



CROUGHTON PARISH NEWSLETTER

MAY 2012

CROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting held on 16th April 2012.

Planning applications:

A proposal to create 3 course fishing lakes for recreational purposes at the former Astwick Quarry met with no objections. The Parish Council has asked for the building to be screened off with trees and drew attention to the 7.5T weight limit applicable through Croughton. The temporary 61 metre tall meteorological mast at Gateridge Farm has been granted planning permission whilst the application for a single micro wind generator mounted on a free standing 22 metre mast at Manor Farm New Buildings, 10 Church Lane, Croughton has been withdrawn.

Street Doctor is an online tool for reporting highway defects to the Highway Authority. Highway inspectors regularly identify and mark up problem areas but local input via The Street Doctor reporting system is invaluable. Street Doctor promises to inspect all faults within 5 working days and make hazardous defects safe within 24 hours. Each report is logged with a Unique Reference Number e.g.626893 enabling you to track the outcome. Visit the surgery at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk

Public Forum

All About Croughton's Young People & Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs

NAYC is celebrating 50 years of achievement, having been at the forefront of youth work in Northamptonshire championing and providing a varied amount of support and activities for young people in many ways. You can find out more about the 3 main aspects to the work of the NAYC at www.nayc.org

NAYC is very keen to bring its expertise to Croughton and to work with young people to discover the sort of activities or support they would like in Croughton. Getting the ball rolling was Mr Iain Anderson, a Youth Worker with NAYC who came along to the Public Forum to discuss ways and means. Ultimately, the support of the community will be essential to developing youth provision in Croughton.

Firstly, we would like to hear the views of young people in Croughton and take it from there.

If you are a young person and have any ideas about the sorts of activities you and your friends would like to be able to do here in Croughton, please get in touch.
Email: clerk@croughton.org.uk

Iain is keen to meet up with young people from the village and is also looking forward to organising a drop-in event in Croughton as soon as possible.

Croughton Village Website

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

End of Year:

The Accounts for Year End at 31st March 2012 were approved and signed off and arrangements for audit confirmed. The Council's Publication (of information) Scheme, Asset Register and Action Plan were all reviewed. The Council also approved the Annual Report for the Year 2011/2012, a copy of which is inserted in this Newsletter edition.

Thank you to everyone who accepted the invitation to the Annual Parish Assembly and submitted reports. These will be published on the website. Thank you for your support.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. on **Monday 14th May 2012**. At this Meeting the Chairman of the Parish Council will be elected for the year.

Members of the public and the press are invited to attend and have the opportunity to ask questions on items on the Agenda.

What's On.

Monday 7 May, 10am-3pm:

Bunting Day in the Village Hall:
<http://www.facebook.com/events/370322952988357/>

Friday 11 May, 7.45pm

Wine Appreciation Group AGM and wine tasting evening in Croughton Village Hall.

Monday 14 May, 7.30 pm

The Annual Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 16 May, 6.30pm

WI meeting, The Old Station House in Newton Purcell

Tuesday 22 May, 7.30 pm .

History Group meeting at the Village Hall

Tuesday 29 May, 10.00am

Croughton All Saints Primary School Olympic Sports Day

Friday 1 June

Judging day for the Jubilee Best Dressed House Competition

Saturday 2 June, 1pm - 11.30pm

Croughton Village Diamond Jubilee Family Day

Jubilee Events & Activities

Find dates & times of all Jubilee activities and events on Croughton website and Facebook:
www.croughton.org.uk/index.php/jubilee,
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Croughton-Village-Jubilee/179135875438789> MAY

Improvements for a Simpler Recycling System are on the horizon:

The two plastic boxes, currently used, will be replaced by a third wheelie bin. All recyclates; glass, paper, cardboard, tins, plastics and new items such as Tetrapak cartons will go into the new bin. This will create more space for the items, remove the need for residents to sort items and to lift heavy boxes

Households will also be given special caddies for the collection of food waste, which will be emptied by the Council each week.

Other changes will include a revision of collection days to ensure that collections are less affected by bank holidays.

**The changes will take place from summer 2013.
Look out for more information from SNC**

Croughton WI

“My Life with Auntie”, an illustrated talk given by Campbell Hughes about his work as a studio manager for the BBC, proved to be highly entertaining. Campbell managed to give information about “the Beeb” with a great deal of humour and included extracts from a few of the many recordings he made during his 30 years with the corporation.

The next meeting on **Wednesday 16 May**, will be held in the garden of the Old Station House in Newton Purcell, a garden which will be lost when HS2 is built. The gathering will meet at 6.30pm. Should the weather be inclement, the Pims and nibbles, plus members, will transfer to the Village Hall. The final decision will be made on the day and those who have signed up to go will be notified if the venue is changed.

Croughton Lunch Club

Held on **4th Tuesday of the month** at The Stratton Arms, Turweston. We meet at 12.30 for lunch at 1pm. All Welcome. Annual membership £3.00. Call Diane Watts on 01869 811732 or Carol Dyson on 01869 810293.



Community Parade, June 2nd 1pm

Starting at the Park End bus stop near Portway
Join with your friends and neighbours for this parade to mark the opening of our celebrations. Come in your car, on your motorbike, with your horse or just walk along. Fancy dress is optional. Perhaps you'd like to follow the theme of 'Memories of the last 60 years' or wear your best Monarch's outfit in preparation for the fancy dress competition.

The Parade will start at the Park End bus stop near Portway. We'll walk along the High Street, past the Morris Dancers at the Blackbird Inn, along to Blenheim, and then back to the Pocket Park by the Allotment Gardens. Please let us know in advance if you would like to participate - contact Jean Coles on 01869 810473.

Fancy Dress Competition to choose our King & Queen for the day

Dress your best and enter the fancy dress competition to be crowned our Jubilee Festival King and Queen. Judging will take place straight after the Parade in the Pocket Park. The judge will be looking for the best Monarch whether from the present or past, fiction or fact. There will be a prize for both our King and Queen as well as a few Royal duties to attend to



Croughton Wine Appreciation Group

Wine Tasting and AGM

Friday May 11th at 8pm, Croughton Village Hall. AGM starts at 7.45pm

Our next wine tasting event on May 11th is going to be an exciting evening discovering wines from across the globe. It is “Members’ Selection” night with all the wines chosen by our members, so be prepared for some interesting whites and beefy reds! There will be wines that people have enjoyed in the past and want to share with the group, and others that will be new to everyone. Wine tasting starts at 8pm, and will be preceded by our AGM at 7.45pm. Everyone is welcome to come - members £7, non-members £10.

Become a member: It's time to renew or perhaps start your membership of the group. We're keeping membership fees at £10 for the year - don't forget to bring your subs with you when you come on the 11th. Please let us know by May 7th if you will be coming so we can buy in enough wine, bread, cheese etc. Contact us via email: croughtonwag@gmail.com or call Claire on 810987.

Can you Help?

Our traditional Church fete stalls and games will be a key feature in our Jubilee Day on June 2nd. Can you help with donations of items that can be used for the raffle and tombola, cakes and good-as-new stalls? If you are sowing seeds, dividing plants or taking cuttings, then can you do some spares for the plant stall? We would also appreciate help on the day, such as running a stall or the children's games. If you can help, please contact Chris on 01869 810124 or Pam on 810393.

Also we're still looking for DVDs and CDs for the 2nd hand bookstall - if you have any in good condition that you can donate, please contact Shirley on 810862.

Thank you!

such as planting the Royal Oak and handing out prizes during the afternoon. Our Jubilee King and Queen will also benefit from V.I.P treatment such as a free of charge meal deal from the Friends of Croughton School Food Stall.

Best-dressed-house competition

Decorate your house with flags and bunting and enter the Best-Dressed-House competition. For a chance to win you need to register by Saturday May 26th. Judging will take place on Friday June 1st. The Best Dressed House Trophy will be presented to the winner at the Jubilee Event on June 2nd at approximately 3.15pm. To register for the competition contact Claire on 810987 or email clairehayes57@hotmail.com by May 26th.

Lend a hand - we need your help!

Can you lend a hand on either June 2nd or June 3rd to help us set up and clear up? We need volunteers to help setup market stalls, hang bunting, serve afternoon tea, direct visitors to the car park, help run the raffle & tombola, and clear away afterwards! If you can spare some time, even for just 30mins, please contact Lee on 01869 810275 or email leesimmonds@hotmail.co.uk.



Crougton History Group

The next meeting of the History Group is on **Tuesday 22 May** at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm .Our speaker is to be Lady Juliet Townsend who will talk of her role as the

High Sheriff and Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire. Lady Juliet has held many post in lifetime including Lady in Waiting to Princess Margaret so it might be a very broad ranging talk which should contain something to interest a amuse everyone .You dont have to be a member or commit yourself to regular attendance to come along, all are welcome.

Meeting 7.30pm at the Village Hall. £1 members, £3 non-members. including refreshments. For further details contact 01869 810124, b.tomlin332@btinternet.com or 01869 810545, leo.coleman@btinternet.com.

Date for the diary - Laura Malpas, visitor manager at Canons Ashby, makes a welcome return on the 26th June to speak about the Lost Gardens of Canons Ashby.

Crougton Allotmenters

6th Annual Show Saturday 25th August 2012

Entry forms for the show will be delivered to all homes in Crougton and will be available to download from the Crougton website during June. More details to follow later.

Please do not forget all you keen photographers the categories for 2012 are:

‘THE DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS’
‘WOOD’ - Let your imagination run wild!!

All photographs to be in colour - printed 5” x 7” maximum. We look forward to receiving lots of entries, so start clicking

At the show every year we raise money for our chosen charity, which this year will be The Katherine House Hospice. We think it is a very worthy cause so please support us.



Olympic Sports Day Tuesday 29th May

Crougton All Saints Primary School would like to invite you to join us for our Olympic Sports Day on Tuesday 29th May 2012. The event will start at 10.00am with the opening ceremony followed by multi-skills events on the school playground. At 12.20pm there will be a picnic lunch on the school field. This will be followed by a parade through the village at 1.00pm to the village playing fields, where various track events will take place. The day will culminate with a medal ceremony, back at the school at approximately 2.30pm. We do hope that you will be able to join us for this fantastic event.



(Astwick Vale Benefice: Aynho and Crougton with Evenley and Farthinghoe and Hinton-the-Hedges with Steane)

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CROUGHTON

Crougton Church is a beautiful ancient and ageless church, enhanced by mediaeval wall paintings, peaceful and steeped in prayer - a welcoming Christian focus for the whole village.

Appointment of Rector

The Diocese has announced the appointment of Revd Simon Dommett as Rector of our benefice. We are delighted to hear that he will be instituted as Rector by the Bishop on Tuesday 4th September, at 7.30pm - more details in due course.

Meanwhile, our first point of contact remains the Church Wardens in the first instance on any matters for which you would normally contact the Rector: Angie Robbins, tel: 811445 angierobbins@mail.com and Mary Marriott, tel: 810267 dollshouse59@gmail.com. You may also contact the Benefice Office on 01869 810903.

SERVICES AND NOTICES

Sunday 6th May, 5th of Easter

11.00 am	Holy Communion	Aynho (GB)
9.30 am	Morning Prayer	Crougton (COR)
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Farthinghoe (GB)
11.00 am	Family Worship	Hinton-in-the-Hedges (Lay team)

Sunday 13th May, 6th of Easter

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Aynho (HW)
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Evenley (HW)
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Farthinghoe (DM)

Sunday 20th May, 7th of Easter

11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Aynho (WU)
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Crougton (HW)
11.00 am	Family Worship	Evenley (Lay team)
10.00 am	Family Worship	Farthinghoe (Lay team)
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Hinton-in-the-Hedges (HW)

Sunday 27th May, Pentecost

10.00 am	Benefice Holy Communion	Aynho (HW)
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Steane (DM)

Sunday 3rd June, Trinity Sunday

10.00 am	Diamond Jubilee	
	Thanksgiving Service	Aynho (Lay team)
9.30 am	Morning Prayer	Crougton (COR)
11.00 am	Diamond Jubilee	
	Thanksgiving Service	Farthinghoe (HW)
11.00 am	Family Worship	Hinton-in-the-Hedges (Lay team)

GB = Revd Gill Barker; DM = David Morgan;
HW = Revd Hugh Warwick; WU = William Usher;
COR=Carrie O'Regan

Croughton Toddler Group

As many of you will know Croughton Toddler Group is run by a group of volunteer mums. At the moment we have 8 volunteers but from September there will only be three of us left as lots of our little ones will be starting school! Unless we can find some more helpers we will have to close the group. We really need a minimum of 6 people but the more volunteers we have the less they need to do. If you think you may be able to spare a couple of hours a month on a Friday morning or would like to know more please message me or ask at one of our sessions. Please help us to keep this valuable community service going. THANKS!

Also, there is Zumba happening in the Reading Room every Thursday at 7.30pm. For more details contact Lucy Naylor on brackleydancefitness@hotmail.co.uk or call 07763 693376.

Fed up with the telly?

Then come and join us at the Croughton Short Mat Bowls Club and have a go!!

We meet every Monday evening at the Village Hall at 7.30pm. It's all very friendly and informal. All equipment is provided. Contact Cyril Fletcher, telephone 01869 810207.

Bouncy castle for hire within Village Hall. £50 per booking. Please book via Sally Ward on 811102. Great for your party and also helps the Village Toddler Group.

'A Write Good Festival'

Towcester's first literary festival on **Sunday 10 June 2012** at Towcester Library from 1.30 p.m.–3.30pm. Everyone is welcome, all ages, reading tastes and abilities. It's a free festival. Local children's author Julia Jarman will be reading a short story for children around 3.00pm.

It will be a chance for local writers to network, meet other authors, poets and readers, and to showcase some of their talent.

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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 Thursday 9-3pm

Parent & Toddler Group Beckie 01869 819734
Friday 10–11.45am term time

Art Class Kathleen Bartlett 01295 780493
Monday 2–4pm

Short Mat Bowls Cyril 01869 810207
Monday 7.30–10pm

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

Karate Tracy 07779760006
Wednesday 7–9pm, beginners welcome

W.I. Pam 01869 810393
3rd Wednesday in the month 7.30–9.30pm

History Group Brian 01869 810124
4th Tuesday in the month 7.30–10.00pm

Cinema - see newsletter for dates of films

Croughton Wine Appreciation Group
meet alternate months, Fran 01869 811823

For further information on **Village Hall bookings** contact **Sally Ward** on 01869 811102 or email croughtonvillagehall@gmail.com

Team Airheads, including Keith & Vee Griffiths, new Croughton residents, and Doug Irvine from Bicester, have come 10th in the World Sports Kite Championships held in Berck-sur-mer this April. An excellent showing for the finale of their first year of competition. They were also pleased to have supported the Scratch Bunnies, the British team who retained their World Champions title. Go to www.worldsportkite.com for full report and videos.

Inspired?

The Three Spires Challenge takes place on **Saturday 14 July** in Adderbury. What's the Three Spires Challenge? You can choose between a 'Half Marathon' run, '10k' run, 'Half Marathon' walk, and junior fun runs. Enter online or print out an entry form from Adderbury Running Club's website: <http://www.adderburyrunningclub.co.uk/EntForm12.html> or pick up a form from Taste Buds, High Street, Adderbury. Entries close on 15 June. The Half and 10k both offer varied and challenging routes, plus beautiful scenery and a friendly atmosphere.

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