



CROUGHTON NEWS

April 2014



Crougton Colts Football Club

The Colts 'Diamonds' have progressed to the County Cup Final with a thumping 11-0 win over Peterborough side Netherton. The final is being played at Northampton Town's Sixfields Stadium on **Sunday 6th April**. Good luck to the girls.

Dates for the diary:

Presentation evening will be held on 21st June at Brackley Bowls Club where all four teams will be presented with their awards followed by a Disco.

Saturday 17th May sees the 3rd annual 5-a-side tournament to be held a Crougton Playing Field. Having lost in the previous two finals, the Colts will be hoping it will be third time lucky!

Sunday the 18th May will be the under 13's girls tournament.

Wes Wait has been appointed as manager for the newly formed Colts under 8's team. The team will enter the Witney & District League next season. Anyone interested in sponsoring the new team in any way please contact me, details below.

Anyone interested in finding out more about Crougton Colts Football Club please contact Steve Connor on 07806 556057 or email me at steve_connor@sky.com.



The Brackley Morris Men would like to thank the people of Crougton for their generous donations at the Blackbird on Boxing Day towards our collection for 'Save the Children'. We raised a total of £150, and handed it over to Sue Dennis, Regional Manager of Save the Children. On receiving the cheque Sue said: "We are extremely grateful. It is only with support like this that we can continue with our work"

Springtime Market in Crougton

Saturday 3 May 11.00 am to 2.00 pm at the Reading Room

At last! Things are springing into life outside and so we are holding a Spring Market of home-grown seeds and plants and home-made foods and crafts. Perhaps you need some extra plants to fill those gaps where Winter took its toll or fancy sowing something new this year? Perhaps you would like to try some local produce from our village? Perhaps you would like to support some of our crafters? We have something for everyone and there will be refreshments on sale and a raffle.

If you would like to have a market stall to sell your wares, please telephone Jane or Richard on 01869 810004 to book a stall for £5.00.

If you would like to contribute by baking a cake or some bread or bringing some of your home-made preserves or other treats, then we will have a Reading Room Stall for all your donations.

Please come along and support this event – it will be a fun social occasion – and all monies raised will go to The Reading Room funds to help keep it open for the Village.

What's On.

Friday 4 April, 7.30 pm

Crougton Cinema, "Philomena". In the Village Hall.

Monday 7th April, 7.30 pm

Annual Parish Assembly, in the Village Hall.

Easter activities for children at the Reading Room

Wednesday 9 April, 2.00 to 4.00 pm and

Wednesday 16 April, 2.00 to 4.00 pm (see inside for details)

Monday 14 April 2014, 7.30 pm.

Annual Parish Council Meeting, Crougton Village Hall.

Wednesday, 16 April, 7.30 pm

WI meeting in the village hall.

Tuesday 22 April, 7.30 pm

Crougton History Group meeting, in the Village Hall.

Thursday 24 April, 7.30 pm

Whist evening at the Reading Room

Thursday 24 April at 6.45 p.m. for 30 minutes

Friends of the Reading Room meeting

Friday 25 April, 6.30 pm–9.30 pm

Ladies' Pamper Night at Crougton Village Hall.

Monday 12 May 2014, 7.30 pm.

Parish Council Meeting, Crougton Village Hall.

Friday 16 May, 7.45 pm

"Wines from the islands of Europe" Crougton Wine Appreciation Group wine tasting evening and AGM in Crougton Village Hall.

Crougton Village Website

For all information on events, parish council meetings and general information etc., please go to the website: www.crougton.org.uk

Parish Council Meeting held on 10th March 2014

Highways: Neither Northamptonshire Highways nor the Police determined that there was any compelling evidence to support a 30 mph zone as far as the Cemetery and therefore the 30 mph limit will simply be extended by 23 metres. It is also proposed to install a village name plate near the new speed terminals and to apply a 'Pedestrian In Road' warning sign near to the Cemetery entrance.

The Parish Council has put in a request to Northamptonshire Highways for signage in the village to be cleaned.

Year End: The Council updated its Asset Register for YE 31st March 2014 and set out its objectives for 2014-2015 in its Action Plan, which no longer include those of carriageway resurfacing of the B4031 and Wheelers Rise. The Council will be reviewing its Quality Status, which it gained for 4 years in January 2011, and whether to seek re-accreditation.

Dates of next Meetings:

Monday 14th April 2014, 7.30pm. Annual Parish Council Meeting when the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council will be elected.

Monday 12th May 2014, 7.30pm.

Both meetings in the Parish Room, Croughton Village Hall.

Annual Parish Assembly

Monday 7th April 2014 at 7.30 p.m.
In the Parish Room, Croughton Village Hall

Members of the Electorate are invited to attend

AGENDA

1. Introduction and Welcome by Chairman, Cllr Brian Tomlin
2. Apologies
3. To approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly 2013
4. Chairman's Annual Report 2013/2014
5. Presentation on Energy Management by Rachel Hill and Matthew Ling, Resource Efficiency Officers, Energy and Carbon Management Team, NCC:
6. 2 minute Verbal Reports & Questions from the Floor
 - 6.1 Cllr Ron Sawbridge, NCC
 - 6.2 Cllr John Townsend, SNC
 - 6.3 PCSO Simon Phillips, Brackley Safer Community Team
 - 6.4 Col. Brian G. May, Interim 422 Air Base Group Commander, RAF Croughton
 - 6.5 The Rev. Simon Dommett, Chairman, Poor's Allotment Trust
 - 6.6 The Rev. Simon Dommett, Rector, All Saints Church, Croughton
 - 6.7 Mrs Helen Goulder, Headteacher, Croughton All Saints C.E. Primary School
 - 6.8 Mr George Britchfield, Brackley Hospital Trust
 - 6.9 Representatives of Village Groups & Business Community

The Assembly will end with tea, coffee and biscuits and the opportunity to socialise.

Information about Local Elections (due in May 2015) and what serving as a Parish Councillor involves will be on display.



Croughton History Group

In our next talk, on **Tuesday April 22nd**, Paul Thompson will talk on Roman Gladiators. Ludus Gladiatorii! Find out about the training, diet and life of a typical slave gladiator and

what happened if you won your fight or indeed if you lost it. What are the differences between the five main types of Roman gladiator (hoplomachus, secutor, retiarius, murmillio and thraex) that you might expect to see in the arena. Find out the strengths and weaknesses of their equipment and fighting styles.

Paul is a member of guarderobe, a small independent group of professionally minded historical interpreters and craftsmen. Paul will come dressed as a Roman Gladiator with all the tools of his trade for you to have a go at being a Roman Gladiator.

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 810545leo. coleman@btinternet.com.

Croughton WI

The Croughton WI hosted a group meeting which included members from Aynho, Kings Sutton, Evenley, Syresham and Brackley. Entertainment, A Beard, A Fiddle and A Banjo, was provided by Judith and Nick Hooper – Judith playing the violin and Nick, guitar and tenor banjo. Their very accessible music, ranging from 16th Century to Nick's own folk-style compositions, was hugely appreciated by the audience, the musicianship being of a high calibre.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday, 16 April**, beginning at 7.30 in the village hall. The speaker will be Alan Wolstencroft, whose subject will be "Alan's Africa". Guests will be very welcome to what promises to be an interesting evening.

"Wines from the islands of Europe"

Wine Tasting with the Croughton Wine Appreciation Group

Friday 16th May at 7.45pm, Croughton Village Hall

Croughton Wine Appreciation Group will be hosting an evening of tasting wines from islands in Europe. Come along and find out more about wines from the beautiful islands we love to visit on holiday! The event will be preceded by the Croughton Wine Appreciation Group AGM which members and guests are very welcome to attend at 7.45pm.

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 or call Claire on 810987.



Ladies' Pamper Night

Friday April 25th 6.30pm–9.30pm at Croughton Village Hall.

Treat yourself to a massage, facial or shopping all with a glass of wine in hand!

Entry £2 at the door.

Please contact Wendi on 07825 309252 for more information.

Proceeds to Croughton Pre-School, charity 1021218.

What's on in April at the Reading Room?

Children's Easter Activities ...

Wednesday 9 April at 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. Craft Session and
Wednesday 16 April at 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. Games Session.
Age guideline – up to 10 years. Please ring Jane on 01869
810004 to book places

Whist ... next event on Thursday 24 April at 7.30 p.m.

This is a light-hearted and enjoyable evening - £3 per person including light refreshments. Beginners are most welcome and will be given help, experienced players who can assist beginners are also appreciated. 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.

We are very grateful to Jane and Richard, our hard-working volunteers, who make all these events possible

Friends of the Reading Room ... next meeting **Thursday 24 April** at 6.45 p.m. for 30 minutes

All funds raised by these events go towards the running costs of The Reading Room and help keep it open for everyone in the village.

Curry Night at Chilli & Pepper Brackley

Fundraising for Croughton School playground resurfacing.

Tuesday 20th May at 7.30pm £15 per person to include a selection of starters, poppadoms, main course, side dishes, rice and naan bread. Tickets available from the school office (£5 deposit to secure your place)

Croughton Village Show

8th Annual Show • Saturday 23rd August 2014

The torrential downpours appear to have ceased and we can now get outside to mow the grass, tidy up our sodden ground and commence our planting for the year. However, gardeners are never happy and before too long we shall be hearing the words "we could do with a little rain". Those sun worshippers amongst you will say we are mad, but for gardeners a little of both is just what we need.

This year is the 8th for the Village Show and we have been very lucky both with the weather and the support that we get from the village; we see new faces every year.

As usual we like to tell you the chosen categories for the photography section as early as we can. These are:

Category 1 – Blossom

Category 2 – Landscape

Category 3 – Gathering in the harvest

Everyone is encouraged to enter

All photographs to be printed 5" x 7" maximum and in colour
We look forward to receiving lots of entries – so start clicking.

This year our chosen charity is The Alzheimer's Society. Dementia touches most of us within our family at some time so we think it is a very worthy cause, so please support us.

March Church Services

Details at www.astwickvale.co.uk

Sunday 6th April Lent 5

9:30am Said BCP Communion at Farthinghoe
11am Holy Communion at Aynho
11am Family Worship at Hinton-in-the-Hedges
6pm Taize Worship at Evenley

Sunday 13th April Palm Sunday

10am Benefice Communion, Croughton
Meet at Croughton School then process to church
4:30pm Pizza Praise at Aynho Church

Holy Week-Service of Compline-quiete said service

14th April Monday 7pm Aynho
15th April Tuesday 7pm Croughton
16th April Wednesday 7pm Farthinghoe
17th April Maundy Thursday 7pm Communion Meal at
Evenley Village Hall-book in advance

18 April, Good Friday

11am All Age Family Worship, Evenley Village Hall
11am Good Friday Service, Aynho
2pm An Hour at the Cross, Hinton-in-the-Hedges

Sunday 20th April Easter Day

9:30am Communion at Croughton
9:30am Communion at Farthinghoe
11am Family Service at Evenley
11am Communion at Hinton-in-the-Hedges
11am Communion at Aynho

Sunday 27th April Easter 2

9:30am Holy Communion at Croughton
11am Family Service at Aynho
11am Holy Communion & Baptism at Evenley
11am BCP Communion at Hinton-in-the-Hedges
6pm Evensong BCP at Farthinghoe

Aynho Gardening Club

The Aynho Gardening Club meets once a month from January to November, usually on the second Wednesday of the month in 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 9th April. Michael Jackson will be giving us an illustrated talk about 'Aspects of Garden Design'.

Our Gardening Club trip on **Wednesday 14th May** will be to the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham where there is a great deal to look at and enjoy. Jean Skuce will be taking names and money at our meeting in April. The cost of the trip will be £19.00 per person..

We would be delighted to welcome any residents from Croughton to our monthly meetings and on our trips. Please contact Chris Tomlin (810124) or Annabel Bellamy (810847).

Sign Up please!

Sometimes there are urgent Parish Council or Village news items which we would like to disseminate quickly or important items upon which we would like your views. If you wish to be informed of these by e-mail, please sign up on the Home page of the village website: www.croughton.org.uk

Rosemary Conley Food and Fitness

Tuesdays 5.45pm to 7.15pm

My name is Wendy Fell and I run the Rosemary Conley Food and Fitness Classes in Brackley & north east Oxfordshire. A class now runs at Croughton Village Hall. I would like to help you become slimmer, trimmer, fitter and healthier. I can really help you to shed your unwanted weight, whether you have a few pounds to lose or much, much more. The class consists of a Weigh In and a 15 minute Talk Topic followed by 45 minutes of exercise

For more details contact Wendy, 07775 661 365.



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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 9.00-3.00pm

Parent & Toddler Group Monica 01869 810668
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

Rosemary Conley Food and Fitness Club
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
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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

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