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June 2021 - July 2021

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All Saints Church, Croxton

Churches services have now returned to normal times

Sunday 13th June Family service at 9.15pm

Sunday 27th June Holy Communion at 9.15am

Sunday 11th July Family service at 9.15am

Sunday 25th July Holy Communion 9.15am

It is wonderful to have so many new people moving into the village

We are hoping to arrange a big WELCOME, THANKSGIVING AND
DEDICATION OF THE NEW CHURCH FLOOR service and a party afterwards!

Village Hall

If social distancing requirements are lifted by the end of June, we can look to opening the hall to social gatherings in July and look forward to welcoming both the Whist Club and the Stay Active group. We are already taking bookings for parties but are restricting them due to a lack of a dedicated booking secretary. My wife Jen has kindly taken on the role only until we get a volunteer so I'm hoping we get one soon. I must point out that the restrictions do not apply to Croxton residents so if you wish to make a booking please use our email croxttonvh@gmail.com.

Good news. We have decided to hold our summer function and realising that there may still be some social distancing in force have planned to hold an outdoor event to the rear of the hall so we can celebrate the end of lockdown. We have booked a duo who play Irish themed music akin to the Dubliners and Pogue and this is an extract from our discussions " *Hopefully we can help to create a relaxed party atmosphere where people can either listen, sing along, jump up and down or just enjoy us in the background while they drink and chat amongst themselves.*" The idea is for you to bring your own food and drink and anything to make your evening comfortable though I would ask that any gazebos are kept to the rear of the area. Sorry but no BBQs. The social club has kindly offered to provide outdoor bar facilities and our own village Queen Bees Bakery – though I think "Coppers Retreat" is quite apt – will be there to offer you hot drinks snacks and cakes. **Oh, and admission is free!** Hope to see many of you there with your friends and family

END OF LOCKDOWN PARTY SATURDAY 10TH JULY

Bring your own food and drink to a "picnic in the park" while listening to the foggy dudes, an Irish themed duo. Bar facilities kindly supplied by the social club, hot drinks, snacks and cakes available from queen bees bakery
Starts 4.30pm and finishes about 9pm admission FREE!!!!!!

If you are interested then please contact me on 01842 753590 or briangf6@gmail.com.

Brian Farrell Chairman Croxton Village Hall committee

Stay Active Over sixty Bowls Club
Hopefully with a little luck we could be playing carpet bowls on June 26th if we do not have any more lockdowns. Regards Alan n Sheila

FARMING NEWS June/July 2021

As always the hot topic is the weather and extremes continue to dominate the farming year. From a wet wet winter to a record-breaking dry, cold April and back again to a very wet May, we've been trying our best to second guess conditions and adapt our plans, day by day. Though it's been a very challenging year so far, rain in May is always welcome and arrived *just* in time.

The 20+ consecutive frosts caused poor crop development and most are now 2-3 weeks behind. Nevertheless the parsley, potatoes and sugar beet are in and the poly is finally off the carrots so, in theory, spring is under way even if it doesn't feel much like it yet. Since then, the sprayers and fertiliser spreaders have been kept busy, keeping the fledgling crops clean and fuelled up with nutrients.

We are all looking forward to the gradual re-opening of pubs, restaurants and other hospitality venues. Some of the crops grown here in Croxton are the start of a journey that finishes up as the beer, chips, ice cream cones and many other treats that we enjoy out and about. Farmers very much enjoy beer and ice cream too, almost as much as growing the ingredients to make them!

Three guided farm walks are planned for those in the village, together with their friends and family. Each walk will be 2-3 miles and at a leisurely pace. We can't welcome dogs, unfortunately. Sign up via the events listed on the Croxton village facebook page or by phoning Carrie Goucher on 07769 708490. You must sign up in advance due to Covid and restrictions on numbers.

The Dates will be :

Thursday 17th June, Thursday 8th July and Thursday 29th July.

All walks will start at the village hall at 6pm

From the farming correspondents

For 20 years highly trained, licenced ringers from the British Trust for Ornithology have been ringing birds at Croxton Park. This involves catching fully-grown birds in a mist net or ringing chicks in the nest. This has no effect on the welfare of the birds. Each BTO metal ring bears a unique number enabling individual birds to be identified on subsequent encounters. In this way, the BTO can monitor survival rates, migration routes, fledgling production, population trends and short distance dispersal. We know that birds ringed at Croxton have travelled as far as Italy and Scotland.

To date, nearly 12,500 birds have been ringed at the farm, 112 species sighted, 21 of which are on the red list (birds of concern) and 24 on the amber list. 62 species have been ringed. At the moment, the BTO ringers are also checking the 100 nest boxes around the farm to see how the breeding is going. The chicks need less rain and warmer weather so the insects, on which they feed, thrive. We know that the barn owls are nesting in the hollow trees again, so we are hoping for a successful season for them. Skylarks are plentiful, the house martins and swallows have returned, and linnets are feeding on the dandelion seed heads at Salix.

If you find a bird with a ring, please record the number and inform the BTO or contact me.

Melinda Raker

OIL SYNDICATE

I have taken over the running of the village oil syndicate and will be placing 4 orders per year as before in January, April, July and October.

I will email everyone in the syndicate approximately two weeks before the end of these months. I will reply to oil requests within 2 days of receiving an email to croxtonoil@gmail.com

My contact details are: 01842 751518, 33 The Street (house next to the telephone box). If anyone else would like to join the syndicate please let me know! The more oil we buy the better the price will be.

Many thanks - Viv Harker

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - June 2021 - July 2021

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS - THURSDAY, 8th July 2021 at 7.30pm

Enquiries for Village Hall bookings should be made to: 01842 753590

SPEEDWATCH CROXTON

You may be aware of reports in the press that speeding is on the increase especially through Villages like Croxton. We had an active Speedwatch team here in the Village until COVID-19 restricted team members availability. There is now a need to recruit some younger team members.

The Speedwatch team works with Norfolk Constabulary who provide equipment and collate details of speeding infringements. If you are interested in keeping Croxton safe your commitment would be a minimum of 2 hours a month Full training will be provided. If you feel you would like further information contact me Christine Carr Speedwatch Coordinator on 01842 755892.

Croxton Village Social Club News

Following a re-stocking of the bar and a thorough clean the Social Club re-opened to great fanfare on 19th May using the current Covid mandated procedures; rule-of-6, table service etc and it was nice to see so many members return. Membership now stands at 96 and the Club cordially welcomes several new members recently moved to the Village. The Club is overdue an AGM so the Committee has earmarked 17th July starting at 3PM by when, hopefully, restrictions will have eased further assuming the Government's roadmap is still on track. There is much business to be discussed including ratification of new committee members and approving plans for a complete renovation of the club interior, so it is hoped that as many members as possible will be able to attend and express their views. The Woodforde's Wherry has proved very popular with the first keg selling out the very first night it was put on! There is an aspiration to get the monthly quizzes and the Wednesday fish & chip lunches going again in July but obviously that is very much dependant on whatever restrictions might be in place at the time, so assuming further unlocking occurs we would hope to have an inaugural fish & chip lunch on 21st July with the quiz on 30th July starting at 7:30PM sharp.

Chairman

Forthcoming Events (Dependant on Restrictions)

17th July Club AGM, commencing at 3PM

21st July Fish & Chip Lunch, starting at 12:30PM

30th July Friday Quiz, starting at 7:30PM.



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