



# CROUGHTON NEWS

July 2013

## Croughton Colts Football Club



The Colts held their end of season presentation evening in the village hall last week. Evan Hermon won the Players Player of the Year, Glen Bewick won Supporters Player of the Year and Ben White won Managers player of the year.

Football were presented to Matthew Daley, Aaron Moss and Billy Mellor-Brook who all scored hat-tricks. The boys were also presented with their League Runners-up medals.

This year's 'Diamond Jubilee Trophy' 5-a-side tournament was held on Saturday 1st June. 10 teams battled it out for the trophy, the Colts Tornados again reached the final having gained revenge on last year's winners, Chadlington, by beating them in the semi final. However, the boys went down to a very strong Launton side. The boys ran their hearts out and scored the best goal of the tournament as well as hitting the post before eventually losing 3-1. We are hoping it will be 3rd time lucky next year!

Behind the scenes things have been hectic, with two more additional teams joining the Colts for next season. We now have an under 13's girls team and an under 15's boys team with the possibility of also have an under 8's and under 10's team in place before the start of the season.

Anyone interested in finding out more about Croughton Colts Football Club please contact Steve Connor on 07806 556057 or [steve\\_connor@sky.com](mailto:steve_connor@sky.com).

## Croughton On Facebook

Croughton has a number of Facebook Groups and Pages that everyone in the village is welcome to join. If you already have a personal profile, search for the following - if it's a Group, request to 'Join Group', or if it's a Page, click 'Like'.

**Croughton Chat** - a Facebook Group for people who live or work in Croughton, or the immediate area, who want to ask questions, find information, swap ideas, make recommendations and generally have a lively conversation about things that are of interest to all.

**Croughton Carboot** - a Facebook Group where villagers and people in the local area can buy and sell just about anything (except animals).

**Croughton Memories** - A Facebook Group for anyone who has lived, or lives in Croughton and who would like to see old photographs and read people's stories of growing up in the village, or post their own memories and photos.

**Croughton History Group** - a Facebook Page where you will find information about forthcoming meetings and events. We're also building a timeline of village historical facts and photographs.

## All Saints' Church Fete 15 June

We would like to say a huge thank you to all those who came along to support this event. It was great to have the participation of the school and young families.

We thank Margaret and David Rings for allowing us to hold it in their lovely garden, and all those who ran the stalls, donated items and helped to set up and clear away. We hope you enjoyed the afternoon, and with your support the sum of £1188.0 was raised for much needed church funds.

## Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators Team.

In addition to reporting incidents to the police, it is imperative that members communicate with each other. Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators will disseminate information received from the Community Messaging System to their members in the most appropriate way.

The Croughton Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators are:

Mrs Jean Coles, High Street, tel: 01869 810473.

Will Merrell, Portway Drive, tel: 01869 810569

Maureen Burgess, Portway Crescent, tel: 01869 811821

Brenda Reeves, Park End, tel: 01869 810468 .

Vera, The Blackbird, High Street, tel: 01869 810237.

Mrs Christine Tomlin, Mill Lane, tel: 01869 810124.

Beckie Jones, Wheelers Rise, tel: 01869 819734.

## What's On.

### Friday 5th July, 8pm

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

### Saturday 6th July, 11am-3pm

Croughton Pre-School Summer Fete

### Monday 8th July, 7.30pm

Parish Council Meeting, Parish Room, Croughton Village Hall

### Saturday 13th July 12 - 3pm

Croughton All Saints School Fete

### Saturday 13th July, 7.30pm

Rock 4 Roka at Croughton Village Hall.

### Wednesday, 17 July, 7.30pm

WI meeting, at Pam and Rob Robbins', 37 High Street

### Saturday 20th July, 4pm till dusk

Portway Pocket Park BBQ

### Tuesday 23rd July, 7.30pm

Croughton History Group meeting in Croughton Village Hall

### Thursday 1st August 7.30-9.30pm.

Buttons and Bows, Croughton Village Hall

Summer Holiday Club 5th-9th August.

## 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)

## Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 10th June 2013

**Action Plan 2013-2014:** The Parish Council added to its Community Development objectives for the year with the inclusion of a draft Supplementary Action list. This incorporates those priority issues identified by residents in response to the village wide questionnaire circulated via the Newsletter at the beginning of the year.

**Progress on Highway Matters:** The B4031 (Charlton Road to Aynho corner B4100) has been coated with a tar and chippings finish. The 30 mph section from Blenheim to Park End is due for micro asphaltting in the summer. Implementation of other schemes- 20 mph speed limit, waiting restrictions at Park End and the designation of the layby as a bus stop- are in the pipeline.

**Cemetery:** The first interment of ashes in the Memorial Garden took place last month. Thanks to the efforts of Cllr Robbins to tidy up this parish amenity, families' personal attention to graves, as well as the work of the grasscutting contractor, the Cemetery is undoubtedly looking at its best. The Council wishes to sustain this standard and has agreed to the replacement of some trees here.

Dates of next Meetings:

**Monday 8th July and Monday 12th August 2013.** Time: 7.30 p.m. Venue: Parish Room Croughton Village Hall

Representatives from Orbit Housing and the Rural Housing Association will update the Parish Council on the Brackley Road development of 9 Affordable dwellings at **7 p.m. on 12th August 2013.** Members of the Public are invited to attend.

It is with regret that the Parish Council learned of the death of Councillor Ken Melling last month. Cllr Melling was elected on 3rd May 2013 to serve on Northamptonshire County Council to represent Croughton which is part of Little Brook Ward in the re-formed Middleton Cheney Division. Following the 2012 electoral review of Northamptonshire the number of County Council seats was reduced from 63 to 57 and some Constituency boundaries were reorganised.

## Croughton Annual Show

**7th Annual Show, Saturday 24th August 2013**



You should have received you entry forms for the show during June. It is also available to download from the Croughton Village website: <http://www.croughton.org.uk/index.php/village-life/societies-and-clubs/allotmentees/>

If you have not received one or would like more they are also available at the Co-op or call Richard 810862 or Steve 810066 to request one.

Don't forget the 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!

Whether it is showing the longest runner bean or your finest rose, baking a sumptuous cake or taking the perfect photo, please come along on the day and make your village show a success. We need your support – this year the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance will benefit.

## Thank you to RAF Croughton

We would like to say a big Thank You to all the members of staff at RAF Croughton for two excellent "Croughton Village Day" visits in May and June for members of our village. Transport was kindly provided from the village, we were warmly welcomed by everyone we met, the talks and visits were very interesting and the lunch was most enjoyable.

We were privileged to be shown around the site and to meet so many RAF Croughton staff. It was obvious that a lot of work had gone into the planning and delivery of these visits and this was much appreciated by all the participants. Special thanks to Jenny Collyer, Community Relations Adviser for RAF Croughton for all her hard work in organizing the two events.

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### snvb: Village Networks:

After a delay – a staggering 16 months – the Mobile Exhibition Vehicle is now in service! This mobile advice hub will be visiting Croughton on Monday 5th August between 12.30 p.m. and 4 p.m. firstly at the Village Hall and then from 2 p.m. at the Blackbird PH car park.

If you require any of the following information – free and independent advice on debt, welfare benefits, job-seeking support and ideas on how to reduce household bills – a visit to the MEV might help you find it!



## Croughton History Group

Our meeting is on **Tuesday 23rd July** and the talk is entitled "Pitsford Homeguard".

Pitsford Home Guard Living History Unit was formed in September 2005 and is a tribute to the Home Guard who answered Anthony Eden's call in May 1940. They research the history of the Home Guard in Northamptonshire and take part in Home Guard re-enactments and events. They also take part in exercises covering drill and weapons training which helps to better portray life in wartime Britain.

For further information their website is <http://www.pitsfordhomeguard.org.uk/>

Meeting 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)

## Croughton WI

The June meeting was a social do, including other halves willing to come, held at Limes Farm in Farthinghoe. For once, the weather was kinder than it has been recently so that those who wished could take the opportunity to walk around the lakes and look at the holiday yurts. The wander was followed by a meal in the restaurant, giving the opportunity for informal chat.

The next meeting, to be held on **Wednesday, 17 July**, will be at Pam and Rob Robbins', 37 High Street, at 7.30 p.m. As we're into the holiday season with some members away, it was decided to make this another social occasion, also including partners. Members are invited to bring a plate of food to share, plus drinks, soft and/or alcoholic.

There will not be a meeting in August.

## Buttons & Bows

The new sewing & knitting group has got off to a great start and we've chosen a name! Buttons & Bows will meet regularly on the first Thursday every month at the village hall. We've seen a wide variety of skills on display, from embroidery, patchwork and felting through to knitting and some crochet.

If you're a beginner don't be put off - there's always someone on hand to help and plenty of ideas to pick from. Come and join in - cost is £2 per session which includes refreshments. Next meeting **Thursday 1 August 7.30-9.30pm**.

For more information contact Claire on 01869 810185.

## Croughton All Saints School Fete

**Saturday 13th July 12 - 3pm @ our school.**

Including traditional games such as:

Tombola, Hook a Duck, Splat the Rat, Football Shoot Out, Raffle and much more!

Croughtons' first Bake Off. Categories include:

Best Cupcake - Pre-school / KS1 / KS2

Best Sponge - Best Ladies / Best Gents

Bring on the day and prize for each category winner - free to enter!!!

BBQ / Pimms / Lager & Cider Available too!

We look forward to seeing you!!!

## Portway Pocket Park BBQ

**Saturday 20 July, 4pm till dusk**

Come and join the Portway residents for a BBQ and games on the Pocket Park. Bring your own drinks, some meat for the BBQ plus a side dish to share. Enjoy a relaxed family atmosphere & stay warm by the fire pit.

## Holiday Club 5th to 9th August Final Show 11th August

The Annual Children's Christian Holiday Club will be running from 5th-9th August

Children of Primary school age are invited to join us this summer for our holiday club entitled 'Showstoppers', which is based on a theatre theme and hear about different people in the bible. The Club will be great fun with songs, crafts, games and activities and will meet at Croughton School Monday 5th to Friday 9th August from 9:30am to 12 noon with a special final show on Sunday from 10am-11am in Croughton church, when we will celebrate with friends and family what we have been doing all week.

There is no charge for the holiday club but there will be an opportunity to make a donation if you wish. Numbers are restricted to 90 children, and we will only have 10 places available for children starting school in September and whose 5th birthday is before 31st December 2013. We strongly advise reserving a place to avoid disappointment. To reserve a place please complete a registration form available in our churches or school and send it to Sarah Kurse, 4 Clarkes Way, Brackley, NN13 6HN.

For more information contact revd Simon Dommett on 01869 810903

## All Saints Church, Services and Notices

### Sunday, 7 July

9:30am Farthinghoe ~ Communion BCP  
11:00am Aynho ~ Communion  
11:00am Hinton ~ All Age Service  
6:00pm Evenley ~ Taize Service

### Sunday, 14 July

9:30am Aynho Communion  
9:30am Croughton ~ Communion  
10:00am Farthinghoe ~ Family All Age Worship  
11:00am Evenley ~ Communion & Baptism  
6:00pm Steane ~ Songs of Praise & BBQ

### Monday, 15 July

10:45am Evenley ~ Home Communion

### Sunday, 21 July

10:00am Evenley Benefice ~ Communion  
4:30pm Pizza Praise

### Monday, 22 July

11:00am Aynho ~ Home Communion

### Sunday, 28 July

9:30am Croughton ~ Communion  
11:00am Aynho ~ Matins BCP  
11:00am Evenley ~ All Age Worship  
11:00am Hinton Communion BCP or CW  
6:00pm Farthinghoe ~ Evensong BCP

### The Revd Gill Barker RIP

With sadness we announced the death of the Revd Gill Barker who served as Rector of the Astwick Vale Benefice of Aynho, Croughton, Evenley, Farthinghoe and Hinton with Steane from 2006 until her retirement in 2011 due to ill health. Her funeral on Friday 7th June was held at Banbury Crematorium and was attended by Family and very close friends and members of the clergy. The service was taken by Bishop John Holbrook from Peterborough Diocese and Bishop Colin Fletcher from Oxford Diocese.

After the private cremation there was a public Service of Thanksgiving led by Bishop John on Friday 7 June, at 2.00pm, at St Mary's Church in Banbury. At the service in a full church, Bishop John spoke about Gill's life and ministry, her meticulous organisation and most of all her care and devotion to people. She was alongside many to celebrate life's happy moments and also to support during illness and bereavement. During her own long illness and treatment Gill continued to love and care for others rather than focus on herself. The Bishop described her life as 'Awesome' in what she did and who she was. And how hard it was for people to mourn her death, when she was the person who normally would bring comfort to them in their situation.

Gill had planned both services in great detail, even stating who should do each part. They were full of music, scripture readings and poems which were 'very Gill' and many of us recognised from services Gill had lead for others.

Gill trained in the Portsmouth Diocese where she was a self-supporting minister prior to becoming Assistant Chaplain (1996-98) and then Chaplain (1998-01) of Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust. She was Chaplain at Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals NHS Trust from 2001-06. and from 2006-2001 rector of the Astwick vale Benefice. After her retirement she still helped to support the benefice and other churches as her health permitted and had from 2011 held PTO in the Oxford Diocese.

## Zumba fitness class

In the Croughton Reading Rooms, Thursday evening, 7.30pm, £5 per session. A place can be booked in the class by sending a text, by ringing me on 07763693376, or alternatively emailing brackleydancefitness@hotmail.co.uk.

## Rock 4 Roka "2"

Wayne Martin and friends have organised their 2nd Rock 4 Roka gig for **Saturday 13th July**, 7.30pm, at Croughton Village Hall.

The gig is in aid of The Roka School Project, Kenya – raising money to build a better education for the children.

The gig features "Inside Out", a great Rock / Blues covers band. There will be a selection of food and drink available on the night including Tusker Kenyan lager.

Last year's Rock 4 Roka was brilliant and a sell out, so if you'd like tickets (£8 each) please phone 077477 92624.

Another fantastic night to look forward to.

## The Kevin O'Regan Band

... will be bringing their own brand of sheer exuberance to Croughton Village Hall with support from the young and beautiful Stevie Matt and Jodie Cooper, Molly Davies, Sophie and Hannah. There will be a bar and special guests. This concert is not to be missed.

**Saturday 21st September** starting at 7.30 pm (Doors open 7.00 pm). Tickets: £8 (£6 students) available from Carrie or Kevin on 01280 702300 or email kevin@kevinoregan.co.uk

Facebook event link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/617297911629950/>

Web-site link <http://www.kevinoregan.co.uk/>

## Summer soir e

St Olave's Church, Fritwell

Popular classics by acclaimed organist Jeremy Meager. **Saturday 13 July, 7:00 – 8:00 pm** and afterwards at Goose Farm, Fritwell (wine & light buffet). £12.00. Tickets: [janet@st-olaves.org](mailto:janet@st-olaves.org)

## Aynho Community Theatre

... are looking for new members, with a view to staging performances in both Aynho and Croughton. The first joint production would be a pantomime in February 2014. For further information contact [RSawbridge@aol.com](mailto:RSawbridge@aol.com)

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)

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 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** 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)

## Peppa pig outfit for hire.

Ideal for children's parties  
£20.00 Proceeds all to  
Croughton toddler group

Please contact Sarah on 07837  
549682



## For all non emergencies & enquiries, call 101.

Members of the public can call 101 to report a crime that has already happened and any other incidents or concerns that are not emergencies.

They can also call it to speak to their local Safer Community Team or any other officer or member of staff, to provide information about crime or criminals in their area, or to make a general enquiry.

101 is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Calls to 101 from landlines and mobiles cost 15 pence per call, whatever the time of day you call or length of call. For anyone with hearing difficulties or a speech impairment, a text phone is available on 18001 101.

