



Aynho

The Apricot Village

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2023



**Farewell to Summer  
as we  
Welcome  
the Glory of  
Autumn**





# ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE

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

## CHURCH CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2023

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**October 1<sup>st</sup>**  
17<sup>th</sup> after Trinity  
**AYNHO**      **10.30am**      **Benefice Holy Communion**  
**Sidespersons:** Jenny Pusey, Jane Wade,  
Ted Sutton

**October 8<sup>th</sup>**  
18<sup>th</sup> after Trinity  
**NO SERVICE AT AYNHO**  
Evenley - 9.30am Harvest Festival  
Farthinghoe - 9.30am Morning Worship  
Croughton - 11.00am Harvest Festival  
Hinton - 11.00am      “      “

**October 15<sup>th</sup>**  
19<sup>th</sup> after Trinity  
**CROUGHTON**      **10.30am**      **Benefice Holy Communion**

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
20<sup>th</sup> after Trinity  
**AYNHO**      **10.30am**      **Holy Communion**  
**Sidespersons:** Annabel Bellamy,  
Gill Reynolds

**October 29<sup>th</sup>**  
21<sup>st</sup> after Trinity  
**NO SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE**  
Please see Pew News for Services at Brackley and Kings Sutton.

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CHURCH CLEANING at St Michael's Aynho – Tuesday 17<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 November 2023 Newsletter preferably before or by **October 25<sup>th</sup>** 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

October is upon us and it begins to feel like it. Children are back at school and half term beckons – all quite relentless on the family front.

In St Michael's we have been through a busy period as summer closes out and the harvest is in from the farmers' fields, and from our gardens and allotments. The glut of courgettes offered by front doors is replaced happily by the bounteous apple crop – thank you to all for sharing. God would approve! We had a lovely Harvest celebration service in the Church and thanks to all those who so generously contributed to our combined giving to the Brackley Food Bank of food stuffs and of cash (£275). As September closes out we hope many of you have enjoyed the Patronal party and Dragon Treasure Hunt at St Michael's on the last Saturday.

The new electrical connection is now made to the Church for the improved heating system which will be put in during January and February. Meanwhile keep your fingers crossed that the old system will keep us warm up to Christmas.

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

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## **Concert at St Michael's - Saturday 7th October 7pm**

There are tickets available still for this special Concert so please either email [tickets.stmichaels@gmail.com](mailto:tickets.stmichaels@gmail.com) or ring Sue on 01869 819896. For all villagers tickets are held at £15 each - children are free and very welcome; the first half of the concert up to the interval will last for 40 minutes.

**A good upright piano - FREE**

**Contact: 01869 810123**

## **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 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](mailto:kevinds@salusinvest.com)**

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 Arms Hotel. 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](mailto: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**

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**

On **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October** the talk will be given by Darren Lerigo, a new speaker for the Aynho Gardening Club. He is a master topiarist. He travels across the UK pruning topiary and hedges. Well known for his interesting and entertaining talks, he is well-versed in giving 'zoom' talks and we look forward to learning more about this fascinating subject. The talk starts promptly at 7.30pm. The AGM with Quiz will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> November.

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

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

We trust all our ladies appreciated the recent wonderful hot weather, though feel sure that most would probably prefer a lower temperature. Our two September coffee mornings were much enjoyed, and certainly they are now a definite calendar fixture. Our last meeting with Peter Scrivener, as expected, brought back many memories, dare I say it, 'of our younger days' and of course produced lots of feet tapping. Our grateful thanks to Peter, with the added help of his wife Carol, for many wonderful renditions on the clarinet and saxophone. A thoroughly enjoyable evening much enjoyed by us all. Our next talk on the **18th October** is **This Soldiering Life by Andrew Bellamy** which he says 'covers the humdrum life of just a married soldier throughout 50 years serving in various places - not forgetting the early days as a bachelor or these latter days having a view from the top and the side'. It sounds quite fascinating; an evening to look forward to. So till we next meet take care.

**COFFEE MORNINGS 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> October**

### **HISTORY SOCIETY** - (Last Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>)

**Contact: Helen MacKenzie 07866044985**

**Wednesday 25th October**

**The History of Brackley**

**Entry £3**

15 years ago, after retiring from teaching history, Rosemary Leeper moved to Brackley and began to delve into the history of the area. It turned out to be a fascinating and rewarding study and in this talk she picks out some of the more amusing, salacious and significant episodes of Brackley's history. *Did you know* that there was a gruesome murder at St Peter's Church in the early middle ages or that a miracle happened in Brackley in 1491? *Have you heard* the miraculous story of St Rumbold? NO? Then you need to come and listen to this talk! You do not need to be a member simply come along and pay on the door.

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

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

An exciting change this month – **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October** - as we hear a talk from Imogen Matthews on the recent publication of her latest novel on the Netherlands under German occupation. We should also have time for reading our hundred words each. New members always welcome.

## **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)**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

## **PLAYING FIELD & PAVILION NEWS**

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

**Contact: Kathy White 810418**

Although we are still operating the two walks from the pavilion each week, we are low on numbers for the "short" walk. It would be really good if some more people could come along and enjoy the countryside and the exercise. They are not too strenuous or too fast and we are a very friendly bunch. Dawn arranges refreshments to partake in when we return so what could be better!

### **AYNHO CRICKET CLUB**

**Contact: [Henrycarless@live.com](mailto:Henrycarless@live.com)**

Aynho Cricket Club's first season concluded on 16th September with a friendly game against the Chairman's XI. We are delighted to have finished the season with 2 wins and a loss. We have also run a successful children's programme ('All Stars') with 24 children turning up for each session throughout the early summer. There are many people to be thanked, not least Andrew Bellamy for his creation of an excellent cricket wicket from scratch; our Captain, Paul Duncanson; Secretary, Henry Carless and Chairman, Kevin D'Silva. Additionally, thanks should also be paid to Chris Wilmer, Alice and Nick Montgomery for their superb All Stars Sessions.

We would be delighted if any members of the Aynho Community wanted to join us next year, young or old, male or female, left footed or right - please do contact Henry (as above) for more information.

## **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 September:                      55                      John Eckers

## **WINTER LUNCH CLUB**

**(October dates Thursdays 5<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup>)**

**Mary Cartwright Room in the Village Hall 12.15pm – 1.30pm. No Lunch on the 26<sup>th</sup>.**

It is an opportunity for any villager to come along to their village hall and 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. (There is a small increase in the cost this year due to the current cost of ingredients). There is no club membership!

Whether a regular returning or a new face you will be given a warm welcome. My team of volunteers who help front of house will be back. 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.

We look forward to seeing you all again over this coming winter. Amanda 01869 810341

## **KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE**

It costs more than £4.7m per year to run Katharine House Hospice. Although we receive funding from the NHS, we still need to raise more than £3m every year. We rely on our local community to help us raise this money so we can go on providing vital care – completely free of charge. We have some brilliant events and opportunities to support our hospice coming up this autumn and winter.

### **Santa Fun Run – 3 December**

What better way to kick off the Christmas season than joining hundreds of Santas in Spiceball Park for our annual festive fun run? Our much-loved Santa Fun Run is taking place on Sunday 3 December in Banbury. Join us for the 1.5km course or the full 5km – kitted out in a stylish Santa suit or more sustainable alternative. Tickets are available to buy online now! [www.khh.org.uk/santa](http://www.khh.org.uk/santa)

### **Lights of Love – 7 December**

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).

### **RC Baker Christmas Tractor Run – 16 December**

The RC Baker Tractor Run will be bringing the bling once again this Christmas when it returns on Saturday 16 December. Christmas isn't complete without a fleet of fairy-lit tractors touring around local villages to spread some festive cheer. Get the date in your diary now and help us raise much-needed funds for the hospice this Christmas! [www.khh.org.uk/tractor](http://www.khh.org.uk/tractor)

### **What's on the cards?**

Get ahead of the game this autumn and order your Christmas cards now. We have a fantastic selection of charity Christmas cards again this year. Sending a Katharine House card is a great way to support our hospice and to spread some joy. Cards are available to buy in our shops as well as online in our hospice eBay Shop. Take a look at all the designs on offer and order yours today. [www.khh.org.uk/christmas-shop](http://www.khh.org.uk/christmas-shop)

### **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)

## **YOUR LOCAL TRADE PAGE**

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**MINDFUL GARDENING – General garden maintenance – Hedge trimming – Lawn mowing – Planting – Weed control – Pruning – Garden waste removal.**

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





Save the date

# Decorate the tree

DECEMBER 2ND



AFTERNOON

More details to follow - this was thoroughly enjoyed  
by the children in the village last year, please save  
the date!



Please Join us for a

## CHRISTMAS party

On Saturday December 2nd 2023  
To be held in the village, an adult  
only Christmas Cocktail Party -  
organised by your Partish Council -  
please save the date!  
Raising funds for our village by the  
community within it.

