



CROUGHTON NEWS

April 2022



An important date for your diary...

Croughton will celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Saturday 4th June, 2022

We are planning:

- A parade of cars from the decades, hopefully including the fire truck from our friends on the Base
- A pop-up theatre to showcase music, dance and acting talent from the village
- Royal Scarecrows around the village
- Kite flying demonstration
- DIY craft table
- Various stalls
- Fancy dress
- Fish and chip van
- Burgers and hot dogs
- Cream teas
- Evening entertainment
-and more

We will need your help to decorate the village:

- Are you able to help make bunting to decorate the village?
- There will also be a competition for the best Royal Scarecrow, so get your thinking caps on and start planning!

Parade of cars through the decades

We are looking for cars from every decade since the 1950's. Please get in touch if you have a car that you'd like to enter in the parade

We need your help for the pop-up theatre:

- Do you play in a band? Or perform solo?
- Can you juggle to music?
- Or are you a conjuror?
- Could you perform a dance routine?
- Or a short play?
- Are you happy to read a story?
- Or are you a budding stand-up comedian?

We would love to hear from anyone who would like to take part.

If you can help in any way or want to take part, please let us know:

- Martin Hacon (07762 659589) for the parade, and to offer general help
- Chris Tomlin (01869 226383) for the pop-up theatre
- Jane Lyons (07761 030276) for helping with the village decorations

“Wines of the Commonwealth”

(Wine tasting with the Croughton Wine Appreciation Group)



In preparation for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in early June, we've set ourselves the challenge of finding wines from across the Commonwealth to taste as a tribute to Her Majesty! Our next event is also our AGM and so will start at **7.45pm in the Village Hall on Friday 29th April.**

There will be an opportunity to start or renew membership of the Croughton Wine Appreciation Group at £15 for 2022/2023. Members pay a reduced entry price to all 7 events. Each event includes tasting between 7 and 9 wines and some food to accompany the wines.

For the April event members will pay £10 and non-members pay £15. Please let us know in advance that you're coming so we can ensure we have sufficient wine and food. Email Martin at croughtonwag@gmail.com

A date for your diary: Friday 10th June. “Poles Apart” Join us to taste wines from northern and southern hemispheres as we approach the longest day of the year.



All Saints Church Croughton Easter Basket Raffle

**Tickets £1. Draw to take place in
Croughton Tea Rooms on 9th April 2020**

All proceeds go towards the Church general funds

Tickets can be purchased from Croughton Tea Rooms
and Pam Robbins, member of the PCC



Croughton Village Website

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

www.croughtonparishcouncil.org.uk

Parish Council Meeting held on 14th March 2022

Finance: Significant savings were identified if some of the foot path lighting was switched off between midnight and six in the morning. To be discussed and decided upon at the next meeting.

Planning Application: Since the Parish Council Meeting on 14th March a planning application for the demolition of 3-bed bungalow at 25 Brackley Road, Croughton to be replaced by the construction of two 4-bed semi-detached houses and one 4 bed bungalow has been received. The Parish Council sought an extension to the deadline for submissions which has been granted and the issue will be discussed at the next meeting.

Allotments: Investigations into the stability of the allotment wall continue, the recent excavation was worrisome, but the surveyors report is awaited.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee: Arrangements for the celebration of the jubilee on the 5th of June are progressing. The Council proposed to present commemorative mugs for schoolchildren in the village, a design for the mugs was chosen and arrangements for distribution of the mugs were discussed.

Cemetery: It was resolved to arrange a cemetery working party. The date of 30th April was provisionally agreed, work to commence at 10 a.m.

Asset Mapping: The working group reported on the progress of mapping the assets already identified and hoped to record

them on Parish Online. The deadline for completion is the end of March

Litter bin: Problems with litter in the informal layby at the Blenheim end of the village were discussed and a solution is being investigated.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 25th April at 7.30 p.m. – in the Parish Room at Croughton Village Hall, Wheeler's Rise, Croughton, NN13 5ND.

Parish Office Hours: Tuesdays 10 am until 3 pm and Thursdays 2pm until 4 pm

Date of next Parish Council Meeting: 7.30 p.m. on Monday 11th April 2022 in the Parish Room, Croughton Village Hall.

The agenda will be published on the parish noticeboards at the Village Hall and Co-Op car park and on the website.

Visit www.croughtonparishcouncil.org.uk

Please note that this Meeting is open to Members of the Public. 10 minutes in total (up to 3 minutes per person) are set aside for public participation, usually the third item on the agenda, and this provides the opportunity for members of the electorate to speak to items listed on the agenda. The wearing of face masks/ face coverings during this meeting is optional.

Thank you.

ABILITY – The Community Mini-Bus Service for all residents of Croughton”

The Ability mini-bus is an invaluable service providing transport and independence to Croughton residents. There is a twice weekly bus to Banbury town centre or various supermarkets on Tuesday & Thursday, and buses to Brackley or Bicester on Friday to visit the market and various shops, as well as special trips to a variety of locations, see list below.

You need to REGISTER with the scheme before you can use the service. You can register online at <https://abilitycic.org.uk/register> Or pick up a form at The Blackbird, Croughton Tea Rooms or Co-op You also need to PRE-BOOK your seat for each journey as spaces are limited.

To book your seat telephone Ability on 01327 604123. It is FREE to use from the village bus stops if you have a valid bus pass. Gold membership is available for a small annual fee for a door-to-door service with all shopping etc carried to your front door. I'm happy to help with any queries. Meryl Tel. 819525

ABILITY TRANSPORT TRIPS April –June2022

Tuesday 12th April - Oxford Market and Shops

Wednesday 20th April - Milton Keynes Museum OR MK shopping centre

Friday 6th May - Waddesdon Manor

Monday 9th May - Bicester Garden Centre/shopping village

Wednesday 11th May - Woodstock and Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum

Tuesday 17th May - Milton Keynes Centre

Tuesday 31st May - Waterperry Gardens Oxford

Tuesday 7th June - Yarnton Garden Centre

Wednesday 15th June AM pick up – Thursday 16th

June PM - Bournemouth – OVER NIGHT

MERYL'S CHARITY PLANT STALL

Spring planters, pansies, red & white saxifrages, rockery dianthus (pinks), everlasting sweet peas & a few other plants have been added to my stall. The clearance plants are still available on separate shelving - donations are very welcome.

More plants are being added at regular intervals so come visit my stall in Mill Lane and have a look anytime and don't forget to buy some plants! All proceeds are shared between Croughton Reading Room & Brackley Hogwatch.

I have replenished my Brackley Hogwatch fundraising table at Croughton Tea Rooms and added a great selection of flower and vegetable seed packets, which are available for just a donation so please pop and have a look – don't forget to have some delicious lunch or cake while you're there!

Our next fundraising stall will be on Saturday 9th April 10-2pm at Brackley Baptist Church, Waynefleet Close, Brackley. We'll have lots of hedgehog themed items for sale in aid of Brackley Hogwatch. Please come along and support this event.

Thank you everyone for your continued support.



Village Hall

The hall is now back and filling up fast for those parties. Please email croughtonvillagehall@gmail.com if you wish to book.

Portway Pocket Park

After a quiet couple of years on Portway Pocket Park, we'll be back with a bang in 2022. There's a full programme of events planned for the spring and summer to enjoy this beautiful community area.

Sunday 10 April, from 10am – Portway Pocket Park Spring Clean, followed by BBQ

Monday 18 April, 3-5pm – Easter Egg Hunt on Portway Pocket Park

About Portway Pocket Park

Tucked away at the Portway end of the village is a small landscaped green area. In 1988 this space was formally recognised as a Pocket Park – defined by Northamptonshire County Council as “a local public green space which is owned, looked after and cherished by the local community for peaceful enjoyment and the protection of wildlife”.

In 2008 the Friends of Portway Pocket Park was formed to raise funds to revamp the area. As a result flower beds were created and planted out, two stone circles were installed, and equipment including park benches were purchased. Since then it has continued to provide a lovely, clean and safe family area in which to play and socialise. It's a much-loved resource, used by residents of all ages.

Every year the Friends also organise a programme of events – BBQs, games and social occasions – so that Croughton residents can get together. We're planning to set up an Events board on the park so you can see what's coming up.

Before the season starts, we also give the park a spring clean – and we invite you to join us for this year's clean-up. Bring your gloves and secateurs from 10am on Sunday 10 April and help us prune, weed and tidy the flower beds. Afterwards we'll sit back, light the BBQ and celebrate our hard work. If you have some spare time, we'd love for you to get involved. No gardening experience needed!

If you haven't yet been down to the Pocket Park, we encourage you to make use of this area, whether it's to play or meet up with friends, or just sit quietly and watch for wildlife. To ensure that this space remains intact for all to enjoy, please leave the Park as you find it and be considerate of other users. Take your litter and your dog waste home. The Friends of Pocket Park – currently made up of several households from Portway Drive – spend a great deal of time maintaining this area, so help us to keep it looking its best.

For more information about the Portway Pocket Park, how it was established and the full 2022 programme, visit our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/portwaypocketpark

Welcome to Croughton Womens Institute.

The Croughton WI are again holding their meetings at the Village Hall, on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm.

We have a guest speaker each month covering various subjects, but it is also a chance to meet new people and friends (especially in these unprecedented times).

We are a very friendly group and would be delighted to welcome any ladies who would like to join us.

If you wish to know more, please contact Pam on 01869 226266 / email: pamela.robbs37@gmail.com. or Diane on 07548254406 / email: diane3222@hotmail.co.uk

All Saints Church, Croughton

April Services in Astwick Vale Benefice

Sunday: 10th April Palm Sunday

10.30 Benefice Holy Communion, Croughton

Wednesday 13th April

7pm Night Prayer, Farthinghoe

Maundy Thursday

7pm Holy Communion with food/hand washing Aynho

Good Friday

11am Family Worship, Evenley

2pm Hour at the Cross, Hinton

Sunday 17th April Easter Services

9.00am Holy Communion Farthinghoe

10.00am Holy Communion, Croughton

10.00am Morning Worship, Evenley

11.00am Holy Communion, Aynho

11.00am Holy Communion, by Extension, Hinton

24th April

9.30am Morning Worship, Evenley

11am Morning Worship with Baptism Croughton

11.00am Holy Communion Hinton

4pm Evening Prayer, Farthinghoe

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

The Heseltine Open Exhibition

Call out for artworks! Artists are invited to submit artworks for this year's Heseltine Open. Up to 3 items per artist, in any medium except photography. Professional, amateur, adult or youth (11 to 18 years). Submission dates are 28th and 29th April. All work must be ready for display, with mirror plates on framed items for wall display. Exhibition open 8 – 26 May, The Heseltine Gallery, Middleton Cheney.

Full details from www.theheseltinegallery.org.uk or email WNC's Arts Development Officer on sue.carverhill@westnorthants.gov.uk.

Singing Workshop, 21st May 1.00-6.00 pm, Croughton Village Hall.

Brackley Chamber Music Club invites singers to join their event, to be directed by Helen Swift. We will be singing both ancient and modern music, including William Byrd's 'Mass for Four Voices', Eric Whitacre's 'The Seal Lullaby' and Morten Lauridsen's 'O Magnum Mysterium'. The cost of the workshop is £16, which includes hire of music and light refreshments.

Booking forms are available by emailing helen.vearncombe@btinternet.com.



Brackley community radio is an online radio station.

To access the station just go to www.brackleyradio.uk

You can also listen on your Alexa echo or Google hub just say enable brackley community radio.



**KATHARINE
HOUSE
HOSPICE**

Aynho Road
Adderbury
Oxon OX17 3NL

With the evenings getting lighter and signs of spring all around us, it's time to ditch the weekends stuck inside and get back to enjoying the outdoors. We have plenty of ways that you can support our hospice while getting some fresh air – from taking part in events to volunteering for one of our collections. We couldn't keep supporting local people without your help. Thank you!

Moonlight Walk - UPDATE

Our Moonlight Walk has a new date and venue! Our much-loved fundraising event will now take place on 16 July, setting off from Easington Sports Football Club in Banbury. We're bringing back all the best bits of the 80s – so get some friends together and have your leg warmers at the ready! Tickets are on sale now. All that's left is to choose between our 6- and 10-mile walk.

Open Gardens return

We have an incredible seven dates for our Open Garden scheme running throughout the spring and summer – with more to come! A huge thank you to all our green-fingered supporters who are opening their gardens to help raise money for our hospice. If you're looking for some fun family days out in the months ahead then take a look at our Open Gardens page to find out more.

Out on the town!

We're always on the lookout for more volunteers for our street collections. Each collection slot lasts for 1.5 hours – so it's a great introduction to volunteering if it's something you've been thinking about. Find out how you can get involved on the volunteering page of our website.

A cracking 10k

Ready to step-up your running this autumn? We've teamed up with Brackley Running Club and are excited to offer places on the 'egg-cellent' 10k Chicken Run! Join the Katharine House team to take on this popular local running event and raise money for a fantastic cause.

Walk the walk

If you love nothing more than lacing up your walking boots and getting out to see the world then we have three new challenge events that will be right up your street.

- Cotswold Way Challenge - 25 June
- Thames Path Challenge - 10 September
- Halloween Walk - 29 October

So whether you fancy something beautifully scenic or a little bit spooky – we've got you covered! Find out about these challenges and more on our website.

Digital monthly newsletter – keep up to date with your hospice. Sign up to receive our Katharine House digital monthly newsletter, which is designed to keep you in touch with all our latest news and fundraising events at the hospice.

Find out more Head to our website for more details, events and news: www.khh.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
The Croughton Newsletter is published by the Parish Council.

Aynho Gardening Club News

Our next Gardening Club evening will take place in Aynho Village Hall on Wednesday 13th April. Now that the new audio-visual system has been installed in the Village Hall, this will be a "Zoom" talk Peonies – a riot of colour given by Alec White. We all love peonies so come and hear what he has to tell us.

On the afternoon of Wednesday 11th May we will be visiting Evenley Wood. We will meet there at 1.45pm and the cost is £7.50. (Please ignore the information in the Membership Card)

Our trip to RHS Wisley is planned for Wednesday 8th June. The cost of joining the trip is £17.50 (payable by cash or cheque). Helen Mackenzie, our Trips Organiser, will be taking names and money at the next meeting.

It is wonderful to see more new people joining the Gardening Club. Do feel free to bring guests (£3).

For any queries regarding the Gardening Club, please get in touch with Annabel Bellamy (810 847).

BROUGHTON CASTLE SPORTIVE 2022

Sunday July 10th 2022. Gates open at 06.00am

- All profits to local area charities
- Our 4 longer routes will give you a great cycling experience and a great day out in the beautiful Cotswolds
- Start and end at Broughton Castle
- Feeding stations at intervals on all routes
- Full para-medical support, Raynet VHF radio network across region & sweeper vans

- Cotswold Beast – 100 miles – all new routes
£34 entry – advance booking rate / £40 on the day
- Windrush Endurance – 75 miles – new distance / new route
£31 entry – advance booking rate / £35 on the day
- Cotswold Classic – 50 miles – all new routes
£28 entry – advance booking price / £30 on the day
- Cotswold Tour – 20 miles of local routes
£23 entry – advance booking price / £25 on the day
- Family Fun ride – 5 miles local tour for families of all ages
£5 entry – advance booking price / £6 on the day

Payment - on the day entries will be strictly by debit / credit card only

Need more information or ready to register?
www.broughtoncastlesportive.co.uk

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