



# CROUGHTON NEWS

September 2014

## British American Quiz Night

The ever popular British-American Quiz Night returns again on **Friday 10 October 2014**. 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.

For tickets, please call or email Jenny Collyer on 07764 166079 or [jennifer.collyer.2.gb@us.af.mil](mailto:jennifer.collyer.2.gb@us.af.mil)

## 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.

## Newsletter Sponsorship

We hope you enjoy reading your monthly copy of Croughton News and look forward to the next issue.

Although several volunteers are involved in the production process, there are costs associated with the print run which is done by a commercial company.

Over the previous 12 months we have been fortunate that these printing costs have been covered by our sponsors, neither of whom wishes to be identified. The Parish Council is immensely grateful to them for their generosity.

We are now able to invite others to sponsor Croughton News. This can be for a single issue or for several. Your financial backing, of whatever amount, will be much appreciated not only by our readers, but also by our community minded members of the production and distribution team.

If you would like further details please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council on 01869 819905 or email [clerk@croughton.org.uk](mailto:clerk@croughton.org.uk).

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## 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).

## What's On.

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

Parish Council meeting, Parish Room, Croughton Village Hall

**Saturday 13 September.**

Stride and Ride, run by the Historic churches trust on

**Wednesday 17 September, 7.30 p.m.**

WI meeting in the Village Hall

**Tuesday 23 September, 7.30 p.m.**

History Group meeting ("A Day in the life of Time Team"), Croughton Village Hall.

**Thursday 25 September, 7.00 for start at 7.30 p.m.**

Whist at the Reading Room

**Friday 26 September, 8 p.m.**

"Origins – wines made from grape varieties that are indigenous to that area." Croughton Wine Appreciation Group wine tasting evening in Croughton Village Hall

**Monday 13 October, 7.30 p.m.**

Parish Council meeting, Parish Room Croughton Village Hall

**Friday 24 October, doors open at 7.30 p.m.**

Croughton Cinema showing of "Saving Mr. Banks", in 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](http://www.croughton.org.uk)

## Parish Council Meeting held on 11th August 2014

**External Audit YE 31st March 2014:** BDO LLP has signed off the Annual Return and found no issues that warranted the issuing of a separate report. This concludes the Audit process for the financial year 2014/2015.

**Health & Safety Risk Assessments:** Various minor highway defects throughout the village have been reported to Street Doctor and most will be attended to within 2-3 months. Some street lights require renumbering.

Should a lamp fail please take the number (1-56), make a note of the location, and pass the information on to the Clerk who will arrange for a repair with the lighting contractor. Now that the evenings are drawing in, footway lighting is much appreciated.

**Dates of next Meetings: Monday 8th September 2014 and 13th October 2014.** Time: 7.30 p.m. Venue: Parish Room Croughton Village Hall.

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## The Reading Room

**Whist ...** next event on **Thursday 25 September** 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.

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

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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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**“Origins – wines made from grape varieties that are indigenous to that area.”**

## Wine Tasting with the Croughton Wine Appreciation Group

**Friday 26th September at 8pm, Croughton Village Hall**

At our next event, Julie Timm from Grapevine wine company ([www.the-grapevine.org.uk](http://www.the-grapevine.org.uk)) in Culworth will lead us through an evening about “Origins – wines made from grape varieties that are indigenous to that area”. If you would like to learn about grape varieties and taste some great wines, do come and join us – everyone is very welcome. 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](mailto:croughtonwag@gmail.com) or call Claire on 810987.



## Cutbacks

If you have a hedge or vegetation that is overhanging the pavement or road please take a leaf out of the book of those people who have cut back their offending vegetation. Depending on the location, overgrown hedges can cause burgeoning problems for road and pavement users in terms of impaired highway visibility and obstructions for wheelchairs and buggies.

Thank you to everyone for trimming or strimming their brimming garden growth. It is very much appreciated.



## Croughton History Group

“A Day in the life of Time Team” is the title of the talk by Paul Blinkhorn on **Tuesday 23rd September**. Paul's talk is a behind the scenes look at a typical day with Channel 4's Time

Team programme. Paul has over 30 years experience of the analysis of Anglo-Saxon, medieval and post-medieval pottery. He is a guest lecturer at the Universities of Cambridge, Worcester and Leicester and a consultant to Bristol University. He has appeared in a number of Television programmes including Time Team since 1998 and Michael Wood's Story of the Nation.

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

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## Croughton Village Annual Show 2014

What an amazing day we had last Bank Holiday Saturday. Once again the sun shone down, exhibits increased by twenty percent, and visitors all had a wonderful afternoon. We were once again very well supported by the village so thank you to everyone who came along.

The following trophies were awarded -

Vegetable section – Fran Bodley-Scott – Trug of home-grown garden vegetables

Floral section – Chris Fox – Floral arrangement

Homecraft section – Janet Waters – Needlework exhibit - Cushion

Photography – Richard Freeman – Landscape

Children's up to 8 – Dulcie Hayward – Decorated Flowerpot

Children's up to 12 – Olivia Wood – Photograph of a sunflower

Most points in show – Fran Bodley-Scott – 38 points –

Best exhibit in Show - Fran Bodley-Scott - Trug of home-grown garden vegetables

The Basil Coles Memorial Cup for the allotment holder with the most 1st place certificates was won by Fran Bodley-Scott with 8 first places. Well done Fran.

The Bill Golsby Memorial Cup was won by Fran Bodley-Scott for her specimen rose.

The Bruce Golsby Memorial Cup was won by Paul Gibbard for 6 shallots.

As a bonus at the end of the Village Show we were treated to a Kite Flying display, given by Keith and Vee Griffiths 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.

## Croughton's Defibrillator is coming

Croughton will soon have a potentially life-saving defibrillator (automated external defibrillator or AED) in place at the Reading Room. At the time of going to press, the cabinet for the equipment had just been installed outside the Reading Room where it will be easy to access should the need arise. It is a green, fully-weatherproof, stainless steel cabinet with an illuminated light to ensure it is visible. The cabinet will be locked to prevent damage to the AED inside, and will be checked regularly by a support team to ensure the device is available at all times for our community.

The next step is to set up the defibrillator and ancillary equipment inside the cabinet and register it with the Ambulance Service. Every resident in Croughton will receive a leaflet which will provide details about the defibrillator and how to use it. In the meantime, if you would like to know more, please visit [www.hearhrhythmcharity.org.uk](http://www.hearhrhythmcharity.org.uk).

The defibrillator has been donated to Croughton by The Arrhythmia Alliance charity, the cabinet is being funded by a donation from the Croughton Poors' Allotment Charity, and the installation and maintenance is being organised and funded by Croughton Parish Council.

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. An AED is designed to be used by an adult or child – the process is extremely safe and simple - and children in some schools are already being made aware of the importance and use of AEDs. There is a brief description below about how to use the defibrillator. If you have any concerns or questions, please do contact the Parish Council via the clerk: [clerk@croughton.org.uk](mailto:clerk@croughton.org.uk) or 01869 819905.

### Using a defibrillator is safe and simple:

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) dials 999 to alert the Emergency Services. The control room asks the necessary questions about the "patient's" symptoms to establish authenticity of the situation. They then despatch an ambulance and give the caller the access code to the AED cabinet. The "rescuer" accesses the cabinet, takes out the AED and take it to the patient. The "rescuer" then follows the verbal and visual 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.

## Croughton Cinema

The new season begins on **Friday 24 October** with a showing of "Saving Mr. Banks" in Croughton Village Hall. Doors open at 7.30pm and we have a licensed bar for pre-film drinks!

We are keeping our Subscriptions/Admission charges the same as before: Admission : CC Members: £3.00 Non-Members: £4.50 Under16s: £3.00  
Croughton Cinema Annual Membership: £10.00.

Our second film will be "Anna Karenina" on Friday 14th November. More information next month! The remainder of our programme looks like this so far :-

Dec 5 Grand Budapest Hotel

Jan Mr Turner

Jan 30, Feb 20, Mar 13, and April 10 will be announced later.

We're looking forward to meeting our friends and supporters once again – please bring along your friends and neighbours for a viewing of one of the latest DVD releases!

## 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, 7 September

09:30 FARTHINGHOE ~ Communion BCP  
11:00 AYNHO ~ Communion  
11:00 HINTON ~ Morning Worship  
11:00 CROUGHTON ~ Communion and Baptism

### Sunday, 14 September

09:30 AYNHO Communion  
09:30 CROUGHTON ~ Communion  
11:00 EVENLEY ~ Communion  
10:00 FARTHINGHOE ~ Family Service  
18:00 STEANE ~ Evensong BCP with Rev Peter  
& Mori Gompertz

### Monday, 15 September

10:45 EVENLEY ~ Home Communion

### Sunday, 21 September

10:00 HINTON ~ Benefice Communion

### Monday, 22 September

11:00 AYNHO ~ Home Communion

### Sunday, 28 September

09:30 CROUGHTON ~ Communion  
11:00 AYNHO ~ Family Harvest Service  
11:00 EVENLEY ~ Family Harvest Service  
11:00 HINTON ~ Communion  
18:00 FARTHINGHOE ~ Harvest Evensong BCP

### Saturday 25th October

Cheese and Wine Party -in aid of All Saints Church  
Croughton' (more details next month).

### September and Harvest

We start our Harvest celebrations giving thanks for God's gifts to us and the marvel of creation. It is always good to say thank you and remember those who have worked so hard to produce the harvest. We are very fortunate in our rural communities to know the farmers and see the labour of their hands. 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 – the appeal from the food bank is for cereals, sugar, long life milk, pot noodles and jam.

Heather and I will be visiting our new in-laws in Kenya 7-20th September and also be looking for a school or orphanage to make a possible benefice link. During that time rev Hugh Warwick and rev Shemil Mathew will take good care of you all.

## Croughton WI

The next meeting of the WI will be held on **Wednesday, 17 September**, in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. The speaker will be Dr Denise Dew-Hughes, who, following retirement from teaching and research, became a magistrate. The title of her talk is "See You in Court". This promises to be a most interesting and occasionally amusing evening. Members are very welcome to bring guests.

## Northamptonshire County Council

... announces a new 24/7 online service for Blue Badge and Bus Pass applications and renewals.

You can:

- Find out if you are eligible
  - You can save the form and go back to it at any point
- Blue Badge Assessment should be processed within 6 weeks

Your new Bus Pass should arrive within 10 working days.

Visit: [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk)

Information is also on the Parish Noticeboards.

## World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support

Wednesday evening, October 1st, 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Thursday morning, October 2nd, 9am to 12 noon.

The Orchard House, Church Lane, Croughton,

Through my Phoenix Trading business, I'm proud to have raised over £7,000 for Macmillan and other charities including Katharine House, Breakthrough Breast Cancer, Together for Short Lives, plus lots of donations made to smaller local charities and good causes. Please come along and join me for this regular event, donate a pound or two for a coffee and cake, or for a glass of wine, and browse the gorgeous range of Phoenix Trading Christmas cards and accessories, plus lots of every day greeting cards and stationery.

Elizabeth Wilson [www.elizabethscards.com](http://www.elizabethscards.com)  
01869 819630 [phoenix@elizabethscards.com](mailto:phoenix@elizabethscards.com)

### Alzheimer's Society NEEDS YOU!

Do you have a hobby or interest you could share, or would you like to explore something new?

If so, the Alzheimer's Society needs you for a few hours, on a regular basis, to spend time with a person living with dementia.

- All expenses reimbursed
- Training and ongoing support given

For further information, please contact: Befriending Manager on 01832 736676 or 01832 736675

### Body Sculpture

### Fitness & Training Studio

at Aynhoe Park

The new **Fitness & Training Studio** provides a uniquely personal service to help you achieve your fitness and wellness goals.

Join us for **Personal Training, Monthly Memberships & Drop-in** sessions for gym & group training. Well-equipped **functional gym** and **group training** sessions to include **Kettlebells, Core, Circuits, Boxercise** and more coming soon!

We are family run, providing a welcoming space for those who may find larger gyms intimidating and we are always available to provide support & advice.

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Email: [info@bodysculpturefitness.com](mailto:info@bodysculpturefitness.com) Call: 07714 248 177



## 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

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

## Let's Go For A Walk!

There are many interesting walks around Croughton. The network of footpaths in and around the village make up excellent short and longer circular routes. On the village website, you can find details about six of them. Why not print them out and follow the trails. You will find the walks on <http://www.croughton.org.uk/village-life/village-activities/public-walks/> Or search for: croughton village public walks.

**Newsletter submissions by 28th of each month to: Georgina Lucas, 50 Portway Drive, Croughton. Tel: 01869 810923, or e-mail [galucas@waitrose.com](mailto:galucas@waitrose.com)**

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