



# CROUGHTON NEWS

August 2014

## Croughton Village 8th Annual Show

**Saturday 23rd August 2014**

Entries for the show must be received by  
10.00 pm Thursday 21st August.

### Show Day

Exhibitors – 9.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. only  
(bring your own staging materials)

Judging takes place between 11.00 am and 1.30 pm

No entry to the Hall during judging.

Show opens to the public at 2.00 p.m. until 4.30 p.m.

View the exhibits – sale of vegetables and home produce

Tombola – raffle - refreshments

Immediately following the prize giving there will be a Kite  
Flying Exhibition on the Playing Field courtesy of Keith &  
Vee Griffiths (The Airheads). They demonstrate throughout  
Europe and have been flying for OVER 20 yrs.

If you do not have a programme or entry form you can  
download it from the village website:

<http://www.croughton.org.uk/what-s-on/croughton-flower-vegetable-show-2014/>

or alternatively email [allotmenters@gmail.com](mailto:allotmenters@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.



Telephone 810066 or 810862 for further  
details. Please support this show which  
is now a regular event in the Croughton  
Summer Bank Holiday calendar. The  
Alzheimer's Society will benefit from our  
efforts and your support. Good luck to all  
the exhibitors



## Croughton Colts Football Club



Pre-season training is now underway with  
the 2014/15 kicking off on 13th September.

The club will be fielding to following teams;

Under 9's, Under 13's x 2, Under 14's girls, Under 16's and  
Adult Men. The Colts Tornados under 13's are looking for  
new players for next season. Training is on Thursday evenings  
6:30pm to 7:30pm at the playing field. Call Steve on 07806  
556057 for more info.

### Local Footballers Needed.

Great news for the village! Croughton are now recruiting  
footballers to join a new mens team being formed to play  
in the local Banbury and Lord Jersey League. Talent is not  
essential but enthusiasm is. If you're young and keen, or  
have hung up your boots, and want to be part of an enjoyable  
winning team please apply. If you can't be a player, your  
support will be crucial. Come and see your local team and  
cheer us to glory.

If interested please contact Gary Crook on 07807126920 or  
Daniel Hemblen 07891458028

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](mailto:steve_connor@sky.com).

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## Help Needed

At All Saints' Church we have a group of volunteers who  
clean the church throughout the year on a regular basis but  
recently some have moved away.

Would you be able to spare an hour or so a year to join our  
rota which would only involve cleaning twice a year. The  
task is not onerous, but we would appreciate any help you can  
give, either regularly or to step in at short notice.

Please telephone Chris on 01869 810124 if you can assist us.

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## Stride and Ride

If you would like some exercise why not consider joining the  
Stride and Ride run by the Historic churches trust on 13th  
September. Loads of churches all over the country will be  
open, and people are encouraged to walk or cycle or even  
drive between the churches, being sponsored for the miles  
travelled or the number of churches visited.

More information can be found at [www.rideandstrideuk.org](http://www.rideandstrideuk.org)

Sponsor money goes towards the upkeep of historic churches  
and half goes to your local village church. Could you give it a  
go? Contact Pat Stubbs, 01869 810695 for sponsorship forms  
and more details.

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## What's On.

**Monday 11 August, 7.30 p.m.**

Parish Council meeting, Parish Room Croughton Village Hall.

**Sunday 24 August, Midday**

3K (3 Legged) Charity Walk in Croughton Village

**Thursday 28 August at 7.00 for start at 7.30 p.m.**

Whist at The Reading Room

**Monday 8 September, 7.30 p.m.**

Parish Council meeting, Parish Room Croughton Village Hall

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## 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 July 2014

**Rights of Way:** The Parish Council regrets that Footpath AF11 that runs alongside the tennis court at the Village Hall has been impassable for several weeks. We hope that by the time you read this newsletter Northamptonshire Highways will have cut down the offending vegetation.

**Allotments:** All plots and half plots have now been taken.

**Lighting:** Councillors have made observations on the parish lighting stock, of which there are 56 numbered lamps, mounted on either a column or bracket. In some cases vegetation is growing very close to the lamp. If your tree, hedge or bush is likely to interfere or obscure the lamp please would you consider acquiring expert advice to safely remedy this before it becomes a hazard.

**NCC Community Highway Gang:** Each year Northamptonshire Highways sets aside a few hours tackling small enhancement jobs requested by parishes. The Parish Council has asked for some signs to be cleaned and public benches treated.

**Cross border communications between Oxfordshire and Northamptonshire:** Thanks to the efforts of Cllr Ron Sawbridge, NCC the Parish Council and Members of Aynho, Evenley, Adderbury and King's Sutton Parish Councils met last month with Officers from Oxfordshire County Council to discuss pertinent traffic and highway issues in the area.

The Officers were left in no doubt as to our concern at the 'knock on' effect of large scale developments near Banbury and Bicester on Croughton and other neighbouring villages. Representatives of the South Northamptonshire villages believe that greater co-operation, collaboration and communication is needed between OCC and NCC and would welcome more consultation on the strategic highway plans of both Highway Authorities. Cllr Sawbridge is working tirelessly on our behalf to achieve this.

Dates of next Meetings: **Monday 11th August 2014** and **8th September 2014**. Time: 7.30 p.m.

Venue: Parish Room Croughton Village Hall.

## A big thank you ...

... to all that came to our Croughton All Saints Carnival. The sun shone, the children sang, the sausages sizzled and the stall holders sold. Cakes were consumed, loom bands were loomed and faces were painted.

With your help Friends of Croughton School raised over £477, vital funds that help pay for all the extras necessary to make our children's school life a more enriched experience. Once again, thank you and we hope you enjoyed it too.

Friends of Croughton School.



## Croughton WI

Members and guests enjoyed a wonderful summer evening at Stowe on 23 July. It began with wine and nibbles before being taken on a fascinating guided tour of the house, showing its links with the school and the sensitive conservation which has taken and continues to take place.

There is no meeting this month.

## Every day, someone like you helps save a life using an Automated External Defibrillator

Sudden Cardiac arrest can strike anyone, anytime, anywhere. The use of an AED can make a dramatic difference to survival, as it can speed up the time between a sudden collapse and the first intervention by a medical professional.

As residents know from earlier announcements, Croughton Parish Council initiated a project to provide Croughton with an AED. This is a small portable device that can automatically shock a heart back into rhythm. Once activated, the AED guides the user through each step of the defibrillation process by using voice and visual prompts.

In the event of a person collapsing, the "rescuer" (the first person on the scene, whether a resident, a visitor or someone passing through the village) would dial 999 to alert the Emergency Services. The control room would ask the necessary questions about the "patient's" symptoms to establish authenticity of the situation. They would then despatch an ambulance and give the caller the access code to the AED cabinet.

The "rescuer" would then access the cabinet, take out the AED and take it to the patient. The "rescuer" would then follow the verbal instructions on the AED of how to apply the device, pending the arrival of the ambulance crew. The AED will analyse the heart's rhythm and will only deliver a shock if needed.

An AED can be used by an adult or child – the process is safe and simple - and children in some schools are already being made aware of the importance and use of AEDs.

The AED will be encased in a green painted, fully-weatherproof, stainless steel cabinet with a keypad lock. It will be attached at eye level to the outside structure of The Reading Room in the centre of the village and will have an illuminated light and sign to ensure that it is visible. The cabinet will be locked at all times and checked regularly by a support team to ensure its availability at any time by the whole community.

The Defibrillator has been donated by The Arrhythmia Alliance charity, the cabinet is being funded by a donation from the Croughton Poores' Allotment Charity, and the installation and maintenance will be funded by Croughton Parish Council.

If you would like to know more about AEDs, please visit [www.heartrhythmcharity.org.uk](http://www.heartrhythmcharity.org.uk).

We are now approaching the installation and launch stage for the AED Project in Croughton – more details next month.

## Sewing group

If you enjoyed the Great British Sewing Bee and would like to turn your hand to something creative, then come along to Buttons and Bows, Croughton's own sewing group. We meet the **first Thursday every month**, 7.30 till 9.30pm, in the village hall. Bring a current project, mending or even something new that you need a hand with from our fellow crafters. It's very informal and people of all levels are welcome. £2 per session.



## Croughton History Group

The Group has no event in August. The next talk will be "A Day in the Life of Timeteam" on 23rd September.

## Don't fall prey to fraudsters

Police are reminding people that, under no circumstances, should they give their bank details to anyone who has phoned them, no matter who they claim to be.



In no circumstances will police officers call you and ask for your bank details. And in no circumstances do the Police ever use couriers to collect evidence from victims of crime.

Likewise, your bank will not phone and ask you for your bank details – they already have them.

The Police advice is to hang up the phone if someone starts asking you for your card or bank details and call 101 to report it.

If people are concerned they are a genuine caller and their bank account has been accessed they are encouraged to visit their bank in person.

**More advice on protecting yourself against fraud can be found online at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or by calling 101.**

## The Reading Room

**Whist ...** next event on Thursday 28 August at 7.00 for start at 7.30 p.m. This is a light-hearted and enjoyable evening - £3 per person including light refreshments. Please ring Jane on 01869 810004 to book a place.

**Coffee Mornings ...** every Tuesday from 9.00 to 11.00 a.m. Do come along with your friends and try some of Jane's delicious cakes. Please note there will be no Coffee Mornings on 12 or 19th August.

**The Reading Room is available for private hire for parties, meetings and other social events – please telephone 01869 810004 for details.**



## 3K (3 Legged) Charity Walk in Croughton Village

**Sunday 24th August 2014. Start time: High Noon/Midday**

£5.00 Entry Fee Per Team. Must register by 20th August

Onesie or an all-one-colour outfit must be worn

Random prize draw on the day for teams

### The route

Starting from the Blackbird Pub Croughton, walking east and up Wheelers Rise, first left towards Village Hall, twice round the sports field (for adults) (optional once for kids) then returning to the Blackbird Pub – Finish Line

Children: Collect 5 different items on route from marshalls for a prize. Adults: Must collect five colour ribbons from marshalls on route to complete the course

Games for the kids • first aiders on site • water supplied

All proceeds go to both charities

Volunteers needed on the day as marshalls, please contact 07980 606827 if you can help.

## August Church Services

**Details at [www.astwickvale.co.uk](http://www.astwickvale.co.uk)**

St. Michael Aynho • All Saints Croughton, •  
St. George Evenley • St. Michael and All Angles  
Farthinghoe • Most Holy Trinity Hinton-in-the-Hedges

### Sunday, 3 August

9:30am FARTHINGHOE ~ Communion BCP

11:00am AYNHO ~ Communion

11:00am HINTON ~ WWI Commemoration Service

6:00pm Benefice Taize Worship ~ EVENLEY

### Sunday, 10 August

10:00am Holiday Club- Final Celebration CROUGHTON  
Church

6:00pm Benefice Communion at STEANE  
with Rev Eddie Smith

### Sunday, 17 August

10:00am BENEFICE ~ Communion EVENLEY

### Sunday, 24 August

9:30am CROUGHTON ~ Communion with Baptism

11:00am AYNHO ~ Matins BCP

11:00am EVENLEY ~ All Age Worship

11:00am HINTON Communion BCP

11:00am FARTHINGHOE ~ Communion with Baptism

### Sunday, 31 August

10:00am BENEFICE ~ Communion FARTHINGHOE

## Remembering looking back and looking forward

You will not have been able to miss that this summer is the centenary of the outbreak of WWI. For many this is a troubling time, for surely we should not be celebrating the outbreak of the war, and yet neither can we forget the event or those who gave their lives in it. And so on 4th August 2014, 100 years after Germany invaded neutral Belgium, the event which triggered Britain's declaration of war to defend her ally, people are invited to mark the occasion by looking back and then looking forward. Much has changed in the last 100 years, but many problems remain. Much has been learned but there is also so much more to be learnt for our world to be a more peaceful place. As we commemorate this day, may we all find it in ourselves to pledge to work for a better world for all people regardless of age, gender, colour or faith.

The Most Holy Trinity Hinton-in-the-hedges will be hosts a service of Commemoration on Sunday 3rd August at 11am to which everybody is invited.

Looking forward we will be having lots of fun and games and songs at our annual Holiday club at Croughton school from Monday 4th–8th August for children of primary school age with the theme Space Academy. The end of the week will see a celebration of all that has happened during the week at 10am on Sunday 10th August in Croughton church—do come and join the celebration. On the same evening we welcome back Rev. Eddie Smith to conduct a communion Service at 6pm at St. Peter's Steane. This will be a lovely occasion to remember when Eddie served as a curate here before he moves to his next living.

Take care and God Bless,

Simon

## Aynho Gardening Club News

The Aynho Gardening Club meets once a month from January to November, usually on the second Wednesday of the month in the village hall at 8 p.m. The main aims of the club are to foster interest in gardening, flowers and vegetables through talks by knowledgeable people and visits to well-known public gardens and those of gifted amateurs.

Members of the club do not need to be expert gardeners. A shared interest in making things grow or pottering in the garden is what binds us together.

**Wednesday 13th August** – a talk on ‘Easy Ways to Make Compost’ by Pauline Pears. Practical hints and tips for successful composting.

Aynho Gardening Club 31st Annual Flower and Vegetable Show will be held in the Aynho Village Hall on **Saturday 30th August**. Please contact Chris Tomlin on 810124 for information about the show and a programme which contains a list of all the show classes.

## Job Club

### Looking for work? Want to change your job?

South Northamptonshire Council's free Job Club helps people find their way back into work, training, or education. To date, we have helped over 200 local residents find new employment.

Professional experts are on hand to provide confidential advice, help to write CVs and letters and answer questions about finding work, volunteering opportunities, debt and welfare. Laptops are also available to carry out online job searches.

The Job Club is held at Towcester Town Hall and Brackley Town Hall on alternate weeks.

## Job Match

### Looking for employees? Want a local job?

Matching employees with local businesses, this tailored and confidential service helps job seekers to find the right job for them and businesses to find employees with the skills and experience they need.

Our Job Match advisors are up-to-date on current vacancies and have well established relationships with a wide range of local companies. Over 50 Job Club members have benefited from this free service since it started.

## Enterprise Club

### Want to start a business? Planning a career change?

The Enterprise Club provides free advice and guidance for local residents about how to start their own business or become self-employed. Members may also receive coaching and mentoring to ensure the best possible chance of success in launching their new idea.

To find out more visit [www.southnorthants.gov.uk/jobclub](http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/jobclub) or contact the Job Club Team:

Job Club – 01327 322087

Enterprise Club – 01327 322266

Job Match – 01327 322322

or email [jobclub@southnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:jobclub@southnorthants.gov.uk)

## 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 9.00–3.00pm

**Parent & Toddler Group** Michelle 07715 464694  
Monday 1.15–3.00pm, term time

**Art Class** Kathleen Bartlett 01295 780493  
Monday 2.00–4.00pm

**Short Mat Bowls** Cyril 01869 810207  
Monday 7.30–10.00pm

**Gym Dodgers Class** Wendy 07775 661365  
Tuesday 5.45–7.15pm

**Karate** Tracy 07779 760006  
Wednesday 7.00–9.00pm, beginners welcome

**Badminton** Heather 01869 811104,  
Paul 01869 819734, Julian 01869 8116326  
Thursdays 6.00–7.00pm

**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

**Buttons & Bows** (Sewing Group) Claire  
01869 810185  
1st Thursday in the month 7.30–9.30pm

For further information on **Village Hall bookings**  
contact Sally Ward on 07923 449202 or email  
[croughtonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:croughtonvillagehall@gmail.com)



## Nothing on Telly?

Why not come and join us at our Village Hall –  
The Croughton Short Mat Bowls Club  
We are a small friendly club who meet every  
Monday evening at the Village Hall. Our motto  
is “We don’t do serious” !!  
All equipment provided, just a small weekly subscription  
required. Please contact: Cyril on 01869 810207 for more details.

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