



CROUGHTON NEWS

November 2014

Northamptonshire County Council

Apply for a Primary School Place if your child turns 4 before 31st August 2015.

School places are not automatically allocated.

You must still apply for your child's school place even if:

- You have an older child already at your preferred school
- You have put your child's name down or registered your child at your preferred school
- You live in the linked area
- Your child attends a linked nursery.

Make your application online and also find helpful tips and guidance at: www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions

Helpline: 0300 126 1000

Email: admissions@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Closing Date: 5 p.m. on Thursday 15th January 2015

The Blackbird Inn

The customers and staff of the Blackbird Inn would like to thank Rob and Vera for their hard work and dedication in running the pub over the last 27 years. We wish them all the best in their retirement.

The Reading Room

Whist ... now fortnightly due to its popularity ... forthcoming events are Wednesday 12th and Thursday 27th November at 7.00 for start at 7.30 p.m. This is a light-hearted and enjoyable evening - £3 per person including light refreshments.

Whether you are a beginner or an experienced player, you will be most welcome – just come along.

Coffee Mornings ... every Tuesday from 9.00 to 11.00 a.m. Do join us with your friends and try some of Jane's delicious cakes.

The Reading Room is available for private hire for parties, meetings and other social events – please telephone 01869 810004 for details.

Help Needed

At All Saints' Church we have a group of volunteers who clean the church throughout the year on a regular basis but recently some have moved away. Would you be able to spare an hour or so a year to join our rota which would only involve cleaning twice a year. The task is not onerous, but we would appreciate any help you can give, either regularly or to step in at short notice. Please telephone Chris on 01869 810124 if you can assist us.

Public Meeting re Superfast Broadband

Thursday 20th November, 7.30 pm

Croughton Village Hall

Come along to meet the representatives of Gigaclear and hear of their proposals for a fibre optic network in the village to provide superfast broadband with speeds in excess of 50mbs to every property.

Please come and join the discussions even if you consider you do not need it at the moment. The scheme will provide a connection box adjacent to every house at no cost to you but it will be there for a future use.

To assist us to reach the required level of interest please register at www.gigaclear.com

This will not commit you in any way, it is simply an expression of interest.

Brian Tomlin

Chairman Croughton Parish Council

What's On.

Saturday, 8 November, 8 p.m.

DellyWellyBoot Band at All Saints' Church, Croughton

Monday 10 November, 7.30 p.m.

Parish Council meeting, Parish Room Croughton Village Hall

Wednesday 12 November at 7.00 p.m. for start at 7.30 p.m.

Whist at The Reading Room

Friday 14 November

Croughton Cinema, "Anna Karenina".

Wednesday, 19 November, 7.30 p.m.

Talk at the Village Hall – "Up in the clouds with fluffy bits"

Tuesday, 25 November, 7.30 p.m

History Group meeting in Croughton Village Hall

Wednesday 27 November at 7.00 p.m. for start at 7.30 p.m.

Whist at The Reading Room

Sunday 30 November, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Christmas Fayre at Croughton Village Hall

Friday 5 December, 7.30 p.m

Croughton Cinema, "The Grand Budapest Hotel"

Monday 8 December, 7.30 p.m.

Parish Council meeting, Parish Room Croughton Village Hall

Friday 12 December 8pm

Christmas Wine Tasting Event with the Croughton Wine Appreciation Group

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 13th October 2014

Croughton Conservation Area: SNC is carrying out a programme of Conservation Area reviews. The current Conservation Area dates back to 1991 and is shown in the 1994 booklet, Croughton Parish Appraisal, as well as online. The boundary currently encloses a thin swathe of properties on either side of the High Street as far as the School and a deep southern expanse that includes the Church, Manor Farm and Croughton House. The Appraisal will seek to identify, define and protect any aspects that contribute to Croughton's special architectural or historic character.

Mill Lane Ford: Northamptonshire Highways has modified the hazardous drop from the tarmac to the hard core of the water course into a gentle slope - a welcome improvement to this delightful landmark.

Vehicle Activated Sign data: A limited comparison only of trends in traffic speeds has been possible due to problems with 2013 and 2014 data integrity. Data collected from the VAS points at both Park End and at Blenheim for April and May 2014 reveal that the percentage of vehicles exceeding 35 mph was higher than for the same period in 2013, and that this increase was more marked for vehicles entering the village at Blenheim. Anecdotally, however, traffic conditions are felt to have improved this year. The sense of reduced traffic noise and slower traffic is attributed to the resurfaced carriageway and implementation of the 20 mph zone at the end of last year.

The Parish Council will be asking Northamptonshire Highways to apply a 30 mph roundel to the B4031 at Blenheim to reinforce drivers' awareness of the legal speed limit.

Dates of Meetings: **Monday 10th November and Monday 8th December 2014.** Time: 7.30 p.m. Venue: Parish Room Croughton Village Hall.

Croughton Cinema's

Our second film of the season is "Anna Karenina" planned for **Friday 14th November** 2014 in Croughton Village Hall. The film stars Keira Knightly and Jude Law. "In 1874, in the Imperial Russia, the aristocratic Anna Karenina travels from Saint Petersburg to Moscow to save the marriage of her brother Prince Oblonsky, who had had a love affair with his housemaid. Anna has a cold marriage with her husband, Count Alexei Karenin, and at the train station she meets the cavalry officer Count Vronsky and they feel attracted to each other

Our third film "The Grand Budapest Hotel" will be shown on **Friday 5th December** 2014 in the Village Hall; it stars Ralph Fiennes and Jude Law. The film recounts the adventures of Gustave H, a legendary concierge at a famous European hotel between the wars, and Zero Moustafa, the lobby boy who becomes his most trusted friend. The story involves the theft and recovery of a priceless Renaissance painting and the battle for an enormous family fortune - all against the back-drop of a suddenly and dramatically changing Continent

Doors open 7.30pm; Licensed Bar;
Box Office - CFC Members: £3.00 Non-Members: £5.00
Under 16s: £3.00 Annual Membership £10.

Everyone is welcome, members and non-members - support your local cinema!!

Forthcoming Concert For Church Funds

A concert by the DellyWellyBoot Band will be given in All Saints' Church, Croughton, on **Saturday, 8 November**, at 8 p.m. This promises to be a great evening of music; folk, traditional and contemporary. Nick Hooper is a well-established film and television composer with BAFTA awards to his credit. He also composed the film score for two of the Harry Potter films.

Tickets can be obtained from Pam Robbins - 01869 810393 - and Chris Tomlin - 01869 810124, available from 21 October.

The band has sent the following details about themselves. "The DellyWellyBoot Band started off life as 'Nick Hooper and Friends'. We are Nick Hooper (guitarist, banjo, ukulele, violin [when Judith lets him], vocalist), Tom Dyson (mandolin, piano and vocalist), Susanna Starling (double bass, vocalist) and Judith Henderson or Hooper depending on her mood (violin, octave violin, vocalist). Together we have supported Martin Carthy, and as well performing at the monthly folk nights in Stonesfield, we have entertained the crowds at a Combe Mill steam day and at Stonesfield Beer Festival with members of Gifford's Circus band. Our repertoire is an eclectic mix of traditional songs as well as those original compositions we have stolen from Bruce Springsteen, Leonard Cohen, Bob Dylan and others, traditional tunes and new ones borrowed from the likes of fiddler John Dipper and Cornish band Dalla."

Wednesday, 19 November. "Up in the clouds with fluffy bits"

"Up in the Clouds with Fluffy Bits" is the title of a talk being given by Alan Brewer in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. The subject is about royal and celebrity travel. It is hoped that this will appeal to many village residents and friends. It is an open meeting for all.



Croughton History Group

November's meeting is on the 25th and is entitled "Powder Puff Derby Queens, women flyers of the 1920s and 1930s". The speaker is our very own Keith Ramsay.

After WW1, aviation & air travel became much more commonplace, although many people had still not seen an aeroplane! It was only natural that women wanted to get in on the act. Reputations (and money) were being made! Naturally, there were those who did all they could to prevent women flyers from gaining any sort of recognition. And there were also those who positively encouraged them. The women pilots who did succeed in the 20s and 30s were a special breed, and laid the ground for every one that followed. By looking at the interwoven lives of some of these women, & their achievements, Keith will tell their story.

And you'll find out what a Powder Puff Derby is.....

Meeting 7.30 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.

Short Mat Bowls – Autumn Offer!

Here's your chance to try out short mat bowls – your first two sessions are free and then £3 per session. Gentle exercise and good company - every **Monday evening at 7.30 p.m.** in the Village Hall.

Parish Constables – A new and exciting role within the Northamptonshire Police!

In my previous contribution, I provided a brief outline on what my role as the Police and Crime Commissioner entails and alluded to some of the priorities that I have set the Force in my Police and Crime Plan.

It is clear to me that one of the things that people want to see from their police force is more visible policing. On my appointment I pledged to maintain the number of frontline officers at 1,220 - indeed we are one of only four Forces in the country not to have reduced the number of frontline officers in the face of the challenging financial climate.

Therefore, in order to increase visible policing and increase resource, one of the priorities that I have set the force is an ambitious increase of the Special Constabulary to 900 officers to support the work of the 1,220 full time officers. This will result in 900 more warranted officers on our streets and would make Northamptonshire's Special Constabulary the largest outside of London, contributing vital policing to our communities.

Special Constables possess all the same powers as full time warranted police officers and are provided with full training and equipment. They work with their full time colleagues, on a voluntary, part-time basis, performing duties ranging from supporting specialist teams within the force to making arrests on the streets. This really is one of the most exciting and dynamic voluntary roles available and is a unique and fulfilling experience.

Moreover, the expansion of the Special Constabulary has brought about a range of new and exciting roles and opportunities.

One recently developed role is that of the **Parish Constable**. A Parish Constable is a Special Constable that is dedicated, through choice, to policing a specific area, for example Croughton and/or surrounding areas.

Parish Constables will undertake a wide variety of policing duties whilst linking in with both the local Safer Community Team and Parish Councils to ensure effective policing of the area and becoming a pillar of the community.

This is an ideal role for anybody who is interested in really making a difference where they live and I want you to be part of our journey to make Northamptonshire the Safest Place in England.

So if you or anybody you know interested in becoming a Special or Parish Constable in Croughton or any other area, or if you would like further details, please contact me at commissioner@northantspcc.pnn.police.uk.

Adam Simmonds
Police and Crime Commissioner.

November Church Services

Details at www.astwickvale.co.uk

St. Michael Aynho • All Saints Croughton, •
St. George Evenley • St. Michael and All Angles
Farthinghoe • Most Holy Trinity Hinton-in-the-Hedges

2nd November

9:30am BCP said Communion ~ FARTHINGHOE
11am Holy Communion ~ AYNHO
11am Morning Worship ~ HINTON
6pm All Souls Service _ EVENLEY

9th 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 CROUGHTON followed
by Said Communion
10:50am Remembrance Service at HINTON
6pm Remembrance Service at FARTHINGHOE

16th November ~ Blessing of Cribs

10am Benefice Communion at AYNHO
4:00pm Crib Blessing -Pizza Praise ~ CROUGHTON
Family Service with PIZZA or HOT DOGS

23rd November

9:30am Communion ~ CROUGHTON
10:30 for 11am Family Service ~ AYNHO
11am Family Worship ~ EVENLEY
11am Communion ~ HINTON
6pm BCP Evensong ~ FARTHINGHOE

30th November Advent Sunday

6pm Candle lit Communion at CROUGHTON

Morning Prayer weekly

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

Candle Prayer 7:30-8pm

3rd November ~ HINTON
11th November ~ AYNHO
17th November ~ CROUGHTON
28th November ~ FARTHINGHOE

Candle Prayers simply means your local church will be open from 7:15-8:00pm, 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.

'Stir Up Sunday' Sunday 23rd November

This gets its name not from the stirring of the pudding but from a prayer used in church that Sunday. The Rectory, Croughton Road ,Aynho, OX17 3BD will be hosting its annual 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.

..... Phone our Parish Clerk on 01869-819905 to find out more

Useful Contacts

Residents who have been inconvenienced by events in the village have asked for the following details.

Matter relating to health and safety at work.
Health and Safety Executive
900 Pavilion Drive, Northampton NN4 7RG

Matters relating to abuse of planning consents,
Julian Smith, Planning Enforcement Officer
South Northants Council
Springfield, Towcester NN12 6AE
Tel 01327 322246

Inconvenient or illegal parking . People working on cars in the street (other than a breakdown).
Brackley Police Station 03000111222 ext 3124

FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS

ST OLAVE'S CHURCH, FRITWELL

SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER

12 NOON - 4:00pm

**HOT LUNCH
& Refreshments**

CRAFT FAIR, GIFTS, TOMBOLA

FATHER CHRISTMAS

FESTIVE SONGS
By Fritwell School

FESTIVAL OF TREES

www.st-olaves.org

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 9.00-3.00pm

Parent & Toddler Group Michelle 07715 464694
Monday 1.15-3.00pm, term time

Art Class Kathleen Bartlett 01295 780493
Monday 2.00-4.00pm

Short Mat Bowls Cyril 01869 810207
Monday 7.30-10.00pm

Gym Dodgers Class Wendy 07775 661365
Tuesday 5.45-7.15pm

Karate Tracy 07779 760006
Wednesday 7.00-9.00pm, beginners welcome

Badminton Heather 01869 811104,
Paul 01869 819734, Julian 01869 8116326
Thursdays 6.00-7.00pm

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

Body Sculpture Fitness & Training Studio at Aynhoe Park

The new **Fitness & Training Studio** provides a uniquely personal service to help you achieve your fitness and wellness goals.

Join us for **Personal Training, Monthly Memberships & Drop-in** sessions for gym & group training. Well-equipped **functional gym** and **group training** sessions to include **Kettlebells, Core, Circuits, Boxercise** and more coming soon!

We are family run, providing a welcoming space for those who may find larger gyms intimidating and we are always available to provide support & advice.

Regular Fitness **Bootcamps & Yoga** within the grounds of **Aynhoe Park**

Visit us at **The Body Sculpture Studio, Aynhoe Park, Aynho, OX17 3BQ**

Book your FREE Trial Session today!

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Email: info@bodysculpturefitness.com Call: 07714 248 177



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