



# CROUGHTON NEWS

March 2015

## Have a say in what happens in our village.

### 3 weeks to go to make a difference in Croughton

Several current members of Croughton Parish Council are not standing for re-election in May this year. **We will then need new members to enable the Council to:**

- represent the best interests of everyone
- provide existing services
- achieve improvements in the village

**We have had a full Council for most of the time since the 2010 Election and this has given us the resources to achieve the following improvements:**

- resurface the main road and Wheelers Rise;
- secure Affordable Housing for local people;
- provide the potentially life-saving defibrillator; and
- pursue independent negotiations to provide an effective Superfast broadband service in the village in 2015.

**If we do not have a full Council from May, we will not have sufficient resources to achieve any further improvements in our village. Could you, or someone you know, make the difference so that we can continue with an effective team for the benefit of everyone in Croughton.**

If you would like to discuss it confidentially with any of our existing Parish Councillors and/or receive a Nomination Pack, please contact:

- Ann Le Druillenec on 01869 819905  
or e-mail [clerk@croughton.org.uk](mailto:clerk@croughton.org.uk) or in person  
(Mon 2.00 – 5.00 p.m. or Wed. 9.00 a.m. to 12 noon at the Parish Office at Croughton Village Hall), or
- Pamela Gelder on 01869 810891  
or e-mail [pamelagelder@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:pamelagelder@tiscali.co.uk)

The elections are on 7 May 2015, but you need to contact us by 27 March to allow enough time to complete your form and submit it by the deadline.

**The council we get and the services we provide depend upon caring and committed people coming forward.**

## Watch found

Whilst walking my dog on Thursday 5th Feb around the footpaths on Rowler behind Wheelers Rise, I found a gold Accurist watch. The owner would probably be from the dog walking community. Anyone that thinks it could be theirs can contact me on 01869 811355. Sarah Grace.

## Annual Parish Assembly

**7.30 p.m. on Monday 20th April 2015**

**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.

**There will be a short presentation on the US European Infrastructure Consolidation review, and the impact at RAF Croughton over the next few years.**

We also hope that many local groups and organisations will be represented and willing to give us a flavour of their year's activities.

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.

## What's On.

**Monday 9 March, 7.30 p.m.**

Parish Council meeting, Parish Room, Croughton Village Hall.

**Thursday 12 March at 7.00 p.m. for start at 7.30 p.m.**

Whist at The Reading Room.

**Friday 13 March, doors open 7.30 p.m.**

Croughton Cinema, "Pride" (at Croughton Village Hall.).

**Wednesday 18 March, 7.30 p.m.**

WI meeting in the Croughton Village Hall.

**Wednesday 18 March, 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.**

Dogs of Croughton, at The Reading Room

**Tuesday 24 March, 7.30 p.m.**

Croughton History Group meeting, Croughton Village Hall ("Nuffield's Legacy to Medicine").

**Thursday 26 March at 7.00 p.m. for start at 7.30 p.m.**

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**Friday 27 March, 8.00pm**

"The Wines of Merrie England (and Wales.....)" Croughton Wine Appreciation Group wine tasting evening.

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Parish Council meeting, Parish Room, Croughton Village Hall.

## 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 9th February 2015

**Conservation Area Appraisal:** Due to the late receipt of the preliminary draft plans the Parish Council was only able to note the proposed minor changes to the 1991 conservation boundary.

To view the draft plans visit:  
[www.southnorthants.gov.uk/688.htm](http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/688.htm)

To comment email [florence.pye@southnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:florence.pye@southnorthants.gov.uk) or write to Florence Pye, Assistant Conservation Officer, SNC, Springfields, Towcester, Northants NN12 6AE

The Parish Council will set out its full response at its Meeting in March for submission by the deadline of 26th March 2015.

**Local Council Award Scheme:** This replaces the national Scheme under which, four years ago, Croughton Parish Council was awarded Quality status. The new Scheme has 3 levels and Croughton Parish Council, along with all former Quality Councils, has been awarded the free Foundation level for 2015. This recognises that your Council is operating lawfully and according to standard practice.

A new logo replaces the Q logo.



Accreditation at the higher levels, Quality or Quality Gold beckons....

### Dates of next meetings:

7.30 p.m. on 9th March 2015

7.30 p.m. on 13th April 2015

7.30 p.m. on Monday 20th April 2015

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

### A43 Northbound Croughton Resurfacing:

Planned weekend closure of Northbound carriageway from 20.00 Friday 27th March to 06.00 Monday 30th March 2015.



**Street Cleansing:** This is carried out by SNC on a bi-monthly basis usually during the first week of the month. Operatives use either hand brushes or leaf blowers to deposit detritus from the footpaths on to the road for

the mechanical sweeper that operates on the roads and kerblines to collect.

Future cleanses: April, June, August, October, December (subject to weather conditions)

**Fly tipping:** Please report incidents of fly tips to SNC. These will be removed as soon as possible, but within 5 working days.

## Help Needed

At All Saints' Church we have a group of volunteers who clean the church throughout the year on a regular basis but recently some have moved away. Would you be able to spare an hour or so a year to join our rota which would only involve cleaning twice a year. The task is not onerous, but we would appreciate any help you can give, either regularly or to step in at short notice. Please telephone Chris on 01869 810124 if you can assist us.

## Croughton Cinema

The next two films planned for Croughton Cinema are:-

**March 13th, Pride** starring Bill Nighy, Imelda Staunton and Dominic West.

Summary: - "It's the summer of 1984 Margaret Thatcher is in power and the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) is on strike. At the Gay Pride March in London, a group of gay and lesbian activists decides to raise money to support the families of the striking miners. But there is a problem. The Union seems embarrassed to receive their support. But the activists are not deterred. They decide to ignore the Union and go direct to the miners. They identify a mining village in deepest Wales and set off in a mini bus to make their donation in person. And so begins the extraordinary story of two seemingly alien communities who form a surprising and ultimately triumphant partnership."

**April 10th, "The Imitation Game"** starring Benedict Cumberbatch, Keira Knightly, Matthew Goode and Rory Kinnear.

Summary: - Based on the real life story of legendary cryptanalyst Alan Turing, the film portrays the nail-biting race against time by Turing and his brilliant team of code-breakers at Britain's top-secret Government Code and Cypher School at Bletchley Park, during the darkest days of World War II.

At Croughton Village Hall. Doors open 7.30pm. Licensed Bar. CFC Members: £3.00; Non-Members: £5.00; Under 16s: £3.00.

## Croughton WI

"Passionate about pasta" is the title of a talk and demonstration to be given at this month's meeting by our speaker Barbara Everest.

**Wednesday March 18** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

We welcome visitors, so come along, improve your culinary skills, and enjoy what should be a very interesting evening.

### Oil Thefts

Thefts of oil have occurred across the region and Northants Police are urging people to be vigilant especially during oil deliveries and to report vehicles and persons that look out of place.



Oil Security:

- Do you need to have a full tank?
- Do you have a flow alarm?
- Is the tank hidden?
- Do you have any thorny plants around the tank?
- Do you padlock the taps?
- If you are replacing a tank, is it double skinned?
- Can it be located somewhere more secure?

Your own oil supplier may be able to provide advice and there is information online including [www.stopoiltheft.co.uk](http://www.stopoiltheft.co.uk).

You can obtain oil tank alarms from a number of suppliers, and also stickers to try and deter thieves:

<http://www.personalalarms.com>

<http://www.oilsecure.com/html/solution.html>

<http://www.redlinesecurity.co.uk>

**If you have any information about any incidents, please contact the Police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.**

## The Reading Room

**Whist Nights** are now on fortnightly on Thursdays – forthcoming ones are 12th and 26th March and 9th and 23rd April, 7 pm for a 7.30 pm start.

**Dogs of Croughton** - why not bring your owners along to The Reading Room **Wednesday 18th March** 6 pm to 7.30 pm so we can socialize with all the other well behaved dogs and our owners can chat about us. Refreshments both for us and owners will be available Owners £2 and we are free. (Dogs must be kept under control.)

Thank you to the people who have donated all of the material, curtain poles and curtains, for helping to put up the curtains and poles, fixing the lights and all the sewing of the table clothes, cushions and the curtains.

The Reading Room looks so much better and warmer as a result of all your efforts.

**To book The Reading Room for a private event, telephone Jane on 01869 810004.**

## Croughton Walking Group

March date Saturday 14th starting 10.30am. 5 miles starting from Cottisford and covering Shelswell Park. Parking in layby on Cottisford to Fringford road.

All welcome Contact Ann-Marie Jeynes  
Tel 01869 819890/07790 977419



## Croughton History Group

At the meeting on **24th March** Robert Harris will talk about "Nuffield's Legacy to Medicine". William Morris (who later became Lord Nuffield) set up

Morris Motors in Oxford. He was very philanthropic during his lifetime giving away millions of pounds to charities and good causes. Part of his legacy was with medical advances including the Iron Lung. Robert will talk about Lord Nuffield's legacy to advances in Medicine.

Meeting 7.30pm in the Village Hall, £1 members, £3 non-members, incl refreshments. For further details contact 01869 810443, caroline@redworks.co.uk or 01869 810545, leo.coleman@btinternet.com.

## "The Wines of Merrie England (and Wales.....)"

A well known & indisputable fact is that the British are major consumers of wine! What we haven't been so good at (until recently), is making it.... Well, all that is changing quite rapidly with more & more vineyards being planted (over 500 at the last count) & British wines of all varieties stealing high international accolades from under the noses of our European & Antipodean competition. Is it global warming? Who knows? But if it's happening, why not take advantage of it?

The evening will give a chance to taste a wide variety of English & (Welsh) wine (some of which has won international awards), to give an appreciation of just how far we've come in a few years so do come and join us – everyone is very welcome. 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 or call Claire on 810987.



## March Church Services

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

St. Michael Aynho • All Saints Croughton, •  
St. George Evenley • St. Michael and All Angles  
Farthinghoe • Most Holy Trinity Hinton-in-the-Hedges

### Sunday 8th March, Lent 3

10:00 AYNHO ~ Benefice Communion  
4:30pm CROUGHTON ~ Pizza Praise

### Sunday 15th March, Mothering Sunday

9:30 CROUGHTON ~ Communion  
10:00 FARTHINGHOE ~ Family Service  
10:30 AYNHO ~ Family Service  
11:00 EVENLEY ~ Family Service  
4pm HINTON ~ Family Service

### Sunday 22nd March, Lent 5

9:30 CROUGHTON ~ Communion  
11:00 AYNHO ~ Matins  
11:00 EVENLEY ~ All Age Worship  
11:00 HINTON ~ Communion BCP  
6pm FARTHINGHOE ~ Evensong BCP

### Sunday 29th March, Palm Sunday

10:00 CROUGHTON ~ Palm Sunday Procession  
from  
All Saints School Croughton. Followed by Communion  
Service and Passion Reading

### Sunday 5th April Easter Day

9:30 CROUGHTON ~ Communion  
11:00 AYNHO ~ Communion  
11:00 EVENLEY ~ All Age Worship  
9:30 FARTHINGHOE ~ Communion  
11:00 HINTON ~ Communion

### Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday 29th March marks the start of Holy Week. This year we start our Palm Sunday procession at 10am from All Saints School in Croughton, with the blessing of our Palm crosses. We will then process the short distance to All Saints Church, the service will start when the procession arrives. At church, in the context of a Communion Service, we hear again the telling of our Lord Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, remember his last supper and passion, before spending the next 7 days, of Holy Week in our final preparations for Easter.

### Cuppa and Chat

Come along for a cuppa and chat and let's try and make some sense of the Lord's prayer and the world we live in and the Christian faith. The meetings are free and accompanied by a resource booklet costing £4 for those who want one. regular meetings in March  
Monday 10:45am 1 Rudge Way, Evenley  
Wednesday 10am Greenbank 2 Hinton in the Hedges  
Wednesday 2pm 36 Broad Lane, Evenley  
Wednesday 3:30pm 1 Blemhein Croughton  
Thursday 7:45pm 15 The Square-Aynho~  
Friday 9:00am Farthinghoe Church Vestry

PS don't forget our Website [www.astiwckvale.co.uk](http://www.astiwckvale.co.uk)  
for updates and diary.

For March my day off will be Thursday and Shemil's  
day off Wednesday.

## Crime Prevention

- Police are aware of an increase in attempted "Courier style" Fraud offences. NEVER give your bank details or PIN numbers to anyone over the phone.
- With the lighter evenings and warmer weather approaching, please remember to be vigilant if windows are left open and check they are securely fastened upon closing them.



Anyone with information please call 101 or alternatively, information can be given anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## Yolly's Malaysian Food Night

Every 2nd Thursday and Last Thursday of the month (on the same nights of WHIST Nights).

**Take away:** I will have your order hot & ready to eat, to be picked up at the Croughton Reading Room Kitchen at 6.30 pm (prompt please).

Or why not enjoy a Dine-in with Malaysian style ambiance (Batik table cloths). Bring your own drinks and corkscrew. You need to book your table in advance, informal & share tables.

**Thursday 12th March: Chicken Curry** (My Signature Dish) Small: £3.95 /Large: £5.95.

Basmati Rice: Small: £1.00 /Large: £2.00.

Extra: Stir Fried Mixed Vegetables to accompany the Chicken Curry & Rice. Small: £2.00/ Large: £4.00

**Thursday 26th March: Chicken & Mixed Vegetables, Fried Noodles.** Small: £3.95 /Large: £5.95

(May I request the correct money if possible please)

Please place your order, with your name & contact number to me: Text: 07964 417311

or email: yolanda@malaysianmemories.co.uk

## 5 White Lion Walk, Banbury, OX16 5UD



Cafe, activities and Services - what can we do for you?

If anyone needs more information or assistance, I will be very happy to help – Yolanda Tapping,

mobile or text: 07964 41731

email: yolanda@malaysianmemories.co.uk

## Alzheimer's Society NEEDS YOU!

Do you have a hobby or interest you could share, or would you like to explore something new?

If so, the Alzheimer's Society needs you for a few hours, on a regular basis, to spend time with a person living with dementia.

- All expenses reimbursed
- Training and ongoing support given

For further information, please contact: Befriending Manager on 01832 736676 or 01832 736675

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

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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 9.00–3.00pm

**Parent & Toddler Group** Michelle 07715 464694  
Monday 1.15–3.00pm, term time

**Art Class** Kathleen Bartlett 01295 780493  
Monday 2.00–4.00pm

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

**Gym Dodgers Class** Wendy 07775 661365  
Tuesday 5.45–7.15pm

**Karate** Tracy 07779 760006  
Wednesday 7.00–9.00pm, beginners welcome

**Badminton** Heather 01869 811104,  
Paul 01869 819734, Julian 01869 8116326  
Thursdays 6.00–7.00pm

**Ballroom and Latin American Dance Class  
for Adults** 01295 788079  
Thursdays 7.30–8.30pm,

**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 07923 449202 or email  
croughtonvillagehall@gmail.com



## Nothing on Telly?

Why not come and join us at our Village Hall –  
The Croughton Short Mat Bowls Club

We are a small friendly club who meet every  
Monday evening at the Village Hall. Our motto

is "We don't do serious" !!

All equipment provided, just a small weekly subscription  
required. Please contact: Cyril on 01869 810207 for more details.



## Peppa pig outfit for hire

Ideal for children's parties  
£20.00

Proceeds all to Croughton Pre-  
School. Please contact Angela  
07854 209271.