



CROUGHTON NEWS

June 2014



Croughton Colts Football Club

The Colts 'Diamonds' have won their League Cup Final with a solid 6-0 win over Blisworth Vixens to add to the league title and County Cup. This ends a very successful season for coaches Matt, Mitch and the girls.

The Colts Tornados and Spitfires held their annual 5-a-side tournament on the 17th May and were once again blessed with hot and sunny weather. The Tornados finished top of their group and along with the Spitfires moved into the quarter finals. The Spitfires went out at this stage losing to Launton, The Tornados played Launton in the Semi Final and got revenge for losing in last years final by winning 2-0. The Final was played against old foes Chadlington Whites and again revenge was taken after losing the 2012 final to them, Tornados won 1-0 but totally dominated the game and tournament. They were unbeaten all day and conceded only 1 goal.

It was once again a great day and many thanks to those parents who helped make it successful.

The Tornados under 12's are looking for new players fro next season. Contact details are below.

Local Footballers Needed.

Great news for the village! Croughton are now recruiting footballers to join a new mens team being formed to play in the local Banbury and Lord Jersey League. Talent is not essential but enthusiasm is. If you're young and keen, or have hung up your boots, and want to be part of an enjoyable winning team please apply. If you can't be a player, your support will be crucial. Come and see your local team and cheer us to glory. If interested please contact Gary Crook on 07807126920 or Daniel Hemblen 07891458028

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.

The Saga of the Blocked Drain Continues

After several months of investigation, camera surveys and much discussion Thames Water have now decided that the drain near the junction of the main road with Brackley road into which the drains from the new housing has been connected, does not belong to them so they cannot help with the flooding problem.

The problem is now back with Northants County Council although they are normally only responsible for drains that take road gullies, but we do hope to see some action very soon.

The Reading Room

Help needed ... the grass is growing fast! If some of you could volunteer to help Richard on a rota basis, it would be appreciated. Please telephone him on 01869-81004.

Thank you ... to everyone who supported the Spring Market by hiring a table, donating home-made produce and raffle prizes, purchasing goods and enjoying refreshments – your efforts raised £268 for The Reading Room.

Whist ... next event on Thursday 26 June at 7.00 for start at 7.30 p.m. This is a light-hearted and enjoyable evening - £3 per person including light refreshments. Please ring Jane on 01869 810004 to book a place for June.

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

Friends of the Reading Room ... next meeting Tuesday 24 May at 09.00 a.m. for 30 minutes.

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

The Parent and Toddler Group

... currently run in the village hall on Mondays 1.15-3pm require a new committee in order to keep running. If you are interested or for more information please contact Sheena on 07925386156. If a committee cannot be formed by 30th June 2014 the group will unfortunately close.

What's On.

Saturday 14 June, 10.30am.

History Group, Private Guided Tour of Chastleton House,

Wednesday, 18 June, 7.30 pm

WI meeting in Croughton Village Hall

Saturday 21 June, 2.30 pm

Tea and Cake in Lyn's garden, 29 High Street

Friday 27 June, 8pm

"A trip with Bruce to the bottle shop." Croughton Wine Appreciation Group wine tasting evening in Croughton Village Hall.

Tuesday 24 June, 7.30pm

Croughton History Group (Walter Tull, Professional Footballer and WWI)

Saturday 28 June

Croughton All Saints Summer Fete

Monday 14 July, 7.30 pm.

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

Croughton Parish Council Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 12th May 2014

New Year: Cllr Brian Tomlin was re-elected to the Office of Chairman of the Parish Council. Cllr Penny Forbes was elected Vice Chairman for the year. The Parish Council has nine members, including: Cllr Fran Bodley-Scott, Cllr Margaret Bennett, Cllr Rodney Cash, Cllr Jean Coles, Cllr Trevor Davies, Cllr Pamela Gelder and Cllr Rob Robbins.

New Council: In May 2015 a new Parish Council will be voted in at the local elections. If you are interested in serving on the Parish Council but would like to find out more, please speak to a Councillor or come along to a Meeting. They are held on the second Monday of the month at 7.30 p.m. in Croughton Village Hall.

SNC Local Plan: All 500 responses to the Issues consultation that concluded in January 2014 have now been published on the SNC website. An Options document will be prepared by SNC later this year once the Joint Core Strategy has been adopted.

Date of next Meeting: **Monday 14th July 2014.**
Time: 7.30 p.m. Venue: Parish Room Croughton Village Hall.

The new affordable houses in Townend Close.

It is hoped that by the time you read this the new houses will be occupied and we are pleased to see that most have been allocated to people with local connections. There have been many complaints about the use of red bricks, which were opposed by the Parish Council, but now that it is complete it is a pleasant addition to the village which will tone down in the future and we hope will be fully appreciated.

The Parish Council will continue to press for a pavement on Brackley Road but the scheme has stalled at the moment.



Croughton History Group

Two events have been arranged for June. The first is a Private Guided Tour of Chastleton House, near Moreton-in-Marsh, on **Saturday 14th June** starting at 10.30am. Charges are £6

for National Trust members and £14.50 for non-members. A rare gem of a Jacobean country house, Chastleton House was built between 1607 and 1612 by a prosperous wool merchant. Owned by the same increasingly impoverished family until 1991, the house remained essentially unchanged for nearly 400 years. With virtually no intrusion from the 21st century, this fascinating place exudes an informal and timeless atmosphere in a gloriously unspoilt setting. For further info visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/chastleton-house.

The second event on **Tuesday 24th June** is a talk in the village hall, "Walter Tull, Professional Footballer and WWI Hero" by Colin Butler. Walter Tull was a British footballer and soldier who was born in 1888 and died in 1918. He was also the first black officer to lead white British soldiers in battle. He was one of many brave soldiers who fought and was killed in World War One. Walter's father was black and he came to Britain from the West Indies; his grandfather had been a slave. Walter's mother was white and she was from Kent. £1 members, £3 non-members, including refreshments.

For further details contact 01869 810443, caroline@redworks.co.uk or 01869 810545, leo.coleman@btinternet.com.

Tea in Lyn,s Garden.

29 High Street, Croughton
Saturday 21st June from 2pm to 4.30pm

Raffle • Cake Stall • Bric-a-Brac.

All proceeds to Croughton Church.

Croughton Village Show

8th Annual Show • Saturday 23rd August 2014

Entry forms for the show will be delivered to all homes in Croughton soon and will be available to download from the Croughton website during June. They can also be collected from the Croughton Co-op.

Please do not forget all you keen photographers the categories for 2014 are-

Category 1 – Blossom

Category 2 – A landscape

Category 3 – Gathering in the harvest

Everyone is encouraged to enter.

All photographs to be printed in colour - 5" x 7" maximum.

We look forward to receiving lots of entries – so start clicking.

Once again there will be a 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.

Please note: the work should not be mounted as the judge must be able to check the reverse. Previous entries cannot be accepted.

Last year our two local 'Airheads' Keith and Vee Griffiths gave a kite flying exhibition after the show which they will be repeating this year. Keith and Vee are serious kite flyers of over 20 years who give displays at festivals and throughout Europe. Check out the Airhead's website <http://www.airheads.org.uk>

This year our chosen charity is The Alzheimer's Society. Dementia touches many of us within our family at some time so we think it is a very worthy cause. Please support us by either 'showing' on the day or coming along on Show day. Put the date in your diary.

Croughton WI

Both an informative and enjoyable evening was had by our members and guests at the May meeting. Andrea Philips presented, through words and slides, the Master Craftsmen of Kashmir and the production of the true pashmina. She also brought some beautiful items for sale and a number of ladies took good advantage of this.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday, 18 June**, in the village hall, starting at 7.30 pm. The speaker is Andrea Newman with her talk, "More Than Skin Deep" – children with severe skin problems and their treatment. Guests are welcome.

Croughton Cinema

Please make a note in your diaries of the following dates for our showings for the coming film season:-

2014 - Oct 24; Nov 14; Dec 5th;

2015 - Jan 9 and 30; Feb 20; Mar 13;

Apr 10; eight showings in total.



Croughton All Saints Summer Fete

Saturday 28th June 2014

Croughton School

Time to be confirmed nearer the date.

Look out for the posters.

Face painting, fun games, fete stalls, food
and more.....



June Church Services

Details at www.astwickvale.co.uk

Sunday 8th June

9.30am Communion, Aynho
9.30am Communion, Croughton
10.00am Family Worship, Farthinghoe
11.00am Communion Baptism, Evenley
1.00pm Thanksgiving, Evenley
6.00pm BCP Evensong, Steane

Sunday 15th June

10.00 am Benefice Communion, Evenley

Sunday 22nd June

9.30am Communion, Croughton
10.30/11.00am Family Service, Aynho
11.00am Communion, Hinton-in-the-Hedges
11.00am Family Worship, Evenley
6.00pm BCP Evensong, Farthinghoe

Sunday 29th June

1.00am Communion, Aynho
6.00pm Songs of Praise, Steane

“A trip with Bruce to the bottle shop.”

Wine Tasting with the Croughton Wine
Appreciation Group

Friday 27th June at 8pm, Croughton Village Hall

At this event Bruce Oliver will share his choice of wine. Bruce says he is likely to choose Southern Hemisphere wines but you never know! 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.



Croughton Pre-School

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We offer a secure, welcoming and happy environment for your child in our purpose built facility within Croughton Village Hall.

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For more information please call 01869 811968 or visit our website: www.croughtonpreschool.org.uk



“Local guitarist and bass player

... are looking for like-minded musicians (preferably retired, like us) interested in making music, for fun. Drummer and lead guitarist needed to make a foursome, but a keyboard player would also be welcome. If you came to the gigs at the village hall to dance to my last band – The Impacts – you will know the kind of music we are into.

Please email me, Bill Bennett, at: bennetts@easynet.co.uk or phone on: 01869 819852.”

Jubilee – 2 years on

It has been exactly 2 years since Croughton celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. As well as the celebration, the aim was to raise money for good causes in the village. I am delighted to say that the last two objectives were completed this spring, so it seems like a great time to summarise what has been achieved.

Croughton's Jubilee bank account had £25 left over from the Golden Jubilee. An additional £10,000 was raised for the fund during 2012 to support five projects in the village which were.....

A new roof for the rear of the Reading Room; The restoration of the old clock in the Primary School ; A new play house for the Pre-School; The redevelopment of the old garden outside the Village Hall and the restoration of the Church organ.

The Jubilee account is now left with a balance of £99.60 ready for the next Jubilee celebration!



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SNC Skateboard, Scooter and Graffiti Art Sessions in Brackley

Delivered by qualified instructors. For ages 11-19 years; Cost: £1 per session. When: Friday evenings 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. On these dates:

27 June (skateboard plus graffiti art). **11 July** (scooter). **25 July** (skateboard plus graffiti art); **8 August** (BMX). Skate Finale: **22 August** (skateboard, scooter, BMX, graffiti art)

Venue: grounds of Brackley Leisure Centre.
 (Note: Will not run if raining!)

For More Information: Tel: 01280 705525 or visit Brackley Skate Plaza Facebook page.

You must wear a helmet! Bring your skateboard, bike or scooter with you!

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 9-1 pm (including lunch club)
 and Tuesday to Friday 9.00-3.00pm

Parent & Toddler Group Monica 01869 810668
 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

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



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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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