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Parish Council

# The Parish Pump

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## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Like the start of an academic year, so the Parish Council is reforming after the May elections. Before endorsing the new council may I thank all past councillors who, for personal or business commitments, decided to retire after the previous four year session. They will be duly missed both for their contributions to the well running of the council and their involvement in the community. Many thanks for your many hours of participation.

With the restructuring of the Ward boundaries within Croxley Green, the prospective Parish Council candidates within the North and South Wards found that they did not have to go to the electorate due to limited representation whilst Croxley Green Ward was contested by seven candidates for six seats. Now that the elections have passed the all important task of enrolling the candidates has taken place and the panel of members now forming the council is comprised of re-elected council members with previous service, who bring their experience, together with new council members who bring an injection of new ideas and opinions. This all lends itself to a favourable council chamber and we welcome all members.

As the dust died down on community elections so within the Council the election of chairman and committee chairmen had to be performed so that the new Council could proceed with any formal business.

With a change in the Parish Council chairman, on behalf of the past and incumbent Council, I would like to thank our past chairman Councillor John Hedges for his valiant work and guidance over the past seven

years which has put the present council on firm foundations. Cllr Hedges has now taken on the task of being chairman of the Planning and Development Committee with the support of Cllr Wynne-Jones as vice-chairman

The Environment and Amenities Committee is being chaired by Cllr Margaret Pomfret, supported by Cllr Christine Jefford.

These two committees cover the main objectives of the Parish Council's work within the community whilst the vice-chairman, Cllr Tim Davis, and myself - Cllr Brian Norman oversee the day to day workings of the chamber, ably assisted by Derek Fineberg our all important Parish Clerk.

As with the previous Council, Councillors continue to participate in supportive offices within the community such as school governors or members of one of the many social or leisure organisations in the village, thereby harmonising a two-way communication between this community's grass roots and your local government body so that hopefully there can be a free flow of productive ideas and comments.

I look forward to serving all in Croxley Green in my new capacity.

## EDITORIAL

As Editor of this newsletter, I find myself in an unusual position as Cllr Brian Norman is now the Chairman of our Parish Council. I am sure that all members have complete confidence in him and he has started as he means to go on by introducing the new council and its personnel. I am therefore now in a supporting role in which I am pleased to serve.

On checking and editing the contents of this edition, I am amazed how much continues from the former council and at how well members are beginning to settle in. I am sure that we are in for an exciting and productive four years.

It has been my privilege to lead an effective council and, judging by the contents of this edition, Brian will have an equally fulfilling task.

Please read this edition and do not be afraid to let us know what you think - we are here to serve you, not our own private agendas. Contact any of us at any time - it's up to you.

## COUNCILLORS

### North Ward

John Hedges 222715  
**Chairman - Planning  
& Development**

Geoffrey Langford 341228

Brian Norman 779331  
**Chairman - Council**

Hazel Seeley 772696

Joe Ekanayake 442210

### Croxley Green Ward

Peter Bowers 778428

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Jackie Hughes 443360

Christine Jefford 771769

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**Chairman - Environment  
& Amenities**

Adrian Simpson 720041

### South Ward

Tim Davis 772918  
**Vice-Chairman - Council**

Jackie Marshall 770336

Judith Turnbull 772798

Cliff Vassiliou 779927

David Wynne-Jones 251905

**Clerk to the Council**  
Derek Fineberg 710250

**The Council Offices**  
Community Way  
Croxley Green  
Rickmansworth  
Herts WD3 3SU

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## **DON'T TURN A BLIND EYE TO THE DANGERS OF THE ECLIPSE**

In Cornwall, shortly after 11.00 on the morning of August 11 this year, there will be a total eclipse of the sun. In Croxley Green, there will be a partial eclipse of the sun lasting less than one hour. **In that time you could damage your eyes irrevocably by viewing the eclipse directly.**

### **WHAT IS UNSAFE**

*Do not use any visual aid* to reduce the brightness as there are very few that are completely effective in cutting out sufficient solar radiation. **DO NOT LOOK THROUGH** sunglasses, smoked glass, binoculars, telescopes, cameras, or photographic film. Even special filters from astronomical suppliers may be unsafe because a small imperfection may allow damaging radiation through which could burn the retina. The absorption of a filter to be safe needs to cut out 99.999% of light. If it cuts out only 99.99% it is unsafe.

**Children are particularly vulnerable** to the dangers of the eclipse because they will naturally want to look up at the sun when the unusual effect is going on and not realise the damage that could be done.

### **WHAT IS SAFE**

The safest way to view the eclipse of the sun is by means of **PROJECTION**. Either using binoculars or a pinhole in a piece of card, **project the image of the eclipse** on to a card held behind. Or just watch it on television.

If you would like further information about how to observe the eclipse **SAFELY**, please telephone D and J Brower Opticians on 01923 779595 or call in for a leaflet.



David Brower BSc(Hons)  
FCOptom DCLP ABDO(Hons)LVA

Jennifer Brower FBDO(Hons)LVA

## *Lindiswara*

Its in the Watford Road --- flats now, but once a mill house - home of John Dickinson Mill Manager, Charles Barton - Smith.

Were you photographed near this house? Do you know someone who lived either side of the house who may have had a photograph taken in their garden with this house in the background?

**THERE ARE A FEW PEOPLE WHO WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD SPARE SOME TIME TO LOOK AT YOUR FAMILY PHOTOS TO SEE IF THIS HOUSE IS FEATURED.**

Please contact me via the parish office or at my home,

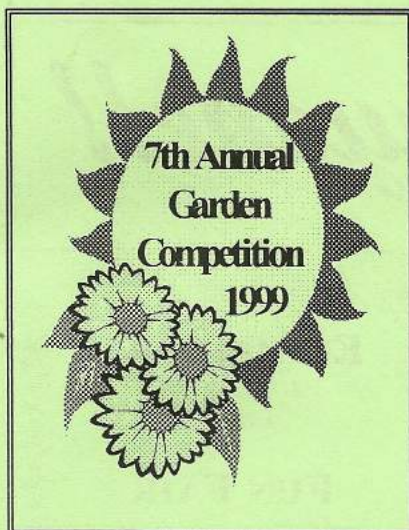
**42 Repton Way,  
Tel 720088 - Thank you  
Cllr Margaret Pomfret**

## **CROXLEY ALARM SYSTEMS**

**ALARMS ★ LOCKS ★ CCTV  
DOOR ENTRY SYSTEMS**

**FREE ADVICE AND QUOTATIONS FOR ALL  
YOUR SECURITY REQUIREMENTS  
DOMESTIC OR COMMERCIAL  
YOUR LOCAL  
NACOSS APPROVED INSTALLER**

**204a NEW ROAD CROXLEY GREEN HERTS WD3 3HH  
Phone 01923 771920 - Fax 01923 772901 - Mobile 0468 274750**



Due to the interruption of the Parish Elections we have been a little late in advertising our annual Garden Competition. However, the weather has not been doing its best to encourage the usual bustle into the garden.



But do not be deterred **WE** still want **you** to enter and join in the fun and enjoyment that it brings to both the judges and the gardeners alike.

Why not encourage your neighbour to join in --- we know there are many secret gardens out there.

We have been privileged to view some of them!!

For those of you who have considered this in past years but not actually entered, we judge the gardens in July. Gardens are selected from each section by preliminary viewing to select gardens for the more experienced judges and the Chairman of Three

Rivers District Council to place them in order of:

Winner,  
Very Highly Commended,  
Highly Commended,  
and Commended.

In September we have chosen to revert to holding the awards evening in the Council Chambers. (Last year we held this at the Inaugural Craft Fair)

The entry form is below, save it, cut it out, enter and enjoy the summer!!

Cllr Margaret Pomfret

Chairman  
Environment & Amenity  
Committee



**OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS IN CROXLEY GREEN PARISH**

## GARDEN COMPETITION 1999

### ENTRY FORM

Mr/Mrs/Miss \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Surname \_\_\_\_\_  
Company (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Post Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Categories – Please tick ✓ where appropriate**

#### HOUSEHOLD SECTION

Front Garden

Back Garden (less than 60' x 30')

Back Garden (more than 60' x 30')

☐  
☐  
☐

#### BEST FLORAL DISPLAY FRONTING PUBLIC HIGHWAY

Public House

Shops/Commercial Premises

☐  
☐

Completed entry forms to be returned no later than 19 July 1999  
Derek Fineberg – Clerk to the Council - Croxley Green Parish Council

# *Something for Everyone!!*

**Saturday/Sunday  
18 & 19 September 1999**



## **EXHIBITORS**

PROFESSIONAL  
LOCAL

## **FUN FAIR**

## **ENTERTAINERS**

AMATEUR  
PROFESSIONAL

## **COMPETITIONS**

ART & NEEDLECRAFT  
PRODUCE & FLOWER SHOW

## **PETS CORNER**

## **FOOD**

## **BAR**

## **BARBECUE**

## **SATURDAY NIGHT**

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

After its initial success last year the Council are pleased to announce that it will be repeating this event in September 1999.

Residents were asked in the last edition of the Parish Pump for their comments and ideas to help the Council continue to develop this event. The results being that you wished for more entertainment throughout the weekend, especially for children, more craft exhibitors, more extensive advertising to allow more people to participate and attend.

Residents were also asked what they liked most, and the overwhelming response was – “great sense of community” – “public enjoyment” – “use of The Green”.

This year the fair will be host to two marquees for professional exhibitors and the local organisation marquee will house exhibitions on both days. Due to the success of the Art Competition the Council has expanded the scope and this years competition will encompass Art and Needlecrafts. There will also be an opportunity for green fingered residents to enter the Produce & Flower Show.

Entertainment throughout the weekend will consist of Childrens Fun Fair, Street Entertainers, Pets Corner, Fire Brigade, Local, Amateur and Professional arena events. Live Music, Licensed Bar and Barbecue on Saturday Evening and much more!!

## Volunteers Needed

Cashiers

Car Park Attendants

Litter Pickers

## Promote Your Business

### PROGRAMME

FREE DISTRIBUTION  
ESTIMATED 10,000 COPIES

### ON SITE

PERIMETER ADVERTISING  
OVER TWO DAYS  
A3 LAMINATED FLYER  
ESTIMATED 8,000+ VISITORS

### BANNER

DISPLAYED AT  
PROMINENT HIGHWAY LOCATIONS  
TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO EVENT

PRICES ON APPLICATION

# Art & Needlecraft



Water Colours

An opportunity to enter  
a Competition and  
exhibit your work

Acrylic

etc

Needlepoint

etc



Embroidery

### Local Organisations/ Individuals

On both days  
a marquee  
set aside exclusively  
for your use  
8ft x 8ft space  
With 6ft table  
and power point

### Professional Crafts

Aluminium frame marquees  
Cocomatting flooring  
8ft x 8ft space  
6ft table  
Power point  
Exhibitors washroom  
Overnight security  
Parking adjacent to site  
Overnight facilities  
Unlimited outside space  
  
Reasonable Rates



Musicians  
Groups  
Vocalists  
Dancers  
Speciality Acts

An Invitation to all amateur  
entertainers to take part in  
the arena events during the  
weekend

Enquiries welcome from  
individuals, local  
organisations, schools etc

Auditions may be necessary

## Produce & Flower Show

SATURDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 1999

In a society that enjoys many recreational activities, gardening has become a pastime for many residents of Croxley Green. Both young and old alike take pleasure in producing, with nature's help, flowers, vegetables and fruit. So now is the time to sow those seeds and take the opportunity to produce a variety of your favourite flowers, vegetables and fruit and allow the judges to view Croxley's varied talents.

Applications forms - see below



Information, prices, applications forms regarding any of  
the above can be obtained from:

Derek Fineberg - Clerk to the Council  
Parish Office Community Way  
Croxley Green Herts WD3 3SU  
Tel: 01923 710250

Office Hours: 10.00am to 2.00pm Monday to Friday

**Croxley Green Community Centre**  
Community Way, Croxley Green,  
Herts. WD3 3PA

This quarter I would just like to give you a brief run down on the entertainment booked until the end of the year.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June** – Come and join us after the Revels at our garden party, with disco (weather permitting) and barbecue.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July** will be the time to “dosie do” and “stack the wood” as it’s Barn Dance time (not 31<sup>st</sup> July as advertised on our recent Newsletter).

**August Bank Holiday weekend** we are holding a Mini Beer Festival and on the evening of Bank Holiday **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August** the Pete Murray Trio will be entertaining us, so if you fancy a waltz or quickstep, tango or foxtrot, please come and join us.

**Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup>** we will be holding a Race Night, so come along and place your bets!!

**Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup>** will be our Halloween disco, when all the children are invited to dress up for the occasion and we give a prize for the freakiest!

**Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup>** is our fireworks party night with Guy Fawkes competition, fireworks and disco.

**December** brings us the Christmas prize draw, the childrens’ pantomime and tea party and our Pensioners’ dinner/dance. This year it will bring Millennium celebrations. What will you be doing to celebrate the Millennium?

Don’t forget our hall is available for private hire at very reasonable rates. Just contact Marion, our Secretary for available dates on 01923 778607 mornings, or Bob Hallett the Steward on 01923 777647.

The Community hall plays host to many activities including Musical Minis, Folk Dancing, The Evergreens over 50’s Club, morning nursery school, keep fit/slimming club, Friday and Sunday evening bingo and much more. Again, just contact Marion for information on any of these and regarding Club membership

We look forward to welcoming you.

Cheryl Frost  
Chair

**PRETTY  
PLANTERS  
FOR  
CROXLEY GREEN**



Have you ever been on holiday to Highcliffe or Christchurch in Dorset? Well it’s a pleasure to visit, the Council there prides itself on the Floral displays. The Gardens are full of flowers even on the top of bus shelters. Hanging baskets galore. Well after a bit of research from the Council of the area we have put into our budget a small sum of money to enable Croxley Green to have a few floral areas. Cllr Brian Norman and myself did some research on the five shopping areas and decided; that we would like to bring to the council our proposals.

When people emerge from the station their first impressions always stay, the area from the station up Watford Road will have Hanging Baskets from the Lamps, probably five in all. The first shopping area we felt that would be a good site, where the shops near to the ideal spots have been consulted, would be Baldwins Lane, Two Bridges end. There are possible sites, tidying up the grassed area would be the first project. There are two types of Planters which would be self watering on a tier in threes, or one larger style. Of course this may not take place straight away but we have support from D&J Nurseries who have been interested to help with the project if we need them. Also a company who deals with council floral displays who rent them seasonally, which are already prepared.

This project was to be my last as I have now stood down from the council, and I wish the new council every success with the venture when and if it goes ahead.

**Croxley needs to be  
brightened up.**

Lesley Rees

**PROPOSALS FOR  
CROXLEY'S TORCHLIGHT  
PROCESSION TO  
MARK MILLENNIUM:**

**GATHERING ON  
THE GREEN  
WILL MARK THE  
YEAR 2000**



It is proposed that the people of Croxley Green be invited to join a torchlight procession to mark the millennium.

Families will be asked to leave their New Year’s Eve parties and join other residents as they make their way to the Green in time for the midnight chimes.

And the organisers intend that Croxley villagers won’t miss a bong of Big Ben. Croxley will be having its own famous replica of the London landmark, as well as a Trafalgar Square-style Christmas tree.

The Capital will come to Croxley as the chimes of Big Ben will be relayed through its smaller brother.

The whole event will be scheduled to run between approximately 11.00pm and 12.10am finishing with a spectacular firework display. Croxley is well known for its community spirit and it is felt that while families will want to spend this special time together, this will be an opportunity for people to celebrate together and prove that village life is alive and well in the year 2000!

Every Croxley child under the age of 11 will receive a special commemorative mug to mark the occasion. The money for these – and the rest of the celebrations – will be raised by volunteers and through sponsorship, that started with a barbecue at this year’s Revels on June 19.

Christ Hillier  
Croxley Green Millennium Committee  
01923 779580

Croxley Green Parish Council – Invites you to come and have

# FUN ON THE GREEN

Sunday 11 July 1999

**Informal Games**  
from 2.00 to 5.00pm



**A Picnic**  
(bring your own food)

**Try the Circular Parish**  
**Footpath Walk**

(starts and finishes on The Green)



**Just Enjoy and Relax**

## **OUT AND ABOUT, IN AND AROUND, CROXLEY GREEN**

Have you a favourite walk/route that takes you in and out of the parish?

With the support of the Countryside Management Services and Three Rivers District Council and other sponsors we have been fortunate to have had two walks leaflets produced for us - **Around the Green** and **Common Moor** which are available free of charge for you and your family to walk and enjoy. These routes may or may not have been familiar to you initially but we know many residents have found them very useful when looking for somewhere different to walk.

Please let us know if you have a walk that takes one not too far out of the parish that both the energetic and the amblers/strollers might share the same route. These can then be discussed at/ by the Environmental Committee and considered for the future.

Cllr Margaret Pomfret

## **Croxley Common Moor in May and June**



One of the pleasures of living near the canal in South Croxley is that within five minutes walk I can find myself wandering through the midst of unspoilt pristine moorland. Yes, with a bit of imagination one could be somewhere in Dorset or Devon, so varied are the flowering plants and bushes. There is heather, whin, gorse and blackthorn to delight the eye and to provide the flowers for the hosts of buzzing insects particularly butterflies that feed upon them. There are, among the plants, harebell, flag, cow parsley (old maids lace), iris and betony to name but a few – all growing just as nature intended them to, long before the advent of our new ‘chemical countryside’ so beloved by modern farmers in their never ending search for profit.



Yes, our Common Moor, with its good old fashioned flower bedecked pastureland takes me back to those far off days when I was a child, when the miracle of Spring was celebrated each year by myriads of flowers in every corner of our green and

pleasant land. Before selective weed killers were invented the countryside used to be a much more interesting place to roam – in Spring there was a deafening dawn chorus unlike the ragged one of today and birds’ nests were everywhere – not destroyed by the huge increase in magpies, squirrels and predatory cats that we now have. That is why Sites of special Scientific Interest like our Moor are of such value for it is there, on a clear May evening, that one can sample the unspoilt pleasure of ‘nature in action’ as it was in days of old.

One used to hear the cuckoo everywhere – not so today, but in May, on Common Moor the delightful call of this very English bird, floats everywhere through the clear Spring air. Swifts screech overhead, pheasants call, the green Woodpecker zips from anthill to anthill. The melodious songs of the whinchat, reed warbler and, above all, the goldfinch mingle in a rich magical chorus.

There are birds breeding on the Moor, at least one pair of partridges, meadowpipits, long tailed tits, kingfishers and sparrow hawks to name but a few. That is why it is important to keep to the paths in the nesting season.

This magical mosaic of natural wonder has somehow survived the centuries and is another reason why we should be so proud of Croxley Green – let us never forget that. As far as quality of life goes, we have won the real lottery and it is up to each of us to see that we do our best to keep it that way. For those who want to travel on the Moor there is a very good leaflet available free of charge from the Parish Office and the Library.

Cllr David  
Wynne-Jones



**Environment Day**  
**Watersmeet**  
**Saturday**  
**March 27 1999**

This event may not be familiar to all of you. It takes place each year at Watersmeet and many local groups take part to raise an awareness of specific themes in the Three Rivers District. This year the theme was – "Our Green Millennium-what can you do? "

The Parish Council ran a competition as part of their exhibition - a Quiz about the parish and how well known was the environment known to the community.

We are pleased to announce that the winner was: Mr Douglass Pavey, 22 Sherborne Way - recipient of tickets to the next Craft Fair in September for his family.

Cllr Margaret Pomfret

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**Barton Way**  
**Allotment Association**

Now that the planting and growing season is well underway, we are pleased to be able to offer a few vacant plots for those who wish to take up an allotment for the following seasons.

These plots are available for the duration of this season Rent Free until 1 April 2000.

For those of you interested in pursuing this opportunity of having a few late Autumn and early spring crops.

Please contact our Hon Secretary – Pam Morgan 01923 773079

***Art/Needlecraft Competition***

As part of the Craft Fair, held last year an Artists' Competition was arranged to give local artists an opportunity to enter a competition and also an occasion to exhibit their work. This was very successful and proved to be very popular both with local people and those who live close to Croxley Green who may have limited opportunity to become involved with this type of event.

For this year, we are extending this invitation to those who are "needle workers".

Needlework in whatever type of medium can be entered.

Age groups are the same as with the painting exhibits.

We would like to see individual as well as large collage type work from the schools/groups for both types of entry.

It was particularly delightful to exhibit the children's works who have such creative minds and imagination as well as youthful skills.

*Please think about finishing that piece of work or look out some past pieces that you have enjoyed creating and share them with us.*

*Entry forms can be obtained from the Parish Office or the Library. Entry is open for more than one item.*

Cllr Margaret Pomfret

**£100 REWARD**

Help stop fly tipping spoiling our Parish.

If you walk or drive through Croxley Hall Woods at the moment it would be difficult not to notice the awful mess left by builders spoil and tree cuttings.

To combat these loads being indiscriminately dumped Three Rivers District Council is to introduce a reward scheme to encourage the reporting of tipping. A reward of £100 will be offered for information which results in a successful criminal prosecution and a 24 hour telephone hotline number has been set up.

Did you know fly tipping is punishable by a fine of up to £2,500 and/or three months in prison.

The cost of clearing and disposal of lorry loads of spoil can be as much as £250 a time, depending on the type of material tipped.

**Hotline 01923 710940**

**Croxley Green**

**Welcomes**

**the New Millennium**

A Champagne Supper Celebration  
on 31 December 1999  
at Rickmansworth School

from 8.00pm – 2.00am

A welcoming drink will be served on arrival followed by a three course supper including wine

A live band to dance the night away with interludes of disco dancing to really let your hair down

Licensed Bar

At midnight a champagne celebration

Tickets £100 per person

Owing to the expected high demand for tickets, they will be issued on a first request basis

So, to reserve your place for this one-off spectacular, please telephone the Millennium "hot line" for further information

(Evenings only)

01442 260925 or 01923 449414

All profits to  
Croxley Green charities