



CROUGHTON PARISH NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2012

CROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 14th May 2012

Elections and Appointments:

Councillor Brian Tomlin was elected Chairman of Croughton Parish Council having served as Vice Chairman since 2009. During that time Cllr Tomlin, as highway representative, has been unswerving in his efforts to report highway defects and to press for measures to improve road safety. Councillor Pamela Gelder was elected Vice Chairman.

A vote of thanks was recorded in warm tribute to Cllr Gelder who had distinguished herself as Chairman over the previous three years. 2011 was the midpoint of Cllr Gelder's Chairmanship and noteworthy for the award of Quality Status in January and the smooth and professional transition to a fully elected Parish Council in May that year.

Cllr Fran Bodley-Scott was appointed Tree Warden and Mr Paul Jones Parish Paths Warden. Paul is now in his tenth year as Parish Paths Warden! The Parish Council is grateful to Paul for his commitment to our local Rights of Way network, which is enjoyed by many walkers and horse riders. The County Council is 'refreshing' its Parish Highway Warden Scheme. Until this is finalised Cllr Tomlin will continue to monitor matters in Croughton.

Creation of Footpath along Brackley Road: The Parish Council would like to thank those Brackley Road residents who responded to the consultation and took the trouble to comment fully. Of the responses returned the majority were in favour of a footpath along one side of the carriageway. The Parish Council considers that a footpath would improve pedestrian safety and, as one of its Action Plan Objectives for 2012/13, hopes that once the County Council has assessed the feedback it (NCC) will carry out a feasibility study.

Planning: Prospective wind turbines at Gateridge Farm: The Parish Council was consulted on the environmental information the developer proposes to include within its Supporting Statement, which will be supplied as part of an anticipated planning application to be submitted later in the year. This documentation relating to the scope of works was considered to be incomplete by the Parish Council. Creation of three course fishing lakes at former Astwick Quarry: There were no objections to the revised site layout showing the facilities building located at the southeast corner of the site.

Administrative: The Council renewed its insurance policy for the year, updated the Asset Register, and approved the Annual Return for Year Ending 31st March 2012 in anticipation of the Internal and External Audits. Electors may exercise their rights in respect of the Accounts between 6th June and 3rd July. Please refer to the parish noticeboards situated at the Village Hall, Reading Room and Co-Op for details or contact the Clerk on 01869 819905. Email clerk@croughton.org.uk

Dates of next Meetings: Monday 11th June 2012 and Monday 9th July 2012. Members of the public and the press are invited to attend and have the opportunity to ask questions on items on the Agenda. Meetings open at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Room of Croughton Village Hall.

Lost Property

Croughton Jubilee celebration (Saturday 2nd June) lost property - Any one lost a Northface 7/8 yr old (S/P) size jacket? Any one lost a blue Regatta fleece 7/8 yr old?

Contact Sam Durno 01869 811308.

What's On.

Monday 11 June, 7.30 pm

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

Wednesday 20 June, 7.30 pm.

WI meeting in the Village Hall.

Tuesday 26 June, 7.30 pm.

History Group meeting in the Village Hall

Tuesday 3 July, from 6.30pm

Meeting with Youth Worker from NAYC at the Village Hall.

Friday 6 July 8.00 pm

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

Monday 9 July, 7.30 pm

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

Saturday 25 August 2012

Croughton Allotmenters 6th Annual Show Saturday

Croughton Village Website

For all information on events, parish council meetings and general information etc., please go to the website:

www.croughton.org.uk

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New Sector Commander for South Northants

Inspector Helen Pritchett has taken over the role of Sector Commander for South Northamptonshire following the retirement of Inspector Alex Terry. Inspector Pritchett is pleased to be returning to South Northamptonshire where she started her career as a

constable in 1984. Inspector Pritchett also served as a sergeant in the district between 2000 and 2003.

Inspector Pritchett says, "We will be focussing on offenders and offending, reducing violence, improving public confidence in us as a police service and resolving as many reported crimes as possible. We work closely with our partner agencies. Feedback is important to us. I encourage people to make us aware of their thoughts and concerns by speaking with officers and PCSOs face to face, calling us or via our website."

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 14th 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, tel: 01869 811 823) or Caroline (caroline@redworks.co.uk, tel: 01869 810 443).



Croughton Colts Football Club

Croughton Colts FC hosted their first ever 5-a-side football tournament on the 26th May in order to raise money for some new goals for next season. A total of 8 teams competed for the 'Diamond Jubilee Trophy', in glorious hot summer sunshine the teams produced some excellent matches. Croughton Colts Tornados won Group A with Chadlington topping Group B. In the quarter finals the Tornados defeated Charlton & District 3-1, and then in a close game defeated Brackley Athletic Jaffa's 1-0. Chadlington were their opponents in the final, unfortunately Jack Connor injured his ankle in the quarter final and struggled to move making life difficult for the Tornados as they did not have a substitute. However the Tornados gave Chadlington a run for their money before eventually going down 1-0. Special mention to Jack Connor and Cameron Corbett who both scored hat-tricks in the tournament. A total of £735.00 was raised by the hardworking parents of the boys and it turned out to be a fantastic day. The Colts will shortly begin free coaching sessions for 6, 7 and 8 year olds on Sunday mornings.

Calling all young people aged 10-16.

"Do You Want A Youth Club?" To find out more and ask questions get along to a Drop-in event on Tuesday July 3rd at the Village Hall from 6.30pm. Meet Iain a Youth Worker from NAYC. And get some FREE Pizza.

For further details please contact the Parish Council.
Email: clerk@croughton.org.uk



Croughton Wine Appreciation Group

"Wines from the Commonwealth"
Wine tasting with Majestic Wines
Friday 6 July at 8pm, Croughton Village Hall

To play our part in marking this Diamond Jubilee year, Croughton's Wine Appreciation Group invite you to an evening of "Wines from the Commonwealth". Majestic Wines (how appropriate is that for our Jubilee-themed event!) will be our hosts for the evening, and they will be bringing a selection of wines from Commonwealth Countries for us to try. When you think that the Commonwealth includes some of the major wine producing nations (think New Zealand, Australia, South Africa and of course the UK), this promises to be an interesting evening with wines from some quality producers.

The event starts at 8pm. Price for members £7, for non-members £10. Everyone is very welcome to come along. Please let us know by July 2nd if you would like to come so that we can ensure we have sufficient wines and food for everyone. Contact us via email: croughtonwag@gmail.com or call Claire on 810987.

Thank you to everyone who came to our AGM and wine tasting in May. You will find the complete tasting notes and details of the scores on our website:
www.croughton.org.uk/index.php/village-life/societies-and-clubs/wine-club/

Become a member: There is still time to renew your membership, or join if you would like to become a member of the group. The membership fee for the year is staying at £10.



Croughton History Group

Tuesday, 26 June, will see a welcome return of Laura Malpas, Visitor Manager at Canon's Ashby, to talk about "Romance, Death and a Labour of Love", stories from the 450 year-old garden at Canon's Ashby. She will describe the development of the garden, its decline during the 20th century and its recent rejuvenation by the National Trust. Lots of pictures, before and after.

Meeting 7.30pm in the Village Hall. £1 members, £3 non-members, including refreshments. For further details contact 01869 810124, b.tomlin332@btinternet.com or 01869 810545 leo.coleman@btinternet.com.

For the diary, on Tuesday 24 July we have arranged an evening visit to the Oxford University Press, details to follow.

Jean Coles' Coffee Morning

...in April raised £202.40 for the church organ repair fund. Jean would like to thank all her helpers and supporters.

Croughton WI

The weather put paid to Pimms in the garden of the Old Station House, Newton Percell arranged for Wednesday, 16 May. However, the women of Croughton will not be deterred by damp weather conditions! The Pimms and nibbles were transferred to the village hall where Margaret showed slides illustrating the development and expansion of the garden - inspirational.

The next meeting takes place on **Wednesday, 20 June**, in the village hall at 7.30pm. This promises to be an interesting meeting about a South African women's charity called Fancy Stitch, where women make and sell traditional crafts. The talk will be led by Marcelle Siddal, herself a South African and a staunch promoter of this group of women. Some of the crafts will be available for sale. Visitors are welcome.

Croughton Allotmenters

6th Annual Show Saturday 25th August 2012

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 2012 are:

'THE DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS'
'WOOD' - Let your imagination run wild!!

All photographs to be in colour - printed 5" x 7" maximum. We look forward to receiving lots of entries, so start clicking

At the show every year we raise money for our chosen charity, which this year will be The Katherine House Hospice. We think it is a very worthy cause so please support us.

Domestic heating oil - low summer prices

Since the launch of the Northamptonshire ACRE bulk oil buying scheme last October, our membership has grown to over 100, and savings ranging from £25 to £30 per 500 litres ordered have successfully been negotiated each month.

Members benefit from achieving the lowest possible prices without having to shop around or to commit to buying in large volumes. In addition, the community benefits from reduced tanker traffic on our rural roads, making it safer, quieter and more environmentally friendly.

During the summer months oil prices are usually at their lowest, so now is a great time for new members to join the scheme and for existing members to plan ahead with their orders.

Please don't hesitate to contact us for more details:
Northamptonshire Action for Communities in Rural England

Website: www.northantsacre.org.uk

E-mail: oil@northantsacre.org.uk

Phone: 01604 765888



(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 Dommett 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 dollhouse59@gmail.com. You may also contact the Benefice Office on 01869 810903.

SERVICES AND NOTICES

Sunday 3rd June, Trinity Sunday

10.00 am	<i>Diamond Jubilee</i>	
	<i>Thanksgiving Service</i>	Aynho (WU)
9.30 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	Croughton (HW)
11.00 am	<i>Diamond Jubilee</i>	
	<i>Thanksgiving Service</i>	Farthinghoe (COR)
11.00 am	<i>Family Worship</i>	Hinton-in-the-Hedges (Lay team)

Sunday 10th June, 1st after Trinity

9.30 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	Aynho (HW)
2.30 pm	<i>Baptism</i>	Croughton (GB)
11.00 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	Evenley (HW)
6.00 pm	<i>Evening Prayer</i>	Farthinghoe (COR)

Sunday 17th June, 2nd after Trinity

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

Sunday 24th June, 3rd of Trinity

10.00 am	<i>Benefice Holy Communion</i>	Evenley (HW)
6.00 pm	<i>Evening Prayer</i>	Steane (HW)

Sunday 1st July, 4th of Trinity

11.00 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	Aynho
9.30 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	Croughton
9.30 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	Farthinghoe
11.00 am	<i>Family Worship</i>	Hinton-in-the-Hedges

GB = Revd Gill Barker; TB = Tim Boswell;
MG/PG = Morey and Peter Gompertz; COR=Carrie O'Regan
WU = William Usher; HW = Revd Hugh Warwick.

Virgin London Marathon Update

Nearly four weeks ago and after 500+ miles of training, I lined up at the start of the Virgin London Marathon with around 37,000 other runners to take part in one of the most physically and mentally demanding activities a 'normal' person can hope to undertake.

I am really chuffed (and relieved) to have completed the 26 miles and collect my Virgin London Marathon medal, but my personal gain was always of secondary importance. I started this journey to raise some much needed funds for Children With Cancer UK and, whilst I still have a couple of donations left to collect, in total I have raised over £2,200 for this great cause which is wholly due to the generosity of my family, friends, neighbours and colleagues. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who baked, contributed, attended one of my events or donated money to support - THANK YOU!

I have balloted to enter the 2013 Virgin London Marathon, so watch this space in October to see whether I am successful in the ballot...

Shawn Battista

Lottery support for local Sight Loss Charity

A vital support service for people with visual impairment in Northamptonshire today receives over £290,000 as part of the latest awards from the Big Lottery Fund. The money comes from BIGs Reaching Communities programme, working across the country to help improve the lives of disadvantaged people.

The funding supports Northamptonshire Association for the Blind's (NAB) innovative Enable Service which helps adults and children who are blind or partially sighted to live independently within the community and make the most of what life has to offer.

To find out more about services provided by Northamptonshire Association for the Blind please call their Helpline: 01604 719193 or 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

Guitar Lessons in Croughton

We have a new musician in the Village. Luke Rickett moved to the village last October from Oxford where he studied Music and taught the guitar. With 15 years experience as a professional musician and private teacher, Luke is now available for private lessons at competitive rates and is happy to teach whatever you want to learn. First consultation is free, beginners of all ages welcome. If you are interested please email Lukerickett@gmail.com or call 01869 819960.

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