



CROUGHTON NEWS

January 2013

Croughton Diamond Jubilee Fund 2012

Following a hectic year of fund-raising activities, the Croughton Diamond Jubilee team is putting the Jubilee fund back to sleep again. We brought it back to life over 12 months ago with £36 in the account, our intention being to use the Queen's Jubilee and related celebrations/events to try to provide a lasting legacy for the village not only in terms of a more integrated community but also improved community facilities.

During 2012 the team organised several events; obviously the Jubilee day itself, but also bunting-day (made 2 miles of bunting!), Art and Photography exhibition and the 60's band night. Other activities such as the sale of Croughton village wine and Jubilee photo books also helped raise money for the fund.

We set ourselves a target to raise £10,000 and I am pleased to be able to report that we achieved (even exceeded) this objective. From early on we had defined some projects that were important to the village, so the fund is to be disbursed amongst these projects.

The five projects benefiting are: repairs to the Reading Room rear roof (work which is already completed), redevelopment of the front garden of the Village Hall, restoration of the school clock, repairs to the church organ and a new play house for the pre-school.

As the projects are completed they will all have a plaque produced and mounted in an appropriate place referencing the Croughton Diamond Jubilee. We will keep you updated with the unveiling of the plaques as the projects are completed throughout 2013.

To all of you who helped in any capacity – thanks – you helped make 2012 an amazing year.

To all of you who came to an event, enjoyed any aspect of the Jubilee Teams work or simply contributed to the fund – thanks – because without your participation our efforts would have been in vain.

The Croughton Diamond Jubilee Team.



Croughton Active

The next date for the group for the 8 to 13 year olds to meet in the Reading Room is **Wednesday 23rd January** at 6.00 pm

All youngsters in this age range are welcome

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

The sessions are supervised by Ian Anderson, the youth co-ordinator for SNC supported by a few parents, so if any adults feel able to assist occasionally, please come along and make yourself known. It does not need to be a regular commitment.

Make yourself seen on the roads.

With these shorter days when it is quite gloomy in the afternoon it is most important that cyclists and horse riders make themselves visible to other road users. Remember that even with a clear windscreen a car driver cannot see as well as you can outside.

There are some very good examples of high visibility jackets seen in the village, including two very impressive 'near' police jackets that certainly slow the traffic, but brown wax jackets and brown horses cannot be seen against the hedges.

Please make yourself seen before we see a nasty accident.

What's On.

Friday 11 January. Doors open at 7.30 pm
Film Club, "My Week with Marilyn"

Monday 14 January 7.30 pm
Parish Council Meeting.

Wednesday 16 January, 7.30 pm
WI meeting in the Village Hall.

Tuesday 22 January, 7.30 pm
History Group meeting in the Village Hall (History of the Ffestiniog Railway).

Wednesday 23 January, 6.00 pm
Croughton Active meet in the Reading Room.

Friday 1st February, 8.00 pm
"January Sales!": Croughton Wine Appreciation Group wine tasting evening in Croughton Village Hall.

Friday 22 February 7.30 pm
Croughton Village Hall Presents: The New Rope String Band

Hot off the Press!

Micro asphaltting of the carriageway from Park End to Blenheim has been confirmed as a priority scheme in the list of proposed Highway Schemes for 2013/2014. Micro asphalt is more robust than the lesser costly tar and chippings surface dressing and its application is to be welcomed.

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 10th December 2012

Local Plan: Thank you to everyone who came along to either of the two sessions at the end of November and put forward their Vision for Croughton. The insert questionnaire is a direct product of your input and will provide yet more useful information about the local community's aspirations for Croughton.

Budget for 2013/2014: A budget to deliver the regular services provided by the Parish Council, such as grass cutting, dog waste service, footway lighting, newsletter, website, Parish Office, Allotments and Cemetery, will be finalised in January.

Affordable housing development, Brackley Road:

The Parish Council was consulted on the application for a development of 9 dwellings back in March 2012 and responded with support for the proposal. SNC is expected to determine the planning application within the next month. Mr Neil Gilliver of Midlands Rural Housing will update the Parish Council on progress towards the achievement of this project at 7 p.m. on **Monday 14th January 2013**, prior to the opening of the Parish Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

Annual Parish Assembly

7.30 p.m. on Monday 8th April 2013
Croughton Village Hall

The Meeting is an opportunity for members of the electorate to receive the Chairman's Annual Report, be informed about Parish Council business and to ask questions about it.

Representatives of Village Groups and local businesses are invited to participate and to report on their activities during the previous 12 months.

Reports are always well received and prove of great interest.

Cllr Brian Tomlin, Chairman and Members of the Parish Council look forward to welcoming you to the Annual Parish Assembly on 8th April 2013.

Brackley Safer Community Team is currently offering a FREE tack marking service. This helps to identify stolen saddles etc.

Continued speeding operations are still being carried out by officers from Brackley SCT at Blenheim and in the area. Further speeding operations are planned throughout the winter.

PCSO Scott Cochrane has re-started a drop in surgery at Aynho Village Hall on a Tuesday afternoon between 2.30 and 3.30.p.m. Dates will be published via twitter and on the Northamptonshire Police website.

Correction

The number published for the Police in last months Croughton News has been changed again because the station is not always open.

To contact the Police at Brackley for non emergencies and enquiries call 101 this costs 15p no matter how long the call is and it works for both landlines and mobiles



Croughton History Group

On **Tuesday 22 January**, Peter Johnson will describe the "History of the Ffestiniog Railway", using their official archives and photographs.

The Railway was incorporated by Act of Parliament in 1832 worked initially by horsepower. Steam engines followed in 1863 and in 1864 passenger trains were introduced. The line closed in 1946 but was reopened gradually between 1955 and 1982 by preservationists and is now one of the oldest railway companies still in existence and running trains.

Peter Johnson is a historian, journalist and photographer specialising in narrow gauge railways. He is also the Railway Company's official photographer.

Meeting 7.30pm in the Village Hall. £1 members, £3 non-members, including refreshments. For further details contact 01869 810443, caroline@redworks.co.uk or 01869 810545 leo.coleman@btinternet.com

Croughton Village Hall Presents: The New Rope String Band

Friday 22 February 7.30pm

We are delighted to welcome this zany trio of talented musicians to perform in our hall. Elements of circus, clowning, vaudeville, slapstick and inspired silliness are spliced with beautiful acoustic music from various world traditions which have delighted audiences at major music festivals and worldwide venues. Once seen never forgotten – expect the hilariously unexpected!

Once again, this event is being sponsored by Northants Touring Arts, which means we are able to offer tickets at a very favourable rate. They are on sale now, priced at only £10.00, to include a light supper, from 01869 810124 or 810393

Don't miss out on a great evening's entertainment!

Brackley Morris Men

Many thanks to all those who turned out to watch us on Boxing Day. We had great audiences in Croughton, Brackley and Greatworth, and your generosity enabled us to raise £125 for 'Save the Children'. Our practise season is now underway. Newcomers always welcome.

Stephen Ferneyhough 07764 799947

<http://www.thebrackleymorrismen.org.uk/>



Croughton WI

24 members met at the Deddington Arms in December for the annual Christmas meal. Everyone enjoyed the surroundings, the food and the company – despite the mischievous behaviour of, or perhaps because of, one or two noted ladies involving balloons and a table of gentlemen.

Our first meeting for 2013 is on **Wednesday 16 January**, in the Village Hall, starting at 7.30 p.m. We're very happy to welcome Kevin O'Regan, a local folk musician and composer. This is open to guests, including partners (£4 for non-members) as we believe that Kevin's programme will have lots of appeal. As the WI meets in the Parish Room, numbers will need to be restricted and so, if members are bringing guests, please let Pam Robbins or Auriel Warwick know by 9 January when the committee will meet

Film club

Our first film of 2013 will be "My Week with Marilyn" starring Michelle Williams, Eddie Redmayne, Kenneth Branagh, and Julia Ormond to name but a few! The film (based on fact!) is outlined as follows:

"Sir Laurence Olivier is making a movie in London. Young Colin Clark, an eager film student, wants to be involved and he navigates himself a job on the set. When film star Marilyn Monroe arrives for the start of shooting, all of London is excited to see the blonde bombshell, while Olivier is struggling to meet her many demands and acting ineptness, and Colin is intrigued by her. Colin's intrigue is met when Marilyn invites him into her inner world where she struggles with her fame, her beauty and her desire to be a great actress."

Friday 11 January. Doors open 7.30 pm. Admission:- £3 for members and children; £4.50 for guests.

Our next two films for early 2013 are planned to be; "The Help" on 8th February, followed by "Hugo" on 1st March. We live in hopes that "Skyfall" will be released on DVD in time for our eighth and final showing of the season on 22nd March! Please put these dates on your Calendars and diaries now! We look forward to seeing you there to experience our brand new surround sound system!!

"January Sales!"

Wine Tasting with the Croughton Wine Appreciation Group

Friday February 1st at 8pm, Croughton Village Hall

Our first wine tasting evening for 2013 will be on February 1st, and we will be searching out some post-Christmas bargains at the local supermarkets. Everyone is very welcome to come along. The event starts at 8pm. 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.

Many thanks to Brackley Wines for the great selection of wines at our Christmas event in December. And thanks to Brackley Wines, Croughton Co-operative store, Wines Unfurled and Majestic Wines who sponsored our raffle. You will find the details of December's wines and all our events on our website: www.croughton.org.uk/index.php/village-life/societies-and-clubs/wine-club/



All Saints Church, Services and Notices

January 6th

9:30am Matins – Croughton
9:30am Communion BCP – Farthinghoe
11am Communion – Aynho
11am Family Worship – Hinton-in-the-Hedges

January 13th

9:30am Communion – Aynho
11:00am Communion – Evenley
4:30pm Family Epiphany Praise – Evenley
6:00pm Evensong BCP – Farthinghoe

January 20th

9:30am Communion – Croughton
10am Family Worship – Evenley
10am Family Worship – Farthinghoe
11am BCP Choral Matins – Aynho
11am Communion BCP – Hinton

January 27th

10am Benefice Communion – Croughton
6pm Evensong BCP – Hinton-in-the-Hedges

February 3rd

9:30am Matins – Croughton
9:30am Communion BCP – Farthinghoe
11am Communion – Aynho
11am Family Worship – Hinton-in-the-Hedges
6pm Taize Informal Worship – Evenley

Pizza Praise takes off.

Family Pizza Praise followed by Christingle Praise have gone down a storm, and so has the food. Our next service is on **Sunday 13 January** for Epiphany Praise followed on **10 February** by Pancake Praise. Do put the dates in your diary, or if you would like a personal invitation and reminder just send me your details (the.revd.simon@gmail.com) with 'Pizza praise' if possible in the subject line.

Happy new year

Simon Dommett

The Rectory, Croughton Road, Aynho

Candle prayers return for one more time in January

Candle Prayers simply means your local church will be open from 7:30-8:00pm, lit with candles, giving you the opportunity to come and enjoy the peace of these special places. You may want to light a candle for somebody or a situation, or just sit on your own for a few minutes.

At 7:30 there will be a short opening prayer for those who want to join in followed by a time for personal space, then at about 7:50 there will be a short quiet closing prayer for those who want to join in. You are invited to come for as much or as little as you like, I just want to offer you some peace and space for prayer, private reflection or just enjoying the beauty of the place.

Tuesday 8 January, St. Georges, Evenley.

Wednesday 16 January, All Saints, Croughton.

Tuesday 22 January, Holy Trinity, Hinton-in-the-Hedges.

Friday 1 February, St Michael and all Angels, Farthinghoe.

Monday 4 February, St. Michaels, Aynho.

Yolly's Malaysian Food Night

This Month – Thursday 31st Jan 2013

(Every last Thursday of the month)

Dish of the month: Chicken in Oyster Sauce with chinese straw mushrooms. Large: £5.95; small: £3.95. To complement this I have a side dish of stir fried mixed vegetables — large: £4.00; small: £2.00. Basmati rice: large: £2.00; small: £1.00.

Please place your orders before Tuesday night either by text to 07964 417311 or email to yolanda@malaysianmemories.co.uk

I will have your order to be collected at the Reading Room car park at 6.30pm (please try to bring the correct money.)

Thank you (Terima Kaseh). Yolanda Tapping,
www.malaysianmemories.co.uk

The Croughton Poores Allotment Fund

This fund is available to assist anyone in the village who is in need. Please be vigilant and keep an eye on your neighbours during this difficult time.

If you think someone is not getting all the help they need, please contact the Rector, the Rev. Simon Dommatt on 01869 810903. He will bring it to the attention of the Trustees.

“Search begins for Northamptonshire’s Best Village 2013”

Are you proud of your village? Does it have a community spirit? Then you have very good reason to enter Northamptonshire’s 2013 ‘Best Village’ competition.

Open to villages with populations up to 6,000

Three different categories based on village size

Special award for best ‘newcomer’

The judges are looking for all aspects of village life: community and social activities; local communication; the provision for young people and more senior residents; the involvement of local businesses; sustainability; general tidiness; and the welcome given to visitors. If you feel inspired to champion your village, either as an individual or as a group contact your Parish Clerk who will be receiving an application form by the end of January.

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www.northantsacre.org.uk



Newsletter submissions by 28th of each month to: **Georgina Lucas, 50 Portway Drive, Croughton. Tel: 01869 810923, or e-mail 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, Fran 01869 811823

For further information on **Village Hall bookings**

contact Sally Ward on 01869 811102 or email croughtonvillagehall@gmail.com

Computer classes especially for Over 50s

The MCS Specialist School Community Team are proud to present our series of computer classes especially for Over 50s.

Tuesdays 10.30—12.00am

8th January–5th February: Explore The Internet

19 February—26 March: How to use E-Mail

Wednesdays 10.30am—12:00pm

9th January–6th February: Beginners Picasa (laptop needed)

20 February–27 March: Windows Movie Maker (laptop needed)

Thursdays 9.30am—11:00am

10th January–7th February: Advanced Picasa (laptop needed)

21 February—28 March: Windows Movie Maker (laptop needed)

All Sessions are £5.00 payable on the day.

Contact: Anne Brady, Community Manager

Magdalen College School, Brackley NN13 7DW

Tel: 01280 846330 email: anne.brady@magdalen.northants.sch.uk

SNC Job Clubs:

Every Tuesday from 11.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. alternating between Towcester Town Hall and Brackley Town Hall.

For further information visit www.youthnorthants.gov.uk/jobclub

Free confidential advice and support on a wide range of topics is available to help people find their way into work.