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**WELCOME TO
THE FETE!**

JUNE NEWSLETTER

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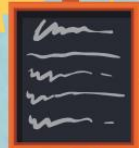
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CHURCH CALENDAR - JUNE 2024

ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE

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

June 2nd	10.30am	Farthinghoe	Benefice Holy Communion
June 9th	9.30 am	Evenley	Morning Worship
	11am	Croughton	Holy Communion
	11am	Hinton	Morning Worship
June 16th	10.30am	Aynho	Benefice Holy Communion
		(Sidespersons: G.Reynolds T.Sutton)	
	6pm	Steane	Evensong
June 23rd	10am	Aynho	Holy Communion
		(Sidespersons: J.Pusey J. Wade)	
June 30th	10.30am	Hinton	Benefice Holy Communion

Bell Ringing – Alternate Tuesdays in June at 7.30pm

St Michael's Church Cleaning – Wednesday 19th June 9.45-11am

Church Information: about the life of our church, or enquiries about baptisms, weddings, funerals or burials – please contact the Churchwardens:
Andrew Bellamy (01869 810847) or Kathy White (01869 810418)

Items for **June Newsletter** by **24th June** by email please to Newsletter.aynho@gmail.com

Breaking News – New Aynho.Org

Watch out in the first few days of June for the launch of the new village website which is sponsored by the Village Hall committee. Find it at aynho.org as it has always been but revamped, updated and incredibly helpful we hope. All ideas for making it better will be welcomed!

This Newsletter is issued by St Michael's Church and includes all Village news and is locally printed in Aynho by "Ciceroni Travel".

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CHURCHWARDENS RAMBLINGS

Our Easter celebrations and period of worship are over. Six or so weeks in the last couple of months celebrating the risen Christ and the gradual learning of the disciples, their doubts and concerns, about what happened at the resurrection and the days afterwards. And now he has Ascended to Heaven – a remarkable event which must have astonished everyone 2024 years ago! The Scriptures tell us such remarkable stories – stories which are as carefully told today as they were when they were breaking news (and so accurately). Messages and analysis by the story tellers which have life-long learning lessons for us all. Now as the year goes on we are in “Ordinary” time – but really the stories aren’t ordinary – every parable in the New Testament gospels gives us clues, hints and guidance about how to run our lives in community. They are worth a read – they help and will guide us in today’s busy world.

All is on track for the arrival of the Reverend George Frost as our new Rector. He will now move into the Rectory at the end of the month, perhaps the first week of July. We are getting things ready for his arrival and planning his Installation at St Michael’s on Monday 22nd July – from which point he will be the main contact for the Church. Meanwhile please continue to get hold of one of us for anything we can help with.

Kathy and Andrew

VILLAGE FETE – THE MAIN EVENT FOR JUNE

Final Things to Watch/Listen Out For!

Street bottle collectors for the Tombola will be coming round in the early evenings during 3-6th June.

Thank you to all the village bakers – there will be a wonderful selection.

Just in case you can’t be there on the day Raffle Tickets for the main Raffle will be sold in advance – really great prizes to be won (including the helicopter ride).

Please come along and enjoy the day on the 9th – oven baked pizza (from award winning The White Rabbit), beer and gin tents, bangers/burgers, teas and cakes all available from 12 noon

Bring CASH (and cards) on the day and..... more importantly bring friends and family – all are welcome.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO HELP AND SUPPORT

Fete – Sunday 9 June – Lots Happening on the Sportsfield

Lunch time pizzas, bangers and burgers

Tea time cakes and relaxation – and ice creams

Beer and Gin Tents

Tombola (win back those bottles)

Cakes – Flowers – Apricot Jam - Plants

Ferret Racing AND Pony Rides

Brackley Rock Choir and Fairground Ride

Fun and Games and Face painting

IN YOUR VILLAGE HALL

(Bookings Secretary: Shirie Beaumont **Contact: 07878 430705**)

AYNHO WRITERS GROUP **Contact: Keith McClellan at keithcarolmac@gmail.com**

Meeting 10.00 am - 12.30 pm Saturday 8th June.

At our May meeting some interesting responses to "Who we would take on our 21st cent Noah's Ark and The day the builders arrived". At the next meeting, we hope to hear about an unfulfilled ambition or Do dreams come true?

AYNHO GARDENING CLUB 2nd Wednesday

Contact: Annabel Bellamy 810847

Wednesday 12th June 9.30am.

Our day visit this year is to **Kelmarsh** on **Wednesday 12th June.**

Leaving from outside the **Grammar House** at **9.30am.**

The bus is almost full so please contact **Helen Mackenzie on 07866 044985** if you wish to join the visit to Kelmarsh gardens. The cost of a seat on the bus is £20. Payment for your seat can be made by cheque to Aynho Gardening Club or by cash to Helen.

Entrance to the venue is payable individually - £8 each (RHS and HH members are exempt but do remember to bring your membership cards).

This is a wonderful garden with lots to see and should be a lovely day out. Let's hope for good weather!

AYNHO LADIES GROUP - 3rd Wednesday

Contact: Jill Wightman. Tel 811206 Email: jayrw10@gmail.com

Wednesday 19th June – Garden Meeting, 2.30pm at the Pavilion

Last month we had a fascinating talk on the RSPB Otmoor Nature Reserve near Oxford, its creation and the wildlife it is now attracting through the year. It's a real success story and well worth a visit if you haven't been. Our next event will be our annual Garden Meeting which, instead of in a member's garden will be held at the Pavilion. This year we are asking you, our members, to please contribute something towards our afternoon tea, savoury or sweet. The Committee will provide strawberries and tea and coffee. Please contact Jill if you are not sure what to bring. And NO It won't rain but if it does there is always the Pavilion to escape to.

The **Coffee Mornings for June will be held on the 5th and 12th, 10.30am at the Cartwright Hotel.** So until we all meet again, take care and as always new members are very welcome.

HISTORY SOCIETY 4th Wednesday

Contact: Helen Mackenzie 07866 044985

Wednesday 26th June 7.30pm 'AIR TRANSPORT AUXILIARY – A LITTLE KNOWN STORY'

This month our talk is by Kevin O'Regan – a published author and will be on the work of the Air Transport Auxiliary. This began life in September 1939 and was in operation throughout the second World War. The talk will explore the creation of the ATA, the people it employed, its method of operation and outline just how important it was to Britain's war effort. There will be a particular focus on the role of women in the organisation. Using archive material the considerable achievements of the ATA will be brought to light. All welcome – please join us.

SHORT MAT BOWLS

Tuesdays 2.30 – 4.30pm: New Members welcome.

The cost is £2.50 per session. Woods for bowling are available if you don't own your own.

Contact: Carol McClellan 07398 210313 or email: keithcarolmac@gmail.com

VILLAGE “OUTSIDE” ACTIVITIES

AYNHO APRICOTS CYCLING CLUB - Summer has encouraged more cyclists to dust off their bikes and join our group rides, including some new members from neighbouring villages. Why not join us? We meet on Saturday or Sunday mornings once a month, choosing a convenient date via WhatsApp. All ages and abilities welcome.

AYNHO RUNNING CLUB - In May, some of our members ran the Deddington Four Farms Challenge. Planning will also soon begin for the Great Aynho Half Pub Run, an annual half marathon with stops at six local pubs. Our regular runs take place every Sunday, meeting at 9am on Portway, with options for beginners and experienced runners alike.

SOCIAL DOG WALKING - We welcomed some new members in May and look forward to enjoying some sunny walks with them soon. We meet on occasional weekdays around lunchtime, arranging a time and place via WhatsApp. There is no pressure to commit regularly - just come along if and when convenient.

For all 3 of above please get in touch with:

Faraz Shibli 07742 906780 Email: faraz.shibli@oxon.org

WELL-BEING WALKS from The Pavilion Thursdays 10am

Contact: Dawn on 0792932294

There are two walks led by qualified walk leaders. One walk is a leisurely stroll for approximately 2 or 3 miles and lasts just over the hour or longer if needed. We walk at the pace that is comfortable for all. The second walk is more challenging covering an average of 6 miles and lasting up to 2 hours. There is no need to pre book. We are a friendly bunch and welcome all new walkers. However, the walks are not suitable for pushchairs as we often go across fields. We meet at the Sports Field Pavilion and set off at 10am every Thursday morning, rain or shine. On returning to the Pavilion there is tea, coffee and a tempting selection of cakes for sale. There is no fee for the Health Walks but we do ask for a voluntary 50p to cover the running costs of the Pavilion. All you need is some sturdy footwear. Hope to see you there.

ALSO AT YOUR SPORTS FIELD & PAVILION

MONTHLY MINDFULNESS WORKSHOP

Contact: Kate Angell 07478 276891 or email: kate@calmerminds.co.uk to book a place

T'ai Chi Chih classes on Mondays: spaces available 11.30-12.30 and Qigong sessions Fridays: spaces available 11.30-12.30. Tea/coffee provided £8.00 pp.

AYNHO CRICKET CLUB

Contact: Oshy - 07540554721 or oshy@ryanpont.co.uk

A brief update on the upcoming fixtures:

8th June, 2pm - Aynho vs. Aynho - Practice match to get warmed up for the season

16th June, 2pm - Souldern - Originally scheduled for the 8th, with a BBQ afterwards at the pavilion.

Anybody interested in playing or just being a social member is encouraged to get in touch. All levels of experience and ability are welcome.

AYNHO PARK CLUB DRAW

We are still accepting payments to the Draw. Here are the details again - Please send £18 by bank transfer to "Aynho Park Club" Sort code 30-11-08 Account number 00467143 with your name as the reference. If you would prefer to pay by cheque or cash please contact David Dean or drop round a payment to 16 Roundtown.

Thank you for your continued support and to those that have already paid.

Two Numbers (April and May) were drawn at the Annual Village Meeting; congratulations to 41 Ian Parkes and 50 Vanessa Tustain - each winning £75.

The next two Draws will take place in July.

We are looking for a person in the village to take over managing the collection of subscriptions, maintaining a spread sheet, and making the Draws. If anyone is interested please contact me. If no one comes forward then it will mean the draw will cease.

Jeremy James and David Dean

Email: dixiedean1@gmail.com

AT THE 'CARTWRIGHT HOTEL'

COFFEE MORNINGS Contact: Jill Wightman 811206 Email: jayrw10@gmail.com

Aynho Ladies Coffee Mornings. Wednesdays 5th & 12th June, 10.30am – 12 noon. You are welcome to come to either of these or both and you do not need to be a member.

Men's Coffee Club. Wednesday 19th June, 10.30am – 12 noon.

You are very welcome to come along to this coffee morning. You do not need to be a member. Just contact me so we know how many we are catering for. Thank you.

SUMMER LUNCH CLUB Thursdays 12.15pm at the Cartwright Hotel

Contact: Jill Wightman 811206 Email: jayrw10@gmail.com

The Summer Lunch Club continues at the Cartwright Hotel every Thursday at 12.15pm. We have a new menu which includes light bites, through to main meals and desserts. If you are interested please contact me and I will let you have the menu. Thank you.

BRIDGE CIRCLE

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

We meet one Monday and one Wednesday evening a month at the Cartwright Hotel. 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.

BLANDFORD FLY WARNING!

The Blandford Fly is still about. 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 now as May/June approaches the newly emerging adults have taken to the 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 June but 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>

AYNHO PARISH COUNCIL (APC) - NEWS

It was lovely to see residents at the ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING held on 20th May. Our new Chair, Dawn Willis, opened the meeting and introduced Councillors to the room. Three new Councillors have recently joined the PC (Alan Beaumont; Helen Mackenzie; Simon Wormald) all bringing previous useful and relevant experience. There are still 3 remaining vacancies to be filled and anyone interested should contact our new Clerk, Alan Youel, via the PC website. www.aynho-pc.gov.uk. We'd love to hear from you!

We were fortunate enough to have in attendance WNC Cllrs Rebecca Breese and Rosie Herring, and a detailed copy of their report is available on the website. The Chair thanked retiring PC Councillor Jeremy James for his 20 plus years of service to the village and PC, and thanks were also made to recently resigned PC councillors Leslie Leighton; Liz Hadley; David Dean; Alex Ryan-Pont; Lesley Grant and Clerk Chris Wilson for their services to, and support of, the PC throughout their length of office.

Minutes, Annual Village, Report, WNC Annual Report to the Parishes, Police Commissioner Report and St Michaels's Report, are available to view on our website. (Printed versions are available to any residents unable to access).

An update was provided on future projects in the Village highlighting proposed improvements to the Pavilion. The Chair emphasised the PC's aims of providing service to the community and villagers; adhering to the Nolan principles of selflessness; integrity; objectivity; accountability; openness; honesty and leadership.

Following questions from the floor at the meeting end, tea and biscuits were provided. Residents had the opportunity to talk to representatives of the myriad of clubs and societies available in Aynho village ranging from Cricket to Walking; Writing to Bridge; and Gardening to Cycling.

Stop Press – other village news.

The Tuesday Post Office now closes at **3.15pm**.

PC has now taken over upkeep of the **village stocks**.

Brackley Football Club are in talks about a new **defibrillator** for the Sports field.

Polite reminder – **NO** dogs are allowed on the Sportsfield or Playpark (This is a prosecutable offence subject to a £100 fine).

Dogs should also be kept on a lead on local footpaths (WNC)

SUPPORT - KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE

Upcoming Open Gardens

Have you taken a look at our Open Garden itinerary for this year? Once again, we have some incredible supporters opening their gardens and offering people the chance to pay a visit and enjoy the stunning outdoor spaces, all while raising money for our hospice. Make sure you get the dates in your diary now and check the website for full details of each event.

www.khh.org.uk/gardens

REMEMBER PLEASE

"I REMEMBER YOU" Frank Ifield, who made his home in our village for many years, died on 18 May at the age of 86 years. Loved his singing. Sybil S



Aynho Fete

Ferret Racing
Bottle Tombola
Rock Choir
Teacup Fairground Ride
Face Painting and Pony Rides
Skittles
Football Challenge
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