think about helping our hospice by volunteering or hosting your own fundraising event? Your support makes such a difference to the hospice at what continues to be a very challenging time. Thank you!

#### **An 'ELFY way to kick off Christmas**

Get festive, have fun and support our community this Christmas by signing up for our Santa Fun Run on Sunday 3 December. Join hundreds of stylish Santas taking part in our 1.5km or 5km fun run at Spiceball Park, Banbury. We ho ho hope you can join us! Tickets are available to buy on our website now!

[www.khh.org.uk/santa](http://www.khh.org.uk/santa)

#### **Remember a loved one**

We will be holding our annual Lights of Love event on Thursday 7 December at St Mary's Church, Banbury. We'd love you to join us for a special gathering where we come together to remember and celebrate the lives of those we have loved and lost. Find out more [www.khh.org.uk/lights](http://www.khh.org.uk/lights).

#### **Talking shop**

As well as raising vital funds for our hospice, our seven charity shops across the area help people to shop more sustainably. But we couldn't run our shops without a brilliant team of volunteers. Could you spare some time to volunteer at one of our shops? We desperately need help across all of our stores to make sure we can keep offering the same great service people have come to know and love. If you'd like to find out more about how you could volunteer in one of our shops, visit our website here:

[www.khh.org.uk/volunteer-shops](http://www.khh.org.uk/volunteer-shops)

#### **How does your garden grow?**

A HUGE thank you to everyone who supported our Open Garden this year and for helping to raise nearly £6,000! We're already starting to think about our Open Gardens for next year... Could you help us grow our scheme and sign up to host your own event? Why not encourage your neighbours to take part in a whole village event? If you'd like to find out more, [visit www.khh.org.uk/gardens](http://www.khh.org.uk/gardens).

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

Sign up to receive our Katharine House digital monthly newsletter and keep in touch with all our latest news and fundraising events at the hospice. [www.khh.org.uk/newsletter](http://www.khh.org.uk/newsletter)

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