



CROUGHTON NEWS

July 2014

Croughton Annual Show

8th Annual Show

Saturday 23rd August 2014

You should have received your entry form for the show with this newsletter. If you did not you are able to collect from Croughton Co-op or download from the Croughton Village website:

<http://www.croughton.org.uk/index.php/village-life/societies-and-clubs/allotmenters/>

There is still time for that special photograph and don't forget the needlework category. This can be a garment, tapestry, cross stitch, patchwork, quilting and embroidery – anything of your choice. Please note: the work should not be mounted as the judge must be able to check the reverse. Previous entries cannot be accepted.

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.

Last year our two local 'Airheads' Keith and Vee Griffiths gave a kite flying exhibition after the show which they will be repeating this year. Keith and Vee are serious kite flyers of over 20 years who give displays at festivals and throughout Europe. Check out the Airhead's website <http://www.airheads.org.uk>

We need your support – this year The Alzheimer's Society will benefit.

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

Sign up please!

We are building up a database of e-mail addresses in the village so that we can quickly disseminate urgent messages and/or important information on which we would like your views. The initial technical problem with the sign-up page has now been rectified on the village website and we would ask you please to sign up on the Home page of the village website: www.croughton.org.uk if you would like to be included on the list.

We would also like to add to this database all e-mail addresses of everyone in the village who has communicated by e-mail with the Parish Council. If you do not wish us to do this, please contact our Clerk at clerk@croughton.org.uk and we will ensure that your e-mail address is deleted.

Allotment Vacancy

One half plot on the south side of the site requires a tenant. The half year rent is £8.00.

Expressions of interest are invited from aspiring horticulturalists. Please contact the Clerk to the Council if you would like the opportunity to acquire the tenancy.
Tel: 01869 819905 email: clerk@croughton.org.uk

Lyn and Tony's Mini Fete

What a great success.

We raised £500.00 for Croughton Church funds.

Thank you everybody who donated Cakes, Bric a Brac, prizes for Raffle. And not forgetting all the wonderful setting up, manning of stands and at the end putting our garden back together. Lucky with the weather which helped people relax and enjoy the garden.

Big Thank You. Lyn and Tony

What's On.

Monday 14 July, 7.30 p.m.

Parish Council meeting, Parish Room Croughton Village Hall.

Thursday 17 July from 6—7.30 p.m.

Croughton Active (sports and games for young people aged 8—16 on Croughton playing fields)

Wednesday 23 July

WI visit to Stowe House.

Thursday 31 July at 7.00pm for 7.30 p.m.

Whist at The Reading Room.

Monday 4 – Friday 8 August, 9.30-12.00

2014 Christian Holiday Club, Croughton School.

Monday 11 August, 7.30 p.m.

Parish Council meeting, Parish Room Croughton Village Hall.

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 9th June 2014

Annual Health and Safety Inspection: The Council began its review of public areas, including its footway lighting stock, the Allotments, Cemetery, bus shelter, seats, and Portway Pocket Park.

Community Engagement: The Council is grateful to Mr Stuart Lowen for taking on the reporting role of Parish Council representative for the Portway Pocket Park. The Council has identified various actions for this year relating to the website, a community project, the 2015 local elections, and the Community Response Plan which will be reviewed next month.

Administration: Financial Regulations have been updated in line with recent legislation. The Annual Return for Year ending 31st March 2014 has been completed and the Council's designated reserves reviewed.

Dates of next Meetings: Monday 14th July 2014 and Monday 11th August 2014. Time: 7.30 p.m. Venue: Parish Room Croughton Village Hall.

HM The Queen's Birthday Honours

Congratulations to Councillor Ron Sawbridge and his wife, Perdita on each being awarded an MBE in recognition of their services to children and families, in particular the long term foster care they have provided over several years.

Cllr Sawbridge represents Croughton at Northamptonshire County Council.

Whist

Our next event will be on **Thursday 31 July** at 7.00pm for 7.30 p.m. at The Reading Room. This is a light-hearted and enjoyable evening - £3 per person including light refreshments. Please ring Jane on 01869 810004 to book a place.



Croughton History Group

The History Group has no functions in July or August. Next event is a talk, "A Day in the Life of Time Team" on 23rd September.

For further details contact 01869 810443, caroline@redworks.co.uk or 01869 810545leo.coleman@btinternet.com

Croughton Pre-School

Rated OUTSTANDING by Ofsted

We offer a secure, welcoming and happy environment for your child in our purpose built facility within Croughton Village Hall.

Our well established team provides a high standard of play based learning activities linked to the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.

We run various morning and afternoon sessions for children aged 2 ½ to pre-school.

For more information please call 01869 811968 or visit our website: www.croughtonpreschool.org.uk



Croughton Art Group

All abilities welcome – Drawing and Painting in different media. In the new term we would welcome two new students to join this friendly group. (New term starts on Monday 28th September 2014.)

If you are interested please contact Kathleen Bartlett on 01295 780493 or e-mail Victoria.bartlett37@gmail.com

Coffee Mornings ...

... are held at The Reading Room every Tuesday from 9.00 to 11.00 a.m. except 12 and 19 August 2014. Do come along with your friends and try some of Jane's delicious cakes.

Police reminder: Consider your home security when making plans for a holiday



As well as the obvious need to make sure all doors and windows are closed and locked, one of the main things you can do is make it look as though your house is still occupied.

If you're away for a couple of weeks or more and the flowers in the garden are wilting, the grass is looking a bit long and the mail is piling up on the hall floor, this can be an indication to a potential burglar that a house is empty.

Do you have a friend or trusted neighbour who would be willing to keep an eye on things for you? If they can pick up any mail, open and close curtains, water plants and even cut the grass while you're away, this can all help make it look like someone is at home.

Here is a useful checklist of things to remember before you go away:

- If you can, ask a friend, neighbour or relative to make regular checks of your property (but don't put your name or address on the spare keys)
- If they're going to close curtains for you at night, make sure they're able to call round and open them again in the mornings.
- Remember to cancel any regular deliveries, such as milk or newspapers.
- Avoid discussing holiday plans where strangers may hear the details.
- Take care what you post on social media – although it's tempting to share news and photos while you're away, you are advertising your absence from home.
- Cut the lawn before you go and trim back any large bushes or hedges that a burglar could hide behind.
- Consider leaving important documents and valuable items with other family members or a bank, or lock them in a safe.
- If you don't have anyone to pick up your mail for you, the Royal Mail's 'Keepsafe' service will keep your mail for up to two months while you're away.
- Make tools and ladders are locked away so they can't be used to break into the house, and lock up sheds, garages and outbuildings with good security locks.
- If you have to leave a ladder outside, lay it on its side and lock it to a secure fixture with a 'close shackle' padlock or heavy duty chain.
- Don't put your home address on your luggage when you are travelling to your holiday destination.
- Finally, don't forget to lock all doors and windows. If you have a burglar alarm, make sure it's set

For more information, visit www.northants.police.uk/crimeprevention

Croughton Active

Thursday 17th July from 6—7.30pm.

Sports & games out-side on Croughton playing fields.

For young people aged 8—16. Come along only £1.

Croughton WI

Andrea Newman from the charity Debra was the speaker at the June meeting. Debra supports families where a member suffers from Epidermolysis Bullosa – a condition from birth where the proteins which normally hold the skin together do not function. This means that the outer skin and internal linings can be so fragile that any knock or rub, even a parent's hug, can cause agonising blistering and permanent damage. This is a horrifying condition. However, Andrea's talk gave hope through the way Debra supports and raises funds for vital research into providing an eventual cure.

The July meeting (23rd) is a visit to Stowe House, where members and guests will be given a tour and history of the house, with wine and canapés to follow. There is no meeting in August.

Croughton Wine Appreciation Group – what do we do?



We meet six times a year on a Friday evening in the Village Hall to drink, appreciate and learn a bit (if you want to) about wine! Our evenings always have a theme – this year's have included "A slow waltz through the wines of Austria" and "Small Independent Vignerons of France" amongst others.

We taste 3 or 4 whites, pause for cheese and bread, and move on to 3 or 4 reds, hopefully finished off with a dessert wine or port. We welcome guests for £10 (or become a member and pay £7 per event) so if you want to have a fun evening out with friends, why not come along and try it?

For more information, contact croughtonwag@gmail.com or watch out for details of our September event in the August newsletter.

Aynho Gardening Club News

Dates for your diary, July - August

Wednesday 9th July – an evening visit to Manor Farm Herbs in Fringford. We will be going in individual cars and if anyone would like a lift please contact a Committee Member. Please arrive at Manor Farm at 6.30pm. There will be a talk and a tour of the nursery and refreshments afterwards. The cost is £4.00 per person. (Directions: From Croughton, over A43 and onto A421. Take first right signposted to Cottisford and Hethe and follow down that road through Cottisford until you can turn left into village of Fringford, at sharp bend carry on to Manor Farm Herbs.)

Looking ahead to August—**Wednesday 13th August** – a talk on 'Easy Ways to Make Compost' by Pauline Pears. Practical hints and tips for successful composting.

Aynho Gardening Club 31st Annual Flower and Vegetable Show will be held in the Aynho Village Hall on **Saturday 30th August**. Please contact Chris Tomlin on 810124 for information about the show and a programme which contains a list of all the show classes.

July 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

Sunday 6th July Trinity 4

10am NEW Family Service at Croughton

9:30am BCP Communion at Farthinghoe

11am Holy Communion at Aynho

11am Morning Worship at Hinton-in-the-Hedges

6pm Taize Worship at Evenley

Sunday 13th July Trinity 5

9:30am Holy Communion at Aynho

9:30am Holy Communion at Croughton

10am Family Worship at Farthinghoe

11am Holy Communion with Baptism at Evenley

6pm Choral Evensong BCP at Steane

Guest preacher Revd Terry Richards

Sunday 20th July Trinity 6

10am Benefice Communion at Aynho

Preacher Shemil Mathew

4:30pm Family Pizza Praise at Aynho

Sunday 27th July Trinity 7

9:30am Communion at Croughton

11am Family Service at Evenley

11am Communion & Baptism at Steane

11am Choral Matins at Aynho

6pm Evensong BCP at Farthinghoe

Rector's July Letter

It is wonderful to welcome Shemil Mathew to our benefice of parishes following his ordination as deacon on 29th June at Peterborough Cathedral. Over the coming weeks he will be having a whirlwind tour of our six churches before sharing some of his story with us on 20th July. Following the service there will be a bring and share lunch at the Rectory Aynho, when you will be able to meet him in a more informal way.

We expect Shemil to be with us for the next three years as he is trained first as Deacon and then in 2015 Priest. I am sure everybody will give him a warm welcome as he is very excited about meeting you and getting to know you.

2014 Christian Holiday Club, Croughton School

Monday 4 – Friday 8 August, 9.30-12.00

Followed by a Celebration Service on Sunday 10 August at 10 am at Croughton Church

Children of primary school age are invited to join us this summer for our Benefice Christian Holiday Club entitled 'Space Academy', which is based on a Space theme where we will hear about Daniel. We are planning a fun week with activities, songs and stories each day.

Registration forms will be available in school, church or at the Rectory, Croughton Rd, Aynho.

We look forward to another fun-filled week and do hope your children will join us!

Simon & Heather Dommett 01869 810903

Yolly's Malaysian Food takeaway!

(Yolanda is back and my kitchen is now in order so hopefully I will carry on the last Thursday of the month.)

This month - Thursday 31st July 2014

CHICKEN CURRY (My Signature Dish).

Small: £3.95 / Large £5.95

Basmati Rice, Small= £1.00 / Large - £2.00

Extra – Stir Fried Mixed Vegetables to accompany the Chicken Curry & Rice. Small: £2.00/ Large - £4.00

To place your order please send your name and contact number to me—text: 07964 417311 or 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 (with the correct money if possible please). Thank you very much. Yolanda Tapping.



Nothing on Telly?

Why not come and join us at our Village Hall – The Croughton Short Mat Bowls Club

We are a small friendly club who

meet every Monday evening at the Village Hall. Our motto is “We don’t do serious” !!

All equipment provided, just a small weekly subscription required. Please contact: Cyril on 01869 810207 for more details.

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Before / After School / All Day / Holiday Childcare, in Croughton

Ofsted Registered Child-minders.

NVQ 3 trained in early years childcare and education

Qualified Forest School Leaders, offering childcare accessing an outdoor environment.

We both have years of experience working with children in nursery and playgroup settings / primary schools and special schools.

Registered to take funded children.

Contact 07934535570 / 07548522835

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 9–1 pm (including lunch club)
and Tuesday to Friday 9.00–3.00pm

Parent & Toddler Group
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

Buttons & Bows (Sewing Group) Claire 01869 810185
1st Thursday in the month 7.30–9.30pm

For further information on **Village Hall bookings**
contact Sally Ward on 07923 449202 or email
croughtonvillagehall@gmail.com

NOW OPEN...

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.

SPECIAL OPENING OFFERS on Memberships & Personal Training in JULY!

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

Regular **Fitness Bootcamps** within the grounds of **Aynhoe Park** – check our website for dates!

Visit us at **The Body Sculpture Studio**, Aynhoe Park, Aynho, OX17 3BQ or contact us now!

We can help you be in the best shape of your life!

Find out more at: www.bodysculpturefitness.com

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



Let's Go For A Walk!

There are many interesting walks around Croughton. The network of footpaths in and around the village make up excellent short and longer circular routes. On the village website, you can find details about six of them. Why not print them out and follow the trails. You will find the walks on <http://www.croughton.org.uk/village-life/village-activities/public-walks/>

Or search for: **croughton village public walks.**

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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