



CROUGHTON NEWS

August 2013

Newsletter Deliveries

After many years of service to the village two of our older stalwarts have decided it is time to let some younger persons have a turn.

Last month David Bennett, who served us as a Parish Councillor for many years, and who has more recently delivered the newsletter to Park End for a very long time has passed this on to Trevor Lester, and this month Bob Pritchard who has delivered the newsletters to Portway for several years has very reluctantly, called it a day.

We are extremely grateful to both David and Bob for their assistance over the years as both have been absolutely reliable in getting the deliveries done as quickly as possible in all weathers.

We are grateful to Trevor for taking on Park End but we are now looking for one or two people to be responsible for delivering to the Portway area.

If you can help please contact Georgina Lucas on 810923

Croughton Active

The next date for the group for the 8 to 13 year olds to meet on Croughton Playing Fields is **Thursday 29th August** at 6.30–8.00pm. All youngsters in this age range are welcome

There is a charge of £1.00 per head to help with costs.

The sessions are supervised by Ian Anderson, the youth co-ordinator for SNC supported by a few parents, so if any adults feel able to assist occasionally, please come along and make yourself known. It does not need to be a regular commitment.

Come and have fun with outdoor games. For more information, please contact Heather (01869 811104)

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators Team.

In addition to reporting incidents to the police, it is imperative that members communicate with each other. Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators will disseminate information received from the Community Messaging System to their members in the most appropriate way.

The Croughton Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators are:

Mrs Jean Coles, High Street, tel: 01869 810473.

Will Merrell, Portway Drive, tel: 01869 810569

Maureen Burgess, Portway Crescent, tel: 01869 811821

Brenda Reeves, Park End, tel: 01869 810468.

Vera, The Blackbird, High Street, tel: 01869 810237.

Mrs Christine Tomlin, Mill Lane, tel: 01869 810124.

Beckie Jones, Wheelers Rise, tel: 01869 819734.

The Reading Room is to be Closed

The Trustees of the Reading Room intend to close it and let it for commercial use.

If you object to this and can offer your constructive suggestions and your time to raise the funds that are necessary to keep it open, please make your offers to the Trustees.

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE

A meeting will take place on **WEDNESDAY 14th AUGUST** at 8.00 pm in the Reading Room to discuss your ideas and to form a management committee.

IF THE NECESSARY VOLUNTEERS DO NOT COME FORWARD THE TRUSTEES WILL PROCEED TO LET OR POSSIBLY SELL THE PROPERTY.

Please submit your offers of help to the Trustees.

Rob Robbins tel 810228

Andrew Harper tel 810662

Brian Tomlin tel 810124

Only those enthusiastic people intending to join the committee should attend the meeting.

What's On.

Thursday 1st August 7.30–9.30pm.

Buttons and Bows, Croughton Village Hall.

Summer Holiday Club 5th–9th August.

Monday 12 August, 7pm

Parish Council update on the Brackley Road development, Croughton Village Hall.

Monday 12 August, 7.30pm

Parish Council meeting in Croughton Village Hall.

Tuesday August 20th, 6pm

Croughton History Group, a guided walk in Brackley

Saturday 24th August, 2.00 p.m. until 4.30 p.m.

Croughton Annual Show in the Village Hall.

Monday 9 September, 7.30pm

Parish Council meeting in Croughton Village Hall.

Saturday 21st September starting at 7.30 pm

The Kevin O'Regan Band at the Village Hall.

Friday 27 September

Croughton Wine Appreciation Group – “Smaller Independent Family Vignerons of France”.

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 8th July 2013

Highway Matters: The Parish Council has been advised by the County Council that the long awaited carriageway planing and resurfacing of Wheelers Rise is scheduled for September 2013.

Pavements: A recent survey by members of the Parish Council identified some trip hazards due to protruding kerb stones or proud manhole covers. These hazards will be reported to the Highway Authority or utility company for remedial action.

Street Doctor: For minor highway faults please use the online reporting system available via Northamptonshire County Council's website.

Footway Lighting: The Parish Council's lighting units, numbered 1-56, are of various ages and design. The Parish Council has decided to replace 2 of these (No. 30 Portway and No. 39 in Portway Crescent) at a cost of £764 per unit, the cost to be taken from designated reserves. No. 30, whose column has previously suffered impact damage, is the only unit fitted with a Mercury lantern, a type which will no longer be available from 2015, whilst the fibreglass column of No.39 needs replacing. The new low energy photo cells will emit a white light.

The Parish Council will review its lighting stock as part of the budget setting process later this year. The introduction of a phased programme of lighting replacements and enhanced energy efficiency measures will be discussed.

Affordable Housing Development: Representatives from Orbit Housing and the Rural Housing Association will update the Parish Council on the Brackley Road development of nine Affordable dwellings at 7 p.m. on 12th August 2013. Members of the Public are invited to attend.

Dates of next Meetings: **Monday 12th August** and **Monday 9th September 2013**. Time: 7.30 p.m.
Venue: Parish Room Croughton Village Hall



Croughton History Group

A guided walk in Brackley is our event on **Tuesday August 20th**. From 6pm outside the Town Hall till about 7.30, Rowena Pratt will guide the walk up and down the High Street

stopping to describe and look in or at various buildings. Rowena is chair of Brackley History Society, has lived and taught in the area for many years and has much history of the town to tell.

Meeting 6.00 pm in Brackley, £1 members, £3 non-members. Numbers may be limited so to book places or for further details contact 01869 810443, caroline@redworks.co.uk or 01869 810545 leo.coleman@btinternet.com.

Croughton WI

The July meeting of the WI was a social occasion where a number of husbands took the opportunity to join members at the kind invitation of Pam and Rob Robbins in their lovely garden in real summer weather. Food and drink was shared and, as usual, the balance of savoury and sweet was excellent. Games of boules provoked laughter and not a little competitive spirit! A great evening.

There will be no meeting in August. The September meeting will be advertised in the next newsletter.

Croughton Annual Show

7th Annual Show, Saturday 24th August 2013



Entries for the show must be received by 10.00 pm Thursday 22nd August

Show Day

Exhibitors: 9.00 a.m.–11.00 a.m. only

Judging takes place 11.00 am – 1.30 pm.
(No entry to the Hall during judging.)

Show opens at 2.00 p.m. until 4.30 p.m.

View the exhibits • sale of vegetables and home produce • tombola • raffle • refreshments •

Prize giving at 4.00p.m. Immediately following the prize giving there will be a Kite Flying Exhibition on the Playing Field courtesy of Keith & Vee Griffiths (The Airheads). They are currently 2nd in the UK and part of the team which is 10th in the world. They demonstrate throughout Europe and have been flying for 22 yrs.

If you do not have a programme or entry form you can download it from the village website <http://www.croughton.org.uk/index.php/what-s-on/annual-croughton-flower-and-vegetable-show> or alternatively email allotmentees@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.

Please support this show which is now a regular event in the Croughton Summer Bank Holiday calendar. The Air Ambulance Service will benefit from our efforts and your support. Good luck to all the exhibitors.

Croughton Colts Football Club



With the new season only 5 weeks away the Colts have returned for pre-season training. The club has now expanded from just one under 11's team to the following; Croughton Colts Tornados U 12's, Croughton Colts Spitfires U 12's both playing on Sundays afternoons in the Witney & District Youth Football League. Croughton Colts Diamonds Girls U 13's playing on Saturday mornings in the Bucks Girls League, and Croughton Colts U 15's who will play in the MK Border Counties League on Sunday mornings.

We would like to welcome Jack & Harry White, Matt Haley, Scott Berry & Mitch Hawkins who will be joining current coaches Steve Connor and Dave Wait at the club.

The club held it's AGM a few weeks ago and voted in new club officers as well as a new committee. The club will be working towards the FA Charter Standard award in the very near future and another aim of the club will be to improve facilities at the playing field along with laying down a solid foundation in order for the club to grow and keep going long in to the future.

The club are still trying to start an under 8's team so if anyone is interested in either playing or becoming the manager please contact us as soon as possible.

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.

Croughton Pre school now opening Fridays!

Established in 2002, we have excellent purpose built facilities within the Croughton Village Hall. We have a high ratio of adults to children allowing us to offer the individual attention to support the needs and development of each and every child. Our wide range of equipment is used to encourage pre-school skills, whilst remembering the value and fun in time spent playing.

We have been awarded with 'Outstanding' from Ofsted.

The main aim of Croughton Pre-School is to enhance the development and education of children primarily under statutory school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children. We endeavour to meet this aim in three ways: To provide a secure, welcoming, happy environment, which develops each individual child's self esteem and sense of achievement. To ensure the children have an awareness of the needs of others and a feeling of right and wrong. To encourage curiosity and learning through free and structured play. We are located at Croughton Village Hall, Wheelers Rise in Croughton, Northamptonshire. This has a very large car park to the front of the building which provides a very safe environment for dropping-off and picking-up.

Our Forest school sessions takes place every Thursday morning in a specially designated off-site environment. During Term time we are open Monday mornings 9am to 1pm and Tuesday to Friday 9am to 3pm. We are looking for more support from the local community, we need more local families to join us and we also need committee members who could be anyone from the local community, we are looking for a new chair and treasurer, plus also committee member who would help us out, we need this to thrive within our village.

For more information, please call 01869 811968.

The Impacts

Make a date in your diary – The Impacts are returning to Croughton Village Hall on **Saturday 2nd November!** This very popular 60s band were a great hit at last year's jubilee fund raising event and we are very pleased that they wish to make a second appearance. More details next month

Gateridge Suffolks Open Day

Gateridge Farm, Croughton, Near Brackley, NN13 5GR

Sunday 25th August, 10am–4pm

Come and meet Britain's rarest heavy horses. See braiding, harnessing and working demonstrations. See horse shoes being made and fitted. Other attractions include:

- Rare Breeds Survival Trust
- Suffolk Horse Society
- Oxfordshire Young Farmers
- Young and Country
- Local Artist
- Bouncy Castle

All profits will be donated to the Suffolk Horse Society and the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance.

Admission: £4, children £2.

Sorry, no dogs.

All Saints Church, Services and Notices

Sunday, 11 August

10:00am Holiday Club- Final Show-Croughton Church
6:00pm Benefice Communion At Steane

Thursday, 15 August

1:00pm Aynho - Wedding

Sunday, 18 August

10:00am Benefice ~ Communion Aynho

Monday, 19 August

10:45am Evenley ~ Home Communion

Saturday, 24 August

2:30pm Croughton - Wedding

Sunday, 25 August

9:30am Croughton ~ Communion
11:00am Aynho ~ Matins BCP
11:00am Evenley ~ All Age Worship
11:00am Hinton Communion BCP Or CW
6:00pm Farthinghoe ~ Evensong BCP

Monday, 26 August

11:00am Aynho ~ Home Communion

Sunday, 1 September

9:30am Farthinghoe ~ Communion BCP
11:00am Aynho ~ Communion
11:00am Hinton ~ All Age Service
6:00pm Benefice ~ Taize Service Evenley

Tuesday, 3 September

10:00am Croughton Home Communion

Thursday, 5 September

Wedding Blessing-Aynho

Rector's remarks

The recent warm weather heralded the long over due summer season and for me the season changes from June which is fete season to July and weddings and now into August and Holiday club and holiday season. I am looking forward to being part of the Children's holiday club this year and seeing all the exciting things that are lined up for them. The theme of the club this year is around a theatre with an uncertain future and is called showstoppers, I can't give too much away but the week will end with a special Show Time on Sunday 11th August at 10am in Croughton Church, when the children will show what they have been doing and sing the songs they have learned, It is going to be great fun and hope you can come and join the show.

If you would like some exercise why not consider joining the Stride and Ride run by the Historic churches trust on 14th 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 traveled or the number of churches visited.

More information can be found at www.rideandsrideuk.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.

Badminton

A badminton group will be starting up at the Village Hall and needs new members. We will meet every Thursday (starting 5th September), 6pm-7pm. Approximately £2 per session. For more information please contact Heather (01869 811104), Paul (01869 819734) or Julian (01869 811626).

The Kevin O'Regan Band

... will be bringing their own brand of sheer exuberance to Croughton Village Hall with support from the young and beautiful Stevie Matt and Jodie Cooper, Molly Davies, Sophie and Hannah. 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

Facebook event link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/617297911629950/>

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

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.



Can you do something amazing?

During Remember A Charity Week (and beyond) we would love you to take a moment to think about leaving the gift of a lifetime to Northamptonshire Association for the Blind.

Taking care of your loved ones and favourite charities is easier than you think. Remember A Charity has teamed up with The Co-operative Legal Services who can give you free advice and support. Just call 0844 252 9965 and quote RACWILLS01.

For more information or to find your nearest solicitor or will writer visit rememberacharity.org.uk

To find out more about Northamptonshire Association for the Blind, call our Helpline: 01604 719193, Email: helpline@nab.org.uk or visit www.nab.org.uk

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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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 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 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

Unwanted Garden Tools Required

Northamptonshire ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) is appealing on behalf of Community Payback for surplus garden tools that could be used by the group in any of the community gardening projects they undertake. Anyone who has unwanted tools can donate them by contacting Thomas Meyer at Northamptonshire ACRE, on 01604 765888, email, Thomas.Meyer@northantsacre.org.uk (The Community Payback scheme is run by the Northamptonshire Probation Service.)

For all non emergencies & enquiries, call 101.

Members of the public can call 101 to report a crime that has already happened and any other incidents or concerns that are not emergencies.

They can also call it to speak to their local Safer Community Team or any other officer or member of staff, to provide information about crime or criminals in their area, or to make a general enquiry.

101 is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Calls to 101 from landlines and mobiles cost 15 pence per call, whatever the time of day you call or length of call. For anyone with hearing difficulties or a speech impairment, a text phone is available on 18001 101.

