



# CROUGHTON NEWS

June 2013

## Croughton Colts Football Club



The Colts are coming to the end of their first season and ended up runners-up in the Witney & District Youth Football League having only lost one game! During April we ran some 'introduction to football' sessions aimed at boys and girls

from 6 to 8 years old. Despite the extremely cold and windy weather the players had a great time and we are now taking the next step in trying to attract enough players to form a new team at under 7s or 8s for the new season. We are running four more sessions from **Sunday 9th June, 9:30am to 10:30am**. A small charge of £1.00 per session will be made.

The under 11s now have 26 players and will therefore be fielding two sides next season. If anyone is interested in coming along to training please contact me on 07806 556057 or [steve\\_connor@sky.com](mailto:steve_connor@sky.com)

The annual 'Diamond Jubilee Trophy' 5-a-side tournament was held at the playing field on Saturday 1st June with 10 teams competing this year for the title.

All at the Croughton Colts Football Club would like to thank all those that supported Jean Coles on the 25th April at her 'coffee morning'. Jean very kindly donated the proceeds to the Colts. Jean managed to raise an incredible £315! We will make sure it is spent wisely Jean.

## Croughton On Facebook

Croughton has a number of Facebook Groups and Pages that everyone in the village is welcome to join. If you already have a personal profile, search for the following - if it's a Group, request to 'Join Group', or if it's a Page, click 'Like'.

**Croughton Chat** - a Facebook Group for people who live or work in Croughton, or the immediate area, who want to ask questions, find information, swap ideas, make recommendations and generally have a lively conversation about things that are of interest to all.

**Croughton Carboot** - a Facebook Group where villagers and people in the local area can buy and sell just about anything (except animals).

**Croughton Memories** - A Facebook Group for anyone who has lived, or lives in Croughton and who would like to see old photographs and read people's stories of growing up in the village, or post their own memories and photos.

**Croughton History Group** - a Facebook Page where you will find information about forthcoming meetings and events. We're also building a timeline of village historical facts and photographs.

## Recycling Boxes

We are scheduled to receive our blue bins for recycling waste in August. We understand that, in anticipation of the imminent changes, South Northants Council have used all their stock of box lids and are unable to replace any box lids which get lost or damaged. In the meantime, if you do not have a box lid, you may wish to weight any lightweight contents down in the box, prior to emptying, so that the contents do not blow down the street

## Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators Team.

In addition to reporting incidents to the police, it is imperative that members communicate with each other. Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators will disseminate information received from the Community Messaging System to their members in the most appropriate way.

The Croughton Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators are:

Mrs Jean Coles, High Street, tel: 01869 810473.

Will Merrell, Portway Drive, tel: 01869 810569

Maureen Burgess, Portway Crescent, tel: 01869 811821

Brenda Reeves, Park End, tel: 01869 811842.

Vera, The Blackbird, High Street, tel: 01869 810237.

Mrs Christine Tomlin, Mill Lane, tel: 01869 810124.

Beckie Jones, Wheelers Rise, tel: 01869 819734.

## What's On.

**Thursday 6 June 6, 7.30pm -9.30pm. Friday 7 June, 9am-11.30am.** Butterfly Tea Party in aid of Together for Short Lives. The Orchard House, Church Lane, Croughton

**Monday 10 June, 7.30pm.**

Parish Council Meeting, Parish Room Croughton Village Hall

**Saturday 15 June 2.00pm**

All Saints' Church Fete in the garden of The Old Rectory.

**Friday 21 June**

WI walk around Limes Farm, Farthinghoe

**Tuesday, 25 June, 7.00pm**

Croughton History Group (the history of Croughton Church) Meet in the churchyard.

**Friday 5th July , 8pm**

"Bordeaux Blends and Chardonnays from around the world": Croughton Wine Appreciation Group wine tasting evening in Croughton Village Hall.

**Monday 8 July, 7.30pm**

Parish Council Meeting, Parish Room Croughton Village Hall

**Summer Holiday Club 5th-9th August.**

## 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)

## Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013

Councillor Brian Tomlin was re-elected to the Office of Chairman of the Parish Council and Councillor Pamela Gelder was re-elected Vice Chairman.

Councillor Penny Forbes was appointed to serve as Trustee on the Poor's Allotment Trust. Mrs Margaret Rings was appointed Parish Paths Warden to succeed Mr Paul Jones, who steps down from the role after ten years. The Parish Council is immensely grateful to Paul for giving his attention to maintenance of the parish rights of way network - a great outdoor amenity for walkers and lovers of the countryside.

**Safer Routes to School 20mph Scheme:** Speed surveys completed in April recorded 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds of 33mph and 32mph. The Parish Council has accepted the Traffic Regulation Order Notice Plan, which extends to the east just beyond Brackley Road but not as far as Church Lane, and has asked Northamptonshire Highways to co-ordinate implementation with the micro-asphalting of the carriageway.

**Planning:** Members of the public spoke to the proposal to convert the existing redundant stables to a single dwelling at The Stables, Croughton House West. The Council accepted the proposal but was of the view that it should be considered in conjunction with Croughton House West and that clarification on various aspects, particularly on the status of the access, was needed.

**Year End Matters:** The Council approved the Accounts for YE 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013, the Asset Register, and sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return in preparation for the External Audit. The insurance policy was renewed and Designated Reserves reviewed.

In 2013-2014 the Council will be finalising the Village Plan and SNC Local Plan submission; the construction of the nine affordable dwellings at land off Brackley Road should proceed; and the resurfacing of the main road should be carried out.

Councillor Ken Melling was elected to represent Little Brook Ward (comprising Aynho, Croughton and Evenley) at the County Council and will be in attendance at the next Meeting of the Parish Council to be held 10<sup>th</sup> June 2013. The Parish Council looks forward to working with Cllr Melling, particularly on highway matters.

Dates of next meetings: **Monday 10 June** and **Monday 8 July**. Time: 7.30 p.m, the Parish Room Croughton Village Hall.

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## Croughton Annual Show

### 7th Annual Show, Saturday 24th August 2013

Entry forms for the show will be delivered to all homes in Croughton and will be available to download from the Croughton website during June.

#### Photography-

1. 'OPEN' category – in colour or black and white – on any subject of your choice.
2. 'Wildlife' – colour only.

All photographs to be printed 5" x 7" maximum.

Don't forget the new needlework category this year. This can be a garment, tapestry, cross stitch, patchwork, quilting and embroidery – anything of your choice. Sewing is becoming popular again and many men are becoming 'stitchers' too.

We need your support – this year the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance will benefit.

## All Saints' Church Fete

Saturday 15 June 2.00pm

Come along and enjoy our traditional Church Fete, held in the garden of The Old Rectory, by kind permission of Margaret and David Rings.

There will be the usual stalls – tombola, cakes, plants, good as new, toys and books and raffle.

The Church will be open to view our famous medieval wall paintings, plus an exhibition of work by the village art group, with some paintings for sale. Enjoy a delicious cream tea while the children are entertained by Mr Silly Billy.

Other activities for children are planned and we are hoping that pupils from All Saints' Primary School will put on a display of maypole dancing.

We have been promised fine weather, but if you can help with the loan of a gazebo please let us know. We are also looking for donations to any of the stalls mentioned above – please bring any items on the morning of the fete, or let us know if you'd like us to collect,

The aim of the fete is of course to raise funds for our beautiful Church, but it is also a social event and one which we hope you will enjoy, so please support us

Chris Tomlin 810124

Pam Robbins 810393

Joint organisers

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## Croughton WI

Jamie Bodley-Scott was our guest speaker for the May meeting – his subject being digital photography. He began with the outcome – the photographs themselves, illustrating what he was saying by passing around a number of his own landscape photographs. We heard interesting and useful comments about the process and aids for taking a good shot. Members very much appreciated what Jamie had to say.

The June meeting is an evening out – a walk (weather permitting) around Limes Farm, Farthinghoe, followed by a meal in the excellent café. The date had to be changed from the usual third Wednesday in the month to **Friday, 21 June**, at Limes Farm. Members have already signed up for this outing.



## Croughton History Group

On **Tuesday, 25th June**, Terry Richards will describe to us the history of our Parish Church in Croughton, and tell us something of the thousands of parishioners buried in the churchyard. We will meet in the churchyard at 7.00pm (note - earlier than usual) and refreshments will be wine and soft drinks.

Entrance £1 members, £3 non-members, incl refreshments. No charge for under 16s. For further details contact 01869 810443, caroline@redworks.co.uk or 01869 810545 leo.coleman@btinternet.com.

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## Aynho Community Theatre

... are looking for new members, with a view to staging performances in both Aynho and Croughton. The first joint production would be a pantomime in February 2014. For further information contact RSawbridge@aol.com

## Sewing/knitting group

**We've had a good response so far and seem to have got a group together which is great!**

We're going to meet in the Parish Room at the Village Hall on the first Thursday every month, 7.30-9.30pm. It's £2 per session, which includes tea, coffee etc. We've booked the hall for the first three months provisionally, to see how we get on. Dates are as follows:

**9th May • 6th June • 4th July**

At the meetings we'll each bring along a current sewing or knitting project to work on, whilst enjoying a chat & cup of tea. If you're a sewing newbie, you can bring along some materials and we'll help you get started on something as there will be books and patterns for inspiration. At future meetings we may invite someone along to teach us a new skill, or may work jointly on a particular project.

For more information please contact Claire on 01869 810185 or send an email to [claire\\_barrett@rocketmail.com](mailto:claire_barrett@rocketmail.com)

## “Bordeaux Blends and Chardonnays from around the world”



### Wine Tasting with the Croughton Wine Appreciation Group

**Friday 5th July at 8pm, Croughton Village Hall**

George Atkinson-Clark of the new and exciting Woburn Wine Company will bring his extensive knowledge and experience and his selection of Bordeaux Blends and Chardonnays to our next event. George started working in the wine trade in 1985 for Justerini & Brooks, and has worked for Chateau Mouton Rothschild, Veuve Clicquot Champagne, Louis Latour Burgundy, Cloudy Bay and FE Trimbach Alsace amongst many others. For ten years he was Managing Director of Champagne Ruinart UK.

This is an opportunity to try quality wines that you definitely won't find on the supermarket shelves. So 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.

I would also like to take this opportunity to ask you for some help. The maintenance of our historical church buildings, most of which are listed, is a great drain on finance. But the good news is that there are lots of grants and funding available for some projects if you know where to look and who to ask. If you have some of that knowledge or could help point us in the right direction, I would love to hear from you. Ideally I would love to find somebody with a couple of hours on their hands with knowledge of the funding/grant system to help seek out these grants. For if we can find a grant to help one church then I hope it might also be able to help the other five in our benefice. If you can help or know anybody who can help please let me know.

Revd Simon Dommett

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## Rector's letter, June 2013

June is the month for fetes and fairs, it gives a chance to get out and enjoy the countryside in which we live (and hopefully an improvement in the weather). I would encourage you to 'do the rounds' and enjoy all that is on offer in our villages.

We have the Aynho Church fete on 8<sup>th</sup> June, Croughton Church Fete on 15<sup>th</sup> June, Farthinghoe Church Fete on 23 June, Evenley Church Fete on 29<sup>th</sup> June and Hinton Church fete on 13<sup>th</sup> July as we were running out of weekends. These fetes do not just happen on their own and I would like to thank everybody in advance for all the help and hard work that goes into making them happen.

We are also busy planning for our summer children's holiday club, this year to be called 'Showstoppers'. It will be open for rising 5's to 11 year olds and held at All Saints School Croughton from 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> August, Monday to Friday 9:30-12noon, finishing with a special All Age Family Service on Sunday where we can show everybody what fun we have had. To help fund this family project we will be having a special collection in our churches on Father's Day.

June 9<sup>th</sup> will see Revd Christine Allsopp our Archdeacon coming to preach at our Steane Summer Sermon Series. This will give our Deanery a chance to say goodbye to our Archdeacon as she prepares to leave the diocese in September.

Please note Thursday is my normal day off during the week, but I am happy to be contacted in an emergency situation.

Best wishes

Simon

### June Services

#### **Sunday, 9 June**

09:30 Aynho Communion  
09:30 Croughton ~ Communion  
10:00 Farthinghoe ~ Family All Age Worship  
11:00 Evenley ~ Communion & Baptism  
18:00 Steane ~ Evensong BCP—Archdeacons Farewell

#### **Sunday, 16 June**

10:00 Farthinghoe Taize Style Benefice ~ Communion  
4:30 Pizza Praise Farthinghoe

#### **Monday, 17 June**

10:45 Evenley ~ Home Communion

#### **Sunday, 23 June**

09:30 Croughton ~ Communion  
11:00 Aynho ~ Songs Of Praise  
11:00 Evenley ~ Family All Age Worship  
11:00 Hinton Communion BCP Or CW  
18:00 Farthinghoe ~ Evensong BCP

#### **Monday, 24 June**

11:00 Aynho ~ Home Communion

#### **Sunday, 30 June**

10:00 Croughton Benefice ~ Communion

#### **Tuesday, 2 July**

10:00 Croughton Home Communion

#### **Sunday, 7 July**

09:30 Farthinghoe ~ Communion BCP  
11:00 Aynho ~ Communion  
11:00 Hinton ~ All Age Service  
18:00 Evenley ~ Taize Service

## Yolly's Malaysian Food Night

(On: Each Last Thursday of the Month)  
**Thursday 27th June 2013**

Why not have a break one night a month & let me do the cooking!!!

**Chicken Curry**, Small: £3.95, Large: £ 5.95.

**Basmati Rice**, Small: £1.00, Large: £2.00.

Extra – Stir Fried Mixed Vegetables (As an accompaniment) Small: £2.00, Large : £4.00

To place your order please send your name and contact number to me—text: 077964 417311 or email: 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



## Peppa pig outfit for hire.

Ideal for children's parties £20.00

Proceeds all to Croughton toddler group

Please contact Sarah on 07837 549682

## National Carers' Week 10th–17th June

Check out nationally what is happening at: [www.carersweek.org](http://www.carersweek.org)

During Carers Week, Northamptonshire Carers has joined up with Age UK Northamptonshire to do some Carers Information drop in sessions, including one on Thursday 13th June at Leeson Court, Towcester.

The purpose of the morning is to allow Carers to have a look around the facilities and meet staff, either on their own or with the person they care for. Day Care gives Carers a much needed break from their Caring role, giving them some time to themselves knowing the person they care for is safe and being looked after.

For more information contact Age UK Northamptonshire on 01604 611200 or Northamptonshire Carers on 01933 677837

## Fritwell Open Gardens

**Sunday 16 June 2013 2:00pm - 5:00pm**

£4.00 (Children Free) Teas, Plant & Book Sales.

For more information, visit [www.st-olaves.org](http://www.st-olaves.org)

Newsletter submissions by 28th of each month to:  
**Georgina Lucas, 50 Portway Drive, Croughton.**  
Tel: 01869 810923, or e-mail [galucas@waitrose.com](mailto:galucas@waitrose.com)

The Croughton Newsletter is published by the Parish Council.

## 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 Thursday 9–3pm

**Parent & Toddler Group** Beckie 01869 819734  
Friday 10–11.45am term time

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

**Short Mat Bowls** Cyril 01869 810207  
Monday 7.30–10pm

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

**Karate** Tracy 07779760006  
Wednesday 7–9pm, beginners welcome

**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

For further information on **Village Hall bookings**  
contact Sally Ward on 01869 810447 or email  
[croughtonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:croughtonvillagehall@gmail.com)

### For all non emergencies & enquiries, call 101.

Members of the public can call 101 to report a crime that has already happened and any other incidents or concerns that are not emergencies.

They can also call it to speak to their local Safer Community Team or any other officer or member of staff, to provide information about crime or criminals in their area, or to make a general enquiry.

101 is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Calls to 101 from landlines and mobiles cost 15 pence per call, whatever the time of day you call or length of call. For anyone with hearing difficulties or a speech impairment, a text phone is available on 18001 101.



## Butterfly Tea Party in aid of Together for Short Lives (previously Children's Hospices UK)

Help raise £50,000 for this amazing charity.

Join us for wine and nibbles, or coffee and cake; see the full range of Phoenix Trading greeting cards and wrap, including an exclusive design named Butterfly Cloud, sales of which are expected to raise £20,000. **Thursday June 6th, 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Friday 7th June, 9am to 11.30am.** The Orchard House, Church Lane, Croughton Elizabeth Wilson, 01869 819630