



# CROUGHTON PARISH NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2012

## CROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Parish Council Meeting held on 12th March 2012

**SNVB's Village Networks:** your link to advice and support—a unique outreach project, Lottery funded for 3 years—was the subject of Guest Speaker, Mr Nick King, Co-Ordinator of the project. Mr King explained that Village Networks aims to take benefits and debt advice, and support for job seekers out to villages such as Croughton using its bespoke mobile exhibition unit. A 16-seater minibus with MiDAS-trained, CRB-checked drivers is also available to take people to advice centres in other locations in the district. The Parish Council was in favour of supporting Village Networks and looks forward to arranging for the mobile unit to visit Croughton. There will be an opportunity learn more about Village Networks, as well as SNC Job Clubs and Job Match Service, at the Annual Parish Assembly on Monday 30th April 2012.

**Planning applications:** A variety of proposals were considered at the Meeting from various locations within the parish. These included resubmissions of modified proposals for Croughton House West, a listed building, and to which the Parish Council had no objections.

A proposal to erect nine affordable homes at land at Brackley Road was supported by the Parish Council. The Open Forum held the week before the Parish Council Meeting was a useful opportunity to hear residents' views. Housing Officers answered questions about the site design and plans, talked about Croughton's Housing Needs Survey, and explained the concept of affordable housing to a receptive and enquiring audience. Provision of affordable housing is one of this Council's Action Plan objectives and has been a goal of its predecessors for over 20 years. A related longstanding request is for the creation of a footpath along Brackley Road. The increasing importance of this amenity was stressed by the Parish Council as part of its response to the consultation on this proposal.

A second Open Forum, organised in conjunction with Evenley Parish Council, was held at the Reading Room on 6th March where the plans for a meteorological mast at Gateridge Farm were on display. The proposed anemometer will be a temporary structure for the gathering of site specific data. The Parish Council has objected to the proposal.

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who came along to both Forums and took part in the discussions. The input

### Consultation on the Community Engagement Strategy 2012-2017 (draft):

The document can be viewed on the Parish Council Documents page on the website [www.croughton.org.uk](http://www.croughton.org.uk). The Parish Council welcomes your views on all aspects of the Strategy. Please send your comments to the Clerk to the Parish Council email: [clerk@croughton.org.uk](mailto:clerk@croughton.org.uk)

Feedback will be available at the Annual Parish Assembly. Thank you.

### 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)

of Cllr John Townsend, SNC in setting out the Planning context for both proposals was most helpful. Cllr Townsend was not able to express a view on either application and did not do so.

A proposal to create 3 course fishing lakes for recreational purposes at the former Astwick Quarry will be considered at the next Meeting at 7.30 p.m. on **Monday 16 April 2012**.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. on **Monday 14 May 2012**. At this Meeting the Chairman of the Parish Council will be elected for the year. Members of the public and the press are invited to attend and have the opportunity to ask questions on items on the Agenda.

## Annual Parish Assembly

7.30 p.m. on Monday 30th April 2012.

Venue: Croughton Reading Room

Electors of the Parish of Croughton are invited to attend

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Pamela Gelder will present the Annual Parish Council Report on behalf of Cllrs Margaret Bennett, Fran Bodley-Scott, Rodney Cash, Jean Coles, Trevor Davies, Lesley Ramsay, Rob Robbins and Brian Tomlin.

- Col. Charles Hamilton will talk about activities at RAF Croughton
- Cllrs John Townsend, SNC and Ron Sawbridge, NCC will report on their work at the principal Councils.
- PCSO Charlotte Whitehead will present the Police report.
- Village groups and local businesses are invited to say a few words about their organisations.

It all makes for a very interesting and informative evening. Do come along and participate! Information available on: Village Networks Project and SNC Job Clubs & Job Match Service.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served.

## What's On.

**Thursday 12 April, 8pm-9.30pm:**

Morris dancing taster evening at the Village Hall.

**Monday 16 April, 7.30pm**

Parish Council Meeting

**Wednesday, 18 April, 7.30pm**

WI meeting in the Village Hall.

**Thursday 26 April** from 10.30 am onwards.

Jean Coles' Coffee Morning

**Tuesday 24 April.**

History Group meeting in the Village Hall.

**Monday 7 May, 10am-3pm:**

Bunting Day in the Village Hall:

<http://www.facebook.com/events/370322952988357/>

**Friday May 11th, 7.45pm**

Wine Appreciation Group AGM and wine tasting evening in Croughton Village Hall.

**Jubilee Events & Activities**

Find dates & times of all Jubilee activities and events on Croughton website and Facebook:

[www.croughton.org.uk/index.php/jubilee](http://www.croughton.org.uk/index.php/jubilee),

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Croughton-Village-Jubilee/179135875438789>

## Northamptonshire Police

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Due to very low numbers of crimes over the past few months Brackley SCT would like to remind you that now Spring is upon us to keep vigilant when out in the gardens keeping windows and doors locked behind you. It is also around this time of year that we see an increase in shed breaks, ensure your locks are sufficient and tools/equipment are locked away and out of sight.

**Locally identified Ward priority:** Burglary (Dwelling & Non-Dwelling). Local Officers and PCSO's have been visiting businesses across the area offering crime prevention advice and the opportunity to sign up to Business Messaging.

**Other concerns:** Speeding. Continued speeding operations have been carried out at High Street, Croughton. Most vehicles were being driven within the speed limit. Some drivers were offered words of advice about their driving. Further speeding operations are planned over the coming months.

**101 is new non-emergency number for Northamptonshire.**

## Croughton WI

The members' meeting on Wednesday, 21st March, was an open one and we were pleased to welcome 6 gentlemen, all "other halves". A fascinating talk and demonstration was given by Robert Johnson and his assistant, Richard, from Brackley Butchers, about the jointing and preparation of lamb and beef. Members could buy the prepared meat at the end of the demonstration. All the meat is locally produced and of a very high quality.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday, 18 April**, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, when the speaker will be Campbell Hughes who, at his retirement, was Senior Studio Manager for the BBC Proms' season in the Royal Albert Hall. His talk is entitled, "My Life with Auntie". Guests and potential new members are welcome.

## Jean Coles' Annual Coffee Morning

... will be held on **Thursday 26 April** from 10.30 am onwards. Stalls, cakes, jams, raffle etc. Money raised will go towards the badly-needed repairs to the church organ.



### Can you Help?

Our traditional Church fete stalls and games will be a key feature in our Jubilee Day on June 2nd. Can you help with donations of items that can be used for the raffle and tombola, cakes and good-as-new stalls? If you are sowing seeds, dividing plants or taking cuttings, then can you do some spares for the plant stall? We would also appreciate help on the day, such as running a stall or the children's games. If you can help, please contact Chris on 01869 810124 or Pam on 810393. Also we're still looking for DVD's and CD's for the 2nd hand bookstall – if you have any in good condition that you can donate, please contact Shirley on 810862. And finally for our silent auction, if you have contacts in the local business community who can donate a service, or if you can do so yourself, please forward all suggestions and details of potential donors to counsellgrant@yahoo.co.uk. Thank you!

### Bunting Day, Monday May 7th 10am-3pm

Please come along to the Village Hall on May 7th to join us for a colourful and creative bunting-making session. We'll be making bunting to decorate the market stalls and village hall on Jubilee Day, and if you want to make bunting for your house and garden, then that will be fantastic. What you need to bring: a sewing machine if you have it, plus sewing thread, scissors for cutting fabric, ideally pinking shears, staplers and staples, and any spare white/red/blue fabric and cotton tape that you have. If you are bringing children along to help then please bring any appropriate tools and materials such as suitable scissors and decorations to go on the bunting eg. glue and sequins. Also, bring a packed lunch; we'll provide tea/coffee/biscuits to keep everyone going. There's more info on the village website [www.croughton.org.uk](http://www.croughton.org.uk) or call Fran on 811823.

### Tree Planting for the Jubilee

A huge thank you to everyone who's been involved in planting trees in our Pocket Parks as part of the Woodlands Trust Jubilee Woods Project (<http://bit.ly/GW1e37>). 6 million trees are being planted across the UK, and Croughton is playing our part in the project. Thank you to Deb Simmonds, Richard Golsby, Stuart, Sam, Jacob & Oli Lowen, Evelien & Emily Horring, Patrick Blair and Ann Perkins for planting over 100 native-species

saplings which will provide a haven for wildlife in our pocket parks. We also have a limited edition Royal Oak Sapling which will be planted on June 2nd as part of the opening ceremony for our Jubilee Celebrations.

### Croughton Art Exhibition

As part of Croughton's Jubilee fund-raising activities this year, we will be holding an art exhibition to showcase the creative work of the amateur and professional artists who live in the village. The exhibition will run from Friday September 14th to Sunday Sept 16th. All artists in the village are invited to exhibit original work including drawings, paintings, photographs, textiles, pottery and other crafts. For more details or an entry form, please contact Fran ([franbs@btinternet.com](mailto:franbs@btinternet.com), tel: 01869 811 823) or Caroline ([caroline@redworks.co.uk](mailto:caroline@redworks.co.uk), tel: 01869 810 443).

### Helping Ourselves

As well as celebrating the Queen's Jubilee this year, we're using the occasion to raise funds to support the wonderful facilities we have in our village. There's a real need for funds to do urgent repairs eg. for the church organ; and to support projects such as creating a community garden for the village hall. As well as all the activities planned for June 2nd, there are other fund-raising projects underway such as Croughton Village Wine, an art exhibition and a concert at the village hall (more details coming soon!). If you are inspired to help raise money for Croughton's Jubilee Fund, perhaps by doing a sponsored walk, selling homemade cookies, collecting loose change in a tin at home, or holding a raffle at a community group meeting, use our 'Croughton Village Jubilee' Facebook page to tell everyone and get support. If you need help with ideas or publicity, contact Caroline: ([caroline@redworks.co.uk](mailto:caroline@redworks.co.uk), tel: 01869 810 443).

### Info Online

For information and pictures about our Jubilee events and activities, check out our Village website ([www.croughton.org.uk/index.php/jubilee](http://www.croughton.org.uk/index.php/jubilee)) and our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Croughton-Village-Jubilee/179135875438789>



## Croughton History Group

“Bad Beds and Worse Eating - The History and Archaeology of Stowe New Inn”. This is the title of our talk on **Tuesday 24 April**. Dating from 1717

New Inn was erected by Lord Cobham to accommodate visitors to his expanding gardens. Grade II\* listed, it was acquired by the National Trust in 2005 and after 2 years of restoration work it now forms the entrance to the gardens and park. The talk will give an insight into the history of the inn based on visitors accounts, maps and documents and the archeological evidence uncovered during restoration. The speaker is Gary Marshall from the National Trust.

Meeting 7.30pm at the Village Hall. £1 members, £3 non-members. including refreshments. For further details contact 01869 810124, b.tomlin332@btinternet.com or 01869 810545, leo.coleman@btinternet.com.

## Croughton Wine Appreciation Group



**Wine Tasting and AGM.  
Friday May 11th at 8pm, Croughton Village Hall. AGM starts at 7.45pm**

Our next wine tasting event on May 11th is going to be an exciting evening discovering wines from across the globe. It is “Members’ Selection” night with all the wines chosen by our members, so be prepared for some interesting whites and beefy reds! There will be wines that people have enjoyed in the past and want to share with the group, and others that will be new to everyone. Wine tasting starts at 8pm, and will be preceded by our AGM at 7.45pm. Everyone is welcome to come; members £7, non-members £10.

Become a member: It’s time to renew or perhaps start your membership of the group. We’re keeping membership fees at £10 for the year - don’t forget to bring your subs with you when you come on the 11th. Please let us know by May 7th if you will be coming so we can buy in enough wine, bread, cheese etc. Contact us via email: croughtonwag@gmail.com or call Claire on 810987.

## Croughton Allotmenters

### 6th Annual Show Saturday 25th August 2012

We are at the beginning of spring and once again preparing our gardens and allotments for the coming growing season. We keep our fingers crossed for some April showers!

The Annual Show will go ahead as usual and we look forward to seeing you all on the day, as exhibitors or visitors. Entry forms for the show will be delivered to all homes in Croughton and should be available to download from the Croughton website during June. More details to follow later.

However, to give you keen photographers advance notice the categories for 2012 are:

- ‘The Diamond Jubilee Celebrations’
- ‘Wood’ - Let your imagination run wild!!

All photographs to be in colour - printed 5” x 7” maximum. We look forward to receiving lots of entries - so start clicking!

On behalf of Mary Laws’ family I would like to thank everyone who donated to the Stroke Association. £350 was raised. My mum would have been overwhelmed by this show of affection and friendship. My parents loved Croughton and made lots of wonderful friends there. It was everything they hoped it would be when they moved out from Battersea. So, thank you for making them so welcome and enveloping them into village life. Sarah Fowler, Mary’s daughter.



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

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CROUGHTON

We are presently without a Rector (but are in the process of advertising for one). Until we appoint a replacement, please contact the Church Wardens in the first instance on any matters for which you would normally contact the Rector: Angie Robbins, tel: 811445 angierobbins@mail.com and Mary Marriott, tel: 810267 dollshouse59@gmail.com. You may also contact the Benefice Office on 01869 810903.

### SERVICES AND NOTICES

Croughton’s Annual Parish Meeting (for the election of churchwardens) will be held on Tuesday 17th April at 7.30 pm in the Church and be followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

### Sunday 1st April, Palm Sunday

11.00 am	Holy Communion	Aynho (GB)
9.30 am	Morning Prayer	Croughton (COR)
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Farthinghoe (GB)
11.00 am	Family Worship	Hinton-in-the-Hedges (Lay team)

### Holy Week

<b>Mon. 2 April</b>	Compline, 7.30 pm	Evenley (COR)
<b>Tues. 3 April</b>	Compline, 7.30 pm	Aynho (WU)
<b>Weds. 4 April</b>	Compline, 7.30 pm	Farthinghoe (COR)
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	Holy Communion, 7.30 pm	Croughton (HW)
<b>Good Friday</b>	Family Worship, 11.00 am	Aynho (HB and WU)
	Family Worship, 11.00 am	Evenley Village Hall (COR)
	An Hour before the Cross, 2 pm	Hinton-in-the-Hedges (HW)

### Easter Day, Sunday 8th April

11.00 am	Holy Communion	Aynho (GB)
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Croughton (GB)
11.00 am	Family Worship	Evenley (COR)
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Farthinghoe (HW)
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Hinton-in-the-Hedges (HW)

### Sunday 15th April, Low Sunday

10.00 am	Benefice Holy Communion	Aynho (PG &MG)
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### Sunday 22nd April, 3rd of Easter

10.00 am	Benefice Holy Communion	Croughton (HW)
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### Sunday 29th April, 4th of Easter

10.00 am	Benefice Holy Communion	Evenley (GB)
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Steane

GB = Revd Gill Barker; HB = Helen Boswell; HW = Revd Hugh Warwick; WU = William Usher; COR=Carrie O’Regan; PG &MG = Revd Peter Gompertz & Revd Morey Gompertz.

## The Brackley Morris Men

The Brackley Morris Men are holding an open 'taster' session in Croughton Village Hall on **Thursday 12 April**, 8-9.30pm. There's no cost and no obligation. We'll provide the sticks, but you may wish to bring your own handkerchiefs. Although we've always been a male dancing side, this taster evening is open to all, so do come along. We just ask that any youngsters are accompanied by an adult. We'll be in Croughton again on 2nd June to dance at the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. Hope to see you soon. Stephen Ferneyhough, 07764 799947, [www.thebrackleymorrismen.org.uk](http://www.thebrackleymorrismen.org.uk)

## Croughton Pre-School Pre-School Bank Assistant

We are looking for a qualified bank member of staff located at Croughton Village Hall, Northants. d-hoc hours but could include following: Monday, 8.30am-1.30pm. Tuesday to Thursday, 8.30am-3.30pm. Qualification requirements are Level 2 or Level 3 NVQ/Diploma in Pre-School Practice. To work as part of the Pre-School team to provide safe, high quality education and care for young children. For further details and an application form please contact Imogen, Pre-School Chairperson on 01869 810652.

Have you noticed the kites flying in the rec over the winter? New Croughton residents, Keith & Vee Griffiths will be competing at the World Sport Kite Championships as part of team Airheads in Berck sur Mer from the 10th of April 2012. The team is currently 2nd in the UK and has high hopes for their first outing to the World Championships. Follow their progress on [www.worldsportkite.com](http://www.worldsportkite.com) and facebook. Or come over and chat to them if you see them practicing.

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## Croughton Village Hall Regular Activities

You are welcome to join any of the groups,  
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**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](mailto:croughtonvillagehall@gmail.com)

## Croughton Colts Football Club

### Diamond Jubilee 5-a-side Tournament.

Croughton Colts Football Club is going from strength to strength, with progress being made on and off the field. The Colts recently drew 2-2 away to Bardwell with goals from Glen Bewick and William Andrews, and last week played out a thrilling 2-2 draw with league runners-up Chadlington Whites. Jack Connor and 'man of the match' Evan Hermon where our goalscorers.

The club are hosting the inaugural 'Croughton Colts FC 5-a-side' tournament on **Saturday 26 May** on the playing field. The tournament kicks off at 10:00am and the winners will receive the 'Diamond Jubilee Trophy'. There will be a 'Grand Raffle' with many great prizes on offer, as well as lots of good food and drink available throughout the tournament.

If anyone is willing or able to donate a raffle prize that would be greatly appreciated, we hope that as many people from the village will come and support the boy's throughout the day.

### New day care service for older people in Brackley.

The Lifetime Centre at Bridgewater House, Halse Road, offers a Dementia day care service on Wednesdays for older people in the area. A day at Bridgewater House will include a hot meal, refreshments and a range of activities. To find out more information call us on:

0845 677 2220 or email: [Northamptonshire@acnorthants.org.uk](mailto:Northamptonshire@acnorthants.org.uk)

laura Corcoran, Communications Manager at Age UK Northamptonshire.

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