



CROUGHTON NEWS

October 2013

Update on Highways Works in Croughton

Carriage-way patching and resurfacing works of the B4031 between Blenheim and Portway roundabout are due to start on **14 October 2013** and are expected to take up to two weeks.

During this time, it will be necessary to close in sections of the road to minimise the impact on through traffic and ensure the safety of the public and workforce. On-street parking will be affected. The restrictions will be in place between 08.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. each day. Traffic will be diverted around Croughton village via the B4100 south from Aynho, the A43 north from Baynards Green and the B4031 west from Barley Mow roundabout to Croughton and vice versa.

The 7.5 tonne amenity weight restriction will be temporarily lifted as there will be no alternate route for certain vehicles entering the village.

We recommend that residents and incoming business employees avoid bringing your car to the centre of the village when possible, allow more time for journeys into and out of the village, and reduce your speed and exercise caution when driving in the village.

We ask for your patience and thoughtfulness to others during the road improvements which will benefit everyone living and working in Croughton.

If you need any further information, please contact Northamptonshire County Council Highways department on 01604-883400.



Croughton Colts Football Club

All four teams have now kicked off their league and cup campaigns for the new season.

The Colts Tornados began with a defeat at last seasons champions Charlbury Town Youth by 5 goals to 2. This did not reflect the game itself as the Tornados could and should have had the game won in the second half! Tornados goals were from Glen Bewick and Matt Daley. Colts Spitfires began their first ever game as a new team with 3-0 home defeat to a very strong Launton side, it was an excellent performance for the boys despite the result.

Colts Diamonds have begun their season in stunning fashion with a 11-0 home win against MK Sapphires and followed this up with a 5-0 away win at Deanshanger Diva's. The girls will take some stopping!

Colts U 15's won their first match 6-4 at home to Heeland Rangers, the Colts dominated the game and only some early season sloppy defending made the score line look closer than it was.

Forthcoming fixtures: Colts Tornados v Grendon Rangers, Banbury Irish v Colts Spitfires, City Belles v Colts Diamonds and Colts U 15's v Roman Rangers Blue.

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.

What's On.

Friday 11 October, 8pm (doors open 7.30pm.)

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

Monday 14 October, 7.30pm

Parish Council meeting in Croughton Village Hall.

Wednesday, 16 October, 7.30pm

WI meeting in Croughton Village Hall (AGM).

Monday 21 October, 6.00pm

Young people's informal meeting at the Reading Room,

Monday 21 October, 7.30pm

"Friends of the Reading Room", at the Reading Room,

Tuesday 22 October, 7.30pm

History Group meeting in Croughton Village Hall.

Friday 1 November, 7.45pm

Croughton Cinema, "Les Miserables", Croughton Village Hall

Saturday 2 November, 8pm

The Impacts at Croughton Village Hall.

Monday 11 November, 7.30pm

Parish Council meeting in Croughton Village Hall.

Saturday 23 November, 7.30pm

Sways at Croughton Village Hall

British American Quiz Night

The ever popular British-American Quiz Night returns to Croughton again on **Friday 18 October 2013**. It will take place at the Reading Room in the High Street; participants should arrive from 7:00pm for a 7.30pm start.

The evening, organised by the RAF Croughton British American Committee, will comprise a quiz played by teams of British and American players and will include a chilli and baked potato supper in the interval. The price is £5 per person. There will also be a cash bar available on the night. This event is always a fun evening, so share your general knowledge (or not – it's only a game!) with members of your team and get to know them better in the process.

Tickets are available from the office at Croughton All Saints Primary School, or call 01869 810727 or e-mail bursar@croughton.northants-ecl.gov.uk.

For any other queries relating to RAF Croughton, please call Jenny Collyer on 07764 166079 or e-mail jennifer.collyer.2.gb@us.af.mil

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 9th September 2013

Affordable Housing development, Brackley Road: Activity commenced on site on 9th September with deliveries of drainage goods and Heras fencing. On request from the Parish Council all contractors have been asked to access the site from the Evenley to Charlton road off the A43, thus routing the supplies to the site past the Rowler Estate rather than through the village.

The Council was disappointed that the proposed facing materials are of brick rather than stone and will be responding accordingly. It had no objections to the slate grey roof tiles.

Local Plan: SNC has advised of a further delay in the publication of its Issues paper which will be of significance to the district's rural areas, such as Croughton. The information previously gathered through the Village Plan Questionnaire will inform the Council's response to the eagerly anticipated consultation on the Issues Paper.

On 5th September 2013 Councillor Ron Sawbridge was elected to represent Middleton Cheney Division and will represent Croughton once again on Northamptonshire County Council.

Dates of next Meetings: **Monday 14th October** 2013;
Monday 11th November 2013. Time: 7.30 p.m.
Venue: Parish Room Croughton Village Hall.

Primary school admissions

It's time for parents to apply for their child's primary school place

Northamptonshire County Council is running a campaign targeting all parents with children who turn four years old between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014, to help raise awareness to parents of the right time to apply for their child's school place and how to do this.

Applications are open NOW and will close on 15th January 2014.

Parents should apply for their child's primary school place regardless of whether:

- They have put their child's name down at their preferred school
- The child lives in the area near the school
- They have an older brother or sister already at the preferred school

Parents are encouraged to apply for their child's school place online rather than by paper form and they can do this at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions

For further information:

- Visit www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions
- E-mail admissions@northamptonshire.gov.uk
- Customer Service Centre - 0300 126 1000

SNC new recycling scheme already proving a great success

Since the new scheme was introduced in June recycling has increased from 550 tonnes a month to 730 tonnes, and for the first time 280 tonnes of food waste is collected a month. The amount of waste going to landfill has dropped by 460 tonnes a month. The old collection fleet has been replaced with the latest vehicles capable of collecting more materials. The food waste goes to Cassington near Oxford, where it is processed to create electricity and a soil fertiliser. For the first time Tetrapak cartons are being recycled and household batteries, which are left on top of the blue bin in a plastic bag.

Make Friends with your Reading Room

A support group, "Friends of the Reading Room" has been formed to focus on some immediate priorities to enable the Reading Room to continue to be available for rental by community groups, private parties, or a commercial enterprise, or any combination. These priorities are:

- Raise funds urgently to pay the necessary overhead costs for the next few months. These costs are between £2,000 and £3,000 per year, depending on the occupancy rate and electricity usage.
- Keep the building clean, the grounds tidy and assist in undertaking some minor building repairs
- Encourage and take bookings

We now have a caretaking facility and a booking arrangement in place through the generous volunteering of Richard and Jane who are newcomers to our village. We are immensely grateful to them for their enthusiastic support so far.

A fund-raising table-top sale is planned for **Saturday 16 November** from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. at the Reading Room. There will be refreshments on sale, some fun things to do and some raffle prizes. So if you have items you would like to sell, please contact Richard and Jane to book a table for £5, and if you would like to catch up with your friends and support the Reading Room at the same time, put the date in your diary now.

However, we need more people to join the "Friends" to help with this and other fund-raising events and/or volunteer practical skills to help with minor repairs.

The next "Friends of the Reading Room" meeting will be held on **Monday 21 October** at 7.30 p.m. at the Reading Room, so if you would like to know what's happening and would like to help, in whatever small way, do please come along.

To contact Richard and Jane to book the Reading Room or book a table at the sale, please telephone them on 01869 810004.



Croughton History Group

The History Group's talk on **Tuesday 22 October** will be "The Alternative Theory to the Gunpowder Plot" by a speaker, Paul Titchener, who has addressed us several times before.

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.

Croughton Village Annual Show

Our Village Show was a great success this year and once again you turned out to support the exhibitors and help us to raise a significant sum for The Warwickshire/Northamptonshire Air Ambulance Service. The figures have now been finalised and we are very pleased to be able to donate £610 to the charity.

Included in this figure is the magnificent sum of £210 raised by Diane Watts who made an enormous amount of jams, preserves and chutneys; selling them via the Co-op, and to her friends and family. Diane would like to thank everyone who supported her and offers a special thank you to Croughton Co-op. We look forward to seeing you all again at next year's show.

Croughton Young People

Are you aged 14-17? Do you wish there were more activities in Croughton for your age group? If so, we would like to hear your views and invite you and your friends to an informal meeting at the Reading Room on **Monday 21 October 2013 at 6.00 p.m.** We can't make any promises – but your views are important!

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 and on your calendars!

Our first film on **11th October at 8pm.** (by popular request) will be "Life of Pi" – winner of 4 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 on **1st November** is planned to be "Les Miserables" a much longer film at 2.5hrs. or so! Winner of 4 Oscars it stars, Hugh Jackman, Russell Crowe and Anne Hathaway. The film takes place in 19th-century France; Jean Valjean, who for decades has been hunted by the ruthless policeman Javert after he breaks parole, agrees to care for factory worker Fantine's daughter, Cosette. The fateful decision changes their lives forever. Due to the length of the film, we plan to start at 7.45pm and to have a short break at a suitable point in the showing.

Our next two films are planned to be "Argo" and "Great Gatsby".

Meanwhile, please put-on your thinking caps and send us your further suggestions for the four dates in early 2014.

Croughton WI

The guest speaker for the September meeting was Christine Hamilton who gave a lively and informative talk about Denman College and its work, including the variety of courses on offer. She used slides to show the charm of the building and its surroundings, together with the latest renovations.

The October meeting on **Wednesday, 16 October**, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, is the AGM. This meeting is for members only, with wine, canapés and nibbles to enliven the business part of the meeting.

The Impacts

Saturday 2nd November at Croughton Village Hall

Tickets for this event, priced at £12.50, are on sale now, so don't miss out as numbers are limited. This original 60s band, led by Croughton's Bill Bennett, was a huge success last year, and we look forward to another great evening.

Doors will open at 7.30pm, with the band performing from 8.00pm until 11.00pm with a break for a light ploughman's supper. All profits will be divided between the Church organ repair fund and the Reading Room maintenance programme. There will be a raffle, for which we welcome any donations, and the bar will be open all evening.

For tickets phone 01869 810124 or 810393

All Saints Church, Services and Notices

Sunday, 6 October

11:00am AYNHO ~ Harvest Communion
11:00am FARTHINGHOE ~ Communion and Baptism
11:00am HINTON ~ Harvest ~ All Age Service
6:00pm Taize Service ~ EVENLEY

Sunday, 13 October

9:30am AYNHO Communion
9:30am CROUGHTON ~ Communion
11:00am FARTHINGHOE ~ Communion
11:00am EVENLEY ~ Communion
6:00pm HINTON ~ Evensong

Sunday, 20 October

10:00am Benefice Communion at EVENLEY
4:30pm PIZZA PRAISE at Farthinghoe

Sunday, 27 October

9:30am CROUGHTON ~ Communion
11:00am AYNHO ~ Matins BCP
11:00am EVENLEY ~ All Age Worship
11:00am HINTON Communion BCP
6:00pm Benefice All Souls Service at FARTHINGHOE

Rector's Letter

Starting in October I would like to offer you a free quiet half hour each week with Candle Prayers. Candle Prayers simply means your local church will be open from 7:15-8:00pm, lit with candles, giving you the opportunity to come and enjoy the peace of these special places. You may want to light a candle for somebody or a situation, or just sit on your own for a few minutes. At 7:30 there will be a short opening prayer for those who want to join in followed by a time for personal space, then at about 7:50 there will be a short quiet closing prayer for those who want to join in.

You are invited to come for as much or as little as you like.

Monday 7th October, St. Michaels, Aynho
Friday 11th October, All Saints, Croughton
Thursday 17th October, Holy Trinity, Hinton in the Hedges
Tuesday 22nd October, St. Georges, Evenley
Wednesday, 30th October, St Michael and all Angels, Farthinghoe

At the end of the month there will be our annual All Souls service where we will remember our loved ones who we see no longer. Names of those to be remembered will be collected in your local church.

Can I also thank you for supporting our Harvest collections for a range of local good causes.

The door to the Rectory is always open, please drop in or give me a call if it is easier for me to come to you.
Best wishes Revd. Simon Dommett 01869 810903

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Byfield Barbershop Harmony Club

A wonderful evening of music. Sung in the acapella (unaccompanied) style. From up-tempo show songs to romantic ballads

7.30pm, Saturday 23rd November. Croughton Village Hall. Tickets £10 to include a light supper. The bar will be open

Available from Pam 01869 810228 or Chris 01869 810124. All proceeds benefit All Saints Church Croughton

Yolly's Malaysian Food Night

(On Each Last Thursday of the Month)

Thursday 31st October 2013

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

Chicken in Oyster Sauce with Chinese straw mushrooms. Price: Large: £5.95; Small: £3.95
To complement this I have a side dish: **Stir Fried Mixed Vegetables.** Large: £4.00; Small: £2.00

Basmati Rice. Large: £2.00; Small: £1.00

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

Reporting a Faulty Footway Light

Should you notice that one of the Parish Council's 56 lamps is not functioning please report it to

Either: contact the Parish Office, Tel: 01869 819905 or emailclerk@croughton.org.uk

Or: contact a member of the Parish Council.

Please report the number of the light (1-56), its location, and the fault. Thank you.

Minor Highway Defects

These should be reported to Street Doctor:
www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor

This online reporting facility is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In 5 easy steps your problem will be reported

Macmillan Coffee Morning (a month late, but all for the same good cause!)

The Orchard House, Church Lane, Croughton

Thursday 31st October,

7.30pm to 9.30pm, glass of wine and nibbles!

Friday 1st November

9.30am to 11.30am, coffee and cake

Full range of Phoenix Trading Christmas cards, which have raised over £1.2m for charities, including Katharine House Hospice, Macmillan and Dogs for the Disabled, plus everyday birthday cards and wrap, stocking filler gifts and gorgeous stationery.

Any queries – please call Elizabeth 01869 819630



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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 7.30–10.00pm

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



The victorious Croughton Cricket Club who secured the South Northants Division 2 title with an exciting win on the last game of the season (see September newsletter or the Croughton Village Website)

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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