



CROUGHTON NEWS

December 2012

Croughton Active

Thank you to all the adults that assisted with the youth session at the Reading Room on Wednesday 28th November. It was another successful evening and will be repeated in January, so we would like to increase our pool of volunteers helpers. We also need to form a committee of three or four people to register as a club with SNC so that we can take advantage of any grants that may be available to assist with running the activities and to pay for the hire of the hall. At the moment the activities are held once a month, so if you can help, just for two hours, even on an occasional basis, please contact the Parish Clerk on 01869 819905 or email clerk@croughton.org.uk

Croughton carol singing— change of date now 20th December

Due to a number of prospective singers being otherwise engaged, we've decided to move the Carol Singing round the village to **Thursday 20 December**, at 6pm, meeting in the Park End lay by.

Carol sheets (words) will be provided. Everyone welcome. Proceeds from any collection will go to the church and the school.

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

Croughton Colts Football Club

Croughton Colts Football Club under 11's continue to dominate the Witney & District Youth Football League White League, with wins over Bardwell Youth 6-1, Brackley Athletic 4-1, Bourton Youth 2-0, Charlton & District 8-5, Bardwell Youth 2-1 and a 3-3 draw with Launton Youth. The team are currently sitting proudly on top of the league in this our first season.

The Colts recently set up their own floodlights for winter training, a new generator was purchased along with 2 x 400 Watt floodlights kindly donated by Paul Adams Electrical. The boys also received their brand new tracksuits from Darren Moss Tiling Services who has sponsored the Colts from day one.

The club will be expanding next season with teams from under 7's upwards joining the Colts. If you wish to register an interest in your child joining the Colts please contact Steve Connor on 01280 704174 or 07806 556057. Special thanks to Rob & Vera from the Blackbird who judged the competition to design the Colts club emblem.

The next edition of the Coughton News will be out early in January. 2013.

Articles and announcements are very welcome and should be sent to the editor by **Thursday 27th December 2012.**

If you find yourself thinking 'that should be in the Croughton News' then write it down and send it in. The more people who contribute to this newsletter the more varied and interesting it will become.

Submissions to Georgina Lucas, 50 Portway Drive, Croughton, tel 01869 810923 or email galucas@waitrose.com

What's On.

Friday 7 December, 8pm

"Wines for the festive season": Croughton Wine Appreciation Group wine tasting evening in Croughton Village Hall.

Monday 10 December, 7.30 pm

Parish Council Meeting in Croughton Village Hall.

Tuesday 11 December 7.30pm

Jubilee Team meeting in the Parish Room.

Friday 14 December, 8pm

Film Club ("Salmon Fishing in the Yemen")- in Croughton Village Hall.

Wednesday 26 December (Boxing Day), 11am

Brackley Morris Men at The Blackbird.

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 12th November 2012

Highway Safety: As reported in the November issue highway hazards along a stretch of the High Street were being addressed. Members were in favour of extending the recently applied painting of the corner kerbing at the laybys to make them even more noticeable.

The Parish Council is hopeful that a 20 mph speed limit from the junction at Mill Lane to the School will be introduced in the next financial year. Data collected and analysed from the two VAS devices shows that the volume of vehicles travelling through the village is excessive and that drivers of vehicles travelling over the speed limit do not appear to moderate their speed through the centre of the village.

NCC has published Safer Winter Driving leaflets illustrating winter salting routes 2012–2013 and advice for both pedestrians and drivers. A few leaflets are available from the Village Hall. Otherwise for gritting updates etc please visit www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/gritting

Allotments: Care of the wall continues with a 50% reduction in the height of the holly tree, and completion in the Spring of the removal of ivy growth. The Parish Council is also minded to create a narrow path on the south side of the site parallel to the length of the wall. Thank you to Mr Richard Golsby for carting away rubble and debris from the pigsties to complete the overall improvement of these semi detached structures.

Date of Next Meeting: 7.30 p.m. 10th December 2012 at Croughton Village Hall.

Don't forget the chance to have your say in the Budget Setting process for 2013/2014 at 7 p.m. prior to the start of the Meeting.

The Parish Council would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The first Parish Council Meeting of 2013 will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 14th January in Croughton Village Hall.

Contacting the Parish Council: The Clerk may be contacted at Croughton Village Hall, by telephone 01869 819905 or email clerk@croughton.org.uk

Please remember to provide your contact details as anonymous correspondence is unable to be considered. Thank you.

Northamptonshire County Council Launches Star Appeal

Do you have star quality?

Star Quality Foster Carers are urgently needed for short term and permanent placements for children of all ages to add to the 215 council foster placements currently in Northamptonshire.

If you are interested in helping children in need, have time and energy, a sense of humour and an ability to talk to children, NCC's fostering team would like to hear from you.

The council has 18 foster carers in the South Northamptonshire area but does need more.

Foster carers are paid a weekly allowance and receive a full training package.

For more information call the fostering recruitment line on 0300 126 1009 or visit our website www.fosterme.co.uk

Reporting a Faulty Footway Light

1. Note the number of the light that is faulty. The Parish Council has 56 Lights, each numbered 1-56, with the number on either the column or bracket.
2. Note the location of the faulty unit.
3. Report the number and location to the parish Office giving a brief description of the fault.

Email: clerk@croughton.org.uk

Tel: 01869 819905. The fault will then be reported to the Parish Council's Lighting Contractor for remedial action.

Please note that NCC is not responsible for the footway lights but is responsible for Highway Lighting and for the illuminated highway signage.

Reporting a minor Highway Defect

1. Contact Street Doctor using the online reporting system – www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor

Thank you

“Wines for the festive season”

Wine Tasting with the Croughton Wine Appreciation Group

Friday December 7th at 8pm,
Croughton Village Hall

December: The Wine Appreciation Group is kick-starting the festive season with a Christmas wine tasting on December 7th at 8pm in the Village Hall. If you haven't booked yet, there may still be space so contact us now by email: croughtonwag@gmail.com or call Claire on 810987.

New Year dates for your diaries: in the New Year we will be holding wine tasting evenings on Feb 1st, March 15th and April 26th. Details of each event to follow.

Prices for members £7, non-members £10.

Everyone is very welcome to come.

Details of all our events and tasting notes for all the wines we have tasted are on the village website: www.croughton.org.uk/index.php/village-life/societies-and-clubs/wine-club



Croughton WI

The November meeting consisted of some business discussion and members reading their choice of poems and prose within the theme of Autumn to Christmas. Choices were both varied and appreciated.

In December, members meet at the Deddington Arms for the annual Christmas meal. 25 ladies have booked for what is always a great beginning to the festive season. Croughton does enjoy its social occasions where members can get to know each other and share experiences.



Croughton History Group

As usual we have no event in December.

Next meeting **22nd January**, History of the Ffestiniog Railway. The rest of the 2013 programme will be published shortly.

Croughton Diamond Jubilee Photo Book. On sale now



So what are your memories of the Diamond Jubilee events in Croughton on 2nd June? Were you in the parade along the High Street or watching the Morris Dancers outside the pub? Do you remember all the market stalls and the burger burn? And then there was the tug of war, the dancers, the fancy dress parade, the sumo wrestling, face painting, bowling, and 2 miles of bunting. And don't forget the barn dance and fish & chips in the evening. What a day!

The Croughton Jubilee Fund team has created a beautiful full-colour photo book as a record of everything that happened on the day. This hard-backed book is on sale now for £24.95, and for every book sold £4 will be donated to the Croughton Jubilee Fund.

You can purchase the book online. Go to the Blurb website at: <http://www.blurb.co.uk/bookstore/detail/3645680>

Film club

Our fourth film of the season is that sparkling comedy "Salmon Fishing in the Yemen" (an unlikely title!) to be shown on **Friday 14 December** in the Village Hall at 8pm.

The film stars Ewan McGregor and Emily Blunt and is about a visionary sheik who believes that his passion for the peaceful pastime of salmon fishing, can enrich the lives of his people. Willing to spare no expense, he instructs his representative to turn the dream into reality, an extraordinary feat that will require the involvement of Britain's leading fisheries expert who happens to think the project both absurd and unachievable. That is, until the Prime Minister's overzealous press secretary latches on to it as a 'good will' story. Now, this unlikely team will put it all on the line and embark on an upstream journey of faith and fish, to prove that the impossible is - possible!

Doors open 7.30 pm Admission:- £3 for members and children; £4.50 for guests.

Our next three films for early 2013 are planned to be "My Weekend with Marilyn"; "The Help"; "Hugo". We live in hope that "Skyfall" will be released on DVD in time for our eighth and final showing of the season!

We look forward to seeing you there to experience our brand new surround sound system!!

Croughton Memories

I have started a Facebook group called Croughton Memories. Does anyone have any old photos of Croughton that I could borrow and scan into the group? (I will be very careful with them and will get them back to you very quickly). Please give me a ring - Sally Masey, 01869 811010 or 07834 829585.

If you would like to join the group, you can add photos yourself



All Saints Church, Services and Notices

I would invite you this Christmas to visit the crib in your local church, to join in the celebration of Christmas carols and reflect on the wonder of that moment in history we celebrate at Christmas, of Emmanuel, God with us.

Happy Christmas — Simon Dommett

Sunday 9th December

9:30am Communion at Aynho
11am Communion at Evenley
2:30pm WI Carol Service at Evenley
4pm Family Christingle Praise at Croughton
6pm Lessons and carols at Farthinghoe

Sunday 16th December

9:30am Communion at Croughton
10am Family Service at Farthinghoe
11am Family Toy Service at Evenley
11am Communion at Hinton-in-the-Hedges
5pm Lessons and carols at Aynho

Sunday 23rd December

10am United Benefice Communion at Evenley
3pm Carols and Readings at Evenley
5pm Family Carols at Croughton-Come and hear the Christmas story for families
7pm Lessons and Carols at Hinton-in-the-Hedges

Christmas Eve 24th December

4pm Family Crib Service at Farthinghoe
4:30pm Carols on the Green at Aynho (informal carol singing)
11pm Midnight Mass at Farthinghoe

Christmas Day 25th December

9:30am Christmas Communion at Aynho
9:30am Family Christmas Service at Croughton
11am Family Christmas Service at Evenley
11am Christmas Communion at Hinton-in-the-Hedges

Sunday 30th December

10am United Benefice Communion at Aynho

Benefice Team

Rector: Revd Simon Dommett, The Rectory, Croughton Rd., Aynho, Banbury, Oxon OX17 3BD 01869 810903. the.revd.simon@gmail.com

Assistant: Revd Hugh Warwick 01869 819596

Lay Readers: Carrie O'Regan 01280 702300; William Usher 01869 810673

Church Contacts: Angie Robbins 01869 811445, Mary Marriott 01869 810267.

Knitting patterns request

I was wondering if any of your readers have any used dolls and toys knitting or crochet patterns they don't use anymore [even magazine copies], I am learning to knit & crochet and these are very hard to find now as sadly there are not many wools shops about these days

Thank you - Sophia Fisher (I have spent a few great holidays in your part of the country)

p.s. of course I will refund any postage costs

Logs for sale

Seasoned logs from Croughton! Delivered to your door. Small load - £60 Large load - £100

Please contact Will on 07952 394147
or wjharper1@yahoo.co.uk

Christmas Eve at the Blackbird Inn

Music will be provided by Paul Franklin's disco — join us for a great evening.

The Croughton Morris Men

Did you know that in 1731, the Croughton Morris Men performed at Aynho House, the seat of the Cartwright family. They danced on two separate occasions and were paid half a crown each time. (From *Northants Record Office, Cartwright papers ML 1307, Account Books 1722-1735*).



Although there's no longer an active morris side in Croughton, the Brackley Men like to keep up the tradition in the village by dancing here from time to time. After last year's warm welcome, they're returning to dance again this **Boxing Day, 11am at The Blackbird**. They're in their recruiting season, so do come along to see the fun and to enquire about joining. www.thebrackleymorrismen.org.uk



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The Croughton Newsletter is published by the Parish Council.

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 811102 or email croughtonvillagehall@gmail.com

Computer classes especially for Over 50s

The MCS Specialist School Community Team are proud to present our series of computer classes especially for Over 50s.

Tuesdays 10.30-12.00am

8th January-5th February: Explore The Internet

19 February-26 March: How to use E-Mail

Wednesdays 10.30am-12:00pm

9th January-6th February: Beginners Picasa (laptop needed)

20 February-27 March: Windows Movie Maker (laptop needed)

Thursdays 9.30am-11:00am

10th January-7th February: Advanced Picasa (laptop needed)

21 February-28 March: Windows Movie Maker (laptop needed)

All Sessions are £5.00 payable on the day.

Contact: Anne Brady, Community Manager

Magdalen College School, Brackley NN13 7DW

Tel: 01280 846330 email: anne.brady@magdalen.northants.sch.uk

Northamptonshire Police is reminding vehicle owners not to leave their engine running whilst their vehicle is unattended. Please allow extra time to safely clear your windscreen in the morning. Stay with the vehicle while doing so.

Remember to remove the ignition key and lock all doors when filling up with petrol or just popping into the shop.

