



CROUGHTON NEWS

May 2013

A second "Croughton Village Day"

at RAF Croughton on Friday 28 June 2013



In response to the high volume of residents wishing to participate in the Croughton Village Day already arranged for Friday 10 May 2013, RAF Croughton has very kindly arranged a second event to accommodate those Croughton residents for whom there were no places left on the earlier event. This will take place on **Friday 28 June from 10.00a.m. to 2.30p.m.** In addition to the participants for this day (who have already been advised), there are a few places left for any other Croughton residents who would like to participate on 28 June.

The format of the visit is exactly the same as detailed in the April 2013 "Croughton News".

A bus will be provided to take us from the village to RAF Croughton – it will depart from The Reading Room at 09.30 a.m. and bring us back to the village at 2.30 p.m. This will be the only access to the event and participants will need to show Photo ID on boarding the bus. No cameras are permitted on site.

To book your place, please contact Jenny Collyer, Community Relations Adviser by e-mail at jenny.collyer.gb@us.af.mil or by telephone on 07764 166079 by **Monday 10 June 2013**. You will need to give her your full name, telephone number, address, nationality and the number of your passport or driver's licence or bus pass.

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.

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.

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 811842.

The Blackbird, High Street, tel: 01869 81237.

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

Beckie Jones, Wheelers Rise, tel: 01869 819734.

What's On.

Friday 10 May, 7.45pm

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

Saturday 11 May, 1.30pm to 4pm.

Cherwell Cats Protection fundraising bazaar at Croughton Reading Rooms.

Monday 13 May, 7.30pm

Annual Parish Council Meeting in Croughton Village Hall.

Wednesday, 15 May, 7.30 pm

WI meeting in Croughton Village Hall.

Tuesday 28 May, 7.30pm

Croughton History Group meeting in Croughton Village Hall (Tooley's boatyard).

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 15th April 2013

The Parish Council reviewed its existing policies on Special Meetings and Advertising in the Newsletter and on the Website, considered input for the SNC Local Plan, identified training opportunities, reviewed the level of Fidelity Guarantee cover, and noted the external audit date.

www.croughton.org The website is to be upgraded with a view to not only improving speed and efficiency but also to enable more online discussions and consultations.

New Homes Bonus: South Northants Council is consulting on its draft policy for allocating the government grant it receives in relation to housing development. SNC is proposing that a percentage of the bonus is allocated to local communities affected by growth, and that any group within the parish would be eligible to bid for this funding. A Grants Panel would determine the outcome of such bids. If you would like to put forward comments on the proposals of how to best use the funds gained from new homes bonus money visit www.southnorthants.gov.uk and click on the 'have your say' link. Any comments should be emailed to consultation@southnorthants.gov.uk The consultation is open until 31 May.

The 9 affordable dwellings to be built at land off the Brackley Road, once completed, will not only attract a new homes bonus but will also an additional affordable homes bonus. However, this additional 'reward' would be retained by SNC in order to fund capital affordable housing projects within the district.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. on **Monday 13th May 2013**. The first item on the Agenda will be the election of the Chairman of the Parish Council.

Annual Parish Assembly: Cllr Tomlin and members of the Parish Council would like to thank everyone who attended and/or participated in the Meeting. Your involvement made for a most interesting and informative evening. A copy of the Chairman's report accompanies this issue. As Cllr Ron Sawbridge was not standing for re-election to our Ward on 2nd May he was presented with a bottle of Croughton Jubilee Wine as a tribute for the work he has done on behalf of the parish at County level. A snapshot of proceedings was posted on our MP's blog. Andrea Leadsom will hold her next advice surgery on Friday 10th May, 3p.m. – 6p.m. at Brackley Town Hall (please make an appointment through the Constituency Office) and will be holding a 'drop in' session on 24th May at Towcester PO from 3.30p.m.–4.30 p.m.

B4031 Road Works

Road works that were due to commence on 29th April, having been delayed from the previous month, have been put back a further 3 weeks. The Parish Council had expected that these works were the long awaited resurfacing of the B4031 through the 30 mph zone in the village. However, this was not the case! In fact, unbeknown to the Parish Council, the works that should have begun on 29th April for 3 days concerned the application of a tar and chippings surface dressing to the section of carriageway from the Charlton Road to the B4100 junction at the Aynho corner. After a false start with yellow road closure notices having been put out and then hastily removed, Northamptonshire Highways has indicated its intention to carry out the surface dressing towards the end of May. A road diversion will operate from the Aynho direction.

The Parish Council has been informed that micro asphaltting to the main carriageway from Park End to Blenheim has been scheduled for June 2013.

Croughton WI

The April meeting was a presentation with slides about a self-help group of South African women living in a remote village in the Lebombo mountains. Approximately 42% of the inhabitants have AIDS or are HIV positive. The women are determined to work rather than receiving charity. We heard from Amanda, with a group of three, others who are supporting the business called "Fancy Stitch", and were able to see (and buy) the beautiful stitchwork and crafts they produce. The British support group take no expenses, all the money raised going directly to the village. Those present found this inspirational and worthy of our help.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday, 15 May**, in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Our speaker is Jamie Bodley-Scott who will be giving an illustrated talk on photography. Visitors are welcome.

Cat Charity Bazaar at The Reading Rooms

Cherwell Cats Protection is holding a fundraising bazaar at Croughton Reading Rooms on **Saturday 11 May** from 1.30pm to 4pm.

Among the stalls, there will be a tombola, bric-a-brac, good quality second hand clothes, yummy homemade cakes, books and for the kids, a Lucky Dip and Guess the Sweeties in the Jar competition. If anyone is able to donate a cake, or contribute to any of the stalls, it would be much appreciated. Please bring items along on the day, or call 07716 596 212 in advance. Entrance is only 20 pence. Tea, coffee, squash and homemade cakes will be served.



Croughton History Group

Our meeting on **Tuesday 28th May** is titled "Social history of Tooley's boatyard and the Oxford canal in the Banbury area".

Tooley's is the oldest working dry dock in Britain, and has been in continuous use since 1790. It was established to build and repair the wooden horse-drawn narrowboats which plied the newly constructed canal network, so vital to the development of the Industrial Revolution. The speaker, Matt Armitage, is an archeologist who moved to Oxford in 1988 where he started working on a restaurant boat and was taught by one of the old canal men. He later became a director of the Oxford company that now runs Tooley's.

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.

A date for your diary: All Saints' Church Fete Saturday 15 June

After a break last year when we held our fete as part of the Jubilee celebrations, we are delighted that we are able to return to the Old Rectory to hold our traditional fete, by the kind invitation of Margaret and David Rings.

There will be the usual stalls – cakes, plants, tombola and raffle, plus bowling and cream teas. We are hoping for donations for these stalls, and also any help which you can offer, or if you have any ideas, particularly involving activities for children, or would like to run a stall to help boost church funds, we would be very pleased to hear from you. Please contact Chris on 810124 or Pam on 810393

Sewing/knitting group

We've had a good response so far and seem to have got a group together which is great!

We're going to meet in the Parish Room at the Village Hall on the first Thursday every month, 7.30-9.30pm. It's £2 per session, which includes tea, coffee etc. We've booked the hall for the first three months provisionally, to see how we get on. Dates are as follows:

9th May • 6th June • 4th July

At the meetings we'll each bring along a current sewing or knitting project to work on, whilst enjoying a chat & cup of tea. If you're a sewing newbie, you can bring along some materials and we'll help you get started on something as there will be books and patterns for inspiration. At future meetings we may invite someone along to teach us a new skill, or may work jointly on a particular project.

For more information please contact Claire on 01869 810185 or send an email to claire_barrett@rocketmail.com

Croughton Wine Appreciation Group

Wine Tasting and AGM

Friday 10 May, 7.45pm Croughton Village Hall

On May 10th we're starting our new season of wine tasting evenings with a nostalgic look back at the wines we've sampled over the years, tasting some of the top scoring wines from the past 5 years to check if they are still as good the second time around. 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 10th. Please let us know by May 6th 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.

Croughton Annual Show

7th Annual Show, Saturday 24th August 2013

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

Please do not forget all you keen photographers the categories for 2013 are:

1. 'OPEN' category - which can be in colour or black and white - on any subject of your choice.
2. 'Wildlife' - colour only.

All photographs to be printed 5" x 7" maximum.

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

For those nimble fingered people we are introducing a needlework category this year. This can be a garment, tapestry, cross stitch, patchwork, quilting, embroidery - anything of your choice. Sewing is becoming popular again and many men are becoming 'stitchers'.

At our show every year we raise money for our chosen charity, which this year will be our local Air Ambulance. We think it is a very worthy cause so please support us.

All Saints Church, Services and Notices

Sunday, 5 May

11:00 Aynho ~ Communion
11:00 Hinton ~ Communion With Baptism
9:30 Farthinghoe ~ Communion Bcp
6pm Evenley ~ Taize Service

Tuesday, 7 May

10:00 Croughton Home Communion

Thursday, 9 May Ascension

7pm Croughton ~ Ascension Communion

Sunday, 12 May

09:30 Aynho Communion
10:00 Farthinghoe ~ All Age Worship
11:00 Evenley ~ Communion
6pm Steane ~ Evensong Bcp

Sunday, 19 May Pentecost

10:00 Aynho Benefice ~ Communion
4:30pm Aynho Pentecost Pizza Praise

Monday, 20 May

10:45 Evenley ~ Home Communion

Sunday, 26 May

09:30 Croughton ~ Communion
11:00 Aynho ~ Matins Bcp
11:00 Evenley ~ All Age Worship
11:00 Hinton Communion Bcp
18:00 Farthinghoe ~ Evensong Bcp

Monday, 27 May

11:00 Aynho ~ Home Communion

Sunday, 2 June

11:00 Aynho ~ Communion
11:00 Hinton ~ All Age Service
14:30 9:30am Farthinghoe ~ Communion Bcp
6pm Evenley ~ Taize Service

Tuesday, 4 June

10:00 Croughton Home Communion

Don't forget to put the **5th-11th August** in your diary for the benefice children's holiday club. This will again be at All Saints School Croughton.

Our benefice website is at www.astwickvale.co.uk
Here you will find details of services and events as well as information about baptisms, christenings, thanksgivings, weddings and funerals

Steane Special Summer Sermon Series

Come along and enjoy the beauty of Steane Park and the parish church of St. Peter, in our Steane Special Summer Sermon Series. Each month we gather to hear a specially invited speaker and enjoy the beauty of traditional prayer book worship. All service start at 6pm.

May 12th Revd Sheila Addison about her work in Nepal
June 9th Deanery Service marking the retirement of Archdeacon Christine Allsopp
July 14th BBQ and Songs of Praise
Aug 11th Evening Communion Service
Sept 8th Canon Peter Gompertz returns

Jean Coles' Annual Coffee Morning ...

... raised £315 for the Croughton Colts Football Club. Jean would like to thank everyone who made it a successful morning.

Yolly's Malaysian Food Night

(On: Each Last Thursday of the Month)
Thursday 30th May 2013

Dish of the Night: Singapore Noodles

(Char Bee Hoon – Rice vermicelli, stir fried with prawns and pork, slightly spicy). Large - £5.95
Small - £3.95

(As this is a main meal, I would suggest a large portion per person.)

To place your order please send your name and contact number to me—text: 077964 417311 or email: email: yolanda@malaysianmemories.co.uk

I will have your order hot and ready to eat to be picked up at the Car Park at The Reading Room at 6.30 pm prompt (Please try to bring the correct money). Thank you, Yolanda Tapping



Peppa pig outfit for hire.

Ideal for children's parties £20.00
Proceeds all to Croughton toddler group
Please contact Sarah on 07837 549682

Iain Anderson, Youth Development Worker, South Northants who is also involved in Croughton Active, asks: Can you help with the Youth Activators Project?

Young people can do so by completing a short online survey about the sports activities they do or would like to do. Follow the link on the South Northants Council (SNC) website:

<https://consultation.southnorthants.gov.uk/corporate-performance-team/6ced828e>

Iain says, 'The survey is an important part of the funding bid to Sports England to get a range of multi-sports activities delivered in your group/club locality.'

The survey should only take a few minutes but should be completed by 22nd May 2013.
Thank you.

Fritwell Open Gardens

Sunday 16 June 2013 2:00pm - 5:00pm

£4.00 (Children Free) Teas, Plant & Book Sales.
For more information, visit www.st-olaves.org

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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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 810447 or email
croughtonvillagehall@gmail.com

Zumba fitness class in Croughton

In the Croughton Reading Rooms, Thursday evening, 7.30pm and cost £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. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me - Lucy Naylor.

Butterfly Tea Party in aid of Together for Short Lives (previously Children's Hospices UK)

Help raise £50,000 for this amazing charity.

Join us for wine and nibbles, or coffee and cake; see the full range of Phoenix Trading greeting cards and wrap, including an exclusive design named Butterfly Cloud, sales of which are expected to raise £20,000. **Thursday June 6th, 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Friday 7th June, 9am to 11.30am.** The Orchard House, Church Lane, Croughton Elizabeth Wilson, 01869 819630

Kings Sutton Tennis Club Open Morning Sunday 5th May - 10am to 1pm

All ages, all standards - brush up on your skills or see if tennis is for you. Bring a racquet, bring a friend or two and have some fun. Free refreshments too!

For more information please contact Beryl Lascelles on 01295 758244 or email beryl@lascelles.org <http://www.kings Suttonltc.org.uk>