



CROUGHTON NEWS

June 2022



Croughton Village Show - Saturday 27th August 2022

After last years very successful event, having cancelled 2020, we are now ready for the 15th Village Show.

As usual we are notifying you of the photography categories.

We will start of course with -

- The Jubilee Celebrations
- A water scene
- Garden Wildlife

A special section for children up to the age of 14 years of age

- A photo of my favourite food.

All photographs are to be 5" x 7". Our photography section always attracts many entries, so get clicking in readiness.

Hopefully there will be many photographs from our own Jubilee celebrations.

Royal Scarecrow Competition



The Winner - Queenie McQueenie



Urgent need for funding for Croughton Church repair

The condition of 'All Saints Church' is inspected every five years and in the most recent inspection the report highlighted many areas in the church and the Churchyard that needed our attention. The most urgent problem on the report however was the extremely poor condition of the South Porch. If the problem is not addressed the South entrance will not be able to be used.

As the church is Grade 1 Listed, very rigid procedures have to be followed for the repair plan. Firstly, a Structural Engineer had to be appointed who provided an analysis and appropriate design to resolve the problems. It is also necessary to obtain approval from The Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC), that involves appointing an approved Architect to manage the application and the project. Budget estimates have been obtained from approved contractors to carry out the remedial works, which together with fees and VAT amounts to £29,000. To address this worrying and urgent problem the PCC are in the process of organising fund-raising and looking into grants that may be available. If anyone feels able to contribute financially or to fund-raising please contact

Angie Robbins, E-mail: angierobbins@mail.com

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4th Croughton Family Beer Festival

Coming soon ... On Saturday 10th September ... Another fantastic afternoon of local beers, cider and perry along with games and activities for all ages.



We'll be serving 5 local real ales, cider and perry. There will be a bouncy castle, Aunt Sally and penalty shoot-out with cash prizes. The festival will feature live bands starting from 3.30pm. Doors open at 2pm.

Everyone is welcome to come. Tickets for the beers, cider and perry will be £8 per person. Discount for CAMRA members who show a membership card. Entry is free until 7.15pm after which a £2.00 charge will apply on the door for those who have not already bought a glass and tokens. See full details on the web site: www.mpscouse.wixsite.com/cfbf Tickets available on the day.

If you would like to get involved as a volunteer or to sponsor a barrel of beer - contact Martin at: mpscouse@hotmail.com

Croughton Village Website

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

www.croughtonparishcouncil.org.uk

Parish Council Meeting held on 8th May 2022

Three members of public attended and observed

Cllr Griffiths was elected as Chairman and Cllr Hacon was elected as Vice-Chair

Election to fill vacancy for a parish councillor. One applicant had shown an interest.

Planning Matters

Concerns had been expressed over the repair of a dry-stone wall. In this instance it was agreed that Cllr Hacon would review Land Registry details to ensure no covenants applied

WNS/2022/0470/FUL Brackley Road Croughton

Amended plans for Full Planning Permission.

The council felt that no substantive change had been made to the previous application.

Update on Potential development at land west of Brackley Road, Croughton

The proposal was not yet on the planning portal and a meeting is being arranged with the consultant.

Memorial Bench. Permission to erect a memorial bench at the allotments was granted.

Cemetery. A very successful working day was held on 30th April with 10 volunteers including 3 from RAF Croughton. Thanks to all who helped.

Jubilee Mugs. The take-up of the offer of a mug for village children had been slow and there was likely to be a surplus. A charge of £5.00 per mug was agreed, if these are sold.

Flooding of Little Brook. The issue was discussed and it was agreed to monitor levels of the brook and to investigate which authority had responsibility for drainage.

Two allotments are currently available for rental. Please contact clerk@croughtonparishcouncil.org for details

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 12th June 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. If you wish to attend, please register with the Clerk via email in advance of the meeting. Please sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the building and respect other people's space. The wearing of face masks/face coverings during this meeting is optional. 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.

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

The Ability Community mini-bus service runs to **Banbury on Tuesday & Thursday** to the town centre, various supermarkets & retail parks. On **Friday** there is a choice of a mini-bus to either **Brackley or to Bicester** to visit the market & various shops as well as special trips out to a variety of locations. Ring Ability to find out more!

The service is **FREE to REGISTER and to USE** if you have a valid bus pass and use the village bus stops.

A door-to-door service is also available for a small annual fee.

You need to complete a form to register with this service before you can use it.

Seats need to be booked in advance by telephoning **Ability on 01327 604123**.

It's easy to register online - <https://abilitycic.org.uk/register/>

Forms are also available at The Blackbird, Croughton Tea Rooms and the Co-op.

Please ring Ability with any queries. Tel. 01327 604123.

Walking Around Livestock

With the weather putting a spring in your step you may be venturing out on a walk along Croughton Public Rights of Way network.



Northants Police has listed some Tips for safe and responsible dog walking around livestock

- Keep dogs on a lead and under control when walking through fields of livestock
- Always stick to public rights of way and leave all gates as you found them
- If you live beside land where livestock is grazed ensure you know where your dog is at all times, and keep your property secure so your dog cannot escape
- Cows can be curious and may follow walkers. If this happens, keep facing the animal and move calmly and slowly, don't turn your back to it or run
- Steer well clear of young animals and do not try to pet them. Cows with calves will be protective and may become aggressive
- If you feel threatened by cattle when with a dog, let go of the lead so you and the dog can get to safety separately



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.

MERYL'S CHARITY PLANT STALL

There's lots of veg plants on my stall at the moment – several different varieties of tomatoes, runner beans, cucumbers, marrows, butternut squash & pumpkins, all at very reasonable prices so please come along to Mill Lane to buy some. There's also a nice selection of bedding plants and quite a few perennial plants too. All proceeds are shared between Croughton Reading Room and Brackley Hogwatch. Thank you for your continued support.

My Brackley Hogwatch fundraising table is doing well at Croughton Tea Rooms, please pop and have a look and don't forget to have some delicious lunch or cake while you're there.

Our next Brackley Hogwatch fundraising stall will be on **Sunday 3rd July 10am - 1pm at The Local Market at Egerton Hall, Juno Crescent, Brackley, NN13 6GN.** We'll have lots of hedgehog themed items for sale & a prize every time tombola, there will be lots of crafts stalls there too.

Please come and support us!



Village Hall

The hall is now back and filling up fast for those parties.

Please email croughtonvillagehall@gmail.com if you wish to book.

June Church Services

Details at www.astwickvale.co.uk

St. Michael, Aynho • All Saints, Croughton, •
St. George, Evenley • St. Michael and All Angels, Farthinghoe
• Most Holy Trinity, Hinton-in-the-Hedges

Sunday: 12th June

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

Sunday 19th June

10.30am Holy Communion, Benefice Service, Evenley

Sunday 26th June

9.30am Holy Communion, Aynho
9.30am Morning Worship, Evenley
11.00am Morning Worship, Croughton
11.00am Holy Communion, Hinton
4.00pm 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

“Poles Apart”

(Wine tasting with the Croughton Wine Appreciation Group)

We are comparing wines from the northern and southern hemispheres at our next tasting event. What are the differences between a northern hemisphere Riesling and a southern hemisphere Riesling? Join us to find out.

The next event is at 8pm on Friday 10th June in the Village Hall. Members 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



Pastoral Letter June 2022: Revd Sue Cooper writes

Dear Friends, as I sit writing this letter the view of the Rectory garden is glorious. It has exploded into a riot of colour and the flowers and shrubs look wonderful. There is a poem that says we are closer to God in the garden than anywhere else on earth, and I think that is a very good assessment. June is such a wonderful month and everything seems better in the summer. In Church we will be celebrating Pentecost, which is considered to be “the birthday” of the Church.

This June is exceptional as we are celebrating 70 years of Queen Elizabeth II reign. This really is a glorious event. Our Queen has served faithfully, under God, for longer than any other monarch in our history, and it truly has been a blessing to us that we have had her for so long. Our Queen has a very strong faith, and she has never been afraid to bear witness to God's sovereignty over her rule and reign, as well as over her personal life. We cannot begin to comprehend the challenges and sacrifices she has made over the years in order to fulfil her duty, but it's still easy to forget that she is only human like the rest of us and she has the same hopes and fears for her own family as we do. None of us choose the family into which we

are born, but all of us are special to God and he desires that we all live lives of purpose and meaning.

We are not all born with equal advantage or opportunities in life, but God can certainly open doors and avenues to us that we are not able to access ourselves. Queen Elizabeth is very aware of God's hand on her life, and the grace that she has received from him to do the work she has been destined to do, and God's grace is upon all of us who faithfully seek to live our lives under his sovereignty. Our Queen is 96yrs old, and she may have slowed down in recent months but she is still making a difference to the world by her contribution. And like her, no matter how young or how old we are, as long as we have life and breath in us we can all contribute in some way to the betterment of society, and to this world.

I do hope you enjoyed celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee; it is a once in a lifetime event that we have been truly blessed with.

God bless you all, and God save the Queen.
With love Rev Sue.

Milton Keynes National Trust Association

You can join an association in Milton Keynes that arranges visits to National Trust properties, lectures, holidays, and social events.

For details, visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/milton-keynes-association.

Think NHS 111 First

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.

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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**KATHARINE
HOUSE
HOSPICE**

Aynho Road
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There are so many ways to support our hospice throughout the spring and into summer. Whether it's signing up for our Moonlight Walk, taking on one of our challenge events or enjoying a gentle stroll at one of the Open Gardens – there's something for everyone. Our community events help raise vital funds for our hospice, and we couldn't keep providing specialist care without the support of local people and businesses. Thank you!

The countdown in on...

There's not long to go until our biggest fundraising event of the year. Join us on Saturday 16 July for the Moonlight Walk! Whether you're walking in memory of a loved one or just want to support our hospice, we'd love to see you there. This year, we're going back to the 80s – and it's going to be spectacular. Get some friends together, dig out your shell suit and sign up now. khh.org.uk/moonlight

Calling all runners

We have a range of running events coming up later this year that are not to be missed. Help us to raise money for our hospice and sign up today.

- The Big Half – Have a taster of the official London Marathon race route on 4 Sep
- Chicken Run – We've teamed up with Brackley Running Club for a 10k run on 18 Sep
- Oxford Half – Join us for the 13.1 mile run around Oxford's most iconic landmarks on 16 Oct

Going swimmingly

We're excited to have secured four places for the Swim Serpentine event again this year. The one-day open water swimming event is taking place on 17 September in the beautiful setting of Hyde Park. Sign up for the half-mile or one-mile swim for Katharine House and join around 6,000 others taking part in the event this year.

For more details and to sign up to any of the above events, visit khh.org.uk/challenge

Gardens galore

Our Open Garden events are already under way and off to a great start. We wanted to grow our Open Garden scheme this year, and our supporters did not let us down. We have some fabulous villages taking part, as well as some private tours and events with limited availability. You can find the full list of our Open Gardens on our website. khh.org.uk/gardens

The Rose

Our supporter magazine has had a shiny new makeover! As well as a new name – The Rose – we've given it a fresher look, which we hope you'll love. Each spring and autumn we publish The Rose magazine to say thank you to our supporters and to keep you up to date with what's happening at Katharine House. You can download the latest issue here: khh.org.uk/rose

Find out more Head to our website for more details, events and news: khh.org.uk.

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