



CROUGHTON PARISH NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2012

CROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting held on 13th August 2012

Highway Matters: As reported last month the condition of the Wheelers Rise carriageway, in particular the spur leading to the Village Hall, continues to be of concern. Despite the best efforts of County Councillor Ron Sawbridge, the Highway Authority has not moved from its position that any defects in Wheelers Rise are of insufficient severity to warrant immediate action. Described as a concrete road with a tarmac overlay that is breaking up, the Highway Authority has confirmed that there are no plans for maintenance other than the priority of keeping it safe. Please continue to report potholes to Street Doctor, the online reporting system. Visit www.northamptonshire.gov.uk The 30mph speed limit signs have been moved further out on Brackley Road and Portway.

Affordable Housing at land off Brackley Road: It is hoped that the 30 mph speed limit will be further extended to take in the new development. Details of the tenureship element for the proposed 9 properties as well as the funding arrangements are being finalised. The Parish Council is optimistic that, subject to the grant of planning approval, construction will get underway early in 2013.

Footway Lighting: Alternative maintenance options were considered less favourable than the current arrangements and the Parish Council decided to make no changes. If you notice any of the 56 parish lights are not working, please report the number of the lamp and its location to the Clerk on 01869 819905 or email: clerk@croughton.org.uk Our lighting contractor will be informed and asked to carry out necessary repairs. The Parish Council is grateful to residents for ensuring that their trees, hedges and bushes do not interfere with the lamps or overhead cables.

A Vacancy in the Office of Parish Councillor has been created due to the resignation of Councillor Lesley Ramsay

Are you interested in serving as one of the 9 Members of Croughton Parish Council?

To be eligible a candidate must be:

1. a British subject or Irish citizen
2. 18 years of age
3. either in the list of electors for Croughton Parish or has during the whole of the preceding twelve months
 - occupied land as owner or tenant in it, or
 - had a principal place of work there, or
 - resided in or within three miles of it.

Parish Councillors act in accordance with a Code of Conduct based on the 10 Nolan Principles of standards in public life and must disclose any relevant Pecuniary Interests in a Register that is open to public inspection.

If you would like to put your name forward please contact the Parish Clerk on 01869 819905 or via email clerk@croughton.org.uk or approach the Chairman of the Parish Council - Cllr Brian Tomlin, or Cllrs Pamela Gelder, Margaret Bennett, Fran Bodley-Scott, Rodney Cash, Jean Coles, Trevor Davies and Rob Robbins.

Date of Next Meeting: 7.30 p.m. Monday 10th September 2012 in Croughton Village Hall. Members of the Public are invited to attend from 7 p.m. when Mr Iain Anderson, Youth Development Worker will report on the youth surveys and work he has recently led in Croughton. Thank you to parents for your support.

The Parish Council will also meet at 7.30 p.m. on 8th October; 12th November and 10th December 2012.

Proud to be a Sponsor of the Newsletter

Individuals and businesses are invited to take up the torch of sponsorship. This can be for a monthly sprint or longer distances. Be inspired to be involved and help support the Olympian efforts of those who voluntarily commit to producing Croughton Parish Newsletter for a wide readership. They all deserve gold medals!

The Parish Council would like to acknowledge with sincere thanks and appreciation, the support of our current sponsor whose marathon 2 year sponsorship is nearing the finish line. We look forward to hearing from someone who would like to take up the baton from October Twenty Twelve. By agreement, sponsors will be attributed in each issue in the Newsletter.

Please contact the Clerk for further details. Tel: 01869 819905 or via email: clerk@croughton.org.uk. Thank you!

What's On.

Saturday 8 September, 10.00 am until 6.00 pm

Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust, Ride and Stride

Monday 10 September, 7.30 pm

Parish Council Meeting in Croughton Village Hall

Saturday 15 September, 8.00pm

Croughton Village Hall. 10th Anniversary Commemoration

Friday 14–Sunday 16 September

Croughton Art & Photography Exhibition.

Wednesday 19 September, 7.30 pm

WI meeting in the Village Hall,

Tuesday 25 September 7.30 pm

Croughton History Group meeting in the Village Hall

Friday October 5th, 9am to 12 noon

Macmillan Coffee Morning, The Orchard House, Church Lane

Monday 8 October, 7.30 pm

Parish Council Meeting in Croughton Village Hall

Friday 12 October, doors open at 7.30pm

Film Club— 'The Artist', in Croughton Village Hall

Friday 19 October

Croughton Wine Appreciation tasting

Croughton Village Website

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

www.croughton.org.uk

Croughton Village Annual Show

We would like to thank you to everyone who came along to the 6th Annual Flower and Vegetable Show held on August Bank Holiday Saturday. We were once again very well supported by the village, both with exhibits from the gardeners and also those who came along to view.

The following trophies were awarded:

Vegetable section: Fran Bodley-Scott - Basket of home grown vegetables.

Floral section: Chris Fox - Floral arrangement of 'The Olympic Torch'.

Homecraft section: Chris Fox - Ginger cake.

Photography: Tony Cross - Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

Children's up to 8: Rebecca Littleton - Coronation Crown.

Children's up to 14: Christopher Littleton - Computer Design Scarecrow.

Most points in show: Stuart Lowen with 35 points, very closely followed by Sheila Hancock with 33 and Anita Appleton with 31

Best exhibit in Show was awarded to Fran Bodley-Scott. The Basil Coles Memorial Cup for the allotment holder with the most 1st place certificates was won by Stuart Lowen with nine. Well done Stuart.

There was ample time during the afternoon to buy home grown vegetables and home-made jams, pickles and cakes. The tombola was very busy as usual, as was the raffle. Thank you for all the donated items for the raffle and tombola, the lovely cakes for the tea stall, plus the garden and home produce for the Farm Shop. Special thanks to Rob and Vera at the Blackbird and their customers who donated two lovely boxes of 'blue' gifts for the raffle, and Diane Watts for her two beautiful floral arrangements.

Thanks also to all the hard working helpers on the day; without you all it would not happen. Due to all our combined efforts we are pleased to say that a cheque for £400 will be sent off to The Katharine House Hospice. We hope to see you all again in 2013.

Croughton Film Club

New Season! Our first film will be 'The Artist' **12th October 2012** in Croughton Village Hall

Synopsis. "Outside a movie premiere, enthusiastic fan Peppy Miller literally bumps into the swashbuckling hero of the silent film, George Valentin. The star reacts graciously and Peppy plants a kiss on his cheek as they are surrounded by photographers. The headlines demand: "Who's That Girl?" and Peppy is inspired to audition for a dancing bit-part at the studio. However as Peppy slowly rises through the industry, the introduction of talking-pictures turns Valentin's world upside-down".

Bring along your friends and neighbours for a viewing of one of the latest DVD releases. Doors open at 7.30pm and we have a licensed bar for pre-film drinks!

Admission : CFC Members: £3.00 Non-Members: £4.50
Under16s: £3.00. Croughton Cinema Annual Membership: £10.00 includes 1 free entry!

The film will be preceded by our (short) Annual General Meeting - everyone is welcome!

The remainder of our programme looks like this so far :-

Nov 2 Most Excellent Marigold Hotel

Nov 23 The Iron Lady

Dec 14 Salmon Fishing in the Yemen

Jan 11 My Weekend with Marilyn

Feb 8, Mar 1, and Mar 22 will be announced later.



Croughton Wine Appreciation Group

A couple of dates for your diary: Our next wine tasting evening will be on **October 19th** when we will be joined by Alistair Cooper from Wines Unfurled (<http://www.winesunfurled.co.uk/>). Many

of you will remember Alistair's lively, entertaining and interesting wine tastings in the past and this time we are promised some unique wines from independent vineyards - more details in the next newsletter!

And our Christmas wine tasting evening will be on December 7th - always a popular event with a selection of festive wines and food for you to try. Mark your calendar!.



Croughton History Group

On **September 25th** we have a talk by Frank Preece, a National Trust Guide from Claydon House, on the history of the Verney family and their involvement in the civil war. He will also

explain the connection that Florence Nightingale had with the family through her sister's marriage and will reveal several interesting aspects of her life.

Meeting 7.30 pm in 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.

For the diary, on 23rd October, A History of the English Parish.

Croughton WI

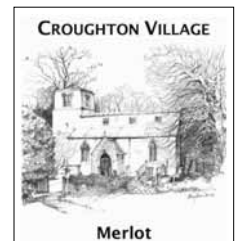
Because of the usual summer break, there was no WI meeting arranged for August. The next meeting on **Wednesday 19th September**, at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, will be a cinema evening accompanied by suitable nibbles (popcorn in the offing?). The film to be shown is "Saving Grace" starring Brenda Blethyn - a film noted for its feel good factor. Members are invited to bring guests.

Croughton Village Wines

Thank you to everyone who has bought Croughton Village wine and port over the past months. Every bottle you have purchased has generated a donation to the Croughton Jubilee Fund, and so far you have managed to raise over £750 for the Fund!

The wine is currently still available to order but as fund raising efforts for the Jubilee Fund begin to draw to a close, we will be calling for last orders in October. The unique pictures of Croughton All Saints Church and the Dovecote on the bottle labels make Croughton Village wine and port particularly special so if you would like some for

Thanksgiving or Christmas for instance, do make sure you get your order in early. The price for the Chilean Sauvignon Blanc and Merlot remains the same at £6.98 per bottle. We may also be able to order the Portuguese ruby port again which will cost £13.99 per bottle. To place an order please contact Fran (franbs@btinternet.com, tel: 01869 811 823), or Lesley (lesley.ramsay@googlemail.com), or Caroline (caroline@redworks.co.uk, tel: 01869 810 443).



Croughton Art & Photography Exhibition 14–16 September



Tickets are now on sale for the opening night of the Croughton Art & Photography exhibition, which is on **Friday 14th September** from 7.30pm in the Reading Room.

Everyone is welcome to come - tickets £2 in advance, £2.50 on the

door (ticket price includes entry to the exhibition plus a glass of wine). To buy your tickets please contact Caroline: tel 01869 810443 or email caroline@redworks.co.uk

The exhibition will be open on **Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th**, admission charge just 50p for adults and free for children. Refreshments of tea, coffee and cake will be available. Check the opening hours below.

The exhibition features paintings, photography, textiles, stained glass and sculpture by professional and amateur artists living in and around Croughton. There will also be a retrospective of work by the late Mary Laws with a number of prints available for sale including Croughton Church and the Dovecote. Many of you may remember Mary's exceptional picture of cows on her kitchen wall - only one print copy has ever been made and we will be auctioning it over the exhibition weekend in a silent auction, with the winner announced at 4pm on Sunday September 16th. Any profits from the exhibition will go to the Croughton Jubilee Fund.

All the details about the exhibition and the silent auction are on the website together with examples of some of the work that will be on display—

<http://www.croughton.org.uk/index.php/what-s-on/>

Exhibition opening hours:

Friday 14th September: 7.30pm–10pm

Saturday 15th September: 10am–5pm

Sunday 16th September: 11am–4pm

Croughton 60s Night with The Impacts

Saturday October 27th. Tickets are now on sale for our final Jubilee fundraising event on October 27th in the Village Hall - a night of '60s music performed by The Impacts. If you enjoy live music and dancing to songs by the Beatles, Buddy Holly, Elvis, Cliff & the Shadows, Everley Brothers, Hollies, Gene Pitney and Chuck Berry come along for a great night out. Bill Bennett (guitarist and vocalist) now lives in Croughton and he and the rest of The Impacts are preparing a great show for us.

Tickets are £10 each and include a ploughman's supper. All proceeds will go to the Croughton Jubilee Fund and Croughton Village Hall. If you want to sit with friends let us know when you book so we can organise table plans - we suggest you book as early as possible if you are part of a group. To order tickets please call 01869 810393 or 01869 810124, or email p.robbins06@tiscali.co.uk or fuchsia2uk@yahoo.co.uk.

Macmillan Cancer Care Biggest Coffee Morning in the world!

Friday 5th October, 9am to 12 noon
The Orchard House, Church Lane, Croughton

Charity Christmas Cards on sale - over £1million raised for Macmillan, Cancer Research UK and other Charities. Help and cake donations welcome!

Elizabeth Wilson, 01869 819630.



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

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CROUGHTON SERVICES AND NOTICES

Welcome to Revd Simon Dommett

By the time you read this, Revd Simon Dommett will have started his time as Rector of the benefice. His first service, following his "collation and induction" by the Bishop of Brixworth will be a service in Croughton for the whole benefice, at 10 o'clock on Sunday 9th September. You can contact Simon at the Benefice Office, at the Rectory in Aynho, on 01869 810903.

Thank You!

The PCC has received a letter from the Diocesan Board of Finance thanking us sincerely for our contribution to the 2011 Parish Share. This amounted to £8,205. Thank you, very much, to everyone for your generosity and commitment to this important support for Croughton parish church. Apart from contributing to current clergy salaries and the running of the Diocese, the Parish Share helps pay for the pensions of previous incumbents.

Sunday 9th September, 14th after Trinity

10.00 am *Benefice Holy Communion* Croughton (SD)

Sunday 16th September, 15th after Trinity

11.00 am *Holy Communion* Aynho (SD)

9.30 am *Holy Communion* Croughton (SD)

11.00 am *Family Worship* Evenley (COR)

10.00 am *Family Worship* Farthinghoe (Lay team)

11.00 am *Holy Communion* Hinton-in-the-Hedges (HW)

Sunday 23rd September, 16th after Trinity

9.30 am *Holy Communion* Aynho (SD)

11.00 am *Harvest Festival* Hinton-in-the-Hedges (SD)

Sunday 30th September, 17th after Trinity

9.30 am *Harvest Holy Communion* Croughton (SD)

11.00 am *Harvest Family Worship* Evenley (SD)

6.00 pm *Harvest Festival* Farthinghoe (SD)

Sunday 7th October, 18th after Trinity

11.00 am *Harvest Festival* Aynho (SD)

9.30 am *Morning Prayer* Croughton

9.30 am *Holy Communion* Farthinghoe (SD)

11.00 am *Family Worship* Hinton-in-the-Hedges (Lay team)

SD = Revd Simon Dommett; COR=Carrie O'Regan;

HW = Revd Hugh Warwick

Ride and Stride

Croughton church will be open from 10.00 am until 6.00 pm on **8th September** as part of the annual "Ride and Stride" organised by the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust (NHCT). Do come and explore, look around, pray, examine wall paintings, and enjoy our lovely building.



The Reading Room needs a new, enthusiastic community member to co-ordinate it's bookings and generally drive forward it's future. Please contact Rob Robbins, Brian Tomlin or Andrew Harper if you are interested in helping to preserve this building. In future all booking enquiries should now be forwarded to Rob, Brian or Andrew.

Yolly's Malaysian Food Night

I wish to introduce a new 'Pilot' project in our village Croughton. The idea is, on each last Thursday (initially) of the month (starting 27 September), I will cook, at home, a Malaysian Dish e.g. Chicken Stir Fried Noodles- Mee Goreng (slightly spicy - traditional Malay style)

- 1 Place your order - by latest Wed. 6pm either by text or email
- 2 Give your Name and contact number
- 3 One portion/person - so number of portions must be stated clearly
- 4 Price per portion is £3.95
- 5 I will have your Order hot & ready to eat) for picking up at the Car Park of the Croughton Reading Room at 6.30pm (prompt)

Thank you—Yolanda Tapping, Malaysian Memories, 07964 417311 www.malaysianmemories.co.uk



WHEN: Tuesday, 11.30am to 1.30pm (see website for latest details and dates)

VENUES: Brackley Town Hall and Towcester Town Hall (sessions alternate weeks)

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Croughton Village Hall Regular Activities

For a full list of activities please see:
<http://www.croughton.org.uk/index.php/village-life/societies-and-clubs/>

For further information on **Village Hall bookings** contact **Sally Ward** on 01869 811102 or email croughtonvillagehall@gmail.com

Croughton Village Hall is 10 Years Old!

To commemorate this momentous occasion we will be holding both a party for the children of the village during the daytime and an evening event for adults on **Saturday 15th September** at the Hall. "Ian Keable Magic and Comedy Show" (as seen on TV) will be the entrainment for the both the children's party in the afternoon and for the evening do.

The evening event will start at 8.00pm. Tickets will cost only £5.00 per person (which also includes a buffet and glass of wine). A bar will also be available. Tickets can be purchased from any of the Village Hall Committee Members but for further information please contact: Rob Robbins (01869 810393), Diane Shepherd (01869 819561 or diane3222@hotmail.co.uk) or Sally Ward (sally.ward1@virgin.net)

The children's party will cost £1.00 per child. Details and times will be confirmed later, but we hope all will come along and join in with the Halls Birthday celebrations!

Croughton Pre-School currently have some availability from September, please remember we now take from age 2.

For further details please call us on 01869 811968, email info@croughtonpreschool.org.uk or visit our website: www.croughtonpreschool.org.uk

I have started a Facebook group called Croughton Memories. Does anyone have any old photos of Croughton that I could borrow and scan into the group? (I will be very careful with them and will get them back to you very quickly). Please give me a ring – Sally Masey, 01869 811010 or 07834 829585. If you would like to join the group, you can add photos yourself.



Yet another tragedy involving a pet animal run down and nearly killed by a heedless driver should serve as a sad reminder that Mill Lane is not a motorway, nor even a high street, but a small rural lane. Those who drive along Mill Lane - be they residents, visitors or trades people -- need to know that the speed limit here is 30 mph -- and that is the maximum, not the minimum. We have a mixture of resident toddlers, young children, dogs and cats, as well as dog walkers using the Lane. Surely, driving slowly and carefully, with consideration and respect for others, both two- and four-legged, is not too much to ask, to avoid potential grief and sadness. A case in point: A few days ago, a resident much-loved family pet, a cat, was hit by a vehicle in Mill Lane. She managed to crawl into a neighbour's garden, where she was found alive, but her back is broken. The cat is now recovering in a veterinary hospital. So please, remember that speeding is dangerous and unnecessary, and can have such tragic consequences, just to save a few seconds.

Newsletter submissions by 28th of each month to:
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