



# CROUGHTON PARISH NEWSLETTER

JULY 2012

## CROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 11th June 2012

**New Standards Regime:** The Localism Act 2011 contained provisions to replace the current Standards framework previously established by the Local Government Act 2000. One of the legislative changes introduced by the 2011 Act is the requirement for all Councils to adopt a new code of conduct, effective from 1st July 2012, that is consistent with the seven Nolan principles of conduct in public life and which provides for the registration and disclosure of pecuniary interests.

**Adoption of new Code of Conduct:** On 11th June 2012 Croughton Parish Council adopted the model Code of Conduct recommended by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC). Regulations defining the disclosable pecuniary interests were not available at the time and will need to be written into the model Code. The final and complete version of the Code will be published on the website [www.croughton.org.uk](http://www.croughton.org.uk) in due course.

### Other Business:

The Council reviewed its internal Control Processes and Corporate Complaints procedure, approved the Community Engagement Strategy 2012-2017 and the Publication Scheme, noted the Report of the Internal Auditor who had signed off Section 4 of the Annual Return for YE 31st March 2012, revised the format of the Action Plan, and discussed procedures for downloading data from the two Vehicle Activated Signs at Blenheim and Park End. Councillors will report on the inspection of amenities and assets, including the Allotments, Cemetery, Portway Pocket Park, Lighting Stock, Bus Shelter and Seats, at the next Meeting of the Parish Council.

**Date of Next Meetings:** 7.30 p.m. Monday 9 July 2012 and Monday 13 August 2012 in Croughton Village Hall. Members of the Public are invited to attend and have the opportunity to speak to items on the Agenda during Public Participation.

Police are appealing for anyone with information relating to the theft of a Green Goddess Fire Engine (a 1950s military vehicle) between 5.45pm on Tuesday 19 June and 10.30am on Wednesday 20 June.



Fencing was removed between Brackley Road and the grounds of the property to gain access to the vehicle. Anyone who may have seen this unique vehicle in the area or on the A43 is urged to contact police.

Witnesses to this incident, or anyone with information, should call Northamptonshire Police on 101 - alternatively, information can be given anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

### It's your vote, so don't lose it

South Northamptonshire Council starting sending out forms to all households from 6 July 2012 requiring residents to sign up for the electoral register.

Anyone who signed up for the electoral register last year and whose circumstances have not changed need only confirm their details on the forms being issued to all households by SNC. This can be done on the internet, freephone or text.

However, if you do need to notify a change from last year you will need to complete the form and post it back free of charge. Making any necessary changes will not take you long as the form is very simple and straightforward.

Registering is important for more reasons than having a vote as failure to do so can lead to refusals for loans or even mobile phone contracts. These methods of registration are only available from 6th July to 15th October 2012. At all other times residents should contact the Electoral Services Team on 01327 322128. More information is also available online at [www.southnorthants.gov.uk](http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk)

## What's On.

### Friday 6 July 8.00 pm

"Wines from the Commonwealth": Croughton Wine Appreciation Group wine tasting evening in the Village Hall.

### Monday 9 July, 7.30 pm

Parish Council Meeting in the Parish Room of Croughton Village Hall.

### Wednesday, 18 July, 7.30 pm

WI meeting in the Village Hall

### Tuesday 24 July, 6.15pm for a 6.30 start

History Group visit to Oxford University Press

### Monday 13 August, 7.30 pm

Parish Council Meeting in the Parish Room of Croughton Village Hall.

### Saturday 25 August 2012

Croughton Allotmenters 6th Annual Show exhibition will run from

### Friday 31 August

Entry forms to be in for the art & photography exhibition

## 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)

## Jubilee Day

Thanks to the great support for this wonderful day, we managed to raise a total of £4718 from all the events. Along with the donation from the Parish Council and sales of Croughton wine and calendars from before the event we have a current profit of £5223. Part of this money has already been allocated to the Church as they incorporated their annual fete within this celebration day and the balance will be split between village organisations as a lasting mark of the Jubilee. There are other events planned later in the year after which the final figure will be known.

Many thanks to everyone.

Jubilee Fund Committee.

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## Jubilee Event Photos

I took lots of pictures of the Jubilee event in June. I plan to put these on the village web site and maybe create a photobook as a record of the Jubilee or maybe offer prints if anyone wants some (proceeds go to the Jubilee fund). I would welcome people sending me any additional photos of the Jubilee you might like to the collection and be used in this way. Importantly, I would also like to hear from anyone who expressly does NOT want any pictures of themselves or their family used in this way. Either way please contact me Jamie Bodley-Scott at [croughtonjubilee@gmail.com](mailto:croughtonjubilee@gmail.com)



## Croughton History Group

On **Tuesday 24th July** we will be visiting the Oxford University Press for a tour of its museum which traces the history of the University's involvement in printing and publishing from the 15th century to the present day. We will be meeting at 6.15pm for a 6.30 start at the staff entrance on Walton Street and the tour will take about 45 minutes.

There is no charge. We are limited as to numbers but some places are still left. Members will be given preference. For further details contact [leo.coleman@btinternet.com](mailto:leo.coleman@btinternet.com) or [caroline@redworks.co.uk](mailto:caroline@redworks.co.uk).

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## Croughton WI

The June meeting turned into something of a surprise package. Sadly, Marcelle Siddall was ill and unable to bring her presentation, Fancy Stitch. This will be re-scheduled. However, Vee and Keith Griffiths, two of Croughton's comparatively new residents, offered to give a presentation and demonstration of kite flying. The weather was kind and following a preliminary talk in the Parish Room, everyone (including a few husbands) trooped out to watch the skills of Vee and Keith. The synchronised "ballet" of two kites was beautiful.

The next meeting on **Wednesday, 18 July**, begins and ends at the village hall - at the usual time of 7.30 p.m. Diane Watts and Pam Robbins have devised a treasure hunt around the village for members. It may be wise for residents to remain indoors! There will not be a meeting in August.

## Croughton's 6th Annual Show

**Saturday 25th August 2012**



Show programmes and entry forms have now been delivered to all homes in Croughton and will be available to download from the Croughton website throughout July and August - <http://www.croughton.org.uk/index.php/village-life/societies-and-clubs/allotmenters/>

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.

Please do not forget all you keen photographers the categories for 2012 are:

'THE DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS' With the many events throughout the district and for those of you who have been lucky enough to go to London during the recent celebrations we are expecting a huge amount of photographs in this category.

'WOOD' Keep clicking - let your imagination run wild!!

All photographs to be in colour - printed 5" x 7" maximum.

This year we have added needlecraft to our Homecraft section - for those of you with nimble fingers. As the bunting making day in May was so successful we have included a piece of 'kitchen bunting'. Our kitchen bunting is for 12 pieces of material and we have been asked to expand on our requirements. Your 12 individual triangles can be of your own design and size; with or without gaps in between each triangle. The length will be defined by the gaps in between but please add extra tape on each end for displaying at the show and afterwards allowing you can proudly display it in your own kitchen.

We have also been asked about the computer designed 21st century scarecrow in the children's section. This should not be a printed picture from a website but one of the child's own design using their imagination and computer skills.

We have also added a fixed recipe cake this year for the first time. Please see your programme for details. It has been tried and tested - yummy!

If anyone has anything to donate to the raffle it would be greatly appreciated; we will collect. Please call Shirley on 810862. The Katherine House Hospice will benefit from our show this year and we think it is a very worthy cause so please support us.



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## Art & Photography Exhibition

Calling all artists, photographers, sculptors and crafts-people in Croughton! In September this year we will be holding an art & photography exhibition in the Reading Room as part of the on-going fund-raising activities on behalf of the Croughton Jubilee Fund. All artists in the village, both amateur and professional, are invited to enter original work for the exhibition including drawings, paintings, photographs, textiles, pottery and other crafts. The exhibition will run from **Friday 14 September to Sunday 16 September**. Entry forms need to be in by August 31st.

If you would like more details or would like an entry form, please contact Fran ([franbs@btinternet.com](mailto:franbs@btinternet.com), tel: 01869 811 823) or Caroline ([caroline@redworks.co.uk](mailto:caroline@redworks.co.uk), tel: 01869 810 443).

## What a Great Day!

As the Chairman of the Parish Council I would like to use this newsletter to express my thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make Jubilee Day Celebrations the tremendous success that it was.

This was not organized by the Council but we were able to assist the Committee with a grant to allow them to meet any up front payments that became necessary. The event has been described as one of the best things in the village, in living memory, and certainly it involved more people in the organization and on the day and even tidying up afterwards than we have seen for a long time.

It is impossible for me to name all those that gave their time and effort to make this happen, but I must thank Jamie and Fran Bodley-Scott for masterminding the whole event. They spent several months in planning and sent many hundreds of emails organizing all the meetings of the many committees involved that made this such a successful day. It was a tremendous achievement.

Thanks are also due to Lori Dunn of the American Spouses Club who arranged for help of the American personnel who erected the tents and ran their own stall. Their presence added greatly to occasion and Lt Col Mike Callender made an excellent MC for the day.

All in all it was a wonderful day for village involvement, let's hope we can build on it for the future.

Brian Tomlin  
Chairman Croughton Parish Council.

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## Church Fete as part of the Jubilee Celebrations

We would like to thank all those who helped us with the Church fete on 4th June - by donating prizes, plants and items for the 'Good as New' stall, baking cakes and scones and manning the stalls and tea tent. We could not manage without the kind and generous support of so many of you, and we are extremely grateful.

It was a hugely successful day, and having the privilege of being linked with the jubilee celebrations made it even more special. Through the efforts of so many, the organ repair fund will benefit, in addition to general Church funds. Thank you so much!

Chris Tomlin, Pam Robbins and Pamela Gelder,  
joint organisers of Church fete.

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## Badminton

School term only we are holding a badminton club at the Croughton village hall. Times 4-5 and 6-7. All abilities welcome.

Cost will be dependent on numbers, but we anticipate cost being between £2 and £3

Contact:

Heather Hamp (heather.hamp@btinternet.com) or 01869 811104; Louise Norton (partonnorton@gmail.com) or 01869 811763; Evelina Horring (ehorring@ballcolegrave.com) or 01869 811697.



(Astwick Vale Benefice: Aynho and Croughton with Evenley and Farthinghoe and Hinton-the-Hedges with Steane)

### ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CROUGHTON

*Croughton Church is a beautiful ancient and ageless church, enhanced by mediaeval wall paintings, peaceful and steeped in prayer - a welcoming Christian focus for the whole village.*

#### Appointment of Rector

Revd Simon Dommert will be taking up the position of Rector of the benefice on Tuesday 4th September (installation service at 7.30pm at St Michael's Aynho). Until then, please contact the Church Wardens in the first instance on any matters for which you would normally contact the Rector: Angie Robbins, tel: 811445 angierobbins@mail.com and Mary Marriott, tel: 810267 dollshouse59@gmail.com. You may also contact the Benefice Office on 01869 810903.

#### SERVICES AND NOTICES

##### Sunday 1st July, 4th of Trinity

11.00 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	Aynho (HW)
9.30 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	Croughton (COR)
9.30 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	Farthinghoe (HW)
11.00 am	<i>Family Worship</i>	Hinton-in-the-Hedges (Lay team)

##### Sunday 8th July, 5th after Trinity

9.30 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	Aynho (HW)
11.00 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	Evenley (HW)
3.30 pm	<i>Fête and Songs of Praise</i>	Farthinghoe (DM)

##### Sunday 15th July, 6th after Trinity

11.00 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	Aynho (WU)
11.00 am	<i>Family Worship</i>	Evenley (Lay team)
10.00 am	<i>Family Worship</i>	Farthinghoe (Lay team)
11.00 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	Hinton-in-the-Hedges (DM)

##### Sunday 22nd July, 7th after Trinity

10.00 am	<i>Benefice Holy Communion</i>	Croughton (HW)
6.00 pm	<i>Songs of Praise</i>	Steane (COR)

##### Sunday 29th July, 8th after Trinity

10.00 am	<i>Benefice Holy Communion</i>	Hinton-in-the-Hedges (HW)
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COR = Carrie O'Regan; DM = David Morgan;  
WU = William Usher; HW = Revd Hugh Warwick

## Fed up with the telly?

Then come and join us at the Croughton Short Mat Bowls Club and have a go!!

We meet every Monday evening at the Village Hall at 7.30pm. It's all very friendly and informal. All equipment is provided. Contact Cyril Fletcher, telephone 01869 810207.

## Your local branch of Cats Protection needs your help!

Cherwell Cats Protection cares for and rehomes, stray and unwanted cats and kittens in the areas around Bicester, Brackley, Banbury and Kidlington.

We always have a waiting list of cats needing our help and care, but sadly, they often have a long wait because we have run out of places for them to stay. We rely on warm and caring people who will happily foster a cat or kittens in their own home, until the cats 'forever' home comes along.

If you have room in your house and your heart, to care on a temporary basis for an unwanted moggy, join us as one of our special fosterers?

The charity pays all the costs and the fosterer gives all the love and care.

If you think you would like to be one of these special people, call Pat on 07716 596212 and find out how you can join Cherwell branch and help make a difference to the lives of our feline friends.

## Can you Help?

Do you have a couple of hours free once a fortnight to become a Home Visitor/Befriender for Northamptonshire Association for the Blind? Right now we have blind and partially sighted people in your area who urgently need support to overcome isolation and regain their confidence. Our Volunteer roles vary to suit your skills and preferences. Volunteers can help with tasks such as:

- assistance with reading mail, newspapers
- occasional shopping trips
- accompanying clients on short walks, visits to the doctor or hospital

By giving up just a little of your time to become a volunteer will make a huge difference on someone's life.

To volunteer or find out more, contact Rachel Cave Volunteer Co-ordinator:

nab Helpline: 01604 719193 Mobile: 07889 411274  
Email: rachel@nab.org.uk Visit: www.nab.org.uk

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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** Brian 01869 810124  
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**

## Croughton Lunch Club

Held on **4th Tuesday of the month** at The Stratton Arms, Turweston. We meet at 12.30 for lunch at 1pm. All Welcome. Annual membership £3.00. Call Diane Watts on 01869 811732 or Carol Dyson on 01869 810293.

## Inspired?

The Three Spires Challenge takes place on **Saturday 14 July** in Adderbury. What's the Three Spires Challenge? You can choose between a 'Half Marathon' run, '10k' run, 'Half Marathon' walk, and junior fun runs. Enter online or print out an entry form from Adderbury Running Club's website:  
<http://www.adderburyrunningclub.co.uk/EntForm12.html>  
or pick up a form from Taste Buds, High Street, Adderbury. Entries close on 15 June. The Half and 10k both offer varied and challenging routes, plus beautiful scenery and a friendly atmosphere.

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)