



CROUGHTON NEWS

November 2013



Croughton Colts Football Club

Croughton Colts are looking for a manager/coach to form a new under 8's team at the club. We currently have several boys and girls who are interested in playing. The club will provide support both on and off the pitch. Please contact me, Steve Connor, at steve_connor@sky.com to find out more.

The club is also on the verge of attaining the FA Charter Standard award. The FA Charter Standard programme is a kitemark, which recognises and rewards high quality levels of provision in club football. The kitemark is awarded to clubs that are well run, sustainable, which place child protection, quality coaching and safety paramount. The FA Charter Standard kitemark was launched in 2001 and now has 4,500 clubs, with 460 advanced level Community Clubs and 120 leagues. The kitemark is a major focus of The FA's £200 million FA National Game Strategy and has improved coaching, the number of girls' football teams and safeguarding children.

The under 12's and under 15's are going to see England U21's v Finland in their European Qualifier at MK Dons on 14th November.

Forthcoming fixtures: Colts Tornados v Tower Hill, Billing Utd Youth v Colts Spitfires, Aspley Guise v Colts Diamonds and Heeland Rangers v Colts U 15's.

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.

Do You need Superfast Broadband?

If you need speedier broadband to maintain and grow your business, it is important to register your needs on-line at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/nccbusinessbroadbandsurvey>

If you are a Croughton resident and experience uploading and downloading problems with the current broadband provision, you should register your needs at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NCCParishBroadbandSurvey>. The survey only takes a few minutes to complete and will support the need for Croughton to have Superfast Broadband. Although the deadline for the survey is 31 October 2013, please go ahead anyway as the County Council needs your views.

The purpose of the surveys is to help our County Council to identify hot spots of demand for superfast broadband to support investment in the County by the broadband market so that NCC can achieve it's target of full broadband coverage by 2017 as set out in their Next Generation Strategy.

New Social Club for Teenagers

A new Social Club for teenagers aged 12 to 17 is being started in Croughton – this will be your club – for you, and run by you, with adult support and presence. The club will be held weekly, on Wednesdays, from 6.00 to 7.30 p.m. at The Reading Room and the first event will be on **Wednesday 6 November**. Come along to the first event – you will then be able to influence how the club develops.

Table Top Sale

A fund-raising table-top sale will be held on Saturday 16 November at the Reading Room. There will be refreshments on sale, some fun things to do and some raffle prizes. If you have items you would like to sell, please contact Richard or Jane on 01869-810004 for a table for £5.

Access for table-holders will be from 1.00 p.m. If you want to come along and buy, or just catch up with your friends and support the Reading Room at the same time, we would love to see you.

What's On.

Monday 11 November, 7.30pm

Parish Council Meeting in Croughton Village Hall.

Saturday 16 November, 2.00 – 5.00 pm.

Table Top Sale in The Reading Room

Wednesday, 20th, 7.30pm

WI meeting in Croughton Village Hall.

Friday 22 November, Doors open at 7.30pm for 8pm

Croughton Cinema ("Argo") at Croughton Village Hall.

Saturday 23 November, 7.30pm

5ways at Croughton Village Hall

Monday 25 November, 7.30pm.

Friends of the Reading Room meeting, in the Reading Room

Tuesday, 26 November 7.30pm.

Croughton History Group meeting in Croughton Village Hall

Friday 6 December, 8pm

"Good Jul – Happy Christmas from Sweden" Croughton Wine Appreciation Group wine tasting evening in Croughton Village Hall.

Monday 9 December, 7.30pm

Parish Council Meeting in 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

Parish Council Meeting held on 14th October 2013

Highways: Cllr Tomlin, Chairman, welcomed County Councillor Ron Sawbridge to the Meeting and thanked him for his considerable help in achieving the current local road improvements.

Carriageway resurfacing has transformed Wheelers Rise. Commencement of the work on the main road from the mini roundabout at Park End to Blenheim coincided with the Parish Council meeting. Its completion, together with the implementation of the 20 mph zone, should improve road safety and is strongly welcomed.

Thank you to all residents for their consideration to the contractors during these works.

Affordable Housing development, Brackley Road:

The external facing materials are, after all, to be in a red/orange toned brick, which in the view of the Parish Council will neither be in keeping with the village as a whole, nor complement properties adjacent to the nine new dwellings. Two proposals are being costed for the construction of a footpath along the Brackley Road and it is hoped to be able to consider them at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Dates of next Meetings: **Monday 11th November 2013;**
Monday 9th December 2013. Time: 7.30 p.m. Venue: Parish Room Croughton Village Hall.

Participatory Budget Setting Opportunity

The Parish Council is beginning the process of setting its Budget for 2014/2015 and invites input in this important process from its electors. As a starting point, electors will be given the opportunity to suggest how they would wish to allocate £50 in next year's Budget.

Parish budget requirements determine the precept demand made on the District Council and consequently on the parish share of council tax paid by residents.

Croughton Parish Council's main budget headings include grasscutting, footway lighting, allotments, the Cemetery, Parish Office including staffing, training and administration, dog waste service, newsletter and website. The total budget this year was £22,185 of which £2,750 would come from Reserves.

Why not come along to the Parish Room in Croughton Village Hall at 7 p.m. on **Monday 9th December 2013** and take part in the discussion!

Friends of the Reading Room

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 25 November 2013** at 7.30 p.m. in the Reading Room when we will be discussing further social events and fundraising activities. If you would like to know what is happening, please do come along. If you can help in any way, that would be a bonus!

Vacancy for Allotment Tenant

One plot on the south side of the site has become vacant. Residents of Croughton who are interested in cultivating an allotment in order to grow flowers, vegetables and soft fruit are invited to contact the Clerk to the Parish Council for further details.

Tel: 01869 819905 Email: clerk@croughton.org.uk
Please do so by 30th November 2013.

A Great BIG Thank You from the Friends of Croughton and Croughton All Saints

Earlier this month we met for our Annual General Meeting to discuss the past year's events and to elect a new committee for the year going forwards. As I am sure you are all aware it's not any easy task to raise money especially when there are so many worthy charities that reach out to us each and every day; however, although the committee was a small one last year they did a marvellous job by raising just over £1300 for the school. The events included our annual Christmas Fayre, Valentines Disco and a Summer Fete and they were well attended by pupils, family and villagers. With this in mind we would like to thank each and everyone of you that have attended, helped, donated, supported or simply spread the word that an event was happening - THANK YOU!

We are currently planning the year ahead but would like you to mark **Sunday 24th November** on your calendar for the School Christmas Fayre. Raffle tickets will be on sale soon and we look forward to seeing you there again.

Youth Club

The next date for the group for the 8 to 13 year olds to meet in The Reading Room is **Thursday 21 November** at 6.30-8.00pm pm. All youngsters in this age range are welcome

There is a charge of £1.00 per head to help with costs.

If any adults feel able to assist occasionally, please come along and make yourself known. It does not need to be a regular commitment. For more information, please contact Heather (01869 811104).

5ways

Byfield Barbershop Harmony Club

A Wonderful Evening of Music. Sung in the Acapella (unaccompanied) style. From up-tempo show songs to romantic ballads

7.30pm, Saturday 23rd November at the Village Hall

We are very fortunate to have the 5Ways perform at Croughton. They have sung for Katherine Hospice, Oxford Colleges and Bournemouth

Tickets £10 to include a light supper.. Bar will be open Available from Pam 01869 810228 or Chris 01869 810124, and any other member of Croughton PCC.

All proceeds benefit All Saints Church Croughton.



Croughton History Group

Our last event of the year is a talk, "The History of Deddington Castle", by Chris Day on **Tuesday, 26th November.**

The talk deals at least as much with the castle's later history as it does with its career as a castle, i.e. as a piece of social history: who had access to it, who was excluded, and why. Among other things, it was used as a gentry cricket ground with a large pavilion that hosted dances and teas for the county set (strictly no riff-raff).

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.

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

Croughton All Saints School have a vacancy for the above position. Details as follows: Preferable Working Days - Monday to Friday ~ 12pm - 1.15pm but please enquire if interested. Role: To help with taking care of the children during the lunchtime break. Vacancy open to all - you're never too old! - No previous experience required. Contact Croughton All Saints for more details call: 01869 810727.

“God Jul – Happy Christmas from Sweden” Christmas Wine Tasting with the Croughton Wine Appreciation Group

Friday 6th December at 8pm, Croughton Village Hall

Croughton Wine Appreciation Group will bring some warmth and sunshine to December as we taste some fantastic wines from Italy and Spain via Sweden at our Christmas event. In Sweden, amazingly, wine is selected, bought and sold by the government who have made some excellent choices, so come along and find out more.

Do come and join us – everyone is very welcome. The event starts at 8pm. Price for members £8, for non-members £12. 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 Cinema

Our next film showing “Argo” is planned for **Friday 22nd November** at Croughton Village Hall. Directed by Ben Affleck and starring Ben Affleck, Bryan Cranston and John Goodman, it won 3 Oscars and a further 62 wins & 74 nominations.

Film Synopsis: “In 1979, the American embassy in Iran was invaded by Iranian revolutionaries and several Americans were taken hostage. Acting under the cover of a Hollywood producer scouting a location for a science fiction film, a CIA agent launches a dangerous operation to rescue six Americans in Tehran during the U.S. hostage crisis in Iran in 1980.”

Doors open at 7.30pm and the film starts at 8pm. Box Office: Members £3.00, Guests £5.00 Children £3.00 Membership subs. £10.00. We hope to see you there!

Croughton WI

As usual, the October meeting was the AGM for the Croughton WI. The president gave her annual report and the treasurer explained the financial statement. Janet Waters was welcomed as a new committee member. The business part of the meeting was followed by wine and finger food, with the opportunity to socialise. The group is fortunate that finances are healthy so that members can benefit from subsidies for such occasions as the Christmas meal. We are still on the quest for younger women to come and find out what we do and how we work. We aim for interesting and varied speakers and visits and plans for the 2014 programme are well underway. There are no competitions and we don't rely only on domestic matters. The WI as an organisation is politically aware and has a voice in national issues.

The November meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 20th**, in the village hall at 7.30pm. We welcome back Carrie O'Regan, who will be talking about and demonstrating seasonal fare in the run-up to Christmas. Carrie is always popular and we welcome guests to this meeting.

All Saints Church, Services and Notices

3rd November

9:30am BCP said Communion ~ FARTHINGHOE
11am Sung Communion ~ AYNHO
11am Family Worship ~ HINTON
6pm Taize Worship _ EVENLEY

10th November ~ Remembrance Sunday

10:15am Service followed by Act of Remembrance
AYNHO
10:45am Act of Remembrance on the Green EVENLEY
10:50am Act of Remembrance followed by Communion
CROUGHTON
10:50am Remembrance Service at HINTON
6pm Remembrance Service at FARTHINGHOE

17th November ~ Blessing of Cribs

10am Benefice Communion at AYNHO
4:30pm Pizza Praise ~ AYNHO (Family Service with
PIZZA or HOT DOGS)

24th November

9:30am Communion ~ CROUGHTON
11am BCP Matins ~ AYNHO
11am Family Worship ~ EVENLEY
11am Communion ~ HINTON
6pm BCP Evensong ~ FARTHINGHOE

Morning Prayer weekly

8:30am Monday ~ Aynho
8:15am Tuesday ~ Croughton
8:30am Wednesday ~ Evenley
8:30am Friday ~ Farthinghoe

Candle Prayer 7:30-8pm

4th November ~ AYNHO
11th November ~ CROUGHTON
20th November ~ EVENLEY
26th November ~ FARTHINGHOE

Rector's Letter November 2013

We will be remembering those who have died in conflict on Sunday 10th November with our Remembrance Day services. (Please note the slightly different start times of services and in some cases locations, the main Act of Remembrance at Farthinghoe will take place at the 6pm Evening Service). Our remembering is part of our national heritage especially as we approach its centenary year and is for our whole communities to honour the fallen.

‘Stir Up Sunday’ is on Sunday 24th November. This takes its name not from the stirring of the pudding but from a prayer used in church that Sunday. “Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that they bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be richly rewarded: through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen”

This year the Rectory, Croughton Road, Aynho, OX17 3BD will be hosting an open house from 4pm-7pm inviting you to come and ‘stir up’ our Christmas cake mix and to have a drink and a sausage. Heather and I look forward to seeing you then.

God bless.

Simon

Why not sign up to the weekly Pews News then you will not miss what's going on. The.revd.simon@gmail.com

From Andrea Leadsom M.P.

It's a pleasure to be able to write an entry for the Croughton Newsletter and I am hoping to do so on a more regular basis in future.

I was delighted to attend the Croughton Parish Council Annual General Meeting earlier this year before the local council elections in May. It was a good opportunity for me to hear about the issues that matter to local residents. In May, after boundary changes, Ken Melling was elected to be the County Councillor for the area which included Croughton, but sadly passed away not long after the election. Ken was a hard working Councillor who fought hard for the people he represented, and I know he will be sadly missed.

In the by-election that followed in September, I was delighted that Ron Sawbridge was elected back to the County Council. Ron has represented your area tirelessly for many years. He will continue to be a very hardworking Councillor for Croughton.

In other news in Croughton, I am pleased to hear from Ron that after years of campaigning the County Council has resurfaced Wheelers Rise, which leads to the Village Hall, and the B4031 which passes through the village. I know both roads were in poor condition and this work was long overdue. I hope residents are delighted with the improvement. More to be done, but this is a good start!

I really enjoy spending time in the constituency and visiting schools, museums and local businesses. It's great to hear all the good news stories and the excellent work that is going on. As we steam towards 2014, I'm hoping there will be plenty more opportunities including a visit to Croughton soon.

If you think I can help with an issue, there are many ways of contacting me;

- Email: andrea.leadsom.mp@parliament.uk
- Write: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA;
- Visit me at my advice surgeries or 'drop-in' surgeries – details can be found on my website: www.andrealeadsom.com or call my constituency office: 01604 859721.

Do get in touch if I can help or you would like my views on a certain issue. I look forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes

Andrea Leadsom



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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 9–3pm

Parent & Toddler Group Monica 01869 810668
Monday 1.15–3.00pm, term time

Art Class Kathleen Bartlett 01295 780493
Monday 2–4pm

Short Mat Bowls Cyril 01869 810207
Monday 7.30–10.00pm

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

Karate Tracy 07779 760006
Wednesday 7–9pm, beginners welcome

Badminton Heather 01869 811104,
Paul 01869 819734, Julian 01869 8116326
Thursdays 6–7pm, (starting 5 September)

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

Festival of Christmas. St Olave's Church, Fritwell

Saturday 7 December, 12 noon – 4.00pm

Craft Fair, Gifts, Tombola. Hot lunches and refreshments.

Father Christmas.

Festive songs by Fritwell School.

Festival of Trees.

www.st-olaves.org

New Home Required for Two Very Small Animals

2 Mongolian Gerbils for sale with everything you need to look after them! Pets at Home Gerbilarium (RRP £50) + bowl, water bottle, house. Sawdust / Hay / Food

The gerbils are about 18 months old and have been handled so are quite tame. If interested please call Beccy or Shawn on 01869 810514.

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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