



# CROUGHTON NEWS

February 2013

## Croughton Primary School, 170th Anniversary

Croughton All Saints C of E Primary School are proud to celebrate 170 years of schooling on our site. To commemorate the event we have had the 'old school' clock restored and reinstated in the thatched building. Our thanks go to Croughton Jubilee Committee for their generous donation which has made this project possible. The school will be open on Saturday February 9th in the afternoon between 2:00pm and 4:00pm when you are most welcome to see what has changed in 170 years.

### Are you a nimble knitter or sharp stitcher?

Do you enjoy knitting, crochet or sewing as a hobby? If so, would you like to share your skills and learn a few new ones with like-minded villagers?

My initial idea is to have a small informal group of people who meet up regularly at each other's houses to natter and swap ideas and patterns over needles and nibbles.

If this appeals to you, please get in touch with your thoughts on starting a local sewing group in Croughton. Contact Claire on 01869 810185 or send an email to [claire\\_barrett@rocketmail.com](mailto:claire_barrett@rocketmail.com)

### Keep Croughton clean!

**Dog fouling is UNNECESSARY, ILLEGAL and a HEALTH HAZARD- especially to children!**

Be a responsible Dog Owner and clean up after your dog! Dog owners are reminded of their legal responsibility to clean up after their pets if they foul ANY public areas. Dog faeces is not only unpleasant, it is also responsible for a number of potential health risks if ingested, the most serious of which is Toxocariasis resulting from dog roundworms. This disease is responsible for the loss of sight in around 10 British children every year.

Remember to take a plastic bag with you when out walking your dog. Do not commit a littering offence. Dispose of the bag in either a public waste bin or in your own bin at home.

South Northamptonshire Council offers the facility for reporting instances of dog fouling online at [www.southnorthants.gov.uk](http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk) or by telephone (01327 322323) Offenders will be prosecuted.

Thank you for cleaning up after your dog and for keeping Croughton clean!

Walk your dog on a lead.

### Croughton Active

The next date for the group for the 8 to 13 year olds to meet in the Reading Room is **Wednesday 20th February** at 6.00 pm. All youngsters in this age range are welcome

There is a charge of £1.00 per head to help with the costs of the room.

The sessions are supervised by Ian Anderson, the youth co-ordinator for SNC supported by a few parents, so if any adults feel able to assist occasionally, please come along and make yourself known. It does not need to be a regular commitment.

January meeting – we had our best turn out yet and everyone had fun with indoor sports, school playground games and quizzes. Come along and tell us your favourite game and what you would like to do.

### Croughton Allotments

One allotment has become available. If you are resident in Croughton and interested in taking on the tenancy please contact the Parish Clerk for details, [clerk@croughton.org.uk](mailto:clerk@croughton.org.uk) Tel: 01869 819905

The Parish Office at Croughton Village Hall is open on Monday afternoons between 2 p.m. – 5 p.m and Wednesday mornings between 9 .m. – 12 noon

### What's On.

**Friday 8 February, 7.30 pm**

Film Club - "The Help" in Croughton Village Hall.

**Saturday 9 February 2:00–4:00 pm**

Croughton All Saints C of E Primary School open afternoon.

**Monday 11 February, 7.30 pm**

Parish Council meeting in Croughton Village Hall

**Wednesday 20 February 6.00 pm**

Croughton Active in The Reading Room.

**Wednesday, 20 February, 7.30 pm**

WI meeting in the Village Hall.

**Friday 22 February 7.30 pm**

Croughton Village Hall Presents: The New Rope String Band

**Tuesday, 26 February, 7.30 pm**

History Group meeting in the Village Hall.

**Thursday 7 March, 7.00 pm till 10.00 pm**

Ladies Pamper Evening, Croughton Village Hall

**Friday March 15th, 8 pm**

Croughton Wine Appreciation Group wine tasting evening 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](http://www.croughton.org.uk)

## Parish Council Meeting held on 14th January 2013

### Affordable housing development, Brackley Road:

Representatives of the two Housing Associations involved in the scheme reported on the encouraging progress that was being made towards the scheme becoming a reality. Provided there were no setbacks, the anticipated start date is June 2013, construction would take 10 months, completion would be in the Spring or Summer of 2014. Planning conditions were not yet known. Prospective tenants of the 9 affordable units are urged to register their local connection with South Northamptonshire Council.

**Budget for 2013/2014:** The Parish Council set a budget of £22,185, to be financed by the Precept, which will be held at £16,661, by reserves and anticipated receipts. The budget process has been more complicated this year and despite limiting its budget requirement and maintaining the precept demand an increase in the parish component of council tax has been unavoidable.

Although Parish Councils are currently not subject to capping regulations in respect of excessive council tax increases (of 2% and more), the parish tier of local government is affected by the change in the way the tax base for 2013-2014 has been calculated and, in Croughton's case, reduced.

**Community Speedwatch:** The Parish Council will not be involved in the programme this year. Data collected from Community Speedwatch operations in previous years was important as it demonstrated that Croughton had a speeding problem. This strengthened the case for the installation of the two VAS units at Blenheim and Park End. Analysis of the data collected from these devices during the first 9 months of 2012 reveal that speeding is more of a problem at Blenheim than at Park End, and that the number of cars exceeding 35 mph and 45 mph at Blenheim decreased between March and September. Such information will prove very useful in reinforcing the efforts of the Parish Council in respect of a 20 mph speed limit. Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way to make our roads safer, whether as a Speedwatch volunteer, data collector, or as careful driver.

### Date of Next Parish Council Meetings:

7.30 p.m. on Monday 11th February 2013

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Venue: Parish Room, Croughton Village Hall

You are invited to the

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

If you are a local business please accept this open invitation to attend and/or the opportunity to report on any of your business activities that have had a beneficial impact on the village over the past 12 months.

Please send your report to the Clerk by 11th March 2013.  
clerk@croughton.org.uk

Representatives of Village Groups are also invited to report on their activities. Reports are always well received and prove of great interest.

Councillor Brian Tomlin, Chairman and Members of the Parish Council look forward to welcoming you to the Annual Parish Assembly in Croughton Village Hall on **8th April 2013.**

## Croughton Parish Council

invites

### Tenders for Grasscutting Services 2013



Details of the specification for grasscutting of parish areas and highway verges within the village are available on request from:

the Clerk, Croughton Parish Council, Croughton Village Hall, Wheelers Rise, Croughton, Northants. NN13 5ND  
Tel: 01869 819905 Email: clerk@croughton.org.uk

Deadline for receipt of written tenders:  
9 a.m. on 25th February 2013

PCSO Scott Cochrane has re-started a drop in surgery at Aynho Village Hall on a Tuesday afternoons between 2.30 and 3.30 pm. Dates for February are February: 5th, 12th & 26th.

(see also the Northamptonshire Police website.)



## Croughton WI

We were fortunate that the weather for the January meeting didn't deter Kevin O'Regan, singer and composer of folk-style songs, both amusing and serious. He was delighted that members were prepared to join in choruses and sing along with him. This was another evening of fellowship with a lot of laughter.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday, 20 February**, in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. The speaker is Sheila Wallington who will be showing and talking about jewellery-making. This promises to be another interesting meeting in the Croughton WI calendar. As usual, guests are welcome.

## “Australia's Coolest Wine Region”

### Wine Tasting with the Croughton Wine Appreciation Group

Friday March 15th at 8pm, Croughton  
Village Hall

Bruce Oliver will be our host for the Croughton Wine Appreciation Group's next wine tasting evening on **March 15th**. Bruce will be giving us a tour of some of the wines and vineyards from an area of Australia that he knows very well, the Macedon Ranges in Victoria. This region just to the north of Melbourne is the mainland's coolest wine-growing region with an ideal climate for grapes like chardonnay, shiraz and pinot noir. It is gaining a reputation for some of Australia's best boutique wineries.

This is an opportunity to try quality wines that you definitely won't find on the supermarket shelves. So do come and join us - everyone is very welcome. The event starts at 8pm. Price for members £7, for non-members £10. Please let us know in advance that you're coming so we can ensure we have sufficient wine and cheese. Email: croughtonwag@gmail.com or call Claire on 810987.

Thank you to everyone who came to our “January Sales” event. You will find the details of the wines we tasted on our website: [www.croughton.org.uk/index/php.village-life/societies-and-clubs/wine-club](http://www.croughton.org.uk/index/php.village-life/societies-and-clubs/wine-club)





## Croughton History Group

The history of the Fighter Pens at RAF Croughton is the subject of our talk on **Tuesday, 26th February**. In 1941, a number of fighter pens were built at RAF Croughton, providing protection from bombing for aircraft and their crews. Only three of these rare pens survive today. In 2011 our speaker, Kevin Bartolf, fought to get them preserved and they were given Grade II Listed status. In the talk, he will also explain the importance of this area during the war, the number of bases in the area and the role they played. He will also describe local air crashes and the time when Croughton got bombed!

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.

## Film club

Our next film will be "The Help" showing on **Friday 8th February** at Croughton Village Hall and starring Emma Stone, Viola Davis and Octavia Spencer. It was directed by Tate Taylor, who also wrote the screen play based on the novel by Kathryn Stockett. "The film is set in Mississippi during the 1960s. Skeeter (Stone) is a southern society girl who returns from college determined to become a writer, but turns her friends' lives -- and a Mississippi town -- upside down, when she decides to interview the black women who have spent their lives taking care of prominent southern families. Doors open 7.30 pm Admission:- £3 for members and children; £4.50 for guests.

Our third film for early 2013 is planned to be "Hugo" on **1st March**. Directed by Martin Scorsese, starring Asa Butterfield and Christopher Lee this film won five Oscars and is a hit with children and adults alike!

It is looking increasingly likely that "Skyfall" will be released on DVD in time for our eighth and final showing of the season on 22nd March!

Please put these dates on your Calendars and diaries now!

## Brackley Cottage Hospital

On behalf of the Cottage Hospital, I would like to thank you to all the contributors in the village on "Jean's Book" who raised a total of £673 in 2012. This year we anticipate great strides forward towards the provision of the new health facility. All good wishes to Jean and her contributors.

George Britchfield, Chairman of the Trustees

(Jean welcomes any newcomers - please ring 01869 810473.)

## Organ repair fund appeal

Around £8000 is needed for urgent repairs on the church organ at All Saints, Croughton. Metal fatigue has set in to several of the organ pipes which are now being held in place by rope to stop them falling. We are grateful to the £2000 already donated by the Jubilee fund to this appeal and hope with people's help to raise the remaining money and complete the repairs this year. We would like to complete before the summer wedding season. Any donation or leads to funds that could be applied for gratefully received by the church wardens Angie Robbins 01869 811445 and Mary Marriott 01869 810267 or myself revd Simon Dommett 01869 810903

## All Saints Church, Services and Notices

### Sunday 3rd February 2nd before Lent

- 9:30am Matins at Croughton
- 9:30am Said BCP Communion at Farthinghoe
- 11am Holy Communion at Aynho
- 11am Family Worship at Hinton-in-the-Hedges
- 6pm NEW ~ Taize Service at Evenley

### Sunday 10th February Sunday before Lent

- 9:30am Communion at Aynho
- 10am Family Worship at Farthinghoe
- 11am Communion at Evenley
- 4:30pm Family Pancake Praise at Croughton Village Hall
- 6pm Evensong BCP at Hinton in the Hedges

### ASH WEDNESDAY 13th February

- 9:30am Holy Communion with Ashing at Aynho
- 7:00pm Holy Communion with Ashing at Evenley

### Sunday 17th February 1st Sunday of Lent

- 10am Communion at Farthinghoe

### Sunday 24th February 2nd Sunday of Lent

- 9:30am Communion at Croughton
- 11am Communion with Baptism Service at Farthinghoe
- 11am Family Service at Evenley
- 11am Communion CW at Hinton-in-the-Hedges
- 11am Choral Matins at Aynho

## Pancake Praise

Come as a family and enjoy fun, games, songs, worship and not forgetting pancakes at Croughton Village Hall (off Wheelers Rise, behind the school) on Sunday 10th February. What a great way to start Lent.

## Shrove Tuesday 12th February

The Rector and his wife (Simon and Heather) invite you to come to an Open House and Pancakes at the Rectory, Aynho Court, Croughton Road, Aynho, OX17 3BD. Please feel free to drop in any time from 6pm to 8pm and sample freshly cooked pancakes and Rectory hospitality. Warning of advanced numbers welcomed but do just drop in if you can. Looking forward to seeing you, Simon and Heather 01869 810903.

## Carol Singing

A terrific turnout of singers and a great welcome around the village, including at the pub. £160 was given, and shared equally between the school and the church. Thanks also to Pam and Rob Robbins who plied singers with refreshments afterwards.

Is anyone in contact with either Mr Kevin Robinson (former resident of Croughton) or Mr Richard Bramah? I keep receiving mail (despite Mr. Robinson no longer being the resident for over 11 years) concerning a 'Short Stories Club' and Halifax have a Treasurers account still in their names.

Please contact Sam Durno 01869 811308 if you have any information. Thank you.

## Yolly's Malaysian Food Night

Thursday 28th February 2013  
(Every last Thursday of the month)

**Dish of the month(Special):** Beef Rendang (A typical local authentic Malay dish.) Ingredients: rump steak marinated in onions, spices, tomato puree and coconut milk. Large: £6.50; small: £4.50. Basmati Rice: Large: £2.00; small: £1.00

Please place your order with your name and contact number to me: Text: 077964 417311 or email: yolanda@malaysianmemories.co.uk

I will have your order hot and ready to eat to be picked up at the Car Park at The Reading Room at 6.30 pm prompt (Please try to bring the correct money). Thank you (Terima Kaseh).

Yolanda Tapping, www.malaysianmemories.co.uk

## Croughton Village Hall Presents: The New Rope String Band

Friday 22 February 7.30pm

We are delighted to welcome this zany trio of talented musicians to perform in our hall. Elements of circus, clowning, vaudeville, slapstick and inspired silliness are spliced with beautiful acoustic music from various world traditions which have delighted audiences at major music festivals and worldwide venues. Once seen never forgotten – expect the hilariously unexpected!

Once again, this event is being sponsored by Northants Touring Arts, which means we are able to offer tickets at a very favourable rate. They are on sale now, priced at only £10.00, to include a light supper, from 01869 810124 or 810393

Don't miss out on a great evening's entertainment!

## Ladies Pamper Evening

7th March 2013, 7.00pm till 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 £3 in advance or £3.50 on the door

Please contact 'Croughton Pre-School' on 07590 628726 (Shantha) or 07850 407495 (Alexandra) for further details and tickets

Proceeds go to 'Croughton Pre-School'

Charity No: 1021218



Newsletter submissions by 28th of each month to: Georgina Lucas, 50 Portway Drive, Croughton. Tel: 01869 810923, or e-mail galucas@waitrose.com

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 810447 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

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

## Minibus and trained driver available for hire

The South Northants Volunteer Bureau has a 16-seater minibus and trained drivers available for hire by community and not-for-profit groups, schools and charities.

Ask about our special offers and first trip discounts.

For information see www.snvb.org.uk or call Nick on 01327 358264, or email nick@snvb.org.uk

Group membership and terms and conditions apply.