



# CROUGHTON NEWS

July 2021



## Croughton Village Flower and Vegetable Show

We are delighted to announce that the Croughton Village Flower and Vegetable Show will take place on **Saturday 28th August 2021**.

This will be the 14th show and we look forward to welcoming entrants and visitors on the day.

Having been unable to hold the show in 2020, we are excited to make it a celebration of 'lockdown life' and how growing plants and vegetables took on even more meaning.

Entry forms can be dropped in to the organisers at:

Steve Chessum 16 Wheelers Rise 01869 810066

Sheena Hayward 3 Mill Lane

Jean Coles 54 High Street

Megan Scott 58 High Street

If you would like to help in any way, please let one of us know.

## MERYL'S CHARITY PLANT STALL

My charity plant stall is in full swing with a great selection of plants including "Bill & Ben" strawberry planters, homegrown mauve hebe shrubs, tuber grown mixed dahlias, lavenders & lots more perennials. There are also some vegetable plants that are now FREE (donations welcome).

My front windowsill has a nice selection of houseplants with china pots, ring the doorbell if you'd like one! Please have a walk along Mill Lane & buy some lovely plants. 100% of the money raised is shared between Croughton Reading Room & Brackley Hogwatch.

Over 100 rehabilitated hedgehogs have been released back to Brackley & surrounding villages (SIX to Croughton) by Brackley Hogwatch so far this year, YOUR SUPPORT has made this possible

– THANK YOU!

Meryl



## Summer Reading Challenges offered by Northamptonshire Libraries

**For Children:** The challenge is to read 6 books during the summer holidays.

You can find out more about the challenge at [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/src](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/src)

The challenge starts on the 10th July and runs until September, when children return to school.

**For Adults:** Fully Booked, which will run for 6 months, from the 10th July.

Full information about this, and the companion podcast, can be found at [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/fortheloveofbooks](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/fortheloveofbooks)

## ABILITY - A Community Bus Service for residents of Croughton

It's easy to register online - <https://abilitycic.org.uk/register/> or contact me (Meryl) for a form to post.

The service runs on Tuesdays & Thursdays to a variety of locations in Banbury Town centre and on Fridays to Brackley, including the new Sainsbury's.

**Please telephone ABILITY to book your seat in advance - 01327 604123**

It is FREE to use from the village bus stops if you have a valid bus pass and for a small annual fee, a door-to-door is available. The bus picks up from the bus stops at Park End and The Blackbird, and other pre-arranged locations in the village, at about **10am & returns at 1pm**, the duration is longer for the summer trips.

Please get in touch if you need any help or more information – Meryl 16 Mill Lane 819525.

## ABILITY Community Bus Service Summer Trips

All free with a valid concessionary bus pass. Silver or gold - booking accepted and seat guaranteed.

Bronze - on reserve list, confirmed 2–3 days before travel

Friday 9th July: Yarnton Garden Centre

Friday 23rd July: Brackley Antique Centre

Friday 30th July: Buckingham Garden Centre

Friday 6th August: Oxford City

Friday 13th August: Bell Plantation, Towcester

## Croughton Village Website

For all information on events, parish council meetings and general information etc.

[www.croughtonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.croughtonparishcouncil.org.uk)

# Parish Council Meeting held on 14th June 2021

Cllr Vee Griffiths presided over her second meeting as Chairman. Vice Chairman, Cllr Martin Hacon was re-appointed Internal Controls Councillor for 2021/2022 and will carry out the quarterly financial checks. These are an important part of the effective system of control to safeguard the proper use of public money available to the Parish Council. The Council reviewed its Financial processes and its banking arrangements.

Mrs Jane Freeman was appointed Footpaths Warden and succeeds Chris Fox who had stepped down after 3 good years in the role. The Parish Council is grateful to Jane all the other volunteers who have taken on various community responsibilities such as all those involved in supporting this very Newsletter. Others include the Defibrillator Guardians who ensure the life-saving equipment is operational at all times; the Trustees of the Poor's Allotment Trust; and the Friends of Portway Pocket Park who look after this valuable resource. Stuart Lowen's report to the Annual Parish Assembly, mentioned that this small green space was frequented by villagers and their families, more so than ever, for exercise and somewhere safe for children to play during much of the lockdown months.

**Traffic Calming:** Concerns over excessive speeds through the village have been raised with the police whose advice is that long term changes in self enforcement and speed reduction would require improvements to the current calming measures in place within the 20 mph zone. Traffic calming measures require the approval of the Highway Authority. Options have yet to be defined and explored.

The solar powered VAS has been moved from the 30 mph speed limit in Blenheim to the 20 mph zone in High Street.

**Extension to the speed limits on Brackley Road:** As part of the lengthy legal process, the Highway Authority is consulting on the proposal to extend northwards both the 20 and 30 mph speed limits. The 30 mph limit will be extended by 35m and the 20 mph limit by 67.5m further round the bend. A copy of the proposal has been placed in the parish Noticeboards at the village hall and the Co-Op.

Please note that the consultation (Ref. P/1875) is online and may be found via this link [https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/northamptonshire-highways/roads-and-streets/Pages/traffic-regulation-orders-\(tro\).aspx](https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/northamptonshire-highways/roads-and-streets/Pages/traffic-regulation-orders-(tro).aspx)

Members of the public are invited to email their views on the proposal by 16th July 2021 to [parkingenquiries@kierwsp.co.uk](mailto:parkingenquiries@kierwsp.co.uk)

**Health and Safety:** Councillors undertook to inspect the Allotments site, Cemetery, Portway Pocket Park, public seats, ford at Mill Lane, the bus shelter, as well as footways and footway lighting and to report back on their observations at the July meeting.

## Reporting faults:

**i) Footway Lighting:** Please report these to the Parish Clerk. [clerk@croughtonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@croughtonparishcouncil.org.uk) Thank you to everyone who does notify the Clerk of any of the 57 footway lights temporarily out of order. Footway Lights are numbered 1–57, so any number above 57 will not identify a footway light. Where a lamp is on a freestanding column the number will be on the column. Where a lamp is bracketed to a wooden post (usually BT) the number is not so easy to see as it will be high above on the box just below the lamp.

When reporting faults please also give the location of the footway light and your contact details. Thank you.

**ii) Minor Highway Defects -** Potholes, blocked gullies, overhanging vegetation etc: Members of the public are encouraged to report these online to [www.fixmystreet.northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://www.fixmystreet.northamptonshire.gov.uk)

**Audit 2020/2021:** Accounting records for the financial year 2020/2021 may be inspected by any interested person up until 23rd July 2021. Please refer to the Notice of Public Rights on the Parish Council website where the unaudited documents of the AGAR are also published: [www.croughtonparishcouncil.org.uk/finance](http://www.croughtonparishcouncil.org.uk/finance)

**Date of next Parish Council Meeting: 7.30 p.m. on Monday 12th July 2021** in the Parish Room, Croughton Village Hall. Two seats on the Parish Council remain to be filled and the Parish Council will be considering expressions of interest from eligible adults who are motivated to serve on the Council.

Do get in touch with the Chairman or the Clerk if you would like to put yourself forward!

Email: [chairman@croughtonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:chairman@croughtonparishcouncil.org.uk) or [clerk@croughtonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@croughtonparishcouncil.org.uk)

The Agenda will be published on the parish noticeboards at the Village Hall and Co-Op car park and on the website, [www.croughtonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.croughtonparishcouncil.org.uk)

Please note that this Meeting is open to Members of the Public and Covid-19 regulations will be observed. If you wish to attend please register with the Clerk via email [clerk@croughtonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@croughtonparishcouncil.org.uk) in advance of the meeting and, unless Government regulations have been lifted, take the following precautions:

- i. Sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the building
- ii. Record your name, telephone number, your time of arrival and time of departure in the attendance book
- iii. Observe the one-way system as per floor arrows
- iii. Wear a mask/face covering on the premises
- iv. Observe social distancing rules.

Thank you.

---

## Suspicious activity surrounding the Base ...

... can be reported 24/7 to the MoD Armed Mobile Patrol on 07773 971 924. Please do not use this number to report civilian issues – that should properly be brought to the attention of Northamptonshire Police. Call 101 or go online.

## 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.

# Croughton All Saints CE Primary School



## Update July 2021

Our lovely village school has continued to thrive despite the restrictions due to the pandemic. The school community have been a wonderful support and we have all worked together to ensure we continue to offer the best possible education we can under the challenging circumstances. We are still working in two bubbles, with the oldest and youngest pupils accessing different parts of the school site each day. The greatest impact is the lack of opportunities for children of all ages to play together.

We have taken the decision to prioritise key areas of development, namely English and mathematics, personal, social and emotional skills along with lots of additional physical activities to get out in the fresh air and rebuild stamina in sport, clearly lost for many during lockdown. We have also purchased Yogabugs which is being used with each class. Teachers are also joining in too. This is a daily opportunity to build strength, taking time to relax whilst learning about countries around the world as they are transported to different locations through stories. Years 5 and 6 were able to attend a week long Residential to West Runton in Norfolk on June 21st after two cancellations. This was a much needed break for the children and a great time was had by all. Year 4 have visited Evenley Wood Gardens for a day clearing the stream, pond dipping and Forest School activities. We have continued our visits to the church and walks around the village. We are also able to showcase the oldest pupils' talents in our end of year production entitled The Return of Lady Gaga. Parents can attend, socially distanced but we need to have four performances. Staff and pupils have worked hard but this will prove to be an amazing end to this challenging year.

Our school grounds are under construction to replace the tepee and amphitheatre which are now not fit for purpose. This will enable us to extend the playground area and add an outdoor wooden pavilion as another classroom. If anyone has any spare time, we would welcome some support as we have flower beds which need digging out in preparation for the groundworks. Please call the school if you can help.

We have welcomed our new pre-school children for a visit ready to start school in September. We currently have 14 pupils joining us which will bring our total on roll to 119 pupils working in five classes. Our fabulous team includes 19 adults who work tirelessly doing a great job. We remain positive and upbeat that we will return to some normality in September and reinstate all the things which make our school a special place.

Helen Goulder  
Headteacher

## Village Hall

Hopefully soon we will be able to welcome people back in full but for the moment, Short Mat Bowls and Pilates are running on a Monday evening. If you would like to make a booking for the future please email: [croughtonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:croughtonvillagehall@gmail.com).

Many thanks.

# All Saints Church, Croughton

## July Services in Astwick Vale Benefice

### Sunday 11th July

9.30am Morning Worship, Evenley  
10.00am Morning Worship, Aynho  
10.00am Morning Worship Farthinghoe  
11.00am Holy Communion Croughton  
6.00pm Evening Prayer, Steane

### Sunday: 18th July

10.00am Benefice Service with Holy Communion, Hinton

### Sunday: 25th July

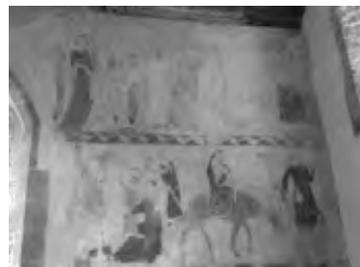
9.30am Holy Communion, Evenley  
11.00am Morning Worship, Croughton  
11.00am Morning Worship, Aynho  
11.00am Holy Communion, Hinton  
6.00pm Evening Prayer, Farthinghoe

Services are held in accordance with Covid guidelines. Please check the Church notice board for any unavoidable changes to the Service timetable

If you have any concerns you can contact:  
Revd Sue Cooper 01869 810903, or Church Warden: Angie Robbins 01869 811445.

## I Need Your Help

Your Croughton church possesses possibly the most artistically important medieval wall paintings in the country. They are considered by the art world to have heralded the foundation of British painting.



However, this cultural treasure is in dire need of restoration before they fade completely. Although I have raised £15,800 to date it is only a small part of the £70,000 which restorers require to halt the decline and enhance their appearance for the benefit of future generations to enjoy.

I have received plenty of advice for which I am so grateful but I am now in need of physical assistance in raising the rest of the money. So, if you are able, for example, to apply to and undertake a Lottery Fund application, or are able to undertake fund raising opportunities or are even an experienced crowd funder, I shall be delighted to hear from you.

I am obviously very concerned that I feel I cannot continue to carry this project forward alone anymore, which would sadly see the wonderful cultural heritage on our doorstep unable to be saved for the nation. So, if you can help, I will be delighted to hear from you.

Please contact me: Brian Smith 01869 810 540  
email: [brian.smith71@btinternet.com](mailto:brian.smith71@btinternet.com)

## Aynho Summer Fayre

Meryl's Charity Plants & Brackley Hogwatch Fundraising stall, with a selection of plants and lots of new hedgehog themed items will be at Aynho Summer Fayre –



**Sunday 25th July 11.30am - 4pm.**

The event is outdoors on Aynho Pavilion field.

There will be lots of other fabulous stalls there, including:

- Arts and crafts
- Fresh and faux flowers
- Candles, crystals, homemade soaps, bath bombs hair & make-up
- Cakes and bakes
- Buzzy Coffee Beans
- Childrens' clothing
- Usborne Books
- Flamingo Cards
- Katharine House Hospice
- Dogs for Good
- The Brackley Ice Cream Man
- and a bouncy castle!

Parking is available next to the Pavilion. Please be respectful of resident's property if parking in the village.

## Think NHS 111 First

NHS England and NHS Improvement has launched the next phase of the latest 'Help Us, Help You' campaign which focuses on the NHS 111 service as a new way to access A&E.

If you have an urgent but not life-threatening medical need, make sure you contact NHS 111 first rather than going straight to A&E. If you do need urgent care, then NHS 111 can now book you in to be seen quickly and safely in A&E.

As well as this, NHS 111 is also able to direct to or book an appointment at Urgent Treatment Centres, access to Out of Hours GP Services, pharmacies, emergency dental services and walk-in clinics.

Contacting 111 first will also help the NHS to keep you safe by maintaining social distancing and ensure that you receive the right care in the right place, in a more timely and safe way.

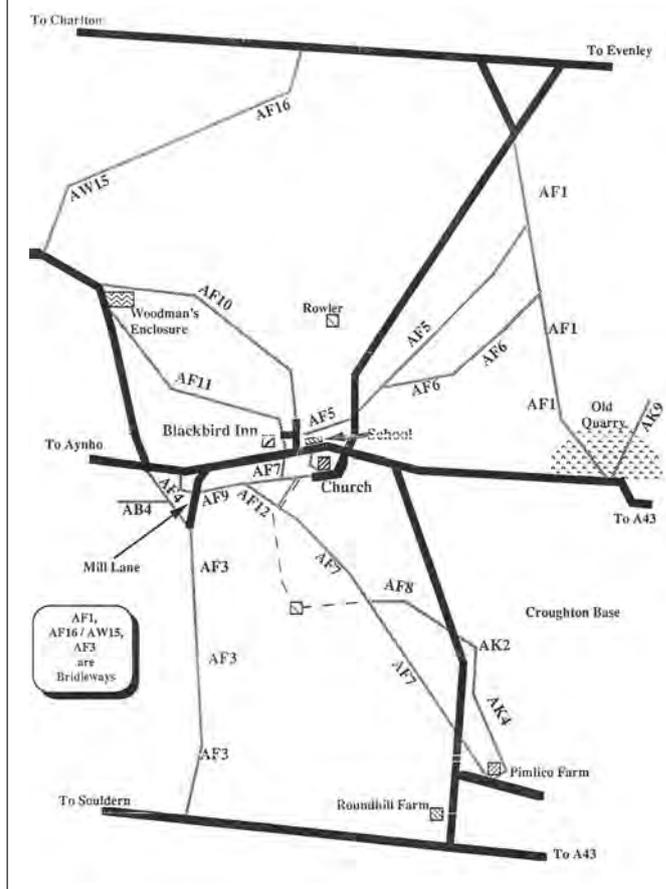
If you or your loved one have a life-threatening illness or injury then you should always use 999 and if you do arrive at A&E without contacting NHS 111 you will still receive medical care, with emergency treatments prioritised.

Just think 111 first. When you think you need A&E, contact NHS 111 by phone or online at <https://111.nhs.uk/>

Further information about NHS 111 First is available at [www.northamptonshireccg.nhs.uk](http://www.northamptonshireccg.nhs.uk)

**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)**  
**The Croughton Newsletter is published by the Parish Council.**

## Simplified plan of footpaths and bridleways around Croughton (not to scale).



**KATHARINE  
HOUSE  
HOSPICE**

Aynho Road  
Adderbury  
Oxon OX17 3NL

## Katharine House “Not The Midnight Walk”, Saturday 17 July 2021

Dust off your glad rags, sprinkle on some sparkle and join our 6 or 10 mile walk. Get together with friends and family and join our summer celebration! We've made changes to keep you safe and promise the kind of fabulous and fun event we've all been waiting for. Find out more, and sign up today at [www.khh.org.uk/notmidnight](http://www.khh.org.uk/notmidnight)

## Open Gardens For Katharine House, April 2021 – Summer 2022

We have some very generous supporters opening their gardens for us this summer, if you would like to be involved please head to our website to keep up to date with our Open Gardens events [www.khh.org.uk/gardens](http://www.khh.org.uk/gardens) Alternatively you can get in touch via email: [getinvolved@khh.org.uk](mailto:getinvolved@khh.org.uk) or Tel.: 01295 816 484

## Adderbury Golf Day, Friday 9 July 2021

Our supporters are hosting their 16th Adderbury Charity Golf day in support of Katharine House. The event will take place as Rye Hill Golf Club in Milcombe, and entry is £40 per player for the two ball better ball competition. There are prizes to be won, and fun to be had! Book your place today by contacting 01295 811 059.