



# CROUGHTON NEWS

March 2014

## Coffee Mornings ...

... if you haven't yet tried Jane's delicious cakes, why not come along – The Reading Room is open every Tuesday morning from 9.00 to 11.00 a.m.

## Croughton Colts Football Club

Croughton Colts have now officially been given the 'FA Charter Standard Club' award. The criteria for achieving the award include having a trained Welfare Officer, CRB checks for all volunteers, Emergency Aid-trained volunteers linked to each team, Respect programme sign-up, an FA Level One qualified coach for each youth team, appropriate club administration in place and a volunteer co-ordinator.

The FA Charter Standard programme is a kitemark, which recognises and rewards high quality levels of provision in club and league football. The kitemark is awarded to clubs and leagues that are well run, sustainable, which place child protection, quality coaching and safety paramount.

This is the first major step in establishing our club as a great place for youngsters to learn and enjoy playing football.

We will be putting more information relating to the club / teams on the website <http://croughtoncolts.co.uk> including forms for signing on, codes of conduct, match reports, fixtures, maps to grounds etc. This will take a bit of time so please be patient.

In the spring we will be painting the clubhouse, extending the paving area in front of the clubhouse, repairing goals amongst other things. We will need plenty of volunteers to get things done. Even if only for an hour or two your help will be gratefully received.

On the field the weather has caused the cancellation of many fixtures due the flooded pitches. Therefore there will be lots of games to catch up with between now and the end of the season in May.

Anyone interested in finding out more about Croughton Colts Football Club please contact Steve Connor on 07806 556057 or email me at [steve\\_connor@sky.com](mailto:steve_connor@sky.com).



## Flooding on main road near Brackley road junction.

Just before this newsletter went to print we learned that Northants County Highways have agreed to repair the damaged drain, but due to the number of flood related problems that they have to deal with it may be a month before they can get here. Meanwhile Thames Water intend to send a camera down the length of the drain to see the full extent of the damage.

## British American Quiz Night

The ever popular British-American Quiz Night returns again on **Friday 28 March 2014**. It will take place at the Reading Room in the High Street; participants should arrive from 7:00pm for a 7.30pm start. The evening, organised by the RAF Croughton British American Committee, will comprise a quiz played by teams of British and American players and will include a chilli and baked potato supper in the interval.

The price is £5 per person. There will also be a cash bar available on the night. This event is always a fun evening, so share your general knowledge (or not - it's only a game!) with members of your team and get to know them better in the process.

For tickets, please call or email Jenny Collyer on 07764 166079 or [jennifer.collyer.2.gb@us.af.mil](mailto:jennifer.collyer.2.gb@us.af.mil)  
Jenny Collyer 422 ABG Community Relations Adviser RAF Croughton / RAF Fairford / RAF Welford.

## What's On.

### Monday 10 March, 7.30 pm

Parish Council Meeting, The Parish Room, in the Village Hall

### Saturday 15 March, 7.30–11.30 pm

Charity quiz at Croughton Village Hall.

### Thursday, 20 March, 7.30 pm

WI meeting in the Village Hall.

### Friday 21 March, 7.30 pm

Croughton Cinema, "Gravity". In the Village Hall.

### Tuesday, 25 March, 7.30 pm

Croughton History Group ("The Mitford sisters"). In the Village Hall.

### Thursday 27 March at 6.45 pm

Friends of the Reading Room meeting

### Thursday 27 March at 7.00 for 7.30 pm

Whist evening at the Reading Room

### Friday 28 March at 8 pm

"A slow waltz through the wines of Austria"  
Croughton Wine Appreciation Group wine tasting evening in Croughton Village Hall.

### Saturday 29 March, 8.00 pm – midnight.

Jive Honey at Croughton Village Hall.

### Friday 4 April, 7.30 pm

Croughton Cinema, "Philomena". In the Village Hall.

### Annual Parish Assembly Monday 7th April 2014.

### Easter activities for children:

Wednesday 9 April, 2.00 to 4.00 pm and

Wednesday 16 April, 2.00 to 4.00 pm (see inside for details)

## Croughton Village Website

For all information on events, parish council meetings and general information etc., please go to the website: [www.croughton.org.uk](http://www.croughton.org.uk)

## Parish Council Meeting held on 10th February 2014

**Highways:** Proposed double yellow lines and limited waiting on Park End. The Parish Council remains in support of the No Waiting at Any Time areas but has requested that Limited Waiting should be applied Monday to Friday only, rather than Monday to Saturday, to the spaces opposite 7-9 and 11-11a Park End.

**Surcharging of water from manhole and grass verge at junction of High Street, Brackley Road and Park End:** Strenuous efforts by Northamptonshire Highways and Thames Water to diagnose and resolve this intermittent but concerning seepage were ongoing. Rodding, jetting, surveying and excavation work are all methods being employed to identify the cause of this elusive problem underground. We hope that these investigations will lead to a remedy. The Parish Council has been involved from the outset and is appreciative of a resident's efforts to assist by contacting the utility company about this.

**Street Doctor:** You are encouraged to report minor highway problems and defects to Northamptonshire Highways using Street Doctor the online reporting system. The list is extensive and includes potholes, damaged kerbs, blocked drains, signs and overhanging vegetation. Visit [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor) or use your mobile phone.

**Provision of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED):** Having researched the feasibility of providing an openly accessible community AED the Parish Council agreed to proceed with the project. It is hoped that this user friendly piece of potentially life-saving equipment will soon be here.

### Dates of next Meetings:

Monday 10th March 2014 and Monday 14th April 2014

Time: 7.30 p.m. Venue: Parish Room Croughton Village Hall.

Annual Parish Assembly: Monday 7th April 2014

Annual Parish Council Meeting when the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council will be elected: Monday 12th May 2014.

Local elections will be held in May 2015 when a new Parish Council will be elected.

### Annual Parish Assembly

**7.30 p.m. on Monday 7th April 2014  
In Croughton Village Hall**

Cllr Brian Tomlin, Chairman invites you to the Annual Parish Assembly. This annual gathering is an interesting and informative social event when your elected representatives at parish, district and county level report back on their year.

#### **Presentation and Q&A on Energy Management:**

Don't miss the opportunity to learn about energy management issues—energy efficiency and renewable energy—with members of NCC's Energy and Carbon Management Team.

How appropriate are these aspirations?

What is their potential in Croughton?

Local groups and organisations are warmly invited to attend and to report on their activities over the previous 12 months.

Please accept this invitation to come and find out more about the community in which you live and work.

Tea and coffee will be served.



## Croughton History Group

The March meeting of the Group is on **Tuesday, 25th March**, and the talk, by Gillian Cane, is entitled "The Mitford sisters".

The Mitford Sisters were outrageous and shocking. Their scandals were eagerly discussed and they were reviled. However, they came to represent, in the public's mind, the pre-war England of the upper classes, and were part of the history of this country when it was at a most turbulent phase. Some would even go so far as to say that they helped to change the history of the country. Whatever we think personally of these six sisters they have undoubtedly left us a unique and invaluable store of writings about the twentieth century, and they can also make us laugh out loud.

Meeting 7.30 in the Village Hall.

£1 members, £3 non-members, incl refreshments. For further details contact 01869 810443, [caroline@redworks.co.uk](mailto:caroline@redworks.co.uk) or 01869 810545, [leo.coleman@btinternet.com](mailto:leo.coleman@btinternet.com).

## Croughton WI

Unfortunately, Sheila Wallington, our January speaker, was indisposed. Instead, members concentrated on business matters, including discussion about the four resolutions proposed by the National Federation. These will be voted on and notice given of the successful resolutions which will be put to the National AGM this year.

The March meeting has a change of date as it is a group meeting of area WIs. As two other villages hold their meetings on the same night as Croughton, the group meeting, hosted by Croughton, is on **Thursday, 20 March**, in the village hall, starting at 7.30 p.m. We are fortunate to be entertained by Judith and Nick Hooper who will be singing, playing and talking about traditional and contemporary folk music. The title of the presentation is "A beard, a fiddle and a banjo". Apart from folk music, Judith is a music therapist and Nick is a BAFTA award-winning film and television composer.

## "A slow waltz through the wines of Austria"



**Wine Tasting with the Croughton Wine Appreciation Group**

**Friday 28th March at 8pm, Croughton Village Hall**

Croughton Wine Appreciation Group will be hosting an evening of tasting Austrian wines. Keith Ramsay will guide us through three white wines, three red wines and a dessert wine from Austria. Come along and find out more!

Do come and join us – everyone is very welcome. The event starts at 8pm. Price for members £7, for non-members £10. Please let us know in advance that you're coming so we can ensure we have sufficient wine and cheese.

Email: [croughtonwag@gmail.com](mailto:croughtonwag@gmail.com) or call Claire on 810987.

## Dogs fouling the pavements

There has been an increase in the amount of dog mess on the pavements, notably in the High St from the Reading Room to Wheelers Rise. It seems that owners are not picking up on these dark nights when they think they cannot be seen. There is a bin near the junction with Wheelers Rise so there is no excuse. Please use these facilities which you are paying for in your Council Tax.

## Sign Up please!

Sometimes there are urgent Parish Council or Village news items which we would like to disseminate quickly or important items upon which we would like your views. If you wish to be informed of these by e-mail, please sign up on the Home page of the village website: [www.croughton.org.uk](http://www.croughton.org.uk)

## Reading Room Update

Thanks to all our Friends who have supported the recent Table Top sale, whist evenings and coffee mornings and especially to Jane and Richard for all their enthusiasm and hard work to keep the Reading Room open for us all.

The next Whist evening will be on Thursday 27 March at 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. Beginners welcome!

The next Friends of the Reading Room meeting will be held on 27 March at 6.45 p.m. If you can help with any activities, do come along.

## Croughton Cinema

The bad news is that "Philomena" DVD will not be released in time for our next scheduled showing on 21st March; the good news is that we have been able to extend our season and will therefore be showing this film on **Friday 4th April 2014**.

Our next film on **21st March**, will be "Gravity" starring Sandra Bullock and George Clooney. Earning 10 Oscar nominations and many other awards including BAFTAs the film was made in Britain. Our final film of the season will be "Philomena", nominated for 4 Oscars and starring Judi Dench and Steve Coogan.

Box Office: Members: £3.00. Guests: £5.00. Children under 16: £3.00. Licensed bar. Doors open 7.30pm.

## Our local band Jive Honey will be back playing at the village hall

Friends Re-united gig on **Saturday 29th March 2014**. 8.00pm to midnight. At Croughton Village Hall. Tickets: £10.00 each. Bring your own Nibbles, Drink & Glasses. Tickets and more information available from Sally – [sally@wardandco.biz](mailto:sally@wardandco.biz) / 07949 074106

Some of their followers will know already that this is a great night of dancing and live music so come along, bring your own drink and food and just dance the night away.



**Saint Patrick's Day**  
**Charity Quiz**  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2014**  
**Croughton Village Hall**  
**7.30pm ~ 11.30pm**  
Licensed bar, nibbles, cash prizes and more ...



Tickets are **£3 per person. Maximum of 6 people per team**. To find out more or purchase tickets, call Shawn or Beccy Battista on 01869 810514. Catch Beccy at School/work, or email us at [quiztickets@btinternet.com](mailto:quiztickets@btinternet.com) or message us through Facebook.

## March Church Services

Details at [www.astwickvale.co.uk](http://www.astwickvale.co.uk)

### Ash Wednesday 5th March

9:30am Holy Communion with Ashing at Aynho  
7:00pm Holy Communion with Ashing at Croughton

### Sunday 9th March Lent 1

9:30am Holy Communion at Aynho  
9:30am Holy Communion at Croughton  
11am Holy Communion at Evenley  
4:30pm Family Pancake Praise at Croughton Village Hall  
6pm Evensong BCP at Hinton in the Hedges

### Sunday 16th March Lent 2

10am Benefice Communion at Farthinghoe

### Sunday 23rd March Lent 3

9:30am Communion at Croughton  
11am Communion BCP at Hinton-in-the-Hedges  
11am Choral Matins at Aynho  
6pm Evensong BCP at Farthinghoe

### Sunday 30th March Mothering Sunday

10am Family Worship at Croughton  
10am Family Worship at Farthinghoe  
11am Family Worship at Aynho  
11am Family Worship at Evenley  
11am Family Worship at Hinton in the Hedges

### Quiet Day.

In the busy rush of life getting some quiet can be hard to come by, yet we all need space and time to reflect and get our breaths back. I invite you to join me for a day of quiet reflection and refreshment on Monday 31st March (10am-4pm approx) at Stanton House, near Oxford. There are twelve spaces for the day at a cost of £22 (payable on the day) includes refreshments, lunch and afternoon tea. Please let Simon Dommett 01869 810903 or Carrie O'Regan 01280 702300 know if you would like to book a place ASAP.

### Pancake Praise

Come as a family and enjoy fun, games, songs, worship and NOT FORGETTING PANCAKES at Croughton Village Hall (off Wheelers Rise, behind the school) on Sunday 9th March. What a great way to start Lent. We hope you can come, Simon & Heather.

## Easter Activities for Children

Looking for something to do with the children in the Easter Holidays? The Reading Room has the following activities on offer:

### Wednesday 9 April, 2.00 to 4.00 p.m.

Craft Session – get creative making Easter Bunnies and painting eggs.

### Wednesday 16 April, 2.00 to 4.00 p.m.

Games Session – have fun playing traditional games

Age guideline for activities – up to 10 years of age

Cost: £3 per child per session (for materials, drink and biscuit); adults and older children in family pay for drinks and cakes purchased

Please telephone Jane on 01869-810004 to book places

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## Yolly's Malaysian Food takeaway!

(On Each Last Thursday of the Month)

**Thursday 27th March 2014**

**Chicken in oyster sauce with chinese straw mushrooms.** Large: £5.95; small £3.95.

To complement this I have a side dish, **stir fried mixed vegetables.** Large: £4.00; small: £2.00.

**Basmati Rice.** Large £2.00; small: £1.00.

To place your order please send your name and contact number to me—text: 07964 417311 or email: [yolanda@malaysianmemories.co.uk](mailto:yolanda@malaysianmemories.co.uk)

I will have your order hot and ready to eat to be picked up at the Car Park at The Reading Room at 6.30 pm prompt (Please try to bring the correct money). Thank you very much. Yolanda Tapping.

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## Croughton Village Hall Regular Activities

You are welcome to join any of the groups,  
just call the contact or drop in...

**Croughton Pre-school** 01869 811968  
Monday 9–1pm (including lunch club)  
and Tuesday to Friday 9–3pm

**Parent & Toddler Group** Monica 01869 810668  
Monday 1.15–3.00pm, term time

**Art Class** Kathleen Bartlett 01295 780493  
Monday 2–4pm

**Short Mat Bowls** Cyril 01869 810207  
Monday 7.30–10.00pm

**Line Dancing** Julie 01608 683280  
Tuesday, improvers at 6.45–8pm; intermediates 8–9.45pm

**Karate** Tracy 07779 760006  
Wednesday 7–9pm, beginners welcome

**Badminton** Heather 01869 811104,  
Paul 01869 819734, Julian 01869 8116326  
Thursdays 6–7pm, (starting 5 September)

**W.I.** Pam 01869 810393  
3rd Wednesday in the month 7.30–9.30pm

**History Group** Leo 01869 810545  
4th Tuesday in the month 7.30–10.00pm

**Cinema** - see newsletter for dates of films

**Croughton Wine Appreciation Group**  
meet alternate months, Claire 01869 810987

**Buttons & Bows** (Sewing Group) Claire 01869 810185  
1st Thursday in the month 7.30–9.30pm

For further information on **Village Hall bookings**  
contact Sally Ward on 07923 449202 or email  
[croughtonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:croughtonvillagehall@gmail.com)

## Let's Go For A Walk!

There are many interesting walks around Croughton. The network of footpaths in and around the village make up excellent short and longer circular routes. On the village website, you can find details about six of them. Why not print them out and follow the trails.

You will find the walks on <http://www.croughton.org.uk/village-life/village-activities/public-walks/>

Or search for: croughton village public walks.

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