



CROUGHTON NEWS

April 2013

“Croughton Village Day” at RAF Croughton.

Friday 10 May 2013



Do you wonder what the large grey balls on our horizon near Croughton contain and what they are used for? Would you like to know what activities are undertaken by the United States Air Force at RAF Croughton? Well, now your questions can be answered.

RAF Croughton has arranged a special event for residents of Croughton Village on Friday 10 May 2013 from 10.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. We will meet the 422nd Air Base Group Commander and members of his team who will explain the Group's mission and activities and we will have a tour of the base visiting various installations, including the Satellite Communications and the recently listed World War II Fighter Pens.

Between visits, we will have an (optional) lunch at The Croughton Crown. This will consist of freshly made gourmet burger with side dishes (price £7 each person payable on the day). Soft and alcoholic drinks can be purchased at the bar.

A bus will be provided to take us from the village to RAF Croughton – it will depart from The Reading Room at 09.30 a.m. and bring us back to the village at 2.30 p.m. This will be the only access to the event and participants will need to show Photo ID on boarding the bus.

This promises to be a most enjoyable day for which you need to **book by Monday 29 April 2013**. To book your place, please contact Jenny Collyer, Community Relations Adviser by e-mail at jenny.collyer.gb@us.af.mil or by telephone on 07764 166079 giving your full name, address, nationality, and the number of your passport or driver's licence or bus pass.

Tickets are limited to 40 people - so do make sure you contact Jenny before 29 April.

Road Works. NCC Carriageway patching to B4031 delayed on account of the weather: The long awaited carriageway patching and resurfacing of the B4031 due to have taken place at the end of last month has been rescheduled to 29th April 2013.

BT Cabling works to section of Brackley Road: Scheduled to take place on 18th April 2013 between 09.30 and 15.30. A Road Closure will be put in place. For information about the works please contact A Plant Lux on 0370 0500792.

Potholes: Please continue to report potholes and minor highway defects on Croughton's roads to Street Doctor via the online reporting system. Your report will be investigated.

Croughton School Eco Club.

The children of the lunchtime Eco Club recently carried out a litter pick-up at the village playing field and Pocket Park. They are keen to go litter picking regularly, to do their bit for the environment. Please help by not dropping litter in our beautiful village.

Sarah Bateman, Eco Club leader,
All Saints Primary School, Croughton.

Croughton Annual Show— Advance Notice

7th Annual Show. Saturday 24th August 2013

We shall not be down hearted about the weather—there will be a show this year! As I write this there is still snow on the allotments and gardens in Croughton. The ground is very cold and many of us are not ready for planting yet because of the extreme weather over the past months. The regular gardeners amongst you will know that a little sunshine with 'good' rain (yes there is such a thing as good rain) it will be alright.

As usual we like to give you keen photographers the categories for their entries. This section is always keenly contested and we look forward to receiving lots of entries – so start clicking. For the first time we shall have an 'OPEN' category – which can be in black and white or colour - on any subject. The second category is 'Wildlife' – colour only. All photographs to be printed 5" x 7" maximum

In our Homecraft section this year we shall have a needlework class to encourage all those nimble fingered people out there.

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.

What's On.

Monday 8 April, 7.30 pm
Annual Parish Assembly, Croughton Village Hall

Monday 15 April, 7.30 pm
Parish Council Meeting, Croughton Village Hall

Wednesday 17 April, 7.30 pm
WI meeting in Croughton Village Hall

Tuesday, 23 April, 7.30 pm
History Group Meeting in Croughton Village Hall
(The Cadbury Story)

Friday 10 May
“Croughton Village Day” at RAF Croughton.

Friday 10 May, 7.45pm
Wine Appreciation Group: wine tasting and AGM in 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 11th March 2013

Changes to SNC Kerbside Recycling Service: The new service started running from the first week in April with the introduction of a 4 day working week for the crews and ending of Monday collections.

Please note: Thursday continues to be the collection day for Croughton.

Ms Louise Gibney, Waste Management Officer, SNC explained that the revisions to the scheme were intrinsic to the drive to run a more efficient, flexible and cost effective service and to increase levels of recycling in the district. Between June and August 2013 boxes would no longer be in use. Blue bins for comingled recycling are to appear, as well as a grey kitchen caddy and larger grey wheeled caddy for food waste.

Please note: These changes will not apply to flats.

Collection of textiles will not change- please continue to use the sack. SNC is hoping to introduce a battery collection in the Autumn.

For those in need of help with the collection of household waste, SNC offer a Discretionary Assisted Collection Service. SNC will assess requests.

Affordable Housing development of 9 dwelling at land off Brackley Road: SNC has granted planning permission. No artefacts of note were discovered during the archaeological survey of the site. It is anticipated that the build could get underway as early as June 2013 and be completed in the Summer of 2014. It is important that prospective tenants register their local connections with SNC. At this stage there is no provision within the proposal for a footpath along Brackley Road but this has not been ruled out completely.

Highway Matters

20 mph proposal along the High Street: As reported last month the Parish Council was presented with a revised proposal that went some way to address points raised in February. Mr Liam Bourne, Scheme Engineer for Northamptonshire Highways attended the March Meeting of the Parish Council and explained that the 20 mph restriction was a Safer Routes to Schools initiative, the main purpose being to benefit the School. Extending the zone more widely, to include the stretch between the Brackley Road and the mini roundabout beyond the Co-Op, would reduce the intended high safety impact to the School. It was also necessary to have a 30 mph buffer zone between 20 mph and 40 mph limits. Residents were strongly of the view that traffic speeds between the bend and the chicane at Park End presented a hazardous situation for pedestrians, particularly school children and their parents. Mr Bourne agreed to install a speed monitoring device for a month near Church Lane at a point opposite the VAS sign in order to collect data.

The Parish Council welcomes the Safer Routes to School proposal and efforts being made to reduce traffic speed through the village.

30 min. Limited Waiting Bays at Park End:

Northamptonshire Highways will be taking forward the scheme to provide space for 3 cars in the two proposed limited waiting areas combined. Public consultation on the proposal will commence in May after the local elections.

Date of Next Parish Council Meetings:

7.30 p.m. on Monday 15 April (Annual Parish Assembly: 8th April). Both at Croughton Village Hall
The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 13th May 2013. The first item on the Agenda will be the election of the Chairman of the Parish Council.

Annual Parish Assembly 7.30 p.m. on Monday 8th April 2013, Croughton Village Hall

Agenda

Introduction and Welcome by Chairman, Cllr Brian Tomlin
Apologies

To approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly 2012

Chairman's Annual Report 2012/2013

2 minute Verbal Reports & Questions from the Floor:

- 5.1 Andrea Leadsom MP
 - 5.2 Cllr Ron Sawbridge, NCC
 - 5.3 Cllr John Townsend, SNC
 - 5.4 PC Gez Shillito, Brackley Safer Community Team
 - 5.5 Col. Charles Hamilton & Sqn. Ldr. Will Still, RAF Croughton
 - 5.6 Mr Paul Jones, Parish Paths Warden
 - 5.7 The Rev. Simon Dommett, Chairman, Poor's Allotment Trust
 - 5.8 The Rev. Simon Dommett, Rector, All Saints Church, Croughton
 - 5.9 Mrs Helen Goulder, Head Teacher, Croughton All Saints C.E. Primary School
 - 5.10 Mr George Britchfield, Brackley Hospital Trust
 - 5.11 Representatives of Village Groups:
 - 5.12 Representatives of Croughton's Business Community
- Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served.

Croughton Poor's Allotment Charity

'for the relief of people in need'

has a vacancy for a Trustee. According to the Trust Deed the Trustees consist of 5 'competent persons' being:

1 Ex-officio Trustee (incumbent of the benefice of Croughton)

4 Nominated Trustees (appointed by the Parish Council)

Nominated Trustees are appointed for a 4 year term of office.

The Trustees meet regularly twice a year and again at any time if a request for financial assistance is made for events such as the relief of sudden distress, sickness or infirmity, or assistance with travel costs to attend or visit hospital or convalescent homes. All applications are dealt with in complete confidence.

If you would be interested in being considered for this voluntary role please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council by 1st May 2013.

Email: clerk@croughton.org.uk or Tel: 01869 819905

A date for your diary: All Saints' Church Fete Saturday 15 June

After a break last year when we held our fete as part of the Jubilee celebrations, we are delighted that we are able to return to the Old Rectory to hold our traditional fete, by the kind invitation of Margaret and David Rings.

There will be the usual stalls – cakes, plants, tombola and raffle, plus bowling and cream teas. We are hoping for donations for these stalls, and also any help which you can offer, or if you have any ideas, particularly involving activities for children, or would like to run a stall to help boost church funds, we would be very pleased to hear from you. Please contact Chris on 810124 or Pam on 810393



Croughton History Group

On **Tuesday, 23 April**, our speaker is Alan Thornton and the talk is entitled The Cadbury Story.

George Cadbury was the grandson of the founder of the Cadbury business and together with his brother Richard relocated their factory to the then outskirts of Birmingham and developed the Bournville estate to improve the living conditions of their workers and families. Alan talks about the inspirational George Cadbury and then shows an award-winning film of how the factory was in the 1950s.

Meeting 7.30pm in the Village Hall. £1 members, £3 non-members, including refreshments. For further details contact 01869 810443, caroline@redworks.co.uk or 01869 810545 leo.coleman@btinternet.com.

Croughton Wine Appreciation Group

Wine Tasting and AGM

Friday May 10th, 7.45pm Croughton Village Hall

Did you know that the Wine Appreciation Group is now 5 years old? On May 10th we're starting our new season of wine tasting evenings with a nostalgic look back at the wines we've sampled over the years. And we'll be tasting the pick of the bunch, the top scoring wines from the past 5 years to check if they are still as good the second time around.

Wine tasting starts at 8pm, and will be preceded by our AGM at 7.45pm. Everyone is welcome to come - members £7, non-members £10.

Become a member: It's time to renew or perhaps start your membership of the group. We're keeping membership fees at £10 for the year - don't forget to bring your subs with you when you come on the 10th. Please let us know by May 6th if you will be coming so we can buy in enough wine, bread, cheese etc. Contact us via email: croughtonwag@gmail.com or call Claire on 810987.

And finally, thank you to Bruce Oliver who gave us a very entertaining and interesting wine tasting session in March with a 'tour' of some of the wines and vineyards in Victoria. You will find details about the Australian wines and details of all our events on our website: www.croughton.org.uk/index.php/village-life/societies-and-clubs/wine-club/



Croughton WI

At our March meeting, we were fortunate to have Gillian Cane whose subject was The Mitford Sisters, as our speaker. Gillian had researched her topic well, bringing the sisters to life with her anecdotes, both those well documented and others less so. Members and guests alike enjoyed the evening.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 17 April**, in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. The presentation, led by Marcelle Sidall, herself South African, is about a remarkable group of South African women called Fancy Stitch, who are determined to help themselves through their native arts and crafts, some of which will be on display and on sale during the evening. This promises to be an interesting meeting and guests are welcome.

All Saints Church, Services and Notices

Our churches are also taking a step into the digital world with a benefice website. We can be found at www.astwickvale.co.uk Here you will find details of services and events as well as information about baptisms, christenings, thanksgivings, weddings and funerals. The website is a growing venture and I welcome constructive feedback as it grows and matures into something that helps us all.

Sunday, 7 April

09:30 FARTHINGHOE ~ Communion BCP
11:00 AYNHO ~ Communion
11:00 HINTON ~ All Age Service
18:00 EVENLEY ~ Taize Service

Sunday, 14 April

09:30 AYNHO Communion
09:30 CROUGHTON ~ Matins BCP
10:00 FARTHINGHOE ~ All Age Service
11:00 EVENLEY ~ Communion
18:00 STEANE ~ Evensong BCP

Sunday, 21 April

10:00 HINTON ~ Benefice Communion
16:30 EVENLEY ~ Pizza Praise

Sunday, 28 April

09:30 CROUGHTON ~ Communion
09:30 AYNHO ~ Communion
11:00 EVENLEY ~ All Age Worship
11:00 FARTHINGHOE ~ Baptism and Communion
11:00 HINTON Communion BCP or CW

The time after Easter is also the time when the church elects its representatives to help run the church. Two very important roles are played by the Church Wardens who are elected on an annual basis. The Rector and they are supported by The Parochial Church Council (PCC) who look after the general running of the Church and oversees the finances. The PCC consists of various members; the Rector; the Readers; 2 Churchwardens; Deanery Synod Representatives; and 6 or 9 other Members. Elections for all these offices take place in April by members on the Electoral Roll at the Annual Parochial Church meetings.

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

11th April 7:30pm Aynho APCM
13th April 11am Evenley APCM
15th April 7pm Hinton-in-the-Hedges APCM
16th April 7:30pm Farthinghoe APCM
22nd April 7:30pm Croughton APCM

Steane Special Summer Sermon Series

Come along and enjoy the beauty of Steane Park and the parish church of St. Peter, in our Steane Special Summer Sermon Series. Each month we gather to hear a special invited speaker and enjoy the beauty of traditional prayer book worship. Steane church only has six services a year so this is a wonderful opportunity to visit the church, enjoy worship and hear some excellent speakers. All services start at 6pm

April 14th Revd Ray Hemingray-Bishop's legal Secretary
May 12th Revd Sheila Addison (Nepal)
June 9th Deanery Service marking the retirement of Archdeacon Christine Allsopp
July 6th BBQ and Songs of Praise
Aug 11th Evening Communion Service
Sept 8th Canon Peter Gompertz

For more details contact revd Simon Dommett 01869 810903

CarKraft

This award winning event offers a dynamic mix of workshops, allowing participants to experience driving on simulated, adverse road conditions on a state of the art, purpose built facility at Silverstone, home of the British Grand Prix. It is managed and operated by Northamptonshire Highways with the assistance/support of Northants Police

CarKraft is primarily aimed at young drivers aged 17 to 24 yrs, who represent only 1 in 8 of all licence holders, yet over 20% are involved in fatal road traffic collisions. CarKraft is a joint event for non drivers and drivers - the non drivers are aged 15 to 25 yrs (no driving licence required) and the drivers are aged 17+. The half-day course is made up of three workshops, with different options for drivers and non-drivers.

See www.carkraft.info for more details.

Zumba fitness class in Croughton

In the Croughton Reading Rooms, Thursday evening, 7.30pm and cost £5 per session. A place can be booked in the class by sending a text, by ringing me on 07763693376, or alternatively emailing brackleydancefitness@hotmail.co.uk. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me - Lucy Naylor.



Peppa pig outfit for hire.

Ideal for children's parties £20.00

Proceeds all to Croughton toddler group

Please contact Sarah on 07837539682

Children's Book & Toy Fair

11 May, 10:00 - noon.

Fritwell Village Hall

Refreshments • Free entry

www.st-olaves.org



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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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 810447 or email croughtonvillagehall@gmail.com

Unwanted Garden Tools Required

Northamptonshire ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) is appealing on behalf of Community Payback for surplus garden tools that could be used by the group in any of the community gardening projects they undertake. Anyone who has unwanted tools can donate them by contacting Thomas Meyer at Northamptonshire ACRE, on 01604 765888, email, Thomas.Meyer@northantsacre.org.uk (The Community Payback scheme is run by the Northamptonshire Probation Service.)

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

Speedwatch

Despite the need for something to be carried out to help stop those speeders, unfortunately there were only 4 of us who were available either for the training or to carry out the programme provided to Croughton by the police. Due to the lack of support, it has been cancelled in the village. Should anyone in Croughton feel they wish to take this forward in the future, then please contact Croughton Parish Council. Thank you so much to all those who have supported and given their time to the project in the past.