



CROUGHTON NEWS

March 2013

Changes to the SNC recycling scheme are taking place from April 2013, Including ...

- Moving to a 4 day week
- Expanding the existing list of materials SNC will collect
- Changing to a blue recycling bin for comingled recycling
- Introducing a food waste collection scheme

More information can be found online at <http://modgov.southnorthants.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=522>

Residents will be informed via post, Twitter, outdoor banners, and the local press etc.

You can also find out more by coming along to the Village Hall at 7 p.m. on **Monday 11th March 2013** when, at the invitation of the Parish Council, the Waste Management Officer, SNC will explain the revised scheme.

The Parish Council Meeting will follow at 7.30 p.m.

Croughton Active

The next date for the group for the 8 to 13 year olds to meet in the Reading Room is **Wednesday 27th March** 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.

Come and have fun with indoor sports, school playground games and quizzes. Come along and tell us your favourite game and what you would like to do.

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?

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

Croughton Colts Football Club



With the bad weather the Colts have had very little football. During December and January the Colts have had both their new Generator and Floodlights stolen from the container and Pavilion. If anyone has any information please contact Steve

Connor on 07806556057 who would be very interested in finding the culprits. The police have been informed and are investigating.

The club are now unable to train so we have 18 very disappointed boys! Many thanks the Mr & Mrs Goldby who very kindly donated an electric George Foreman Grill to the club, this will be used at home matches so if you fancy a nice bacon roll and cup of tea on a Saturday morning please feel free to come and support the boys.

Sunday 24th February saw the first 'Free Coaching Session' for boys and girls under 7. On a bitterly cold morning 9 boys and girls attended the session and despite the cold seemed to enjoy their football. We will run a further 3 free sessions on the **3rd, 10th and 17th March**. The aim is to introduce kids to football and potentially start a new under 7's / 8's team for next season (September 2013). If you would like to attend please contact Steve on 07806556057 or steve_connor@sky.com.

What's On.

Thursday 7 March, 7.00 pm till 10.00 pm

Ladies Pamper Evening, Croughton Village Hall

Monday 11 March, 7.30 pm

Parish Council Meeting, Croughton Village Hall

Friday 15 March, 8 pm

"Australia's Coolest Wine Region": Croughton Wine Appreciation Group wine tasting evening in Croughton Village Hall.

Wednesday, 20 March, 7.30 pm

WI meeting in the Village Hall

Friday 22 March, 7.30 pm

Film Club (Skyfall) in the Village Hall.

Tuesday 26 March, 7.30 pm

Croughton History Group Meeting in the Village Hall (Charles Dickens and the Great Jennens Case)

Monday 8 April, 7.30 pm

Annual Parish Assembly, Croughton Village Hall

Monday 15 April, 7.30 pm

Parish Council Meeting, 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 February 2013

Consultation re. 20 mph proposal along the High Street: Whilst strongly in favour of enforcing a 20 mph speed limit along the High Street, the Parish Council was disappointed with the limited extent of the zone being proposed by Northamptonshire Highways. A revised proposal will be considered at the next Parish Council meeting on **11th March 2013**.

Planning: The Parish Council had no objections to the renewal of the street trading licence (annual) at the A43 layby northbound between Croughton and Evenley.

A landscaping scheme for Astwick Lakes has been produced.

Action Plans: As we move from financial year 2012/2013 to the next, progress on the achievements of the current year are being assessed and future aims anticipated. The Chairman's report to the Annual Parish assembly will summarise the position.

Date of Next Parish Council Meetings:

7.30 p.m. on Monday 11th March 2013:

(Annual Parish Assembly: 8th April 2013)

7.30 p.m. on Monday 15th April 2013

Venue: Parish Room, Croughton Village Hall

Film club

Our final film of the current season will be "Skyfall" – we already have the DVD and we're raring to go!

Synopsis:- "When Bond's latest assignment goes gravely wrong and agents around the world are exposed, MI6 is attacked, forcing M to relocate the agency. These events cause her authority and position to be challenged by Gareth Mallory (Ralph Fiennes), the new Chairman of the Intelligence and Security Committee. With MI6 now compromised from both inside and out, M is left with one ally she can trust: Bond. 007 takes to the shadows - aided only by field agent, Eve (Naomie Harris) - following a trail to the mysterious Silva (Javier Bardem), whose lethal and hidden motives have yet to reveal themselves"

Friday 22nd March 2013. Doors open at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Admission:- £3 for members and children; £4.50 for guests.

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



Croughton History Group

This month's talk on the **26th March** is "Charles Dickens and the Great Jennens Case"

During the mid-19th century Dickens took a great interest in the notorious legal battle over the estate of William Jennens who had died intestate leaving a vast inheritance. This attracted claims from nearly 2000 people and, to the delight of the lawyers, the case lasted for an astonishing 140 years. This was long after Dickens was dead, but he heard enough to use it as the basis for his novel, Bleak House.

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

Cllr Brian Tomlin, Chairman and Members of the Parish Council look forward to welcoming you to the

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

The Agenda offers a selection of reports including those from your elected representatives at local, district and county level, the Police, RAF Croughton, All Saints Church, Brackley Cottage Hospital Trust.

This unique occasion is a serendipitous opportunity for representatives of Croughton's numerous and contrasting Groups and Businesses to say a few words about their activities.

Do come along, take part and immerse yourself in an interesting and informative evening!

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served.

Results from the Croughton Village Plan Questionnaire

There was a really good response to the Croughton Village Plan questionnaire that was in January's newsletter. 60 questionnaires were returned representing approximately 12% of households in the village. Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill it in.

You can see a summary of the data from the survey on the Parish Council News page of the Croughton website (<http://www.croughton.org.uk/>). If you have any comments about the data, or if you didn't have a chance to send in the questionnaire but wish to add your voice to the survey, then we want to hear from you. Contact the Clerk of the Parish Council (email: clerk@croughton.org.uk).

So what is going to happen to the information that's been collected?

One of the main objectives of the survey was to confirm residents' views about services, facilities and developments that Croughton needs for the next 10 years. We now have a good set of data that will be shared with South Northants District Council to help shape the new Local Plan that they are preparing for this area. The information from the survey will also support the Parish Council's action plan and priorities in our work with the District and County Councils.

And finally the survey results will be used to update the Croughton Village Plan, setting out residents' views about what's good about our village and what needs to be changed or improved to ensure it continues to be a great place in which to live

Croughton WI

The February meeting was well attended. The speaker was Sheila Wallington who explained her work as a silversmith, bringing examples of her innovative work for members to admire – and buy if they wished. It was fascinating to see some of the tools of her craft and to learn about the process of working with silver.

The next meeting will be a talk by Gillian Cane, an expert on the subject of the Mitford sisters. These young society women caused many sensations and scandals which were widely reported in the media. Gillian will delve into the question of why these girls were so scandalous and why they are of enduring fascination today. The meeting takes place on **Wednesday, 20 March**, in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

“Australia’s Coolest Wine Region”

Wine Tasting with the Croughton Wine Appreciation Group



Friday March 15th at 8pm, Croughton Village Hall

Don't forget to let us know if you'd like to come to our next wine tasting evening. Bruce Oliver 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 not as well known as other wine producing areas but is gaining a reputation for some of Australia's best boutique wineries.

Everyone is welcome, so if you enjoy wine then do come along. The event starts at 8pm. Price for members £7, for non-members £10. Email: croughtonwag@gmail.com or call Claire on 810987.

If you are a member of the wine group, or a regular attendee, then please come to this March 15th event and the AGM meeting on April 26th if possible as we'll be discussing the future of the wine group and we need your input. You will find more details on our website: www.croughton.org.uk/index/php.village-life/societies-and-clubs/wine-club

Would you like to be a Parish Path Warden?

Do you walk in and around the village? Maybe you are a dog walker?

Would you like to see a healthy and well maintained Rights Of Way network?

This is your chance to contribute to your community and to your surrounding!!

What does a Parish Path Warden do?

The minimum requirement:

- Is to inspect all the RoW at least once a year
- Report any problems to our area RoW Officer.
- Complete a yearly report form (I normally send the summary report I prepare for the Parish Assembly)
- Carry out limited waymarking as required (the waymarkers do last a long time!!)
- Maintain contact with the Parish Council
- Where possible try and maintain local landowner details
- Offer assistance and advise on local issues

Optional activities could include:

- Undertake minor clearance work (stiles/gates)
- Promote the network possibly lead guided walks
- Assist with surveys, attend RoW meeting
- Identify possible improvements to the network (such as kissing gates)

I have been the PPW for Croughton for over 10 years and have enjoyed being in the fresh air and admiring our local countryside.

If you are interested, then give me a call or drop me a mail and I will run through things in more detail, maybe get out and have a walk!

Paul Jones, PPW Croughton. Telephone: 819734, email pjonesnavtraining@tiscali.co.uk

All Saints Church, Services and Notices

Holy Week 25th-31st March

Holy Week is the week between Palm Sunday and Easter and is the most holy week of the Christian year. Each day there are special services in each of our five churches as we relive Jesus' final week. This has always been a time when Christians made extra efforts to attend church.

10th March ~ Mothering Sunday

9:30am Communion, AYNHO

9:30am Communion, CROUGHTON

10.00am All Age Mothering Sunday Service, FARTHINGHOE

11.00am All Age Mothering Sunday Service, EVENLEY

6.00pm BCP Evensong, HINTON-IN-THE-HEDGES

17th March ~ St. Patrick's Day

9:30am Communion, CROUGHTON

10.45am Songs of Praise at Crewe Arms, HINTON

11.00am BCP Matins, AYNHO

11.00am Communion, EVENLEY

6.00pm BCP Evensong, FARTHINGHOE

24th March ~ Palm Sunday

10.00am Palm Sunday Procession and Communion
Meet at All Saints School, CROUGHTON

4:30pm Pizza Praise, FARTHINGHOE

25th March Monday

7:30pm Compline, FARTHINGHOE

26th March Tuesday

7:30pm Compline, EVENLEY

27th March Wednesday

7:30pm Compline, CROUGHTON

28th March Maundy Thursday

7:00pm Maundy Communion Meal, AYNHO
Village Hall

29th March Good Friday

11.00am All Age Praise, EVENLEY Village Hall

11.00am All Age Praise, AYNHO

2.00pm An hour at the Cross, HINTON-IN-THE-HEDGES

31st March ~ Easter Day

9:30am BCP Communion, FARTHINGHOE

9:30am Communion, CROUGHTON

11.00am Communion, HINTON-IN-THE-HEDGES

11.00am All Age Service, EVENLEY

11.00am Communion, AYNHO

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

Yolly's Malaysian Food Night

(On: Each Last Thursday of the Month)
Thursday 28th March 2013

Dish of the Night: Singapore Noodles (Char Bee Hoon) (Rice vermicelli, stir fried with prawns and pork, slightly spicy). Large - £5.95 Small - £3.95 (As this is a main meal, I would suggest a large portion per person.)

To place your order please send your name and contact number to me—text: 077964 417311 or email: 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, Yolanda Tapping

NB – There will not be a Malaysian Food Night for April.

Speedwatch

Funds have been found by the Police and Speedwatch is back on again!! So if you are interested in being part of an incredible volunteer group who want to try and stop those inconsiderate drivers who speed through our lovely village, now is the time to join us. You will have to attend (for insurance purposes) a 3 hour training session on Saturday March 16th in Northampton.

As yet there is no date for use of the Speedwatch equipment but it will be for 3 alternate weeks over a 6 week period. You do not have to be available for the whole of the 3 weeks - a minimum of just a couple of hours a week will be fine (more if you want!). There are police appointed places throughout the village where we are able to use the Speedwatch equipment but unfortunately we cannot focus just on your local 'spot'. There is no cost to the village for the training or use of the equipment. I know this request for your support is extremely short notice but unfortunately I have no control over this.

If you would like further information please email me by Tuesday 12th March: lesley.ramsay@googlemail.com

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

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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

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

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