



# CROUGHTON NEWS

February 2015

## Open Meeting ...

Village Emergency Response process, and other important issues

Monday 23 February 2015, from 7.30 p.m.

Croughton Village Hall Parish Room

Croughton Parish Council invites you to an informal Open Meeting to focus on two of our current activities and answer any questions you may have on any aspect of our work for the village.

At the meeting, we will briefly:

- take you through the Emergency Response process we have in place. This is an important part of the Parish Council's planning to ensure that our community is able to respond quickly and effectively to any significant emergency in Croughton.

We are updating the Plan to reflect current resources (e.g. new defibrillator) and we would welcome any suggestions you have and/or offers of assistance (skills or equipment) which could be used in a village emergency.

- outline the process and timetable of the Parish Council elections on 7 May 2015

and the benefits to the village of having a balance of skills, knowledge, experience and new ideas on the Council to best represent the whole of Croughton.

The Open Meeting will be an opportunity to ask any questions about the work of the Parish Council and what it is like to be a councillor.

Do come along and join us for a chat and cuppa – any time between 7.30 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. in the Parish Room at Croughton Village Hall.

Meanwhile, if you would like to know more about the role of Parish Councillor and the work we do, please go to any of the following websites:

[www.croughton.org.uk](http://www.croughton.org.uk), or

[www.electoralcommission.org.uk](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk) or

[www.northantscalc.gov.uk](http://www.northantscalc.gov.uk)

## Croughton Walking Group

For our second walk on 22nd February, we are starting off from Brackley Leisure Centre walking 6.5 miles taking in Steane Park and Hinton-in-the-Hedges. Starting time 10.30 am followed by a pub lunch close by. Dogs welcome as long as they get on with the other dogs.

For more information, please contact Ann-Marie Jeynes (nee Lucas) on 01869 819890 or 07790 977419.

## 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.

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 Playing Fields and Village Hall AGM

The AGM will be held in the Parish Room of the Village Hall on Wednesday 25th February at 8pm everyone welcome.

## What's On.

**Friday 6 February, 8.00 p.m.**

"Taste of Sunshine: Wines from America". Croughton Wine Appreciation Group wine tasting evening, in the Village Hall.

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

Parish Council meeting, Parish Room, Croughton Village Hall.

**Wednesday 11 February at 7.00 p.m. for start at 7.30 p.m.**

Whist at The Reading Room.

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

WI meeting in Croughton Village Hall.

**Friday 20 February, doors open 7.30 p.m..**

Croughton Cinema, "The Impossible".

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

History Group meeting in the Village Hall - "In a Monastery Garden".

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

Whist at The Reading Room.

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

Parish Council meeting, Parish Room, Croughton Village Hall.

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

Croughton Cinema, "Pride".

## 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 12th January 2015

**Budget 2015/2016:** The Parish Council set a Budget of £22,698 which is comparable to this year's budget which catered for provision of the Defibrillator (installed at the Reading Room) and also the (ultimately shelved) bus stop designation at Park End. The budget for power is lower than that for 2014/15 whilst the budget categories of lighting maintenance and dog waste bin provision have been adjusted to a higher level. The Council has also budgeted for Election costs at a maximum sum of £958, but this will be met from its earmarked reserves.

**Precept 2015/2016:** The Parish Council has notified SNC, the Billing Authority, that it requires a Precept of £17,187, which is £247 more than this year's. The Parish Council strove to avoid setting a Precept that would increase Council Tax levied on a Band D property by more than 1%. Using the estimated tax base figure, it was calculated that for a Precept of £17,187 the increase in Council Tax for a Band D property will equate to 0.68%.

**End of Year:** The Parish Council's internal controls were checked and the effectiveness of its system of internal audit assessed. Procedures were considered satisfactory. The Action Plan, Cemetery Fees and Contracts have been reviewed.

**Conservation:** Following a site visit with the Bridges Team Leader (Northants Highways) the Parish Council has been advised that, subject to the necessary funding becoming available, a section of the bridge wall at Blenheim will be redone.

The review of the Croughton Conservation Area is out for public consultation this month and can be viewed on SNC's website. The Parish Council will make its initial comments at its February Meeting.

### Dates of Meetings:

7.30 p.m. Monday 9th February

7.30 p.m. 9th March

7.30 p.m. 13th April

7.30 p.m. Monday 20th April -Annual Parish Assembly.

### Northamptonshire County Council, Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC)

From 1st February 2015 the opening hours of all sites will be from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. for 5 days per week.

Towcester Household Waste Recycling Centre:  
OPEN: Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays  
CLOSED: Tuesdays and Wednesdays

For information on the HWRC service please visit:  
[www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/hwrc](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/hwrc)

## The Reading Room

Whist ... is now back in full swing. Our next two meetings are **Wednesday 11th February** and **Thursday 26th February** at 7.00 for start at 7.30 p.m. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced player, you will be most welcome – just come along. This is a light-hearted and enjoyable evening - £3 per person including light refreshments.

**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.**



## Croughton History Group

The Group's next meeting will be on **Tuesday 24th February** when Michael Brown will talk about "In a Monastery Garden".

The monastic garden was both practical and beautiful. It provided a peaceful place for meditation but also plants for food, medicine and decoration. Discover the reality behind the tales of Brother Cadfael. Mike is a well renowned historic gardener and designed the medieval garden at Prendebal Manor.

Meeting at 7.30pm 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).

It's also that time of year again . . . Membership still £10 a year.

## Croughton Cinema

The next two films planned for Croughton Cinema are:-

**Friday February 20th** "The Impossible", starring Naomi Watts and Ewan McGregor. A regular family - Maria, Henry and their three children travel to Thailand to spend Christmas. They get an upgrade to a villa on the coastline. After settling in and exchanging gifts, they go to the pool, like so many other tourists. A perfect paradise vacation until a distant noise becomes a roar. There is no time to escape from the tsunami; Maria and her eldest are swept one way, Henry and the youngest another. Who will survive, and what will become of them?

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

At Croughton Village Hall. Doors open 7.30pm. Licensed Bar. CFC Members: £3.00 on-Members: £5.00. Under16s: £3.00. For more details please go to the village website.

I would like to re- launch my Malaysian Food Night, but his time I will be using the Reading Room Kitchen to cook , coinciding with the Whist Nights. It would be great to have your support at least twice a month and we will all be helping to keep the Reading Room going and in use. I would very much like to know your response. The first one will be on:

**Thursday 26th Feb at 6pm onwards.** Please order in advance as per before and you can state whether you wish to eat-in or takeaway. Contact me for the Menu as we are still in the throes of being organised. I will return your email or text with all the information.

email: [yolanda@malaysianmemories.co.uk](mailto:yolanda@malaysianmemories.co.uk)  
mobile or text: 07964 41731

Thank you



## Croughton All Saints CE Primary School

Vacancy For Lunchtime Supervisor

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor to work for three days a week.

If you are free on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 12.00-1.00pm. and you fulfil the children's criteria below, please pop into the school office for further details.

Suggested qualities by pupils in Year One (age 5-6)

*A lunchtime supervisor at Croughton School needs to be:*

- smiley
- caring
- good at doing plasters and bandages
- loving and kind
- patient
- good at playing our games
- someone who talks nicely and does not shout

*We are really kind children and we would help you to enjoy your job.*

*If this is you, come and have a chat with us.*

*We will be helping Mrs Goulder with the interviews.*



## “Taste of Sunshine: Wines from America”

Wine Tasting with the Croughton Wine Appreciation Group

Friday 6th February at 8.00pm, Croughton Village Hall

Brighten up February with a virtual trip to the USA by tasting some American wines! We will be exploring wines from the USA to find out, is it all about California?

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



## Brackley Cottage Hospital

On behalf of the Cottage Hospital Trust, I would like to thank all the contributors in Croughton on Jean's book, who raised £513 in 2014. Your combined support for many years has been of great assistance in the continuation of the services offered to the community by the Cottage Hospital. We are really most grateful.

As you may have read in the local press, Brackley Cottage Hospital will sadly close in March 2015.

## Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

The Croughton Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2014 raised £677.64. Many thanks to all who contributed.

## February 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 February

9:30 AYNHO Communion  
 9:30 CROUGHTON Communion  
 10:00 FARTHINGHOE ~ All Age Worship  
 11:00 EVENLEY ~ Communion  
 6pm HINTON ~ Evensong BCP

### Sunday, 15th February

10:00 BENEFICE ~ Communion FARTHINGHOE  
 4:30pm PIZZA PRAISE ~ CROUGHTON Village Hall  
 Pancake Party for all the family

### Wednesday 18th February ~Ash Wednesday

10am Communion at AYNHO with imposition of Ashes

### Sunday, 22nd February

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

### Sunday, 1st March

9:30 FARTHINGHOE ~ Communion said  
 10:00 CROUGHTON ~ Family Service  
 11:00 AYNHO ~ Communion  
 11:00 HINTON ~ Morning Worship  
 6pm BENEFICE ~ Taizé Worship ~ EVENLEY

**Sunday 15th February~ 4:30pm-5:30pm Pizza Praise**  
Pancake Party at Croughton Village Hall for all the family. Come and join the fun, games, races and activities on Sunday afternoon as we prepare for Lent and eat pancakes. Suitable for all the family.

### 17th February-Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)

Simon & Heather invite you to an open house on Tuesday 17th February from 6pm-8pm, at The Rectory, Croughton Road, Aynho, OX17 3BD.

Do come and share some pancakes and a drink as we prepare for Lent and Ash Wednesday.

If you let us know you are coming it will help with catering. But do just pop in, we would love to see you. Simon & Heather 01869 810903.

Mrs Lucy Gosney, who lived in Portway Drive for 21 years, died peacefully in a care home in Yorkshire aged 103 on 24 January. Many of you in Croughton will remember her as a keen gardener and mother of former resident, Rose Carter.

## Croughton WI

As our February meeting comes soon after Valentines's Day we are having a "Pink Evening". Wear something pink, whether it be a dress, nail polish or anything else you fancy, and bring a few nibbles, cakes etc., which should also be pink or decorated in pink. We look forward to an enjoyable social evening!

In the village hall, **Wednesday 18 February at 7.30pm.**



The Brackley Morris Men would like to thank the staff at the Blackbird for welcoming us on Boxing Day, and of course all the people who came to watch us dancing. Our collection was for Save the Children, and with your generous donations, topped up by some of our club funds, we were able to send off a cheque for £200. Many thanks to all.

It's our recruiting season, so why not come along to one of our practices on Thursday evenings in Manor Road Junior School, Brackley. Lots more details on our website [www.thebrackleymorrismen.org](http://www.thebrackleymorrismen.org). Feel free to call me, Stephen 07764 799947.

## Aynho Gardening Club

Aynho Gardening Club welcomes new members to its monthly meetings which are held in Aynho Village Hall on the second Wednesday of the month, at 7.30pm. Annual membership is £5.00 or if you are a visitor entrance is £1.00

There is a varied programme of talks. On 11th February, 'A Year in Upton House Gardens', the meeting in March is on 'Easy Ways to Make Compost' and in April the topic is 'Tulip Time'. In May we are holding a joint meeting with Aynho History Society with the theme of 'All Things to do with Apricots'.

In addition, two day trips are planned: 10th June to Lord Leycester's Hospital and Mill Street Gardens in Warwick (£20.00, to include a light lunch). The second trip is on 9th September to Cliveden (£22.00, or National Trust members £15.00). Contact Jean Skuce on 810034 if you wish to book a seat. For more details of Club activities phone Annabel on 810847 or Chris on 810124.



**5 White Lion  
Walk, Banbry,  
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](mailto:yolanda@malaysianmemories.co.uk)

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)

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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](mailto:croughtonvillagehall@gmail.com)

## Croughton Colts Football Club

On the field the under 10's are continuing to improve week on week in this their first ever season on football.

Mixed recent results for the under 13's Tornados with a 2-1 win over Chipping Norton Town and a thrilling 4-4 draw against Tower Hill. The under 13's Spitfires also have had a mixed bag of results recently. Following a heavy 10-0 defeat to Chipping Norton they followed this up with a fine 3-3 draw away to Witney Vikings. They then avenged their 8-1 loss earlier in the season to the Tornados by beating them 3-1 to register their first win of the season.

The girls team remain unbeaten in all competitions with recent wins over Ruislip 8-1, Tower Hill 3-0 and Tattenhoe 2-1.

The Under 16's have secured runners-up spot in the MK&BCFL Division 2. Recent results, 1-0 win at Aspley Guise, 5-3 win against Water Eaton Youth and a 3-0 defeat at home to Div 1 leaders Roman Rangers Yellow in the cup.

The newly formed mens' team currently sit 4th in the league with wins over Kings Sutton 7-0, FC Langford 3-1, Bodicote Sports 5-2 and a 4-2 defeat to KEA.

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).