

CROUGHTON PARISH NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2012

CROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 9th July 2012

Planning: Northamptonshire County Council has approved the proposal to create 3 coarse fishing lakes for recreational purposes at the former Astwick Quarry.

Youth Drop In Event held 3rd July 2012: Thank you to the 12 young people and 4 adults who supported this event. When asked for suggestions on the sorts of activity they would be interested in there was no shortage of ideas. A regular youth activity or club would clearly be appreciated. Encouraged by the response Iain Anderson, the Youth Development Worker who led the session, is planning a follow up event at the end of the summer holidays.

Highway Matters: The Council is grateful to Mr Keith Ramsay for turning his expertise towards the development of a bespoke data analysis programme for information downloaded from the VAS devices. The revival of Community Speedwatch this Autumn will also add to the statistics bank whilst helping to raise driver awareness of the speed limits and safety issues. Please report any highway defects to Street Doctor via the online reporting system <http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor> or tel: 0845 601 1113. The Council is particularly concerned at the poor state of the carriageway at Wheelers Rise.

Date of Next Meetings: 7.30 p.m. Monday 13th August 2012 & Monday 10th September 2012 in Croughton Village Hall. Members of the Public are invited to attend and have the opportunity to speak to items on the Agenda during Public Participation.

YOUTH ACTIVITY DAY, 1 September

Ian Anderson, the Youth Activity Organizer for South Northants, has agreed to run an activity day for 8 to 16 year olds on 1st September at the sports field from 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Games will include Mini Olympics, Rounders, Frisbee, Capture the Flag, Football, French Cricket, and Team Tag and more.

If this is successful, it is hoped that we can go on to form a youth club to meet regularly in the village. It would be useful if you are coming if you would let us know in advance, which you can do by phoning the numbers below, but it is not essential. The main thing is to turn up on the day. There is no charge, so just come along and enjoy yourselves. If the weather is too bad we will use the Reading Room.

We will need a few adults to help on the day so if anyone feels they can, please contact Trevor Davies on 810704 or email t.c.davies@reading.ac or Brian Tomlin on 810124 or email b.tomlin332@btinternet.

Could you help in an emergency?

Do you have any skills or equipment which could be used in an emergency in the village - for example, are you a nurse, or a doctor, a first aider or do you have practical skills in building and repair services? Do you have any small or large equipment which could be of assistance?

The Council is currently updating its Emergency Response Plan for Croughton. If you would like to have your name included as a possible resource and have not previously given us your contact details, we would like to hear from you. Please contact our Parish Clerk at clerk@croughton.org.uk or on 01869-819905.

The existing plan is available at our web-site www.croughton.org.uk. The various appendices which include details of volunteers are held confidentially by the Council and are not published.

Hedges and Footpaths.

It is noticeable around the village that the recent weather has caused many trees, hedges and bushes to grow out over the footpaths. In the past we have relied upon the County Council to trim these back but they seem too busy to come to our aid at the moment, so it would be a great help if residents could trim back any overhanging vegetation and clear away any weeds from the pavements and kerbsides in front of their property. We would appreciate your assistance in this as it all helps to make the village a more attractive place to live.

What's On.

Monday 13 August, 7.30pm

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

Saturday 25 August, 2.00pm-4.00pm

Croughton Allotmenters 6th Annual Show in the Village Hall.

Saturday 8 September, 10.00 am until 6.00 pm

Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust, Ride and Stride

Saturday 15 September, 8.00pm

Croughton Village Hall. 10th Anniversary Commemoration

Friday 14-Sunday 16 September

Croughton Art & Photography Exhibition.

Croughton Village Website

For all information on events, parish council meetings and general information etc., please go to the website:

www.croughton.org.uk

Croughton Village 6th Annual Show

Saturday 25th August 2012

(Entries for the show must be received by 10.00 pm Thursday 23rd August.)

Show Day

Exhibitors, 9.00 a.m.–11.00 a.m. only

Judging takes place between 11.00 am and 1.30 pm.

No entry to the Hall during judging.

Show opens at 2.00 p.m. until 4.30 p.m.

View the exhibits • Sale of vegetables and home produce • Tombola
• Raffle • Refreshments • Prize giving at 4.00 p.m.

If you do not have a programme or entry form you can download it from the village website <http://www.croughton.org.uk/index.php/what-s-on/annual-croughton-flower-and-vegetable-show> or alternatively email allotmentees@gmail.com to request a copy, or pick one up at the Co-op store. Please refer to the back page of your programme for full details and show rules.

Please support this show which is now a regular event in the Croughton Summer Bank Holiday calendar. The Katherine House Hospice will benefit from our efforts and your support.

Good luck to all the exhibitors.

Croughton Village Hall is 10 Years Old!

The Village Hall will be celebrating its tenth Birthday this year and still continues to be the centre to many of the activities held within Croughton, being a valued facility, available for all to use and enjoy.

To commemorate this momentous occasion we will be holding both a party for the children of the village during the daytime and an evening event for adults on **Saturday 15th September** at the Hall. "Ian Keable Magic and Comedy Show" (as seen on TV) will be the entrainment for the both the children's party in the afternoon and for the evening do.

The evening event will start at 8.00pm. Tickets will cost only £5.00 per person (which also includes a buffet and glass of wine). A bar will also be available. Tickets can be purchased from any of the Village Hall Committee Members but for further information please contact:

Rob Robbins (01869 810393), Diane Shepherd (01869 819561 or diane3222@hotmail.co.uk) or Sally Ward (sally.ward1@virgin.net)

The children's party will cost £1.00 per child. Details and times will be confirmed later, but we hope all will come along and join in with the Halls Birthday celebrations!

Ride and Stride

On **Saturday 8th September** Croughton is participating in the annual Ride and Stride organised by the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust (NHCT). The church will be open from 10.00 am until 6.00 pm. Do come and explore, look around, pray, examine wall paintings - whatever.

If you want to be a cyclist or a walker, you can get information about the event, and the forms, from Liz Ogden (ejocog@gmail.com) and there will be forms in the church too. 50% of the proceeds of sponsorship go to the NHCT and the church of your choice. There are lists of all the churches in the area that are open that day, including in neighbouring counties. You don't have to stay within Northamptonshire if you participate.

Have your say on policing priorities



On the **15 November 2012** all eligible voters within Northamptonshire will be able to vote for a Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for the county, replacing the Northamptonshire Police Authority, and representing the public in policing and community safety.

The Police and Crime Commissioner will:

- be in office for a term of 4 years
- hold the Chief Constable to account
- set out how much you pay towards policing in your Council Tax
- set the local Police and Crime Plan
- hold the funding for Community Safety work
- have a duty to consult with you about your priorities
- need to produce an Annual Report

Have your say by taking part in a consultation to help inform the PCC when setting the priorities for crime and policing for 2013/14.

Ways you can take part in this consultation:

- online survey at www.northants.police.uk
- request a postal survey
- request a "have your say" pack, which can be used by community groups or groups of friends and family to feedback your views collectively

To receive a postal survey or 'have your say' pack, call 01604 888113 or email janef@northants-pa.gov.uk.

Community Speed Watch returns!

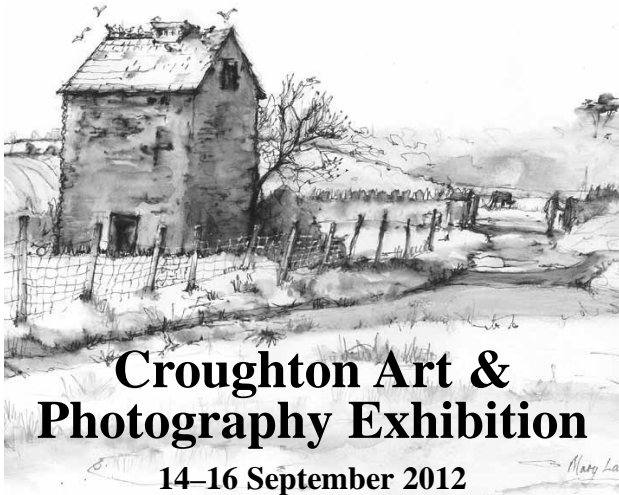
Croughton has been approached to take part this year, so we are now looking for further volunteers to join our happy band. You will receive training by the police and this has to be attended (unfortunately there is no date known as yet). Following this we will use their equipment to register and log people who speed through our lovely village, from pre-determined places. This information is then passed to the police to track the cars and deal with them. (Please note we take no part in prosecuting anyone through the Community Speed Watch scheme.) The dates for Speed Watch are between 5 September and 3 October, though we will be sharing the equipment with another village during this time. Should you be interested in becoming part of the team then please contact me for further information. You only need to give time for the training (a couple of hours) and then two hours minimum during daylight hours. Showing interest does not mean you are committing yourself(!) so please contact me.

Lesley Ramsay, lesley.ramsay@googlemail.com

Croughton Wine Appreciation Group

Thank you to everyone who came to our "Wines from the Commonwealth" wine tasting in July. Majestic Wines in Banbury rose to the challenge of picking out a selection of wines for us to try. The highlights included a surprisingly good English rose (perfect for summer), a classic New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc made exclusively for Majestic, and a South African pinotage (ideal for the barbecue). You can find details of the wines, plus the scores we gave them, on the Wine Group website (<http://www.croughton.org.uk/index.php/village-life/societies-and-clubs/wine-club/>).

We're now taking a break for the summer (which has arrived at last!). Our next wine tasting evening will be on 19 October when we will be joined by Alistair Cooper from Wines Unfurled (<http://www.winesunfurled.co.uk/>), a local merchant set up in 2007 to "discover unique, hand-crafted wines from independent vineyards around the globe". We hope to see you then.



Croughton Art & Photography Exhibition

14–16 September 2012

We have an amazing number of talented artists living in Croughton: painters, photographers, sculptors, textile and jewellery designers and in September you can come and see their work at the Croughton Art & Photography Exhibition. The exhibition opens at the Reading Room with a launch party on Friday 14th September from 7.30pm (tickets £2 in advance, £2.50 on the door - ticket price includes entry to the exhibition plus a glass of wine). On Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th, the exhibition will be open during the day, admission charge just 50p for adults and free for children. Refreshments will be available. Check the opening hours below.

Many of the exhibits will be for sale, and there will also be a silent auction running over the weekend with just one rather special auction lot – a print of one of the pictures by the late Mary Laws. More details in the next newsletter! Any profits from the exhibition will go into the Croughton Jubilee Fund.

For tickets for the Exhibition Launch Party, contact Caroline (tel 01869 810443 or email caroline@redworks.co.uk.) For more information, and to download an entry form if you would like to submit work for the exhibition, go to the Croughton website: <http://www.croughton.org.uk/index.php/what-s-on/>

Exhibition opening hours:

Friday Sept 14th, 7.30pm - 10pm

Saturday Sept 15th: 10am - 5pm

Sunday Sept 16th: 11am - 4pm



Croughton History Group

As usual the Group has no event in August but we will be back on the 25th September with "Florence Nightingale and the Verney family".

Croughton WI

WI members met from 7 p.m. onwards on Wednesday, 18 July, at the Village Hall, to be sent out at 10 minute intervals by organisers Pam and Diane for a treasure hunt around the village. Although the ground was soggy underfoot in some areas, the rain managed to hold off and everyone enjoyed collecting, observing, noting and strolling. Chris Tomlin and Janet Waters were the winning pair. On the return to the hall, tapas and sangria were served - again with thanks to Diane and Pam - and enjoyed. A short business meeting followed. There is no meeting in August.



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

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CROUGHTON

Croughton Church is a beautiful ancient and ageless church, enhanced by mediaeval wall paintings, peaceful and steeped in prayer - a welcoming Christian focus for the whole village.

SERVICES AND NOTICES

Institution of Revd Simon Dommett as Rector

We look forward to welcoming the Revd Simon Dommett as Rector of the benefice on Tuesday 4th September at his installation service at 7.30pm at St Michael's Aynho. Do join us.

Many thanks to our two Church Wardens who have (cheerfully!) taken on extra responsibility while we have been without a Rector. Contact: Angie Robbins, tel: 811445 angierobbins@mail.com and Mary Marriott, tel: 810267 dollhouse59@gmail.com. You may also contact the Benefice Office on 01869 810903.

Sunday 5th August, 9th after Trinity

11.00 am *Holy Communion* Aynho (GB)

9.30 am *Holy Communion* Farthinghoe (GB)

11.00 am *Family Worship* Hinton-in-the-Hedges (Lay team)

Sunday 12th August, 10th after Trinity

9.30 am *Holy Communion* Aynho (GB)

11.00 am *Holy Communion* Evenley (GB)

6.00 pm *Evening Prayer* Farthinghoe (DM)

Monday 13th – Friday 17th August

Holiday Club at Croughton All Saints School

Sunday 19th August, 11th after Trinity

11.00 am *Morning Prayer* Aynho (WU)

9.30 am *Holy Communion* Croughton (HW)

11.00 am *Family Worship* Evenley (COR)

10.00 am *Family Worship* Farthinghoe (Lay team)

11.00 am *Holy Communion* Hinton-in-the-Hedges (HW)

Sunday 26th August, 12th after Trinity

10.00 am *Benefice Holy*

Communion Farthinghoe (HW)

6.00 pm *Evening Prayer* Steane (COR)

Sunday 2nd September, 13th after Trinity

10.00 am *Benefice Holy Communion* Evenley (HW)

Tuesday 4th September

7.30pm Institution of Revd Simon Dommett Aynho

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

Croughton Pre-School

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Quiz Night held at the Blackbird Inn Croughton Pre-School raised £200!

From September we are taking children from 2 years of age, please email supervisor@croughtonpreschool.org.uk for further details or visit www.croughtonpreschool.org.uk



Summer SPLAT activities for children and young people aged 5-16.

Sports, Play, Leisure and Arts activities. Visit www.southnorthants.gov.uk/SPLAT to download a brochure or ring 01327 322078 for more information.



WHEN: Tuesday, 11.30am to 1.30pm (see website for latest details and dates)

VENUES: Brackley Town Hall and Towcester Town Hall (sessions alternate weeks)

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Email: jobclub@southnorthants.gov.uk

For information and links to other useful sites, go to: www.southnorthants.gov.uk/jobclub

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

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Do you enjoy dog walking?

I am looking for someone to walk my 5yrs old terrier twice a week - 1hr walk during the day would be ideal. She is a kind-natured dog who is easy to walk on/off the lead. I am hoping to find someone who would do this for the love of walking and dogs rather than for the money but I am happy to pay. Please contact Tiggy on 07711 852028 for more information.

Croughton 60s Night with The Impacts Saturday October 27th

Tickets are now on sale for our final Jubilee fundraising event on October 27th in the Village Hall - a night of '60s music performed by The Impacts. If you enjoy live music and dancing to songs by the Beatles, Buddy Holly, Elvis, Cliff & the Shadows, Everley Brothers, Hollies, Gene Pitney and Chuck Berry come along for a great night out.

The Impacts are an original '60s band. They were a successful 'beat group' in Birmingham during the 1960s, playing USA and British hits of the era. They got back together 5 years ago to relive their youth, play their guitar collections and fundraise for good causes. Bill Bennett (guitarist and vocalist) now lives in Croughton and he and the rest of The Impacts are preparing a great show for us.

Tickets are £10 each and include a ploughman's supper. All proceeds will go to the Croughton Jubilee Fund and Croughton Village Hall. If you want to sit with friends let us know when you book so we can organise table plans - we suggest you book as early as possible if you are part of a group.

To order tickets please call 01869 810393 or 01869 810124, or email p.robbs06@tiscali.co.uk or fuchsia2uk@yahoo.co.uk.

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