



Aynho

The Apricot Village

NEWSLETTER

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THE SQUARE - AYNHO 1815

by

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ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE CHURCH CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2010

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

March 7th

AYNHO	9.30am	Sunday School	
	11.0a.m	Common Worship	Sidespersons: Mr.Croft.Mr.Sutton

March 14th

AYNHO	9.30am	Family Common Worship for Mothering Sunday	Sidespersons:Mrs.Bellamy.Mr.Leigh
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March 21st

AYNHO	9.30am	Sunday School	
	11.0am	Matins	Sidespersons: Mr.Cheney. Mr.Oakey.

March 28th

AYNHO	11.0am	Common Worship PALM SUNDAY	Sidespersons: Mrs.Kirby. Mrs.Pusey
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March 29th 7.30pm

AYNHO Compline

For all other Church Services - see Pew Leaflets

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY of PRAYER - Friday 5th March 2pm in Farthinghoe Church

"Let everything that has breath praise God" Prepared by the women of Cameroon.

Church Dates for your Diary

Praise & Play: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 10.0am in Church	Bible Study Monday 10.15am 8th at "Friars Well"	Choir Practice Thursday 5.30pm 4th & 18th
Prayer Group Thursday 11th at 15,The Square	Church Cleaning Thursdays 9.45a.m.onwards 18th	Lent Courses Thursdays 7.30pm 15, The Square

Bell Ringing -Tuesdays 7.30-9.0pm 1st. Evenley. 2nd & 4th. Kings Sutton 3rd.Aynho. 5th.Croughton

Forthcoming: C.F.C.S. Coffee Morning - Friday APRIL 23rd

From our Parish Registers:

Interment of ashes "Mac" FRASER	12th February 2010
Holy Matrimony Carina Cooper & David Harrison	13th February 2010

Information about the life of our church or baptisms or wedding enquiries from our Rector: Revd.Gill Barker- Tel:01869-810903 Mobile: 07710402122.

e.mail: barkergill@hotmail.com

Church Wardens: Graham Gibbs 01869-819727 & Anthea Bazin 01869 - 810629

APRIL 2010 NEWSLETTER items to Sybil, 32, Roundtown. Tel:810692
by Monday March 15th For purposes of Newsletter only: syban@btinternet.com

FRONT COVER

Over the coming months I will be using prints which have been drawn by the artist
Jean Claude Nattes - British Painter ca.1765-1822.

These will be parts of our village, some very recognisable and others not so familiar -
in fact those we would like you to ascertain where you think they have been taken from???

"Jean-Claude Nattes was one of the most successful watercolour artists of his time. He exhibited at the Royal Academy between 1782 and 1814, and at the Old Watercolour Society. However, in 1807, at the height of his success, he was excluded from the watercolour society after accusations of exhibiting under his own name the work of other artists, and he never regained his reputation. In 1806, Nattes published an album of aquatints after his watercolours, Bath Illustrated by a Series of Views (1997.2) Three of these views are now in the Holburne Museum collections."

At some stage he visited our village - and our front covers show his works of art.

CAT FOUND in Bowmans Lea area. Black with white whiskers and on feet. Quite tame.

Lost to owner or needs a new home. Please contact: 01869 810316

What's on.....in your Village Hall

ARMS

Douglas Ward was compere for our last meeting and started with a reprise of Haydn's Symphony No.94 (Surprise Movement) which he and Sybil had previously performed as a cello and piano piece. Offenbach's Reverie featuring the cello and Schuman's Piano Concerto in A Minor followed by Bach's Aria "For Love" was greatly appreciated. The final movement of Beethoven's Symphony No.6 (Pastoral) and Carl Jenkins delightful "Benedictus" brought the first half to an end.

The second half was a video of H.M.S.Pinafore by Gilbert & Sullivan which was much enjoyed.

The next meeting is on March 3rd at 7.30pm. The programme will be presented by Bob Mann.

GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting is definitely not one to be missed. The Director of the Oxford Botanic Garden, Timothy Walker, is giving a talk. As well as being very knowledgeable he is an excellent and amusing speaker.

His subject is "Tales from a Small Garden"

The meeting is on Wednesday March 10th at 8.0pm. Visitors are welcome - so why not come and give the gardening club a try now that spring is on the way. Entrance for visitors £1.00.

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March 17th 7.30pm "From the Baltic to the Caspian" a talk by Jennie Boyle.
Tea Hostesses: Mrs.J.Rainsberry & Mrs.M.Moore.

AYNHO HISTORY SOCIETY

In case this reaches you in time just a kindly reminder that at our February Meeting Martin Greenwood will speak about "The role of the Country Carrier" Martin will have a number of his books on display. On Wednesday March 31st, David Morgan, former headmaster, will reveal his "Memories of Aynho School" with many photographs. All meetings are in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

We have received the following email from Channel 4 Time Team

"I wanted to write to let you know where we are with Aynho. We've read through everything you've kindly sent through. Having now had a meeting with the series editor and the series producer regarding the sites for this series I presented Aynho and we gave the site due attention. I'm sorry to say that we've decided not to pursue the project this year. Although I admire and support the work of the history group (and encourage you to continue!) I'm afraid that Aynho just doesn't deliver the needs of the programme"

In conjunction with Zetica Ltd AHS plan to resume the tunnel research in the Spring and we will keep you updated.

For further information about AHS please contact: Brian Reynolds 811007 Peter Cole 811261

AYNHO VILLAGE HALL

The Committee are looking into the possibility of arranging a computer course in the Hall. The nature of the course will depend upon the requirements of those interested. If you think that you might be interested and didn't register this at the SNVB event in the Hall on the 24th February please contact

Douglas Ward on 01869 810723

We also wish to discover whether there are people in the village, (of any age) who would like to get together to play or sing music. This activity could be for all abilities and all kinds of music.

Again, let Douglas Ward know if you are interested.

The Village Hall Committee AGM

will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 8th March in the back room. This is an open meeting so do come along and see what we have been up to and offer any suggestions you may have for the future.

Parish & Town Plans Grant BITESIZE

- Do you need money for a community consultation project?
- Are you looking for funding for actions from your Parish Plan?
- How does £500 with NO match funding sound?

If the above questions sound interesting to you please apply for Application Forms from:

Northamptonshire ACRE'S WEBSITE www.northantsacre.org.uk

or direct from your Rural Officer

Caroly Howe ACRE Hunsbury Hill Centre, Harksome Hill, Northampton NN4 9QX.

The next deadline for applications is Friday 26th March 2010.

Northamptonshire's Volunteer Police Service

Northants Police currently has over 180 Volunteer Police Officers (Special Constables), all of which contribute to keeping your community safe and "making the difference" within it.

Special Constables are involved in a very diverse mixture of police work, a typical shift can involve crewing up with another Special or Regular Officer, and responding to calls from the public when they come in. This could be anything from anti-social behaviour to a serious assault. You may find that a large amount of your time will be spent carrying out proactive high visibility patrols in your area. This is of course very important as it improves public confidence and can deter crime before it happens.

Special Constables are often called upon to support specific operations across the force. This can present you with a number of exciting opportunities as you could be involved in, plain clothes work, intelligence gathering and executing search warrants, to name but a few.

Becoming a Special Constable is ideal for those who want to help their local Police Officers and PCSO's and put something back in to their community. It is also an ideal position for those who wish to become full-time Police Officers to gain excellent experience and life skills to aid them in applying.

For more information on the role, to receive an application form,
or to view our upcoming Open Evening

please visit www.northants.police.uk/careers or call Lizzi Betts on 03000 111 222 ext 2098, our specials recruitment administrator who will be happy to advise you.

DOG FOULING:

Referring to the paragraph in the Parish Council notes, I have been asked, on a number of occasions, to write personal letters from people who feel strongly about this subject. It should be sufficient coming from our Parish Council. However, it is obvious this is a concern of many residents, so, again we plead with dog owners DO COMPLY WITH THE RULES to keep our village a more pleasant and healthier place to walk.

DON'T FORGET TO PUT YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD ON THE 28th MARCH

Aynho Parish Council Newsletter Items March 2010

Snow Problems

The Parish Council would like to commend the excellent community spirit that prevailed in Aynho during the recent snowy conditions.

We have had many reports of neighbours getting together to fetch food, clear driveways and check on the well being of all.

APC want to make sure everyone is well cared for when incidents like this occur so if you feel you could do with some extra help in the snow or just a phone call to make sure you're ok please give Sadie, the Parish Clerk a ring on 07887548774 and let her know.

Also, if you have a 4 x 4 vehicle and are interested in being on a list of potential helpers in extreme weather please either call Sadie or e-mail on aynhopc@googlemail.com

Hopefully the weather in January will remain a rare occurrence but if not, it's good to know we have so many helpful, friendly people in Aynho.

Speed Camera

The Parish will have the speed camera again in May on a shared basis with Croughton. By that time all the road improvements should be in place so we will have the chance to check on their effectiveness and also to concentrate more on Charlton Road. We would also like some more volunteers to man the camera. Free training is provided. If you are interested in helping with this please contact the clerk or Colin Macklin for details.

Snack Bar

SNC has granted a licence for a static snack bar vehicle at the Lower Walton Grounds lay by. District Councillor, John Townsend, and two Parish Councillors attended a hearing and were able to express our concerns about litter and road safety, and the applicants themselves share our concerns and are keen to work with us to minimise the impact.

Spring Clean

The annual spring litter pick will take place on Saturday 27th March 2010. The response in recent years has been stronger and stronger so we hope for another good turnout. Gloves and bags will be provided as usual, and heavy items can be reported and collected later. If you can help report to the Sports field from 10.00am onwards, and look out for notices in case of any changes.

Dog Fouling

There have been complaints about dog fouling along the Croughton Road between the Grammar House and Portway. It is unfair to the majority of dog owners in the village who make sure they clear up after their pets, if one or two people do not respect their village pavements etc in this way. Will those responsible please ensure they clear up after their dogs.

The next meeting of the council is in the committee room at the back of the village hall at 7.30pm Monday 1st March 2010.

Keith McClellan **Chairman** **810346** keith.mcclellan@homecall.co.uk

The meeting is open to the public. The agenda will be published on the village notice boards. Once the minutes are approved they are available on the website at www.aynho.org.uk or on request from the clerk under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can contact the council via the clerk, Sadie Patamia, 9 Roundtown, 07887 548774 or aynhopc@googlemail.com

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