



# CROUGHTON PARISH NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2012

## CROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Parish Council Meetings held on 10th and 24th September 2012

**Youth Development:** Following the encouraging success of the Drop In evening in July and the Activities afternoon last month, Mr Iain Anderson of the Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs is hoping to arrange another event for 8-16 year olds this month. Check out the noticeboards, website [www.croughton.org.uk](http://www.croughton.org.uk) and grapevine for confirmation of the date. The aim is to establish a locally led youth group or club in Croughton, affiliated to the NAYC whose 50 years' experience of youth development work will be invaluable to helping provide the sort of activities that young people in Croughton would like to experience. Crucial to making this happen are adult volunteers- ideally, a pool of adults - willing to share in the running of the club. If you would like to dip your toe in the water please contact the parish Clerk via email [clerk@croughton.org.uk](mailto:clerk@croughton.org.uk) Thank you to everyone who has already been involved or offered to help in the future!

**Highway Matters:** The County Council's Structural Maintenance and Area Teams are reviewing the list of potential schemes (including the B4031 carriageway but not guaranteed to make the final cut) and will be drawing up a programme for those requiring short term maintenance in the next financial year, or medium term maintenance from 2014. Despite headway in relation to the resurfacing of Wheelers Rise being less than encouraging, the outcome of reports to Street Doctor, the online reporting system for minor highway defects, has been heartening. Of the 27 reports submitted following the annual risk assessment of footpaths in the village, all have been investigated and almost all have been completed.

**Audit for the Year ending 31st March 2012:** Concluded with no issues arising.

**Allotments:** The Parish Council is grateful to the tenants for the tidy maintenance of their plots, for prompt payment of the half year rents, and to Mr Steve Chessum for restoring the pigsties to safe structure.

**Co-option to the Parish Council:** Cllr Brian Tomlin, Chairman and Members look forward to welcoming Mrs Penelope Forbes to the next Meeting on 8th October 2012 when Cllr Forbes will take her seat on the Parish Council. There are no more vacancies but members of the public are invited to Meetings and have the opportunity to speak to items on the Agenda during Public Participation.

**Dates of Next Meetings:** 8th October, 12th November and 10th December, all at 7.30 pm 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)

### Brackley Police Station

Open to the public 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Monday - Friday for help and advice.



Out of these hours, or if you are unable to get to the Police station in person, please call 101 and speak with a call operative. Officers regularly patrol across the county and the tracking system enables the control room to send the closest officer to you should your call require assistance.

## Croughton Art & Photo Exhibition

A big thank you to everyone who helped to make the recent Art & Photography Exhibition in aid of Croughton Jubilee Fund such a success. Thank you particularly to all Croughton's amazing artists for submitting work and to the team of willing volunteers who gave up so much of their time to help. Thank you especially to David and Barbara Reast for managing the hanging of the pictures and display of other exhibits. Hundreds of pounds worth of original pictures and prints were sold and we're delighted that the auction of the picture of cows by Mary Laws sold for £270. We will announce how much profit was made and details of the winning picture in the next newsletter.

## What's On.

### 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.

### Wednesday 17 October, 7.30pm

WI meeting in the Croughton Village Hall.

### Friday 19 October 8.00pm

"Unusual wines from around the world": Croughton Wine Appreciation Group wine tasting evening in Croughton Village Hall.

### Saturday 20 October

Last date for ordering Croughton Village Wine & Port.

### Tuesday 23 October, 7.30pm

History Group meeting in Croughton Village Hall.

### Saturday 27 October, 7.30pm

The Impacts, at Croughton Village Hall.

### Tuesday 30 October, 8.00pm.

The Annual General Meeting for Croughton Village Hall and Playing Fields. To be held in the Parish Room.

Keep Croughton clean!

**Dog fouling is UNNECESSARY,  
ILLEGAL and a HEALTH HAZARD-  
especially to children!**

**Be a responsible Dog Owner and clean up after  
your dog!**

Dog owners are reminded of their legal responsibility to clean up after their pets if they foul ANY public areas. Dog faeces is not only unpleasant, it is also responsible for a number of potential health risks if ingested, the most serious of which is Toxocariasis resulting from dog roundworms. This disease is responsible for the loss of sight in around 10 British children every year.

Remember to take a plastic bag with you when out walking your dog. Do not commit a littering offence. Dispose of the bag in either a public waste bin or in your own bin at home.

South Northamptonshire Council offers the facility for reporting instances of dog fouling online at [www.southnorthants.gov.uk](http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk) or by telephone (01327 322323) Offenders will be prosecuted.

Thank you for cleaning up after your dog and for keeping Croughton clean!

## Numbered Recycling Boxes go Walkabout!

When retrieving your black box from the kerbside after it has been emptied by the crew, please take care not to pick up a box nor wheel in a bin that bears a neighbour's house number. Thank you!

## The Annual General Meeting for Croughton Village Hall and Playing Fields

...will be held in the Parish Room at **8.00pm on Tuesday 30th October**. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

## Croughton WI

The September meeting of the Croughton WI took the form of a film evening, including popcorn and choc ices. The film was "Saving Grace", one of these films with a "feel good" factor and with suitable references to the WI. Special thanks go to Pam Robbins who organised the event and to Tony Cross who set up the equipment in the Parish Room.

The October meeting consists of both the AGM and a talk by Monica Johnson about the history of the American Thanksgiving. Monica is also cooking for us - an added treat. To help us with the catering numbers, please let Auriel Warwick (01869 819596) know if members are bringing any guests by Friday, 12 October. The meeting will take place in the village hall on **Wednesday, 17 October**, beginning at 7.30.

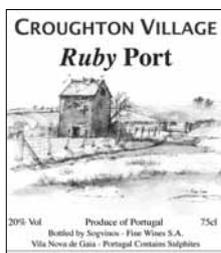
## Last orders please for Croughton Village Wines

A reminder that this is your last chance to buy Croughton Village Wine and Port, as they will no longer be available after October. So please place any last orders by **20th October**.

The Chilean Sauvignon Blanc and Merlot are great wines to share with family and friends and the unique pictures of Croughton landmarks on the bottle labels make them particularly special. The price for the Chilean Sauvignon Blanc and Merlot is £6.98 per bottle. The Portuguese ruby port costs £13.99 per bottle (subject to number of orders).

To place an order please contact:

Fran ([franbs@btinternet.com](mailto:franbs@btinternet.com), tel: 01869 811 823),  
or Lesley ([lesley.ramsay@googlemail.com](mailto:lesley.ramsay@googlemail.com)),  
or Caroline ([caroline@redworks.co.uk](mailto:caroline@redworks.co.uk), tel: 01869 810 443).



## “Unusual wines from around the world”.

**Wine Tasting with the Croughton  
Wine Appreciation Group**

**Friday October 19 at 8pm, Croughton Village Hall**

For this wine tasting evening Alistair Cooper (@cooper\_alistair) from Wines Unfurled (<http://www.winesunfurled.co.uk/>) will be sharing with us a selection of wines that can be considered to be “off the beaten track”. So expect wines from emerging countries and unusual grape varieties from established regions. Alistair describes himself as “a Master of Wine student, follower and lover of wine, discovering the most interesting wines you have never heard of...yet”. He has run wine tastings for us in the past and has proved to be a lively and interesting presenter, keen to share his knowledge and expertise of wine and the wine industry with us. If you enjoy drinking wine, do come along - everyone is welcome. The event on October 19th starts at 8pm. Price for members £7, for non-members £10. **Please register by October 15th** via email: [croughtonwag@gmail.com](mailto:croughtonwag@gmail.com) or call Claire on 810987.



## Croughton History Group

The English Parish was once the jurisdiction which impacted most directly and regularly on the lives of people through its ecclesiastical, administrative and social functions. This talk,

“A History of the English Parish”, by Chris Day, lecturer in Local History at Oxford University, will outline how very different it was in the past to be a parishioner.

Meeting **Tuesday 23rd October** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. £1 members, £3 non-members, incl refreshments. For further details contact 01869 810124, [b.tomlin332@btinternet.com](mailto:b.tomlin332@btinternet.com) or 01869 810545, [leo.coleman@btinternet.com](mailto:leo.coleman@btinternet.com).

For the diary, November 27th, A Traveller's insight into the History and Culture of North Korea.

## Croughton Pre-School

*Providing a happy, safe, secure and inspiring start to your  
child's education*

### Volunteer committee officers.

We are currently seeking local professionals to help our charity by becoming a Committee Officer. For Croughton Pre-School to remain open the minimum requirements as stated in our Constitution are three Officers and two members. If you are interested in volunteering sometime and becoming Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson or Secretary please contact us on 07957 159314. Thank you.

## All Saints Church, Croughton Astwick Vale Benefice

*Croughton Church is a beautiful ancient and ageless church, enhanced by mediaeval wall paintings, peaceful and steeped in prayer - a welcoming Christian focus for the whole village.*

### Rector's October Letter

September is always a busy month, with new schools, colleges and university courses for some. For me it has been a busy month, starting my new role as Rector of the Astwick Vale Benefice, made up of the villages of Aynho, Croughton, Evenley, Farthinghoe and Hinton-in-the-Hedges with Steane. I would like to thank all those who have welcomed me so far and look forward to meeting many more people in the coming months. But with all this rushing around at home or at work, it is also good to find a time of rest and quiet. Starting in October I would like to offer you a free quiet half hour each week with Candle Prayers.



Candle Prayers simply means your local church will be open from 7:15-8:00pm, lit with candles, giving you the opportunity to come and enjoy the peace of these special places. You may want to light a candle for somebody or a situation, or just sit on your own for a few minutes. At 7:30 there will be a

short opening prayer for those who want to join in followed by a time for personal space, then at about 7:50 there will be a short quiet closing prayer for those who want to join in. You are invited to come for as much or as little as you like, I just want to offer you some peace and space for prayer, private reflection or just enjoying the beauty of the place.

1st October Monday, St. Georges, Evenley

11th October Thursday, All Saints, Croughton

17th October Wednesday, Holy Trinity, Hinton in the Hedges

23rd October Tuesday, St Michael and all Angels, Farthinghoe

2nd November Friday, St. Michaels, Aynho

At the end of the month there will be our annual All Souls service where we will remember our loved ones who we see no longer. Names of those to be remembered will be collected in your local church.

Can I also thank you for supporting our Harvest collections for a range of local good causes.

The door to the Rectory is always open, please drop in or give me a call if it is easier for me to come to you.

Best wishes

Rev. Simon Dommett 01869 810903

## Croughton Film Club

**New Season!** Our first film will be 'The Artist' on **12th October** in Croughton Village Hall. 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 one 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 Exotic Marigold Hotel

Nov 23 The Iron Lady

Dec 14 Salmon Fishing in the Yemen

Jan 11 My Weekend with Marilyn



## ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CROUGHTON SERVICES AND NOTICES

### 7th October, 18th after Trinity

11am	Family Harvest Service	Aynho
9:30am	BCP Matins	Croughton
9.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Farthinghoe
11am	Family Service	Hinton-in-the-Hedges

### 14th October, 19th after Trinity

9:30am	Holy Communion	Aynho
11am	Holy Communion	Evenley
6pm	BCP Evensong	Farthinghoe

### 21st October, 20th after Trinity

11am	BCP Choral Matins	Aynho
9.30am	Holy Communion	Croughton
11am	Family Service	Evenley
10am	Family Service	Farthinghoe
11am	Holy Communion	Hinton-in-the-Hedges

### 28th October, 21st after Trinity

10am	Benefice Holy Communion	Aynho
6pm	All Souls	Hinton-in-the-Hedges

### 4th November All Saints

11am	Holy Communion	Aynho
9:30am	BCP Matins	Croughton
9.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Farthinghoe
11am	Family Service	Hinton-in-the-Hedges

## 49 Club - start of another year

About now, the 49 Club renews its membership for the year - time for existing members to sign up for another year and for newcomers to join in.

The 49 Club raises money for Croughton Church. Only £1 a week. Details from the Churchwardens, Angie Robbins (angierobbins@mail.com; tel 811445) or Mary Marriott (dollshouse59@gmail.com; tel 810267). We are extremely grateful to all who take part and the income raised is a huge help with Church expenses.

## 60s and 70s disco lighting

Does anyone have some old disco lights (or any other useful 'mood lighting') that could be used in the village hall foyer for when the The Impacts are playing at the village hall? They need to be simple, freestanding lights with a simple controller... nothing too fancy, complicated or heavy. Please contact Bill Bennett, email: bennetts@easynet.co.uk or phone 01869 819852.

## Croughton Prints for sale

Following the recent art exhibition, we have a limited number of pictures by the late Mary Laws left to sell. Mounted prints of a pen and ink drawing of the Dovecote and pencil drawing of the Church are available for £24 each, or £21.50 for two. They would make a great Christmas present! Contact 01869 810 443, or caroline@redworks.co.uk.

All profits will go to Croughton Jubilee Fund.

## Yolly's Malaysian Food Night

Last Thursday of each month - Next One - 25th October 2012. Why not have a break from cooking for one night, sit back and relax and enjoy!!!

Dish this month: Malaysian Chicken Curry & Rice Prices:

Chicken Curry - £3.95 (single portion, for 1 person)  
Chicken Curry - £5.95 (double portion, for 2 persons)  
Basmati Rice - £1.00 (single portion)  
Basmati Rice - £2.00 (double portion)  
An Extra - Stir Fried Mixed Veg to accompany the Curry & Rice. Single portion £2.00 / Double £4.00

\* Please place your Order before Tuesday night (23rd) by Text - 07964 417311 or email: yolanda@malaysianmemories.co.uk

I will have your Order to be collected at the Reading Room Car park at 6.30pm (Please try to bring the correct money). Thank you. Yolanda Tapping.



**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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For information and links to other useful sites, go to: [www.southnorthants.gov.uk/jobclub](http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/jobclub)

## 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 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)

## Badminton

School term only we are holding a badminton club at Croughton Village Hall. Times 4-5 and 6-7. All abilities welcome. Cost will be dependent on numbers but we anticipate cost being between £2 and £3.

Contact Heather Hamp: [heather.hamp@btinternet.com](mailto:heather.hamp@btinternet.com) or 01869 811104; Louise Norton: [partonnorton@gmail.com](mailto:partonnorton@gmail.com) or 01869 811763; Evelina Horring: [ehorring@ballcolegrave.com](mailto:ehorring@ballcolegrave.com) or 01869 811697.

## The Impacts

at Croughton Village Hall, Saturday 27th October 7.30pm

Tickets for this event are selling fast, so don't be disappointed, buy them now! This original 60s band, including Bill Bennett, who lives in the village, will commence playing at 8.00pm until 11.00pm, with a break for a ploughman's supper. We are looking forward to a fantastic evening.

This will be the last event for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations, and all profits will be for the jubilee fund, supporting village good causes, and the village hall. The evening will include a raffle, so any donations of prizes will be most welcome.

For tickets priced at only £10.00, phone 01869 810124 or 810393.

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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