



CROUGHTON PARISH NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2012

CROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting held on 13th February 2012

Planning: The Parish Council had no objections to the proposal for a single micro wind generator mounted on a 22 meter high mast at Manor Farm, and noted the proposed demolition of building 41 at RAF Croughton. The annual renewal of street trading consent for the Catering amenity at the A43 layby, northbound also met with no objections.

Footway Lighting: The Council made an initial consideration of potential energy saving options of around 35%-55% offered by its lighting contractor. It concluded that the benefit of fitting replacement control gear (at a cost of approx. £100 per unit) in order to convert existing lanterns would not be achieved for several years and could not be justified at present. Energy savings of around 30% are also possible by reducing lighting up times. At an outgoing cost of £30 per lamp this is a less expensive option but the Council was not convinced of the desirability of re-programming individual lamps from an All Night (dusk to dawn) schedule to a Part Night operation whereby the lamp is off between midnight and 5.30 a.m. It should also be borne in mind that any reversal of changes made would also incur costs. The Council is interested to explore energy saving options from other suppliers whilst continuing to maintain the safe and reliable functioning of its current lighting stock of 56 lamps.

Statutory Matters: The Parish Council revised its Financial Regulations, received the Report of the Internal Auditor (no actions arising) and noted the main provisions of The Localism Act 2012 in terms of standards and interests (Councils must adopt a new Code of Conduct by the end of June 2012).

Policies: The CPC Statement on Charitable Giving was adopted and the process of reviewing the Emergency Plan embarked upon. The draft Community Engagement Strategy 2012-2017 is being put out for consultation with feedback to be presented at the Annual Parish Assembly. Your views are welcome. Find out more by visiting the Parish Council Documents page on the website www.croughton.org.uk

Footpath along Brackley Road: The Parish Council supports residents' requests for a footpath along Brackley Road and agreed to press for this once again with the Highway Authority.

Electoral Review of Northamptonshire: Visit the website www.lgbce.org.uk for information on the proposals which will impact on the south of Northamptonshire. The number of divisions in the district will be reduced by two, necessitating a geographic reorganisation, balanced in terms of electorate (average of 10,000 electors) and community identity.

Village Networks Project: Mr Nick King, Co-ordinator, South Northants Volunteer Bureau, will speak about Village Networks at 7 p.m. before the opening of the next Parish Council Meeting on Monday 12th March 2012 at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Room of Croughton Village Hall. Village Networks has a modern well equipped mobile unit staffed by experts who will bring debt and

benefit advice, as well as support for job seekers, OUT to Croughton, as well as transport residents INTO places to access services and support. Members of the public are welcome to attend. This may be of special interest to village groups who may wish to consider registering as Group Members of the scheme to take advantage of the 16 seater minibus hire.

Please note that due to the Easter bank holiday the April Meeting of the Parish Council will be held a week later than usual - on **Monday 16 April 2012**.

STOP PRESS!

Croughton Parish Council invites residents to an OPEN FORUM at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 5th March 2012

in the Parish Room of Croughton Village Hall
to find out more about Application No: S/2012/0175/FUL

Proposal: Erection of 9 affordable homes including new adopted roadway, new rear service roadway to Townend Farm and associated services

Location: Land off Brackley Road, Croughton

Housing Officers will be in attendance to:

- explain the history leading to the submission of this application
- explain what is meant by affordable housing, and
- to answer your questions about the proposal

All residents are welcome to attend

Please note: This is not a formal Parish Council Meeting although it will be hosted by the Parish Council and chaired by Cllr Pamela Gelder. No decision on the application will be taken at the Open Forum.

The Parish Council will formally consider the application at the next Parish Council Meeting to be held on 12th March 2012.

The application can be viewed on the SNC website.
Visit: <http://snc.planning-register.co.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=66276>

What's On.

Friday 9 March, 8.00 p.m., (doors open at 7.30)

Croughton Cinema, "Oranges and Sunshine". In the Village Hall.

Monday 12 March, 7.30 p.m.

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

Thursday 15 March; 7.00pm-10.00pm,

Ladies Pamper Evening Croughton Village Hall

Saturday 17 March, 8.30 pm-11.30pm

Charity quiz night at Croughton Village Hall

Wednesday 21 March, at 7.30pm

WI meeting in Croughton Village Hall.

Friday 23 March, 8 pm

"Georgia - the cradle of wine": Croughton Wine Appreciation Group wine tasting evening in Croughton Village Hall.

Tuesday 27 March, 7.30 pm

History Group meeting in Croughton Village Hall.

Friday 30 March 7.30 p.m.

Oxfordshire Theatre Company and The Watermill Present: 'Some Like it Hotter'. 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

**Annual Parish Assembly
7.30 p.m. on Monday 30th April 2012**

Electors of the Parish of Croughton are invited to attend

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Pamela Gelder will present the Annual Parish Council Report.

Come and meet your elected representatives and hear about their Council work in the parish, the district and the county during the year.

PCSO Charlotte Whitehead will present the Police report. Village groups and local businesses are invited to report on their activities during the year.

It all makes for a very interesting and informative evening. Do come along and participate!

SNC Recycling Scheme: changes to Note commencing 2nd April 2012:

Please place cardboard for composting in your black box, not the green bin. Please make sure your black box is put out by 7 a.m. on the collection day. From 2nd April 2012 your green bin will be for garden waste only. Look out for advertising about the changes in the next SNC Review and refer to the bright orange bin hanger on your bin. For information on home composters please visit www.southnorthants.gov.uk/compostbins

Croughton Cinema

Our final film of the current season will be "Oranges and Sunshine" on **Friday 9th March** at 8pm. It tells the story of Margaret Humphreys, a social worker from Nottingham, who uncovered one of the most significant social scandals in recent times: the forced migration of children from the United Kingdom. Almost singlehandedly, against overwhelming odds and with little regard for her own well-being, Margaret reunited thousands of families, brought authorities to account and worldwide attention to an extraordinary miscarriage of justice. Children as young as four had been told that their parents were dead, and were sent to children's homes on the other side of the world. They were promised oranges and sunshine, they got hard labour and life in institutions."

Doors open 7.30pm Admission: CFC Members: £3.00;
Non-Members: £4.50; Under16s: £3.00.

"Georgia - the cradle of wine" Wine Tasting with the Croughton Wine Appreciation Group

Friday March 23rd at 8pm, Croughton Village Hall

Did you know that Georgia in the Caucasus is one of the oldest wine producing regions of the world? The country is blessed with ideal climate and weather conditions and Georgians have been making wine for thousands of years. So what is Georgian wine like? Well come and find out!

On March 23rd Chris Bowling, founder of the Georgian Wine Society will be hosting our wine tasting evening and bringing a selection of wines from Georgia for us to try. According to Chris, rather than trying to compete with the mass-produced New World wines, Georgia is focusing on producing high quality and unusual wines. So this exciting wine tasting evening will be very interesting and a great opportunity to try something new.

The event starts at 8pm. For this special event, the price for members will be £7.50, but we're holding the price for non-members at £10. Everyone is very welcome to come along. Please register by March 19th via email: croughtonwag@gmail.com or call Claire on 810987.

Andrea Leadsom MP

Tel: 01604 859721 email: andrea.leadsom.mp@parliament.uk
www.andrealeadsom.com

Diary Dates (Spring 2012): 16 March: Brackley Town Hall 'By Appointment Only' 3pm-6 p.m. **27 April:** SNC Council Offices, Towcester 'By Appointment Only' 3p.m.-6 p.m.

Croughton Diamond Jubilee Festival Logo

All the entries for the logo competition were really great - thank you to everyone who entered. The organising team had the difficult task of choosing a winner for each of the two classes. And the winners are... Ava Nasr for the under eights class and Heather Lester for the under fourteens class. Congratulations to them both. The two pictures are available to see on the Village web site and you will be seeing a lot more of them in our advertising as we approach the Diamond Jubilee Celebration on June 2nd 2012.

Croughton Village Wines for Easter

Remember to place your orders for Croughton Village wines in time for Easter. The Sauvignon Blanc and Merlot wines are supplied for us by local merchant La Cava Wines and will be great drinks to share with family and friends over the Easter weekend. The unique picture of Croughton All Saints Church by the late Mary Laws that features on the bottle labels make these wines particularly special, and every bottle you buy helps to raise money for the Croughton Jubilee Fund.

The Chilean Sauvignon Blanc and Merlot cost £6.98 per bottle with £1.10 going to the Croughton Jubilee Fund. There is also a Portuguese ruby port available costing £13.99 per bottle. There's no minimum quantity you need to buy. Just contact Fran (franbs@btinternet.com, tel: 01869 811 823), or Lesley (lesley.ramsay@googlemail.com), or Caroline (caroline@redworks.co.uk, tel: 01869 810 443).

Jubilee - Bunting and Books

A reminder about bunting and books for the Jubilee.

On **Monday May 7th**, 10am to 3pm, in the Village Hall we plan to have a community sewing session to create bunting to adorn the stalls at the fete. Please let Fran (tel. 01869 811823) know if you can come along to help cut out, sew, stitch and glue bunting. Thank you to everyone who has donated material for bunting - keep collecting material preferably red, white and blue. Also we urgently need tape for the bunting - it needs to be cotton/polyester tape, a minimum of 10mm wide (not bias binding). If you have any or know where we can get some, do get in touch!

And another thank you to everyone who has kindly donated books for the 2nd hand bookstall. We're still looking for DVDs and CDs - if you have any in good condition that you can donate to the Jubilee fete, please contact Shirley on 810862. Thank you!

Follow us on Facebook!

Croughton Village Jubilee is now on Facebook! The Croughton website (<http://www.croughton.org.uk/>) continues to be updated with info about the Jubilee festivities and all the regular village events and activities, and now we have a Facebook page for our village Jubilee so you can tell everyone about what you're doing for the celebrations. Check it out, (just search for Croughton Village Jubilee on Facebook), post your comments, and post any pictures you take of all the jubilee activities taking place in the coming weeks.

Croughton WI

Trevor Davies was the speaker at the WI meeting held on 15 February. He described the work being carried out in Romania in education and teacher training amongst the socially and economically deprived Roma people. This work is being supported by Brackley Rotary. Trevor's lively presentation with photographs of those he met and worked with held his audience.

The next meeting, on **Wednesday 21 March**, at 7.30pm in the village hall, will be a demonstration by Robert Johnson and assistant from Brackley Butchers. The subject will be on cuts of lamb. This meeting is open to partners and friends of members.



Croughton History Group

Our talk on **Tuesday 27 March** is "Not such Idle Women". A shortage of male crew members and the extra strain placed on the railways by the need to move munitions, led the government to recruit and train female volunteers to operate the canal boats on the local canals during World War Two. This talk will reflect on the significance and effects of the training scheme that was devised for the women and will look more closely at some of the volunteers themselves. The speaker, ex-teacher Mike Constable, is now Joint Honorary Curator at the Canal Museum in Stoke Bruerne for The Waterways Trust.

Meeting 7.30 at 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 up to date information, go to our new Facebook page at Croughton History Group.

Oxfordshire Theatre Company and The Watermill Present:

'Some Like it Hotter' by Richard Hurford

Friday 30th March 7.30pm at Croughton Village Hall. This brand new, fast-moving fantasy musical sees the return of the three stars from the hit film 'Some Like it Hot'. It's September 2010 and Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon are forced to re-enact their roles and don high heels and stockings. With daring dialogue, razor-sharp wisecracks, sparkling musical numbers and red hot jazz, this promises to be a memorable evening. Its autumn tour received fantastic reviews, and we are thrilled to be able to host it.

Once again this event is being organised in association with Northants Touring Arts, without whose sponsorship it would be difficult to promote. Tickets are now on sale, priced at £8.00 and £7.00 concessions, from 01869 810124 or 810393. A bar will be available. Don't miss out - book now!

www.oxfordshiretheatrecompany.co.uk
www.northantstouringarts.co.uk

Ladies Pamper Evening

Thursday 15 March; 7.00pm-10.00pm, Croughton Village Hall

Fancy a massage, manicure or a quick trim? Come and pamper yourself whilst enjoying a glass of wine and a nibble! Tickets £2 in advance, or £2.50 on the door. Please contact Croughton Pre-School on 07909 868579/01869 810652 for further details and tickets. Proceeds to Croughton Pre-School (Charity No: 1021218).

Easter Egg hunt ...

... on Saturday 31st March 2012 at 2pm in Croughton Village Hall. Cost is £2.00 per child. For more information please call 07721 994648.



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

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CROUGHTON

We are presently without a Rector (but are in the process of advertising for one). Until we appoint a replacement, please contact the Church Wardens in the first instance on any matters for which you would normally contact the Rector: Angie Robbins, tel: 811445 roy@robco-reed.com and Mary Marriott, tel: 810267 dollshouse59@gmail.com. You may also contact the Benefice Office on 01869 810903.

SERVICES AND NOTICES

Sunday 4th March, 2nd of Lent

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 11th March, 3rd of Lent

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

Sunday 18th March, Mothering Sunday

11.00 am	<i>Mothering Sunday</i>	
	<i>Family Worship</i>	Aynho (WU)
10.00 am	<i>Mothering Sunday</i>	
	<i>Holy Communion</i>	Croughton (GB)
11.00 am	<i>Mothering Sunday</i>	
	<i>Family Worship</i>	Evenley (COR)
10.00 am	<i>Mothering Sunday</i>	
	<i>Family Worship</i>	Farthinghoe (Lay team)
11.00 am	<i>Mothering Sunday</i>	
	<i>Holy Communion</i>	Hinton-in-the-Hedges (HW)

Sunday 25th March, 5th of Lent

10.00 am	<i>Benefice Holy Communion</i>	Aynho (Charles Taylor, Dean of Peterborough)
6.00 pm	<i>Evening Prayer</i>	Hinton-in-the-Hedges (HW)

Sunday 1st April, Palm Sunday

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

GB = Revd Gill Barker; HW = Revd Hugh Warwick;
WU = William Usher; COR=Carrie O'Regan

In Holy Week meditation and Compline will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday (Evenley), Tuesday (Aynho) and Wednesday (Farthinghoe). The Maundy Thursday Holy Communion will be held at Croughton at 7.30 pm. On Good Friday there will be 11.00 services of Family Worship at Aynho and Evenley, and an hour before the Cross at 2 pm at Hinton-in-the-Hedges.

The Easter Day Holy Communion at Croughton will be on **Sunday 8th April** at 9.30 am, led by Gill Barker.

The Brackley Morris Men



After their warm welcome in Croughton on Boxing Day, are hoping to perform again at the Blackbird for the Queens Jubilee celebrations in June.

We love to spread the word about our dancing, and so we're going to hold one of our practices in Croughton Village Hall on **Thursday 12th April**, 8.00-9.30pm. We're currently in our recruiting season, so why not come and see what it's all about. There's no cost and no obligation. Our aim is simply to give you the opportunity to experience the same kind of fun that the Brackley Morris Men have enjoyed around the local villages for hundreds of years, and to learn a little bit about our heritage. Who knows, there may be one or two of you men out there who'd like to join us. You could even be dancing with us on 2nd June!

Although we've always been a male dancing side, this taster evening is open to all, so we're inviting anyone who'd like to have a go to come along. We just ask that any youngsters are accompanied by an adult.

Stephen Ferneyhough, 07764 799947.
www.thebrackleymorrismen.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

Charity Quiz Night —Please support Children With Cancer UK

I am hosting a charity quiz night at the village hall on **Saturday 17th March**, 8.30 pm-11.30pm as part of my commitment to run the London Marathon and raise much-needed funds for Children With Cancer UK. £12 per team (maximum 6 members per team). Cash prizes for winners and runners-up. Licenced bar and nibbles.

Any donations to my marathon run for this worthy cause would be greatly received, however large or small. You can either donating on-line (<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Shawn>) or by popping a donation through my door (The Old Post Office, 25 High Street, Croughton). Thanks in advance. Shawn.

Croughton's National Champion

Croughton Super Veteran cyclist, Keith Gelder recently attended British Cycling's Trophy and Medal presentation ceremony in Birmingham, where he received a gold medal for his win in the British Masters National Time-trial Championship in his age-group.

Keith described this as his "second moment of glory!"- having won his first "gold" at the age of 16years in a county 12 hour championship event in 1951. That medal presentation wasn't quite so grand, I received my medal at the Cycling Club dinner held at a local hotel! . It's taken me 60 years to win another gold!

Newsletter submissions by 28th of each month to:
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