

The Parish Pump

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SPECIAL EDITION

**Saturday/Sunday
19 & 20 September 1998**

INAUGURAL



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*A first for Croxley Green!
Something for Everyone!!*

Meals on Wheels



I desperately needs lots of new volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels in Croxley Green.

This is a service which is needed more and more as our ageing population increases. These are people who for various reasons can no longer cook for themselves but the meals enable them to stay in their own home which, in the end, is what we all want to do. Some need it temporarily after

a spell in hospital – some need it after a partner has died as they try to reorientate and others have just lost the ability or will to cook.

I can't tell you how rewarding it is to know all these people and they are so grateful for our call.

We are a caring community here in Croxley Green and we express it through our love, compassion and service.

I am constantly surprised by the numbers of volunteers assisting the new Watford Hospice Day Centre when in fact we are ministering to a similar group of people, but with a different diagnosis.

The time it takes is one and a half to two hours between 12 noon and 2.00pm once a month – or more often if you choose. I write out the rota for one – two months in advance and it is always possible to exchange days.

We meet for lunch periodically, which is fun and enables us to meet each other.

If you can help please get in touch with me:

Maureen Russel

9 Green Lane

Croxley Green

Tel: 01923 772016

And I will come to see you

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to

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for September (places are limited)

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From The Chairman

Our Village Green has been used for special celebrations since before the turn of the century, and we have records of many regular events. Until more recent years the Green was used several times a year, not least for Cherry Sundays which occurred in the fruiting season. I can remember, as a boy, walking up the Green on a Sunday evening furnished with cherries from Stone's Orchard and casting the pits about me. It is a wonder that the Green did not become a cherry orchard in itself, there must have been tons of cherry pits cast upon its verdant stretches.

The annual Revels is recorded for many years, though we only have good records since 1951, when the Festival of Britain was a cause for revival. It was called the Revels because originally it was held on May Day. Doubtful weather caused its moving to the nearest Saturday to the longest day and, despite folk lore to the contrary, it is generally reasonable weather.

The Parish Council feels strongly

that the Green should be used more often and consequently we instituted the annual Picnic Funday in early July. In its third year we trust that it will continue to grow and become as well known as the Revels. It was on Sunday July 19th this year. We took a chance with the annual motor cycle rally and, despite early fears, this has proved popular and the bikers have proved to be very responsible. However, this is not locally organised and we need more local events. This is especially important as the alternative village centre, the old Guildhouse is no more, a sad consequence of fire and the loss of John Dickinsons.

We have decided to be more ambitious this year and so, for more than a year, we have been planning an inaugural Craft Fair. This is no small undertaking and requires much organisation. The response from professional exhibitors has been very good and local amateur groups and exhibitors have shown their confidence with their eager response. However, this is only a start.

We need you

I cannot begin to describe the attractions available but others, more qualified, have set out their store in the pages of this special edition. Be assured, there will be something for everyone. Unfortunately it cannot be free, it is a costly venture, but the cost is modest for the amount of entertainment and interest that it will generate. I am mindful that the organisers of the Canal Festival in Rickmansworth must have been worried when they found out the cost of their new venture but, with good public support, they achieved their goal, people enjoyed the event, and it has become an annual fixture appreciated by many people.

Please give us a try. With your support, it is hoped that we shall be able to continue this Craft Fair as an annual event which should enhance the attraction of our heritage, a marvellous Village Green available for all.

I hope to see you all on

**Saturday and Sunday
19 & 20 September**

Book the date in your Diary now!!

THE CRAFT FAIR

To further utilise The Green the Council intends to initiate a second annual event, to take place over two days and to be called the "Croxley Green Craft Fair" with the inaugural event taking place on the 19/20 September 1998. There will be 3 x 100' X 50' marquees.

The first marquee will be exclusively for the use of professional craft exhibitors. There are 45 spaces which will be open from 10.00am to 6.00pm on Saturday and from 10.00am to 5.00pm on Sunday.

The second Marquee, from 10.00am to 6.00pm on Saturday will be available for local organisations/ individuals to exhibit and in the evening it will be used for entertainment in the event of inclement weather. From 10.00am to 5.00pm on Sunday it will contain more local organisations/individuals and a painting competition.

The third Marquee will be used as a restaurant for rest and relaxation and, in the event of inclement weather, will hold the evenings entertainment.

On Saturday evening there will be live bands playing, a pig roast, barbecue and bar facilities.

THE ORIGIN Birth of an Idea

The germ of an idea, to hold a Craft Fair, originated two years ago whilst enjoying a similar event, with entertainment, in Guernsey. Through the last 12 months the structure of our event has been developed by your Parish Councillors who, together with local residents, have made it into a joint venture where all can participate showing examples of their own hobbies and crafts.

The balance of having a marquee devoted to a cross section of profession

crafts supporting a further marquee which has been made available to local organisations or individuals who wish to demonstrate their crafts will, hopefully, add a more interesting spectrum to the weekend.

The event is to show all visitors what alternative activities are going on behind the scenes in our community. Many of these associations or groups welcome residents who would be interested in trying their craft.

The daily events will also be supported by music and drama activities and in-house catering will be available to suit all needs and, during the Saturday evening, the light entertainment will continue with a barbecue roast. On Saturday the Horticultural Society will be holding a demonstration of their produce whilst on Sunday the Allotment Association and West Herts Beekeepers will be demonstrating whilst holding their annual prize giving produce shows.

Cllr Brian Norman

THE FOOD AND DRINK

**GIVE
COOKING
A BREAK!**

**COME TO
LUNCH
OR
DINNER!**

OR BOTH!

Professional caterers will provide a wide selection of food and drink on both days ranging from full cooked breakfasts to filled rolls and baguettes with tempting lunches of filled jacket potatoes, salads and lasagne together with a full range of cooked meats and burgers.

In addition on Saturday evening there will be a barbecue and spit roast pork together with a bar.

All to be enjoyed in comfort in a fully equipped marquee.

Evening from 7.00pm

Live Music

Jazz



**Pop
&
Rock**

40's & 50's Swing



Licensed Bar

FREE PARKING

**IN DESIGNATED
AREAS ON THE GREEN**

ADMISSION

TWO DAYS ONE PRICE!!

Adults £3

Family Ticket £8

**Children Under 16 yrs
Senior Citizens
Concessions
£2**

Wrist bands
to be retained for both days

Know your Craft Fairs!

A certain Mr Grayson and Mr Cholmondley-Warner are observed standing on the edge of The Green, Croxley Green exchanging their highly knowledgeable views on Craft Fairs. The conversation proceeds like this:

'Tell me, Mr Cholmondley Warner, do Creft Fairs feature such well - loved attractions as Merry -Go -Rounds, Hoopla Stalls and those little side shows were you can see enimals with two heads etcetera?'

'NO! Certainly not ! A Creft fair features lots of little stalls containing exmples of such good old British traditions as Besket - Weaving, Painting, and err em ... lots of other ettrections that will normally be found at Creft Fairs.' ' Thank you, Mr Cholmondley - Warner for that most enlightening description. I now know all there is to know about Creft Fairs. But tell me I hear there is to be a 3 pounds and no shillings entrence fee. Surely that will put it well beyond the reach of the everage British working men.?' ' No Grayson - I hear there is a substensial number of persons in Crexley Green who aspire to the hiegher echelons of society, and to them there will be no better way of spending it than at this Creft Fair. But tell me Grayson, what is your opinion of the fect that intoxicating elcohol will be on sale at this Creft Fair. Surely young ruffians will start singing and possibly even demonstrating behaviour which is not associated with the good old British traditions of stiff upper lip and good menners!' 'Your fears are ill-concieved Mr Cholmondley-Warner. I am sure that there will be a Bobby on-the Beat sent to protect us from these riff-reff. One glimpse of his helmet and the young scellies will immediately go scurrying home shouting "The Game Is Up" at the top of their voices.'

'Thank-you Grayson, and I will see you next week when we will be discussing the new phenomenon of Skateboard Parks in Crexley Green'.

ANON.

Artists



An opportunity to enter a
Competition and exhibit
your work
at

**Croxley Green
Inaugural Craft Fair**

**Sunday 20 September 1998
on The Green**

Oils

Water
Colours

Charcoal

Poster
Paint

Crayons

Pastel

etc

Acrylic

Age Groups

under 11 years
11-16 years
16+ years

Closing date:

Friday 11 September 1998

See reverse for rules of entry

ART COMPETITION – ENTRY FORM

(please submit one form per entry)

Mr/Mrs/Miss

Surname

Address

Post Code

Telephone No:

Age if under 16

Title of Painting
(if applicable)

Description and size of work - please state if framed

Art Competition

RULES OF ENTRY

1. **General:** Completed entry forms must be enclosed with paintings and sent to Croxley Green Parish Council, The Council Offices, Community Way, Croxley Green, Rickmansworth, Herts WD3 3SU by 11 September 1998.
2. **Entries:** Open to all, except members, employees and immediate relatives of CGPC.
3. Paintings can be any size and in any artist's medium.
4. The artist's name and address, must appear on the back of the entry.
5. **Judging:** The judge's decision will be final. No correspondence will be entered into.
6. **Notification of Winners** Sunday 20 September 1998.
7. **Insurance:** All work must be insured by the entrant. Croxley Green Parish Council accepts no responsibility for damage or loss, however caused.
8. **Copyright:** Copyright of all entries remains with the artist. The Croxley Green Parish Council reserves the right to publish and exhibit all entries.
9. **Contravention of any rules will result in disqualification.**

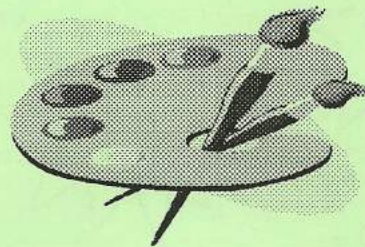
Additional Entry forms available at:

Croxley Green Library

and

Parish Office

Opening Hours 10.0am – 2.00pm Monday to Friday



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Food



**Entertainment-
Dance/Music**
By local Groups

**Street
Artistes**



**Exhibition
of
Paintings**



**Moonshine
Jazz Band
&
Barbecue**

FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

Right from the word go, the Croxley Green Craft Fair was intended to be more than just a 'Craft Fair'. The performing arts will be well represented by both professional and amateur performers.

On both days local groups will be entertaining us, on stage. Many Croxley Children will represent the Watford School of Music, based locally at Little Green School and the School Orchestra of Rickmansworth School. The music and drama will be interpreted by Collective Dance and Drama and the Carol Kristian Theatre School.

The Saturday afternoon sees a big showdown! The Morris men (and ladies) are coming! At least six Morris sides are dancing and knurling in a battle to end all battles.

Dance away Saturday evening to the sounds of the Moonshine Jazz Band. Ranging from Trad Jazz to Fifties Swing it's guaranteed to be a hot night!

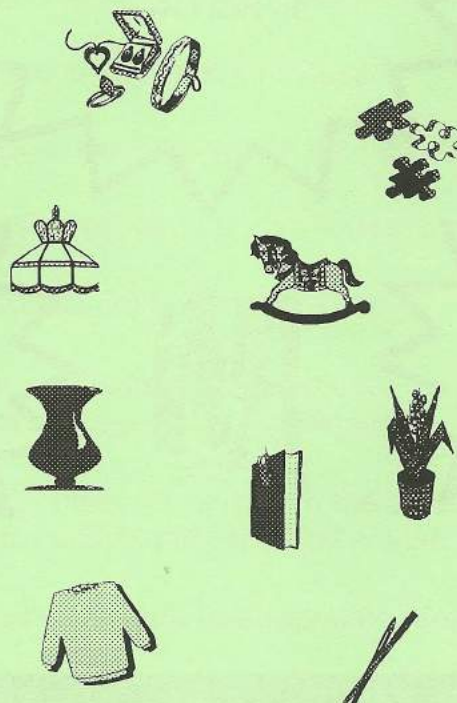
It's all included in the price of a ticket.

Great value and all for your enjoyment

THE PROFESSIONAL EXHIBITORS

Some 50 dedicated professional exhibitors will be coming from as far afield as Wales, Bournemouth and Felixstowe with a fascinating selection of crafts and many interesting demonstrations including:

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THE LOCAL EXHIBITORS

One of the main aims of the Art and Craft Fair is to put everyone in Croxley Green in touch with all of the many and varied activities that are going on in the area.

Another aim is to put on an interesting, enjoyable event for all who visit, with high quality exhibits, covering a wide range.

Many people in Croxley Green are involved in art and craft in its widest sense, from painting and needlecraft, through to music and dance, covering all sorts of activities in between.

There are groups involved in such things as beer, winemaking, beekeeping, horticulture and flower arranging. Other groups are involved in conservation, history and politics. Badminton, bowls and archery, folk dancing, children's theatre studies, are all other activities going on, in or around Croxley Green.

The list is almost endless and doesn't yet include community groups such as those associated with our various churches, the Scouts, Guides, Boys Brigade etc.

There are many interesting creative and fun activities for people of all ages to get involved in. The problem can often be finding out about how to join them.

The Art and Craft Fair this September, will provide an opportunity for everyone in Croxley Green to see all the activities that are going on. The local clubs and groups will be able to show what they do, generate interest and potentially broaden their membership or increase fund raising.

Many local clubs and groups are already signed up to take part in the Art and Craft Fair this September, in fact, all places for Saturday 19 and half of those for Sunday 20 are already taken. Despite this we would love to hear from all other groups, schools or individuals who would like to take part in this exciting new event for Croxley Green. Don't hesitate just ring the Clerk to book your space (which is free of charge for local groups or individuals, or £15 for those selling produce).

Cllr Vivian Rhodie

One of the nice things about local fairs and carnivals is that we find people all around us who are involved in all sorts of hobbies and activities. One such group are the "Morris dancing" folk. Did you know that we have several local "Morris dancing Sides" in our area?

We have the "Wicket Brook" from Bricket Wood. The "Pump House Clog Morris" from Watford and our own "Phoenix Morris Side", who have been dancing in Rickmansworth and Croxley Green for the last 14 years.

These sides and more will be coming for the Craft Fair, because one thing about Morris Sides is that they tend to travel around the country.

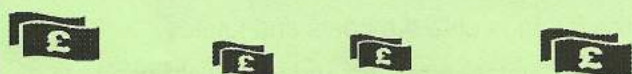
So should you be interested in joining our local side please contact Mike or Sue on 01923 770425, Annie on 01923 777397 or Graham on 01923 490186. Practice nights are Wednesday at Ebury Road Scout Hall.

Cllr Roger Cattermoul



Something
For
Everyone

 **WIN £50** 



On Saturday 19 September, one lucky person will win £50. All you have to do is come along to the Craft Fair. When you enter you will obtain a ticket. Write your name/address on the back and put it in the box provided. At 8.00pm a prize draw will take place and the winning ticket of the person in attendance will win £50.

So apart from enjoying yourself at the Pig Roast and evening Music Festival being provided - you could be quids in!!!

CAN YOU BEAT SIX MONTHS?

The Parish Council are asking are you eligible to be known as Croxley Green's longest residing resident.

Contact the Parish Office with your details and be our guest

on Saturday 19 September in the evening and we would ask you to draw the winning ticket for the £50 prize



Only applies to application/we ask not seek



SAFE BARBECUEING

As the summer season settles in and the days and evenings get warmer, a strange primal urge will come upon the men folk of the community.

This urge will be, to abandon the relative convenience (and often technological) comfort of the modern kitchen, take up the spatula and tongs, and cook over the open flame of a barbecue in the open air.

This urge often grips myself, especially on warm summer evenings, on the patio, after the children have spent most of the day in the paddling pool.

The point I would like to make is one of Fire Safety.

Many people each year are severely burned by barbecues, and some are even killed.

The first danger area is in lighting the barbecue.

There are plenty of ways of doing this safely, these include;

Using solid fire lighters – these are very effective. Remember to read the instructions.

Use of the bags of barbecue fuel that come in a brown oily paper type bag, which acts as the lighting medium – also very effective.

Using barbecue lighting fluid – follow the instructions, use plenty before lighting, but remember, **NEVER** squirt the fluid on the barbecue once it has been lit.

(A handy tip from my Station Commander is to cover the bottom of an old metal bucket in about one centimetre of barbecue lighter fluid, add your charcoal and cover for a couple of hours. When you come to use this charcoal it will be impregnated with the fluid, and should ignite easily!)

And for an economical/re-cycling method, old newspaper tightly folded into strips and then twisted into fire lighters can be just as effective.

Petrol should **NEVER** be used, in any way at all, to light barbecues.

It has an extremely low flash-point, and gives off potentially explosive vapours even on a cold day.

It should be remembered that many people every year are severely injured through the misuse of petroleum spirit.

It is very unforgiving if used for any purpose other than the job that it is designed to do. (And that is to fuel internal combustion engines!)

Locate your barbecue away from any potentially combustible materials, but also away from the path of speeding children, (and, perhaps, tipsy adults).

Your barbecue should not be 'flaming' when you cook. The coals should appear 'greyish' radiating a lot of heat.

Cooking fatty foods may cause the barbecue to 'flame up' as the fat drips onto the coals and ignites.

You can control this by dousing the flames a little with an 'atomising' water spray, the sort you might use to spray leaves of house plants, but ensure that it is clean! (I have a friend that fills his spray with beer, insisting that it improves the flavour of the food!)

And finally, keep a bucket of water handy, not only for if your fire gets out of control, but the best treatment for burnt fingers or hands is to plunge them into cool water. It may seem like overkill, but what harm can it do? After all, accidents can happen to any of us, surely it is best to be prepared.

Sub Officer John Print

Watch Commander, Red Watch

Rickmansworth Fire Station

