



CROUGHTON NEWS

December 2014

Get to know your Defibrillator

You are invited to an open briefing session to learn more about our village Defibrillator.

Monday 15 December 2014 at 7.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. at The Reading Room, High Street

The session will be led by an experienced Defibrillator instructor from Central South Ambulance Service. It will include information and practical demonstrations on how to recognise cardiac arrest, perform CPR and use the Defibrillator.

In a cardiac emergency, every second counts. You might be the one person on the scene who could dial 999 and take action until the professionals arrive. This session will prepare you to help save a life.

Light refreshments will be on sale with proceeds going to the Reading Room.

Croughton Colts Football Club



On the field the under 10s are progressing nicely in this their first ever season on football.

The under 13s Tornados are currently sitting 4th in the league with 3 wins and 3 defeats, the under 13s Spitfires are at the lower end of the league but have put in a couple of good performances of late. The Tornados came out on top in the recent 'derby' against the Spitfires, running out 8-1 winners. Spitfires will be looking to avenge this defeat when they play again in the new year.

The Tornados & Spitfires will be going 'Paintballing' soon as a 'Christmas Treat', I'm sure there will be no bullets wasted and a few bruises worn after this event!

The Croughton Diamonds are sitting top of their league and remain unbeaten, they also went to Wembley last week to watch England ladies play Germany in a friendly

The Under 16s are sitting in mid-table with 3 wins, 2 defeats and a draw. They will be looking to put together a good run in the new year and climb the league. They are still in the cup quarter final having being drawn at home to Div 1 leaders Roman Rangers Yellow.

The newly formed mens' team have started the season well, they currently sit 5th in the league with 6 wins, 2 defeats and a draw. Will games in hand they should climb to 3rd hopefully.

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.

Super Fast Gigaclear Broadband

At the public meetings held in Croughton and Aynho Gigaclear announced that they had sufficient interest in their scheme to allow them to begin taking orders for the new Superfast Broadband which they hope to install in the two villages in the spring of 2015.

Representatives of the company will be contacting every property in the village, before Christmas to explain the scheme more fully in the hope of obtaining the 30% acceptance which their backers require to allow them to proceed.

The basic package gives speeds of 50Mbps download and 50Mbps upload compared with the 5 down and 2 up that we get now, but as an incentive for those that sign up in this phase they will provide 100Mbps at no extra cost for the first 12 months .

At the Aynho meeting a national newspaper was quoted as saying that properties in areas with Superfast Broadband are valued as much as 20% more than those that are not. If that is the case it is important that we do not become the only village in the area that gets left behind. It may be another ten years before this opportunity comes round again so please do not be a "wait and see" because if we don't get the support it will not be there when you do realize what you have missed.

You can now place an order on the Gigaclear website: www.gigaclear.com

Newsletter Deliveries

We are looking for one (or two) people to be responsible for delivering to Portway Drive. If you can help please contact Georgina Lucas on 810923.

What's On.

Monday 8 December, 7.30 p.m.

Parish Council meeting, Parish Room Croughton Village Hall

Thursday 11 December at 7.00 for start at 7.30 p.m.

Whist Evening at The Reading Room

Friday 12 December, 8.00 p.m.

"All I want for Christmas (Day)". Croughton Wine Appreciation Group Christmas wine tasting evening.

Monday 15 December, 7.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.

Get to know your Defibrillator at The Reading Room

Boxing Day, 26th December, 1 p.m.

Brackley Morris Men at the Blackbird

Monday 12 January 2015, 7.30 p.m.

Parish Council meeting, Parish Room Croughton Village Hall

Friday 23 January 2015, 7:00 p.m. for a 7:30 p.m. start

RAF Croughton Burns Supper at The Crown on the base

Croughton Village Website

For all information on events, parish council meetings and general information etc., please go to the website: www.croughton.org.uk

Parish Council Meeting held on 10th November 2014

The Meeting was brief with updates on:

- i) **New housing, Brackley Road:** Efforts were being made to secure the installation of a new footway light. Tree planting would be done shortly.
- ii) **Speeding concerns:** A site meeting has been arranged with the Community Liaison Officer, Northants Highways.
- iii) **Review of Conservation Area:** Members of the Parish Council were able to provide input during a recent Walkabout with the Assistant Conservation Officer, SNC, although few issues had arisen. The Parish Council will be consulted on any Revisions prior to publication of the new Conservation Area.
- iv) **Repairs to the bridge at Blenheim:** The Parish Council was not entirely satisfied with the result and would bring this to the attention of the relevant Highways department.
- v) **Northants County Association of Local Councils:** Cllrs Cash, Coles and Tomlin attended the AGM last month. NCalc offers training courses to its member councils and the Parish Council will be represented at forthcoming sessions on the local elections and Rights of Way.

Budget 2015/2016: In November the budget setting process for the following year commences and over the next 2 months the budget will be prepared and the precept set. As a first step, the Council resolved to keep £100 available in reserves to purchase replacement pad packs for the defibrillator as and when necessary.

The Parish Council is grateful for the generous in kind and financial support it has recently received from local people to sponsor the Newsletter and to provide the AED cabinet for the Defibrillator.

Dates of Meetings: Monday 8th December 2014 and Monday 12th January 2015. Time: 7.30 p.m. Venue: Parish Room Croughton Village Hall.

BT Broadband in Croughton

We have at last received a reply to the letter that Andrea Leadsome our MP sent on our behalf to Gavin Patterson, the Chief Executive of BT in which she asked him to look into poor service that we are getting from the company. He does not answer the existing problems but explains why they cannot offer us BT Fibre Optic Broadband.

The reply states that some years ago many rural properties were served by EO lines [Exchange Only lines] which went straight to the exchange and not to a roadside cabinet making EO lines incompatible with the Fibre to cabinet technology that is being deployed elsewhere.

BT are carrying out a number of trials but they do not yet have an answer, although they hope in the future to deploy a solution in the fibre optic programme in areas where it commercially viable.

They suggest that we contact the NCC superfast scheme but we know that we have already been dropped from that so that is not an option, and it seems we are now some years away from a better BT service. The letter concludes by saying that he understands that we will, no doubt, remain disappointed.

RAF Croughton Burns Night – Friday 23 January 2015

The British-American committee at RAF Croughton is once again hosting a Burns Supper, on **Friday 23 January 2015**. The Burns Supper will take place at The Crown on base; participants should arrive from 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start.

The evening will include a three course meal with optional haggis, a bagpiper, toasts, speeches and revelry, and dancing to a DJ to end the evening. Tickets cost £25 per person and include the meal, entertainment and wine and whisky on the tables. There will also be a cash bar available on the night.

This event is always a fun evening, so fish out your tartan and come along and join in the fun! For tickets, please call or Jenny Collyer on 07764 166079

or email jennifer.collyer.2.gb@us.af.mil.

Jenny Collyer 422 ABG Community Relations Adviser

Make yourself seen

When walking your dog, cycling or riding your horse on these dark days please wear something bright to let the motorists know you are there.

This is particularly important on Brackley road and Portway where there are no pavements and where there have been some near misses.

Christmas blue bin sale: Boost your recycling capacity!

SNC is preparing to host a month-long sale of the blue recycling bins which will be on sale for £20, saving residents £10 on the usual price.

Over 250 extra blue bins have been sold since SNC launched the scheme, but with Christmas looming the Council wants to give residents more capacity to recycle paper, plastic, glass and cans.

The sale takes place between Sunday, 23 November and Wednesday, 31 December during which time it is expected the district will produce 30 per cent more recycling.

The bin sale will include the standard 240 litre size or the smaller 140 litre size for those with a shortage of space. However these can be swapped for the larger or smaller size at any point in the future if circumstances should change.

Any replacements and repairs to the extra bin will also be carried out free of charge.

All orders placed before Friday, 12 December, are guaranteed to be delivered before Christmas Day.

Bins can be ordered over the phone by calling 01327 322344 weekdays between 9am and 5pm.

Children in Need Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who came to the Children in Need cake sale at 12 High Street on Saturday 8th November. Thank you for giving cakes, buying cakes and decorating cakes with all our different toppings. We are really pleased that we made £71.51 for Pudsey! Bethany Taylor

Croughton All Saints Primary School Community Harvest Lunch

On Thursday 14th November Gardening Club and School Council invited older people from Croughton for lunch at school. The menu was green pate and bread, leek and potato soup and cheese. For pudding there was raspberry crumble and summer fruit pie. The food looked and smelt wonderful. Everyone was served by the School Council and the Gardening Club who are aged from 6 to 9 years old. It was fun serving people.

By Osian Naylor Year 2 age 6.

The Reading Room

Whist ... in December there will be one Whist Evening on **Thursday 11 December** at 7.00 for start at 7.30 p.m. This is a light-hearted and enjoyable evening - £3 per person including light refreshments. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced player, you will be most welcome – just come along. In January, we will resume fortnightly sessions.

Coffee Mornings ... every Tuesday from 9.00 to 11.00 a.m. Do join us with your friends and try some of Jane's delicious cakes.

The Reading Room is available for private hire for parties, meetings and other social events – please telephone 01869 810004 for details.

“All I want for Christmas (Day)”

Wine Tasting with the Croughton Wine Appreciation Group

Friday 12th December at 8.00pm, Croughton Village Hall

Let us help you select wine to go with everything on your Christmas Day menu. Taking advice from the experts, we have chosen a great selection of wines from around the world for you to taste, so come and see if you want to put them on your Christmas shopping list!

Do come and join us – everyone is very welcome. Price for members £10, for non-members £13. Please let us know in advance that you're coming so we can ensure we have sufficient wine and Christmas nibbles.

Email: croughtonwag@gmail.com or call Claire on 810987



Croughton WI

“Up in the Air with Fluffy Bits” proved to be an entertaining presentation by Alan Brewer who, before retirement, was a Customer Service Director on British Airways. In this position, he accompanied the Queen, heads of state and celebrities on many long-haul flights. His anecdotes were interesting and often amusing. This was not advertised as a WI meeting but was open to anyone interested in the topic. Many of the talks planned for the future will also be open to non-members, men as well as women.

December marks the annual Christmas dinner for members which will be held on Wednesday, 17 December, at the Rose and Crown in Charlton.

December Church Services

Details at 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 7th December

9:30am Said Communion at Farthinghoe
11am Morning Worship at Hinton-in-the-Hedges
11am Communion at Aynho
4pm Family Christingle Service at Croughton
6pm Taize Benefice Worship at Evenley

Sunday 14th December

9:30am Communion at Aynho
9:30am Communion at Croughton
10am Family Christingle Service at Farthinghoe
11am Family Toy Service at Evenley

Sunday 21st December

10am Communion at Aynho
3pm Lessons and Carols at Evenley
5pm Lessons and Carols at Aynho
6pm Lessons and Carols at Farthinghoe
6pm Lessons and Carols at Croughton
6pm Lessons and Carols at Hinton-in-the-Hedges

Christmas Eve 24th December

3:30pm Family Nativity Service at Croughton
5pm Carols on the Green at Aynho
5pm Family Crib Service at Farthinghoe
11pm Midnight Mass at Evenley

Christmas Day 25th December

9:30am Family Christmas Communion at Croughton
9:30am Christmas Communion at Farthinghoe
11am Christmas Communion at Aynho
11am Family Christmas Service at Evenley
11am Christmas Communion at Hinton-in-the-Hedges

Sunday 28th December

10am Benefice Communion at Hinton-in-the-Hedges

Posada or Travelling Cribs

Posada is a Spanish word for ‘inn’. Posada celebrations originated in Mexico where two young people would be chosen to dress up as Mary and Joseph. They would travel around their village telling people about the forthcoming arrival of Jesus, and asking if they would give him a room.

Today we do not send two young children around the village, but we send the nativity figures of the Holy Family to visit your homes, also known as travelling Cribs. They are looking for somewhere to stay each night in December until Christmas

If you could give them a home for the night please contact Sarah Robbins on 01869 811445.

All Saints Church Croughton

The Cheese and Wine Party held at the Village Hall in October raised £1222.60 and was a very enjoyable evening. Thank you to all those who supported it.

Welcome to PCSO Stuart Dowell,
who has taken over the Area beat
from PCSO Simon Phillips

Don't leave valuables or Christmas
gifts on display in your vehicle!
Lock everything out of sight!

Remove all equipment and
belongings from your vehicle!

**To report a crime or for general enquiries
call 101**

In an emergency call 999

www.northants.police/guardian



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.

**'FESTIVAL OF TREES
& WREATHS!'**

**ST OLAVE'S CHURCH
FRITWELL**

**ON VIEW EVERY DAY
10am - 4pm**

6 Dec 'til 5 January

**FREE ENTRY
DONATIONS WELCOME**

St. Olave's Fundraising Initiative
Visit: 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
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 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

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



The Brackley Morris Men

... will be dancing as usual at the Blackbird on Boxing Day, 26th
December at 1pm. We always get a good welcome when we come
to Croughton, so its become one of our favourite dance spots. We'll
be dancing for half an hour or so, followed by a music session in
the bar. All are welcome.