



CROUGHTON NEWS

September 2013

Highways Works in Croughton

The latest update on the County Council highways improvement works in Croughton is:

Resurfacing of Wheelers Rise – now scheduled for week commencing 9 September 2013.

Parking along Wheelers Rise will be restricted and Wheelers Rise residents may need to park elsewhere at certain times. For the duration of the work, the car park at the Village Hall may be suitable for anyone in Wheelers Rise not needing their car during the period of restrictions and the Reading Room car park is available for those who need regular access in and out of the village. We ask everyone to be especially considerate of Wheelers Rise residents and to avoid parking in Wheelers Rise during this work. The contractor undertaking the work is Miles Macadam.

Surfacing of B4031 between Blenheim and Portway roundabout - now scheduled for end September/early October 2013.

The road, or parts of it will be closed, traffic will be diverted and on-street parking will be restricted at certain times. Residents and businesses along the affected area will receive letters from the County Council nearer the time. We ask everyone who is not resident in the area of work to avoid bringing their car to the centre of the village during this time and to use the diversion routes which will be in place for access in and out of the village.

We appreciate that both these schemes will cause inconvenience to everyone. We recommend that you allow more time for journeys into and out of the village and for parking, to reduce your speed when driving in the village and to exercise caution. We also ask for your patience and thoughtfulness to others during the work. On completion, the improvements will benefit everyone and follow many years of lobbying by Croughton Parish Council and our County Councillor.

If at any time of the highways works, you need any further information, please contact Northamptonshire County Council Highways department on 01604-883400.

Implementation of the 20 mph speed limit in the village and changes to parking at Park End – these will follow but we do not have any timings yet.

Newsletter Deliveries

We are grateful to Maureen Burgess for taking on Portway Crescent, but we are now looking for one or two people to be responsible for delivering to the rest of the Portway area.

If you can help please contact Georgina Lucas on 810923

Notice – Reading Room Meeting

23 September 2013 at 8.00pm

Last chance to keep the Reading Room open.

If you feel that you can volunteer for a few hours a month to help run the Reading Room, then please come along to the meeting.

Do you have experience in any of the following:

Business, finance, marketing, organising, taking bookings, general maintenance or just generally helping out, then the Reading Room needs **you**. Please come along.

Croughton News

The end of another year of sponsorship of the Newsletter is approaching. The Parish Council is immensely grateful to our sponsor for supporting this publication and for financially sustaining its production over the last 12 months. We are now looking ahead to the next 12 months and the next 12 issues of Croughton News. Thanks are due not only to our generous and retiring sponsor but also to the in-kind backing of our many contributors and distributors, as well as to you, the reader, for your support.

If you are able to consider becoming a sponsor of Croughton News, and pledging a financial contribution for a month, quarter or longer periods, please contact the Clerk for details. Thank you.
Tel: 01869 819905. Email: clerk@croughton.org.uk

What's On.

Monday 9 September, 7.30pm

Parish Council meeting in Croughton Village Hall.

Wednesday, 18 September, 7.30pm

WI meeting in Croughton Village Hall.

Saturday 21st September starting at 7.30 pm

The Kevin O'Regan Band at the Croughton Village Hall.

Tuesday 24 September, 7.30pm

History Group meeting (the Ffestiniog Railway) in Croughton Village Hall.

Friday 27 September, 8pm

"Independent Vignerons of France". Croughton Wine Appreciation Group wine tasting evening in Croughton Village Hall

Friday October 11, (doors open 7.30pm.)

Croughton Cinema, "Life of Pi", Croughton Village Hall

Monday 14th October, 7.30pm

Parish Council meeting in Croughton Village Hall.

Saturday 2nd November, 8pm

The Impacts at 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 12th August 2013

Affordable Housing development, Brackley Road: Messrs Paul Wootton of Orbit Housing and Neil Gilliver of Northants Rural Housing Association returned to update the Public Forum of the progress of this long awaited scheme. The build should commence this month or next and be completed in April or May 2014, depending on the discharging of planning conditions.

N.B. Everyone who is interested in applying for one of the nine dwellings is urged to register with South Northamptonshire Council as soon as possible. Look out for the information board at the site giving details of the mix of dwellings! Prospective occupiers will be expected to meet local connections criteria. The allocations process will commence 3 months before completion of the build.

Allotments: Options for the maintenance of the retaining stone wall, which is showing the effects of salt erosion and moisture retention, continue to be explored by the Council. Enquiries are being made not only to source suppliers of products manufactured to combat these problems, but also to access funds to assist in the financial outlay that this extensive work would require.

The Council has undertaken an Allotment Gardens rent review as part of the wider Policy review.

Annual Return YE 31st March 2013: The Audit has been concluded and the Annual Return signed off by the External Auditor. It won't be long before the budgeting process for 2014/2015 commences! The Clerk will be attending a Finance course on Monday 23rd September- please note that the Parish Office will close on that day.

Dates of next Meetings: Monday **9th September 2013** and Monday **14th October 2013**. Time: 7.30 p.m.
Venue: Parish Room Croughton Village Hall.

Members of the Public and the Press are invited to attend and may speak to items on the Agenda at the item 'Public Participation'. Please notify the Chairman or the Clerk upon arrival if you would like to speak.

Parent & Toddler Group (aka mum & tot) is making changes:

Parent & Toddler Group is changing to a Monday afternoon 1:15-3pm time frame from our original Friday morning slot at the Village Hall. Having met with the Croughton Preschool and finding out what their needs and wants were as well as the wants and needs of the Village Art Club ... we have decided to share the Village Hall Monday afternoons (during normal UK term time.)

The Parent & Toddler group has been around for years, for children 0-5 years of age. It a wonderful safe environment for pregnant ladies wanting to feel out where they belong, for 2 year olds finding their own way, and for active 4 year old who aren't going to primary school yet ... as well as Daddies who are chillin with their lil ones with nothing to do! Basically is a wonderful afternoon filled with play, music, snacks, and most important it's a time for everyone to relax and have fun!

We are very excited about this change and who will coming along.

Moms, Dads, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, and care givers to lil people are all invited with your children to come and enjoy! 0-1 free / 2-5 £2 each and siblings 50p extra

See y'all Sept. 9th 1:15-3pm. Monica Johnson

Croughton Village Annual Show

We would like to thank everyone who came along to our 7th Annual Flower and Vegetable Show held on August Bank Holiday Saturday. We were once again very well supported by the village, with exhibitors and also those who came along to view. We are pleased to say the entries were up on last year and our judges tell us the standard of the exhibits was excellent.

The following trophies were awarded -

Vegetable section – Anita Appleton – 3 Red Onions

Floral section – Janet Waters – Specimen Rose

Homecraft section – Janet Waters – Needlework exhibit

Photography – Keith Ramsay – Open section, Aircraft (colour)

Children's up to 8 – Samuel Dilley – Lego animal

Children's up to 12 – Olivia Wood – Bug House

Most points in show – Cyril Fletcher with 47 points.

Best exhibit in Show was awarded to Janet Waters for her needlework exhibit.

The Basil Coles Memorial Cup for the allotment holder with the most 1st place certificates was won by Cyril Fletcher with 11. Well done Cyril – a very popular winner.

It is always our intention to raise money for a charitable cause and this year we have chosen The Warwickshire/ Northamptonshire Air Ambulance Service. In order to raise as much money as possible there was a bottle tombola which was a huge success, as was the raffle and the 'Farm Shop' selling home grown vegetables, jams, pickles and cakes.

As a bonus at the end of the Village Show we were treated to a Kite Flying display, given by Keith and Vee Griffiths from Wheelers Rise who are part of 'The Airheads' display team.

Thank you for all the donated items and to all the hard working helpers and the judges on the day; without you all it would not happen. The figures have not yet been finalised but will have this available for next month's newsletter.

Croughton WI

The September meeting of the WI will be held on **Wednesday, 18 September**, in the Village Hall, beginning at 7.30 p.m. The speaker will be Christine Farmer from Denman College, the WI centre in Oxfordshire, which runs a great and interesting variety of courses (way beyond jam-making!), both residential and day. People who have been praise it and what it has to offer highly. Over the past few years, finances have been a problem but there appears to be light at the end of the tunnel. It will be interesting to hear about the College and its plans for the future. Guests and prospective members are always welcome.

The Impacts

The Impacts , original 1960s band lead by Croughton's Bill Bennett, are returning to Croughton Village Hall on **Saturday 2nd November!** When this band appeared last year to support the Jubilee fund they were a great hit, and we are very pleased that they are making a second appearance, this time to raise much needed funds for both the Church organ repairs and for the Reading Room.

Tickets are £12.50 each to include a light ploughman's supper. The band will perform from 8.00pm until 11.00pm, with a break for food, and of course the bar will be open.

This promises to be another great night. Tickets will be on sale shortly, and will be limited, so don't miss out. Phone Chris on 01869 810124 or Pam on 810393



Croughton History Group

Our September meeting concerns the Ffestiniog Railway which operates from Porthmadog to Blaneau Ffestiniog through the glorious North Wales Countryside. The railway was incorporated in 1832 and initially operated with horses and gravity. Steam was introduced in 1863 and the railway subsequently built its steam locomotives in its own railway works at Boston Lodge which it continues to do today. Preserved in 1954, it is now one of North Wales premier tourist attractions. Our speaker Peter Johnson was a former director of the Ffestiniog Railway Society and has written many books on Narrow Gauge Railways and is the Ffestiniog Railways official photographer.

Meeting on 24 September at 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.

“Independent Vignerons of France”

Wine Tasting with the Croughton Wine Appreciation Group



Friday 27th September at 8pm, Croughton Village Hall

John Green of Bordeaux et Beyond, will bring wines from independent winemakers in France who the company know personally. Bordeaux et Beyond are a company who specialise in wines from smaller family wine-makers that are not usually found in the supermarkets, mostly from the Bordeaux and Loire regions of France. John explains that “our wines are made by people not factories”.

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.

Croughton Cinema 2013/14

Our dates for the coming season are as follows: October 11; November 01 and 22; December 13; January 10 and 31; February 21; March 21 - All in the Village Hall (doors open 7.30pm.) - please make a note in your diaries/calendars!

Our first film (by popular request) will be “Life of Pi” – winner of four Oscars and a multitude of other awards. The story concerns a young man who survives a disaster at sea and is hurtled into an epic journey of adventure and discovery. Whilst cast away, he forms an unexpected connection with another survivor: a fearsome Bengal tiger.

Our second film is planned to be “Les Miserables” a much longer film at 2.5hrs. or so! More about this next month.

Meanwhile, please put-on your thinking caps and send us your further suggestions for the coming season.

The Kevin O’Regan Band

... will be bringing their own brand of sheer exuberance to Croughton Village Hall There will be a bar and special guests. This concert is not to be missed. **Saturday 21st September** starting at 7.30 pm (Doors open 7.00 pm). Tickets: £8 (£6 students) available from Carrie or Kevin on 01280 702300 or email kevin@kevinoregan.co.uk

Web-site link <http://www.kevinoregan.co.uk/>

All Saints Church, Services and Notices

Sunday, 8 September

09:30 AYNHO Communion
09:30 CROUGHTON ~ Communion
11:00 EVENLEY ~ Communion and Baptism
Hector and Milo Thom
11:00 FARTHINGHOE ~ Family Baptism and Communion Benjamin George
18:00 STEANE ~ Evensong BCP with Rev Peter Gompertz

Sunday, 15 September

10:00 HINTON- Benefice Communion

Monday, 16 September

10:45 EVENLEY ~ Home Communion

Sunday, 22 September

09:30 CROUGHTON ~ Communion
11:00 AYNHO ~ Matins BCP
11:00 EVENLEY ~All Age Worship-Harvest
11:00 HINTON Communion BCP or CW
18:00 FARTHINGHOE ~ Harvest Evensong BCP

Monday, 23 September

11:00 AYNHO ~ Home Communion

Sunday, 29 September

St. Michael and All Angels
10:00 FARTHINGHOE- Benefice Communion
Patronal Festival with commissioning of Eucharistic Assistants
16:30 Pet Service at St. Michael’s Aynho

Sunday, 6 October

11:00 AYNHO ~ Harvest Communion
11:00 FARTHINGHOE ~ Communion and Baptism
11:00 HINTON ~ Harvest ~ All Age Service
18:00 EVENLEY ~ Taize Service

September and Harvest

September sees lots of exciting services around our benefice of five villages. We welcome our newest members Hector, Milo and Benjamin as they are baptized. We start our Harvest celebrations giving thanks for God’s gifts to us and the marvel of creation. We also remember those less fortunate than ourselves in our harvest collections. Some of these will be sold at auction and the money given to various charities. Less perishable food stuff will be given direct to food banks to help those who are struggling to feed their families. All gifts are welcome at all the churches, why not come along and help decorate your local church for harvest or bring your gifts to the Sunday services. The appeal from the food bank is for cereals, sugar, long life milk, Pot Noodles and jam.

Pet Praise Service

Come and celebrate and give thanks for our pets, real, imaginary or cuddly toys. As part of our celebrating creation season, we remember the creatures that God has given us to help and comfort us and also to work for us. Everybody is invited to our service on Sunday 29th September at 4:30pm at St. Michael’s Aynho to bring your pet large or small, please take great care of your pet and make sure other people’s pets are safe as well. If the weather is dry we will be outside church, but if wet we will go inside. Suitable for all ages and pets.

Hope to see you there rev. Simon Dommett 01869 810903

Yolly's Malaysian Food Night

(On Each Last Thursday of the Month)

Thursday 26th September 2013

Why not have a break one night a month & let me do the cooking!!!

Chicken & Mixed Vegetables. Fried Noodles

Price: Large : £5.95 Small £3.95

NB: As this will be a Main Meal on its own, may I suggest 1 large portion per person

To place your order please send 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 very much. Yolanda Tapping

Croughton Cricket Club

Croughton Cricket Club secured the South Northants Division 2 title with an exciting win on the last game of the season played at Croughton. Needing victory to secure the title Croughton entertained Dunchurch & Bilton who were also in the title race. Croughton captain Richard Wetherill won the toss and elected to bat. After being reduced to 47-3 they rallied and duly posted a creditable total of 239-6 from their 40 overs due to contributions from Ross Atkins (79), Richard Wetherill (34) and Mohammed Ishaq with a quick fire 65 not out.

Dunchurch responded positively and were always up with the run rate. Needing 15 from the last over Mohammed Ishaq (2-40) held his nerve to bowl the final over and restrict the visitors to 10 runs to give Croughton victory and secure the title in a thrilling match, with Dunchurch & Bilton finishing on 235-6 just 4 runs short. After the game Croughton were presented with the cup and winners medals from the South Northants Cricket League.

Croughton Active (Youth Club)

... for 8-13 yr olds, will be meeting on **Thursday 26th September** from 6pm to 7.30pm at the Playing Fields for sports.

There is a charge of £1.00 per head to help with costs. If any adults feel able to assist occasionally, please come along and make yourself known. It does not need to be a regular commitment.



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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 Friday 9-3pm

Parent & Toddler Group Monica 01869 810668
Monday 1.15-3.00pm, 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 07779 760006
Wednesday 7-9pm, beginners welcome

Badminton Heather 01869 811104,
Paul 01869 819734, Julian 01869 8116326
Thursdays 6-7pm, (starting 5 September)

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, Claire 01869 810987

For further information on **Village Hall bookings**
contact Sally Ward on 07923 449202 or email
croughtonvillagehall@gmail.com

Croughton Colts Football Club

Training is once again in full swing with the league season fast approaching.

The Colts Tornados began with a win in a friendly against Brackley Athletic, running out 8-2 winners with goals from Jack Connor 4, Matt Daley 1, Alex Harnett 1, Will Andrews 1 and Glen Bewick 1. Colts under 15's also began their season with a 4-3 win in a local derby at home to Charlton & District. The Colts missed a host of chances to win by a bigger margin, but hung on for the win.

The Colts Spitfires play the Colts Diamonds, Colts Tornados play Middleton Cheney and Colts U 15's play Silverstone in the remaining pre-season matches. Sunday September 8th sees Colts Spitfires v Launton Boys Athletic, Colts Tornados away to Charlbury Town and Colts U 15's at home to Heeland Rangers in their respective leagues.

If any businesses in and around the village are interested in sponsoring one of the teams please contact Steve Connor (details below), two of the sides are in need of a new kit for the coming season and any help from anyone would be greatly appreciated.

Anyone interested in finding out more about Croughton Colts Football Club please contact Steve Connor on 07806 556057 or email me at steve_connor@sky.com.

Newsletter submissions by 28th of each month to: Georgina Lucas, 50 Portway Drive, Croughton.

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