



CROUGHTON NEWS

May 2022



- Kite flying displays
- A pop-up theatre.
- Face painting
- Children's craft table
- Children's Fancy Dress competition
- Various craft and charity stalls
- Skittles and Nerf gun alley
- Football penalty shoot-out
- Fish and chip van. Burgers and hot dogs
- Cakes and goodies from Croughton Tearooms
- Teas, coffees and soft drinks. Ice cream van
- A bar



Please come along and support this special day.

There will be plenty of space for you to bring a blanket or picnic chairs (some seating may be available indoors)

You can bring your own food, or buy food at the field, while you watch the kite display and other entertainment.

But most of all, just ENJOY!

Please note, due to parade and the static display of cars, there will be NO parking at the Village Hall. If you have mobility issues and need to drive, please contact either Martin on 07762 659589 or Simon on 07507 310301 with your name and car registration details.



Jubilee platter pre-order from Croughton Tearooms

If you would like to sit on the field and enjoy cake and sandwiches (seating will also be available in the Village Hall) –

please make sure you place your order with Croughton Tearooms by 1st June

There will also be cakes and goodies to buy on the day.

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.



Jubilee Pop-up Theatre

With the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee celebrations on 4th June fast approaching, we are looking for local talent to help.



Can you sing, dance, play a musical instrument, either solo or with others?

What about reciting a poem or performing a sketch.

Can you juggle or do magic tricks?



Anything that will entertain people for a short time, in between the kite flying displays.

We invite ALL ages to come forward to help make this a special day.

Please contact Chris on 01869 226383 for more information.

We look forward to hearing from you!



Croughton Village Website

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

www.croughtonparishcouncil.org.uk

Parish Council Meeting held on 11th April 2022

Eight members of the public attended this meeting and expressed their opinions on the planning application for the demolition of the 3-bed bungalow at 25 Brackley Road, Croughton and replacement by the construction of two 4-bed semi-detached houses and one 4 bed bungalow. Council discussed the issue and have submitted an objection to West Northamptonshire Council

Council agreed to implement the decision to effect significant savings in its electricity costs by switching off the foot path lighting between midnight and six in the morning.

A working party to tidy the cemetery is planned for 30th April and repairs to the cemetery gate were considered

Investigations into the stability of the allotment wall continue as also do investigations into a solution to the issue of littering in the at the informal lay-by at the Blenheim end of the village

The Parish Council would like to invite the under 16's of the village to register for a Jubilee mug, to be collected at the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations on the 4th of June 2022. Please send the name of the child/ren and their address to chairman@croughtonparishcouncil.org.uk

The address will be deleted as soon as eligibility has been confirmed and mugs will be available for collection at the event only.

The Asset Mapping working group has completed its work of identifying and recording parish assets online

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 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. 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 coverings during this meeting is optional. Thank you.

“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 there 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



Croughton All Saints CE Primary School

It finally feels like school life is back to some normality now. We have been able to invite parents to our VIP Celebration Assemblies on Friday mornings and hold face to face Parent Information meetings. Our pupils have also been able to participate in competitive sports against other schools. Our most recent sporting achievements include coming 4th in the District Basketball, 2nd in District Archery and 2nd overall for Years 1& 2 in our local schools' Cross country event at Brackley Junior School. The whole school held a Blue and Yellow Day in support of families in Ukraine and raised over £650. We are very proud of our achievements so far this year.

Dedication For Vic Collins - On Friday April 29th at 2:45pm our school community and members of Vic's family will be remembering our wonderful site supervisor by dedicating a special bench in his honour. Rev Terry Richards will lead our event.

Two vacancies: Site Supervisor & Lunchtime Supervisor Richard Freeman retires this summer. We are looking to appoint a site supervisor and lunchtime supervisor for September. Please contact the school office for details if you are interested in either post. 01869 810727.

Helen Goulder - Headteacher

All Saints Church Easter Raffle

Thanks to Sarah and her staff at Croughton Tea Rooms the Easter Raffle raised £137.00.

The winning recipient was Mrs M Marriott

ABILITY – 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 and 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.) 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 REGISTER with the scheme before you can use the service. You can register online at <https://abilitycic.org.uk/register> Telephone Ability on: 01327 604123 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 I'm happy to help with any queries. Meryl Tel. 819525

ABILITY TRANSPORT TRIPS May –June2022

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

Tuesday 28th June - Portmeadow Oxfordshire

Enjoy a Free Glass of Pimms in the Church

Before the official celebrations open on the Saturday following to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee



From 4.00pm – 7.00pm on Friday June 3rd Croughton Church will be open for everyone to view the glorious medieval paintings preceded by a glorious peal of the church bells at 3.30pm.

The artistic qualities of the paintings are the first of their kind and manifest a greater delight in all natural and human form. They were executed about the year 1300 or during the early years of the fourteenth century. They make a remarkable contribution to our knowledge of this phase of English Art, and add another important document to the history of the development of English painting.

If you've never seen these paintings before NOW is your chance, also there is for you to enjoy:

A Red, White and Blue floral arrangement adorning the church.

Both the Revd. Terry Richards and Brian Smith will be on hand to explain what the paintings are all about, tell you about the history of the church and to cheer your arrival you will be greeted with:

A Free Glass Of Pimms

or soft drinks will be available as an alternative.

All Saints Church, Croughton

May Services in Astwick Vale Benefice

Sunday: 8th May

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

Sunday 15th May

10.30am Holy Communion, Benefice Service, Aynho

Sunday 22nd May

9.30am Morning Worship, Evenley
11.00am Morning Worship, Croughton
11.00am Holy Communion, Hinton
4.00pm Evening Prayer, Farthinghoe

Sunday 29th May

10.30am Holy Communion Benefice Service, Croughton

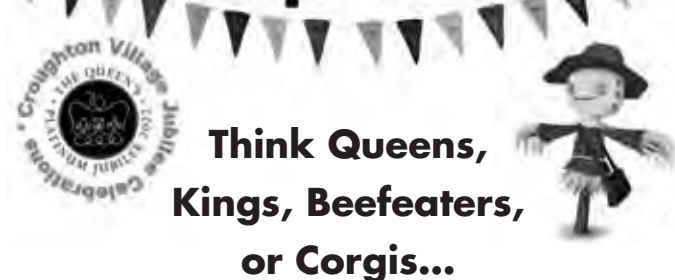
Please check the Church notice board for any unavoidable changes to the Service timetable

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

All Saints Church is holding its Annual Parochial Church Meeting on **Tuesday 17th May at 7pm** in All Saints Church. Anyone who lives in the parish or attends the Church regularly is warmly invited to attend. If you would like to have your name included on the Church electoral roll please contact Rev Sue at revsue.cooper@gmail.com or 01869 810903. Thank you.

Royal Scarecrow

Competition



The theme for the Scarecrow Competition is a ROYAL one.

There is NO charge to enter.

All entries for the competition should be in by 30th May.

Please email the name of your scarecrow, along with your name, address, and telephone number to valerialison2002@yahoo.com

The winner will receive a hamper of goodies supplied by Croughton WI.



Pastoral Letter May 2022: Revd Sue Cooper writes

Dear Friends, I hope you are well, I am always inspired when I go into Croughton School at the children's awareness of the challenges that face the world. I am also impressed at how our children and young people are not afraid to get involved in these difficult challenges that face society and the world, especially the climate and environmental issues. Much of this comes down to the good teaching and education they have had. I am especially grateful for the way values are taught in school to our children. Things like charity, respect, love, forgiveness, justice, and courage; these are all Christian values which, when taught, give our children a good grounding in life and help them find depth, meaning and purpose throughout life.

Most of us want to live lives that have purpose and good values at the centre of everything we are and do – and in reality we need God to keep us on this path daily. Over the past few months many people have come to me and told me they feel as though they have lost their way in life, and sadly I see that what's been lost is connection ... connection with God, and connection with any values or purpose they may have once felt.

If you feel as though you have lost your way I encourage you to reach out to God with a simple prayer every morning, even before you get out of bed, but especially before you start the day in earnest, because a simple "Please help me Lord" is enough to help you feel that you are connecting with God, and he will help you. God bless you. With love Rev Sue.



Brackley community radio is an online radio station.

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

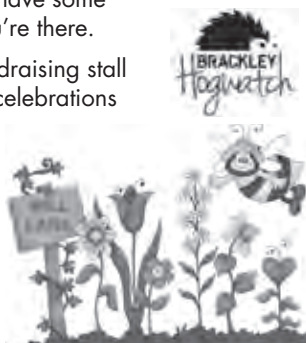
You can also listen on your Alexa echo or Google hub just say enable brackley community radio.

MERYL'S CHARITY PLANT STALL

Lots of fabulous new perennial plants have now been added to my stall with a few vegetable plants for sale in the cold frame too. Bedding plants & more vegetable plants will be making an appearance as soon as the risk of frosts have passed. More plants are added regularly, so come and have a look at my stall in Mill Lane to see what's on offer! All proceeds are shared between Croughton Reading Room & Brackley Hogwatch. Thank you for your continued support.

There are lots of new items on my Brackley Hogwatch fundraising table 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 at the Croughton Jubilee celebrations on Saturday 4th June with a selection of new items for sale, a prize every time tombola and also a nice selection of plants. Please come along to support our stall and enjoy the celebrations too!



**KATHARINE
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Aynho Road
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It's a busy time at the hospice with so many events and services opening up again. Whether you join us to take on a challenge, sign up to be a volunteer or shop with us – your support makes a difference! Without the generosity of our wonderful community, we couldn't keep caring for local people when they need us the most. Thank you!

Walk this way!

Our Fundraising Team is busy getting ready for the Moonlight Walk on Saturday 16 July. This year, we're going back to the 80s for our flagship fundraising event – and it's going to be spectacular. Get the date in your diary and tell your family and friends. Tickets are available on our website now.

Dig deep for a good cause

If you love spending time in the great outdoors, then don't miss out on our Open Garden events throughout the spring and summer months. 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

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

Aynho Gardening Club News

On the afternoon of **Wednesday 11th May** we will be visiting Evenley Wood. This is a self-drive event. We will meet there at 1.45pm and the cost is £7.50. (Please ignore the information in the Membership Card). Dan Winter will greet us at the beginning and then you can wander around and enjoy the wonderful surroundings. 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, is taking names and money, please contact her – her details are on the back of the AGC Membership Card. For any queries regarding the Gardening Club, please get in touch with Annabel Bellamy (810 847).

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



The Heseltine Open Exhibition 2022



Sunday 8th to Thursday 26th May

The Heseltine Gallery showcases a selling exhibition of art of many kinds, including ceramics, sculpture and jewellery, by artists based in South Northants and North Oxfordshire, organised by The Friends of The Heseltine Gallery. Free admission. Open daily except Saturdays, 10am to 4pm. Gallery information: www.theheseltinegallery.org.uk.



One of several venues on the Northants side of Banbury, the exhibition is part of Oxfordshire Artweeks which runs from **7th to 29th May**.

Full details of all studios and venues: <https://www.artweeks.org/>

Newsletter submissions by 28th of each month to:
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