



The Parish Pump

The Croxley Green Parish Council's House Magazine

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Letter from the Chairman

This is not how I had planned to start this piece but having attended the Croxfest on The Green yesterday (3rd September), I could not let the opportunity pass. A huge thank you, on behalf of the Parish Council, to Mark Saxon and his dedicated support team of volunteers for staging this superb family event. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all of those who attended. It was heartening to see so many family groups from Croxley together on The Green enjoying the terrific atmosphere. If you missed the day or want to catch up with what others thought please visit www.croxfest.co.uk. I am personally extremely pleased and proud, as I am sure are my fellow Councillors, that the Parish Council had been given the opportunity to give their financial support to such a worthwhile event.

Whilst on the subject, I would also like to thank all of you who took part in the elections in May and July; both the candidates who stood and those of you who took the time to exercise your democratic right and voted. With the new Parish Council now at full strength I welcome both those who have

served before and those new to this role. The new Committees have been formed and Councillors are now settling in so that they can drive Croxley Green forward.

As you may be aware, the Chairman chooses a charity or charities to support each year. Fundraising events are then organised for you to participate in, so that you are able to give your financial support. My chosen charities this year are The Stroke Association (Croxley Green) and Home-Start Watford and Three Rivers. A family Treasure Hunt has been organised starting at The Sportsman from 11am - noon on Saturday 8th October. Coffee and cake will be available at the start as will other suitable refreshments upon completion.

We are again holding our highly successful Hobby & Craft Taster Day at Little Green School from 10.30am on Sunday 9th October where a raffle will take place for the charities' benefit. A Charity Book Sale will take place at The Sportsman later in the year and the ever popular Charity Quiz is set for

March. Please assist these vital charities where you can by supporting these events.

As we enter September and the weather starts to chill, our thoughts may turn to Christmas and the New Year. So perhaps now is a good time to remind you to put New Year's Eve in your diary. This is so that you don't miss this magnificent, free to attend Firework Display organised by your Parish Council and performed by Whizzz Bang Fireworks of Kings Langley. The firing on The Green starts at Midnight.

One last thought to leave with you: each year the Parish Council are responsible for spending the funds that have been raised from you via your Council Tax collection. It will soon be time for the Council to consider what funds are required next year so that it can meet its present commitments and fund new ventures. This is where you come in. If there is something that you would like your Parish Council to do, now is the time to contact your local Councillor or the Parish Office and put forward your suggestion.

Cllr Nik Bennett

Council News

Croxley Green Community Plan – have your say

Croxley Green has a great record of getting the community together for all sorts of reasons and the passion people bring to the various causes they support really shows how much we all care about where we live. The Community Plan, which is jointly supported by the Parish Council and the Croxley Green Residents' Association, is a way to bring us all together to look at the future for our community and how to make it even better. The excitement of winning funding for the plan, launching it at the Revels and getting a very well attended public meeting together has given it the best start and now the hard work begins. Most community or village plans are done for small rural communities so making a plan for a place the size of Croxley Green is very ambitious. However, our assets need protecting and the various government initiatives on planning and development will have an impact so we need to be prepared to respond and to make sure Croxley Green's voice is heard.

The plan will concentrate on eight major areas; Green Spaces, Getting Active, Health and Well-Being, Doing Business in Croxley, Senior Citizens, Getting Together, The Built Environment and Young Croxley.

Managing the plan falls to the Steering Group, which was formed in July, and the next step is to get Working Groups together for each of the areas. The Steering Group is working to a set of objectives and a constitution which are published on both the Parish Council and the CGRA websites. This is an enabling structure which will keep the plan on track and make sure that everything the Steering Group

does is transparent; it is not another layer of bureaucracy!

Not everyone wants to be formally involved with this type of initiative as we all lead busy lives, but the plan needs input from everyone, so please send any ideas or comments to croxleycommunityplan@gmail.com

Meetings are publicised on both the PC and CGRA websites and members of the public are welcome. I look forward to hearing from anyone who lives or works in Croxley Green and will be regularly updating everyone on the progress of the plan.

Cllr Wendy Jordan, Chair of Croxley Green Community Plan

Parish Council Website

After suggestions from several Councillors, we have set up a Website Committee whose job it will be to assist the Clerk in improving, updating and checking our website. Having looked quite thoroughly through the many pages on the site I was quite impressed with how much information is already there. It also compared very favourably with other local Parish Council sites. However, like most things, we can still add to it to make it even better for the visitors to the site.

It has been suggested that improvements could include:

- more events to the 'Upcoming Events' section;
- a page with councillor details (including photos);
- a section about the recreation grounds and skate park;
- a section about dog hygiene facilities;
- improved links to websites

of other Croxley clubs and societies;

- more information about the wildlife, flora and fauna found in Croxley Green.

This will be discussed at the next full council meeting and we hope that any agreed changes will follow shortly afterwards.

We would love your feedback on the website. Have you used it? Is there information which you would like to be included? ***Is it useful?*** Please do have a look at: www.croxleygreen-pc.gov.uk

Cllr Janet Martin

Brighton



29 June 2011

The Parish Council's yearly pensioners outing went to Brighton. This outing is one way the Parish Council can show its appreciation to the older members of our community who have contributed via their taxes and other means towards the well being of us all.

The trip was advertised in the Parish Pump with a request form to complete and return to the Council for a placement. The response was overwhelming, in as much that two coaches could have been filled, therefore, a random draw took place and the winners notified, with great regrets to those not being picked.

Everyone gathered at the offices

Our Environment

for a 9 o'clock start. Mullany's Coach was dead on time and being driven by Val, a superb lady driver. The sun was shining much to everyone's amazement and it kept on all day. The coach deposited our party just a few yards from the pier and access to crossings to allow a dispersal in all direction. Most couples headed for local restaurants; some headed into town where there is an abundance of shops and cafes and the Royal Pavilion is also easily accessible. I pottered around the Lanes' antique centres, before heading for the pier where others of our party were just sitting on the sea front enjoying the sunshine.

Just before we left we all gathered together for a photo shoot, unfortunately some missed the first shots but we took a number of photos in the coach; copies may still be available.

All present had a wonderful time and were profuse with their thanks, it's great to see all the smiling and happy people.



The coach - on the way home

This made me think of our every Friday morning Parish community 'happy bus' which runs around the village picking up pensioners from sheltered accommodation and side roads which do not have a regular bus service. Details of the routes are on page 14 of this magazine, online and in the office, please use this service. Thanks for all taking part in this venture.

David Neighbour

New K9 Reporters

We would like to take this opportunity to say how sorry we were to hear of the sad loss of 'Bess,' the K9 Reporter. We know that she will be a hard act to follow, but we hope that our contribution to the Parish Pump will give as much pleasure to the K9 community of Croxley Green as hers did over the years.

About Us

We are called Chip & Pippa and although we are both Cocker Spaniels we are not related and guess that in human speak, you could say that... we live in sin!



Profile - Chip

I have spent many years moving from owner to owner until I was finally rescued by my current mummy and daddy; I have lived in Croxley Green for 6 years now.

I graduated from Dogchester University with a degree in Forensic Science, and have spent most of my career assisting the Police in searching for evidence to support the successful prosecution of some particularly high profile cases (I am not at liberty to discuss these cases because if I told you, I would have to bite you).

I am now 12 years of age, retired and due to a spinal injury I am a lot less mobile. I am looking forward to spending my spare time researching and reporting for the Parish Pump.

Hobbies: Walking slowly, searching, photography, ball games and watching TV from the sofa.



Profile - Pippa

I was brought up in Cambridgeshire where I sadly fell into the wrong pack, and at the age of 2 years became pregnant with my first litter. I then continued to make a reasonable living as a breeding bitch until I retired in 2010 and moved to Croxley Green. I now have a great life, despite deterioration in my sight.

I am not the brightest button in the box, but I have found that my looks and cheeky personality have got me to where I am today.

Chip has been very tolerant with me since my arrival, and he has agreed to help me fulfil my ambition to return to education. He may be more intelligent, but he knows that I am 'Alpha' female - something I prefer to call 'under the paw'.

Hobbies: Exploring new walks, eating and sleeping on the sofa.

Chip and Pippa



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For those dog owners who have forgotten or were unaware, bio-degradable dog waste bags are **free** from the Parish Council Offices and we also supply them to the library. Please use them, and the bins around Croxley, to help keep our pavements, footpaths and open spaces clean and free from mess.

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Flowers4Croxley

By the time this edition of the Pump is published, we shall be thinking of winter and the plants we hope to put into the Watford Road beds and various other sites around Croxley.



Flowerbed at Watford Road

The Watford Road beds have looked very colourful this summer and have been regularly watered by the Parish Council's Rangers, Jamie and Mark; we really appreciate their help. The plants in other areas have survived with the help of volunteers who have done the same, so once again many thanks to you all.

It is hoped that two barrels plus plants can be installed near the shops at the bottom of Baldwins Lane, as well as a small tower of plants on the corner of Frankland Road/Watford Road. Future plans also include brightening up the front of Croxley station, together with beds of flowers on the platforms. Given the amount of red tape we no doubt will meet (as well as the railway authorities themselves) it might take us longer than we would like.

We hope that our efforts have been noticed and enjoyed by you, especially as we are a self-funding group and don't cost the ratepayers any money, except for the help we get from the Rangers.

If you are able to offer any help to the group, please contact Cllr Seeley.

Cllr Hazel Seeley (Chair F4C)

How Well Do You Know Your Croxley Village?

The whole area within our village boundary is only two square miles – not much you may say and yet it is amazing how little so many residents know about the wonderful amenities this little spot of heaven has to offer. I often meet residents who say they have never heard of Croxley Common Moor or of Little Green though they both straddle the edges of our village.

Yes, we are uniquely lucky to be surrounded by a flourishing Green Belt – in fact it is even greener now than when I settled here forty years ago. I live in the South of Croxley where once upon a time we had a huge paper mill – now it is gone. We also had unsightly railway sidings which are now covered in green parkland.

Walk down Mill Lane (opposite the Metropolitan station) and you come to the Grand Union Canal and the leafy River Gade and across the bridge lies Croxley Common Moor

www.croxleycommonmoor.org.uk where the cattle graze in summer amidst fluttering butterflies and meadow flowers – a hundred acres of historic grassland.

Go to North Croxley and walk along Little Green Lane and explore the woods and fields beyond, with Rousebarn Lane at the end.

To the East there are paths leading through to Whippendell Woods and West Herts Golf Course, to the canal towpath and on towards Hunton Bridge. At the bottom of Baldwins Lane there are more green fields which also lead to the Golf Course and woods.

To the West heading from The Green there are woodland paths which take you to the beautiful Chess Valley and its riverside path, summertime fishing and paddling.

The price of preserving this Green Belt requires the enthusiasm and vigilance of our dynamic community including the Residents' Association, Keep Croxley Green Group, Friends of Croxley Common Moor and the Parish Council.

Cllr David Wynne-Jones

Nectar / Oasis Areas

Our Green Belt is again under threat. Our country is losing green spaces, natural habitat and wetlands. However, here in Croxley Green we have an opportunity to redress the situation. The idea is to create "Nectar Reserve" areas full of plants that bees and other animals will enjoy and make good use of. These Reserve areas can be small plots of ground, large areas, roadsides and even your own gardens. By creating "Nectar Reserves" we help our local bee population and this helps to ensure pollination of plants, trees and flowers etc. all of which are vital to our community and to the country in general. By supporting this initiative we are supporting a national campaign to do more to help our declining and in some cases, endangered, bee population. We also gain the advantage of the sight of a profusion of wild flowers and other plants that will help make our village a more appealing and picturesque place.

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Cllr Edmunds





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Our Community

Croxley Guild of Sport & Social Club - The return of Village Cricket

The Croxley Guild of Sport is uniquely positioned, just off the alleged longest Green in England and snuggled against Stones Orchard. It is the only multi-sporting location in the centre of the village.

The Guild's mission statement is to provide Sports for the community, irrespective of age, gender, ability, religion or politics. Membership is open to all people and families in the Croxley Green catchment area.

We already have thriving Youth and Senior football sections and also have superb Bowls and Tennis Clubs.

Cricket was played regularly at The Guild between its establishment in 1987 and 2000; ceasing then due to several other teams playing in Croxley.

However, the situation has now changed. With OMT closing, there is no longer any regular cricket played in the village. Croxley Green really does need a Cricket Wicket and The Guild feels that their site is perfectly placed to provide this sport to the community. It is an ideal sport to participate in during the summer when the ample playing fields are not being used by the football sections. Coupled with the Clubhouse facilities to enable spectators to watch the matches in comfort and to be able to obtain refreshments, the siting is perfect for a family day out.

The Guild has the space to erect a wicket and would intend to start with an artificial surface. The wicket could be used initially for a mixture of friendly and 20:20 games, both on a midweek evening or a Sunday afternoon. Chairman John Coen is taking a

special interest in co-ordinating the return of cricket to The Guild and says, "It is such a shame that a village the size of Croxley does not have the facility to play cricket close to its village green – it is losing out compared to much smaller villages such as Sarratt and Chipperfield and it is encouraging to see that the community is pulling together to bring back cricket."

To re-introduce cricket will not be cheap: the wicket itself will have to be prepared and a hardwearing artificial surface laid down.

Croxley Green Parish Council is fully supporting the re-introduction of cricket and has earmarked some Grant Funding to help. The Guild has also received a generous donation from Ben Guest (Plumbing) of Croxley Green. Fundraising events continue to be organised in order to raise the full £5,500 needed to lay the wicket next Spring. All donations would be very welcome please. Kindly contact our Club Manager, Lisa Sleep on 01923 770534 or croxleyguildofsport@hotmail.com if you would like to help in any way with this exciting venture.

Croxfest

Croxfest was 'The Event' on the 3rd September but rather than me talk about it, below are some of the comments received by those who attended.



I need say no more, other than to thank the volunteers, bands, sponsors and Stage Company,

Vibe Radio 107.6 and most of all, the people of Croxley.

*Mark Saxon,
Event Organiser.*



The crowd at 7.25pm

I have lived in Croxley for 18 years and today was by far and away the best community event I have ever seen, what a fantastic day!

Very, very well done!

Cheers to you.

Roy

Hi, just a note to say what an excellent afternoon and evening at Croxfest, the organisation was excellent and the music was terrific, we sincerely hope this becomes a regular event as we will definitely be regular visitors bringing a number of friends from different areas who couldn't make yesterday.

Thank you from two Croxley Green residents.

Thanks for organising a great day it must have been hard work but was thoroughly enjoyed by this member of the Croxley community. My fav bands from yest were The Cautionaires, Flutatus and the Informers those mixed with folk like the Corrs and some jazz/soul would be perfect. Please please please do it again this trial run was a huge success - I am sure Croxley residents would be willing to make a small donation if it meant securing it for next year.

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Our Community

Hi

Just wish to say thanks, for organising such a fantastic day. Some great bands, especially the local ones-The Informers & Jelly Fiends.

It was great that the whole community turned out- bumped into so many old friends, some I'd not seen, for a number of years.

Good luck for next year .

Regards

Andy & Jill

Really enjoyed Croxfest! Hope it's going to go on year after year.

Paul From Hoddesdon

What a brilliant day. Fab organisation,

And loos that worked right until the end.

Thanks to everyone who put it together and put Croxley well and truly on the map. Can't wait for next years event

Jan

Had a great afternoon - looking forward to next year.

Just a short note to say really enjoyed today, please run it again next year.

Steve, Mel, Scott and Sophie

Brilliant day....thanks so much and must do it again next year bev

Fantastic - we could hear the music from our house, but it sounded so good we had to go down to the Green to see it in person. There is a wealth of talent in the area - we are rockers in our 60s we thought it was great. Hope to see Croxfest again next year, keep up the good work, well done !!!

Mike and Candy

Hi,

Well done all. 4 adults attended. Look forward to next year. Karin



Enjoying the day

(Comments and photographs taken from: <http://croxfest.co.uk/feedback/2011>)

Croxfest – 3rd September

Speaking to members of the crowd during Saturday afternoon's Croxfest, they all said that they had not really known what to expect of the event but they all agreed that they liked it and were pleased they had gone.

Looking around at the crowd while the sun shone, it was evident that there was a real mix of people – young, old and all ages in between, couples, families and groups of friends. Some had gone well prepared for a long stay with picnics and rugs while others wandered around or just sat on the grass to enjoy the music. Refreshments were available for those who ended up staying longer than they thought they were going to!

It was great to see so many people gathered together to enjoy the first Croxfest and so many people joining in by singing, dancing or just tapping their feet. Young children moved spontaneously to the music encouraging others to join in.

The good weather made a huge difference to the atmosphere of the event and, of course, there are a few people who did not

enjoy it but that is going to happen. I think it was a great event that had been well thought through and carefully organised. It was an event that provided great family entertainment and it was FREE to attend. It brought people together on the Green and it was great!

Well done to the bands that played, well done to the Croxfest organisers and thank you to all the people who helped on the day. Most people of Croxley Green hope that this is the first of many such events.

Cllr Wendy Shafe

No Job Too Small

(Don't Make Me Laugh)

Being a fairly independent person and no longer able to do certain jobs around the house, I contacted two "Handyman - no job too small" adverts. Each one I spoke to assured me that:

- 1) Yes they could do that and
- 2) Yes they would phone me next week to come and see what was involved.

Needless to say - nothing. Giving them the benefit of the doubt, phoned again, left a message and my phone number. Again ----- nothing. Admittedly the jobs weren't huge - probably a day's work. In future I suggest that their adverts should read something like this:

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Cllr Hazel Seeley

Our Community

Croxley Green Road Safety Committee needs you...

Following the elections in May this year I volunteered to be the Parish Council representative on this committee which has been established for many years in Croxley Green and is one of the last to remain in Hertfordshire! I had heard very little about it and so I guess that some of you don't know of it's existence either! It has successfully campaigned on many issues in the past, with its most recent achievements (with the help and support of other organisations, including the Parish Council) being:

- upgrading of the Zebra crossing by the Shell garage;
- upgrading the Zebra crossing at Watford Road & Harvey Road junction;
- Two Bridges roundabout lane markings

These projects are due for implementation during this financial year.

The Committee:

- reviews all traffic accidents in the Parish for signs of potential danger;
- reports potholes, damage to roads, etc;
- has links in to Hertfordshire Highways for local traffic problems and dangers;
- has links in to Hertfordshire Safe and Sustainable Journeys (previously the Road Safety) Unit;
- monitors and deals with traffic problems such as those caused by outside contractors;
- supports and runs local campaigns for Road Safety

We all have views on traffic and road safety, whether positive or negative, so come along and help us to make Croxley an even safer place to live!

We meet in the meeting room at Croxley library at 7:45pm five times during the year and would love your input! The last meeting was held on Monday 19 September and the next is planned for Monday 14 November. We are also on the lookout for new committee members so if you are interested do let us know. At the moment we have representatives from Three Rivers District Council, Croxley Green Parish Council and the Hertfordshire Safe and Sustainable Journeys team as well as interested members of the public.

We invite you to come to a meeting and see what we do. Are you a parent/grandparent concerned for children's safety on the roads and pavements? Are you a cyclist concerned about the state of the road? Are you a motorist fed up with congestion? Are you a school governor with responsibilities for safeguarding? Have you got an idea which you would like us to support? Whoever you are we and whatever your concerns, come along and share your views. Alternatively you can contact us through our website:

www.croxleygreenroadsafety.org.uk

Cllr Janet Martin

Could you foster for Hertfordshire?

If you're enthusiastic about working with children and young people, have a spare room and want to work from home, why not think about becoming a foster carer for Hertfordshire?

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For a chance to talk to foster carers and other professionals about what it's like to foster for Herts, come along to our next open evening on Wednesday 19th October, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the Park Inn Hotel, 30-40 St Albans Road, Watford, Hertfordshire WD171RN



Please give us a call on 01438 843281 if you'd like to come along or to find out more information.

There will also be information about adoption, shared care and supported lodgings available.

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Our Community

Chalmers Court

My background is in care and housing management, in my previous life I was employed for 15 years as a housing manager for adults with learning disabilities and mental health needs. I have also been a carer for older people in sheltered housing schemes for the London Borough of Harrow.

I became a Court Manager for 'Housing 21' four years ago; then I worked for two years in a Sheltered housing scheme in Bracknell, then moved to Chalmers Court in April 2010 so I could be nearer my mum. Chalmers Court is a sheltered housing scheme for adults over 55. There are 60 flats, one of which is leased to Age UK as a day centre for people with dementia. I also live on site which is a great advantage. That leaves 34 studio flats and 24 one bedroom flats. The scheme is designed for people who can live independently, but inevitably as people grow older some require more care than others and need carers coming in to help them to remain in their own homes.

I have always wanted to end my working life managing a sheltered housing scheme. I have a great respect for "older people" and can spend hours listening to their life stories, some very tragic and some very happy. There is also a lot of sadness when someone becomes ill and passes away, but that goes with the territory.

My job is extremely varied and no two days are the same. Many times I have tried to plan a day and if I manage to cross two things off my long "to do list" I feel that I have achieved something.

I am responsible for the health and safety and welfare of 75 tenants as well as co-ordinating maintenance, liaising with all external agencies, ie hospitals etc.

As with all jobs which involve people, this one presents me with a variety of experiences, one being quite recently hunting for slugs in a tenant's flat, which only seemed to come out at night when everyone had gone to bed. One of my other tenants was on hand with the slug pellets and in two days we caught the slippery little blighter.

On the social side, we have had a couple of really successful party type nights and horse racing nights combined with a fish and chip supper. My job is also made easier by the tenants who live here; they are all very supportive and (I hope) happy.

Carol Barrett

Welcome Club – for the over 55's

Are you looking for somewhere to go to spend time with like minded people? - Then how about joining our friendly Club held at the Red Cross Centre, Barton Way at the back of the library.

We offer a range of activities, including sequence dancing on Monday and Thursday afternoons (you do not need a partner!), bingo on Wednesday afternoons, darts on Friday mornings and regular Saturday afternoon entertainment. Transport can possibly be arranged for Saturday afternoons.

We also have several days out to the seaside. Membership fee is only £10 per year. Why not give us a try? Telephone Brita – 01923 232523 for further information.

- and a note from the editor:

Another excerpt from 'Headway' Church magazine, July 1965 (in addition to the adverts on the back page), an article about the construction of the British Red

Cross Welcome Club building.

'The new building at the corner of Barton Way and New Road which is to house the public library and the Welcome Club is now under way and is expected to be completed by next spring.

...An appeal is being launched this month for the £3000 needed to pay off the loan.'

This made me think about what £3000 would buy for this building today!

Cafe d'Amicis

This café/bistro certainly lives up to its name of "Friends" and is very much a family run business. Guy and brother-in-law Don are front of house and chef respectively, assisted by Matti who does a bit of both, not forgetting Carmela who is very much the matriarch of the family. Guy and Don have been running this cafe for two years and serve a varied menu ranging from sandwiches, pasta dishes, traditional English food, the most gorgeous cakes as well as various different coffees.

This café is certainly a favourite with young mums and people who just want to have a coffee and read the paper or have lunch. Guy said that even the schoolchildren know his name and call out his name as they pass by. The warm friendliness of this café is very Italian and as you may have gathered, I like it a lot!

Cllr Hazel Seeley

Books

Our Chairman will be holding a charity book sale in the new year. If you have any books you would like to donate, please bring them in to the Parish Council office. Thank you!

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Events

EVENTS - dates for your diary

Saturday 8 October 2011 - Chairman's Charity Treasure Hunt, 11am - 12noon start from The Sportsman public house

Oct

Sunday 9 October 2011, 10.30am - 3.30pm - Craft Day, Little Green School with Jim's Magic (children's entertainer from 12.30pm - 2.30pm)

Saturday 29 October 2011 - Croxley Great Barn Tour 11am - noon. Meet at St. Joan of Arc School car park, Rickmansworth High Street at 10.45 am, then there is a 10-15 minute walk along a footpath. Parking is available in the school car park. Groups welcome. Enquiries to 01923 772325. <http://www.trmt.org.uk/news/#croxley>

Nov

Sunday 13 November 2011 - Remembrance Day - parade and service at All Saints' Church followed by service at the War Memorial

Saturday 12 November 2011 - The Xmas lights go on at the Christmas House, 3 Lancing Way!

Sunday 13 November 2011, 10am - Croxley Common Moor - scrub bashing, other dates for scrub bashing can be found at www.croxleycommonmoor.org.uk

Dec

Saturday 31 December 2011 - New Year's Eve Fireworks on the Green

Jan

Sunday 8 January 2012, 10am - Croxley Common Moor - scrub bashing

Feb

Chairman's Charity Book Sale - date to be confirmed (book donations may be handed in at the Parish Council)

Sunday 12 February 2012, 10am - Croxley Common Moor - scrub bashing

Mar

Chairman's Charity Quiz Night - date to be confirmed

* * tickets will be available from the Parish Council office * * *

Sunday 11 March 2012, 10am - Croxley Common Moor - scrub bashing

Parish Council Meetings - general public welcome

All meetings start at 8pm and minutes, agendas and supporting papers can be viewed on our website at www.croxleygreen-pc.gov.uk



Council meeting - last Thursday of each month (except May and August)

Annual Parish Meeting - last Thursday in April

Annual General Meeting - second Thursday in May

Environment & Amenity meeting - first Tuesday of each month (except May and August)

Planning & Development meeting - first and third Wednesday of each month

Finance & Administration meeting - second Thursday of each month (except August)



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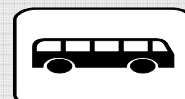
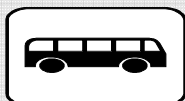
Winton Drive Approach	9.30am
Shaftsbury Court	9.32am
Malvern Way/Barton Way	9.34am
Fuller Way/Barton Way	9.36am
Hanover House	9.37am
Sherborne Way/Baptist Church	9.40am
Return from Watford	12 noon

2ND JOURNEY

Sycamore Approach	10.00am
Valley Walk (Green)	10.01am
Valley Walk/Beechcroft Ave	10.03am
Frankland Rd/Harvey Rd	10.05am
Chalmers Court	10.08am
All Saints Lane (outside church)	10.10am
New Road	10.12am
Return from Watford	12.30pm

3RD JOURNEY

Junction Links Way & Warwick Way	10.30am
Junction Links Way & Dover Way	10.31am
Junction Links Way & Little Green Lane	10.32am
Junction Little Green Lane & Durrants Drive	10.33am
Junction Durrants Drive & Dover Way	10.34am
Kenilworth Drive/Baldwins Lane Footpath	10.36am
Manor Way	10.38am
Grove Court	10.40am
Return from Watford	1.15pm



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Treasure Hunt Saturday 8 October 2011

How well do you know Croxley Green?

Staggered starts from The Sportsman Public House
between 11am and 12 noon

Coffee and pastries will be on sale before the treasure
hunt

Finishing at The Sportsman where refreshments will be
on sale

£2.50 entry fee (children and dogs free)
- all proceeds will be donated to
The Stroke Association (Croxley Green)
and
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A prize will be awarded to the best
completed entry!!!



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Please note that the Parish Council offices will be closed from Friday 23 December 2011 until Tuesday 3 January 2012. The Parish Council staff and Councillors would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy Christmas and New Year!

As part of the New Year Celebrations you are invited to attend

FIREWORKS ON THE GREEN



New Years Eve

Assemble at 11.45 pm.
Fireworks will commence at 12 midnight sharp.

This is a pedestrian event so no provision
will be made for car parking.

Free admission - No private fireworks please

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Monday	14:00 - 18:00
Tuesday	09:00 - 18:00
Wednesday	14:00 - 18:00
Thursday	closed
Friday	09:00 - 18:00
Saturday	09:00 - 16:00
Sunday	closed

Did you know - the Parish Council has a notice board in the library where information is displayed. Copies of our agendas, supporting papers and minutes can be found here too.

Electric Car Charging Points

Did you know that there are now two car parking spaces in Community Way car park where you can charge electric cars?



The whole point of installing charging points is to encourage people to use electric cars and to provide the confidence of knowing that local people and visitors can recharge their vehicles when away from home.



The Government has made provision of over £400m to promote the uptake of ultra-low carbon vehicle technologies. This includes approximately £80m supporting research and development activities; £20m for

the installation of infrastructure; and, subject to review, provision of around £300m to support consumer incentives for the life of the Parliament. They will continue to monitor the most effective way to deliver this investment. The first review of the Plug-In Car Grant will take place in 2012.

The Plug-in Car Grant is a consumer grant of up to £5,000, or 25% of the value of the car, which consumers can benefit from directly at the point of purchase.

Further details of the Plug-in Car Grant can be found here:

<http://dft.gov.uk/topics/sustainable/olev/plug-in-car-grant/>

The installation of this charging point is an initiative of Three Rivers District Council (01923 776611).

Memories from 1965

These are adverts taken from the July 1965 edition of 'Headway', the joint magazine for St Oswald's and All Saints' Churches.

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