



THE PARISH PUMP *Lite*

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Defibrillators

Two more defibrillator machines were installed last month in the village at Croxley Hardware store & Baldwins Lane Surgery. These installations mean that Croxley Green now has 6 defibrillators located throughout the village. The other devices can be found at the Parish Council office, All Saints' Church, The Red House pub & Baldwins Lane Baptist Church. There are also plans for the Parish Council to install a seventh on the Byewaters Estate. The machines have been registered with the East of England Ambulance Service and on Heartsafe.org. If you ever find yourself in need to deploy the device the 999 operator will provide you with the necessary code to unlock the cabinet and you will then be talked through how to use the defibrillator properly. If you notice any vandalism or signs of wear and tear to the machines just let the Council office know and we will take care of it.



Defibrillator at Croxley Hardware on Baldwins Lane



Casual Vacancy

A Casual Vacancy has arisen for the post of Parish Councillor after Cllr Linhart had to unfortunately leave her position in January. As ten electors did not call for an election the Parish Council will fill the vacant role via co-option. This means that the new Councillor will be selected by those already sitting on the Council. Residents can apply directly to the Clerk by filling out an application form which can be found on the Council's website or by picking one up from the Parish Council office. Croxley Green Parish Council would like to thank Cllr Linhart for the service she provided to the residents of Croxley Green and the hard work she carried out on the Environment & Amenity Committee. **Deadline for applications is Monday March 12.**

Easter Egg Hunt

We are delighted to announce that the first ever Croxley Green Easter Egg Hunt will take place this year in Stone's Orchard on **Saturday March 31st. The event will begin at 10:30am.** The Parish Council agreed to fund the event after a suggestion from new Ranger, Anthony Bassenger. Anthony said, "I hope children of all ages come to our new Easter egg hunt. There is no need to register beforehand just turn up on the day. We ask that you arrive about 20 minutes before the event starts to make sure that you have as much chance as everyone else to find the eggs. Children will have to find as many plastic eggs as they can and whoever finds the most eggs wins the most chocolate!" There will be a grand prize for the child who finds the most eggs and special prizes for the lucky ones who can find the 5 hidden yellow chicks.

Weston Wood

As you may be aware Croxley Green Parish Council became land owners for the first time last year after purchasing a piece of woodland now called Weston Wood situated adjacent to Long Valley Wood. Our parish Rangers have been hard at work coming up with ideas for the future of the site and they will be producing a maintenance plan in due-course to help protect the flora and fauna for years to come. They have already begun to deal with some of the ivy from those trees which have become overrun and will soon be installing posts along Mill Lane to prevent any fly-tipping from occurring in the woods. The woodland itself is in need of a clean up and we will be running a community Weston Wood volunteer day this April to spruce up the woodland in time for the spring, You can come along and help the Rangers in their groundwork, help clear away litter and generally help to make the area accessible for everyone. **The Weston Wood volunteer day will take place on Sunday April 15 between 10am - 12pm.** Please wear suitable clothing for working outdoors.

Senior Citizens Coach Trip

Following on from last year's fantastic trip to Brighton the Parish Council will be taking two coaches to Eastbourne this June for the Senior Citizens of Croxley Green. As



Eastbourne

with previous years those interested will need to fill out an application form and submit it to the Clerk either at the office, by e-mail or post. Due to the limited number of spaces not everyone who applies will be guaranteed a place on the trip. The applications will be drawn at random in the weeks leading up to the trip and you will be notified if you have a place on the coach or not. **The 2018 trip will take place on Wednesday June 20.** The coaches will leave the Parish Council office at 9:30am and return at around 7pm. Application forms can be downloaded from the Council website and picked up from the office. The deadline for applications is Monday 4 June.

First Responders

At the January meeting of the Full Council it was decided that the Parish Council will approve the awarding of a £2000 grant to the Chorleywood & Watford First Responders group. This will allow the group to expand their activities into Croxley Green. The First Responders work with the ambulance service and are called out to incidents to arrive before ambulance support is available and provide potentially proving life saving first-aid treatment. There will be a chance for residents from Croxley to get involved in the group and get trained up to become a first responder themselves. More details about the group and their Croxley expansion will be available in the coming months.

Citizens Advice Bureau

The Croxley Green Citizen's Advice sessions will now take place at the Parish Council office instead of the Library. The sessions will continue to take place on the first Tuesday of every month as they did previously.



There are no costs associated with using the service and no need to make an appointment before hand. The session lasts between 10am & 12pm. The Citizens Advice Bureau offers free, confidential advice to residents on any issue which they may be experiencing,

Citizen's Advice Service

Christmas Lights Winners

Croxley Green Parish Council is very pleased to announce the two winners of the inaugural Croxley Green Parish Council Christmas Lights Competition. The Parish Council Chairman & Vice-Chairman conducted the judging just before Christmas and we are glad to say that the two winners of the 2017 Croxley Green Parish Council Christmas Lights Competition are the Croxley Green Community Centre and David & Carolyn Gregory of Baldwins Lane. Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Mark Saxon, commented, "we were so impressed by the displays of all the entrants but these two stood out to us as winners, the Community Centre provided a wonderful innovative communal display and the Gregory's reflected on the true meaning of Christmas. We very much appreciate all those who entered in this new community competition and hope they all enter along with many more next Christmas." The winners will be receiving their awards at the Annual Parish Meeting on April 26.

Getting Together

The Getting Together Club now meet at the Red Cross Centre on Thursdays between 11am & 3pm. The club is for over 55s to meet up, socialise, make crafts and do some exercise. There is a small cost of membership of just £10 a year and they also organise various coach outings.

Croxley Views

In every issue of the Parish Pump we seek to find out your views on certain issues that effect you. In this issue we are looking to find out which residents would like to potentially have a street-tree installed outside their property. If you think that you would like to have a tree by your house then send us an e-mail or leave a phone message with your name, street name and number. Unfortunately we cannot guarantee that by applying you will be successful. You will be notified before any installations take place.

Dates For Your Diary

- Tuesday **March 6 / April 3 / May 1**- 10am - 12pm - Citizen's Advice - Parish Council Office
- Saturday **March 31**- 10:30am - Easter Egg Hunt - Stone's Orchard
- Thursday **April 26**- 8:00pm - Annual Parish Meeting - Village Hall, Community Centre
- Sunday **April 15**- 10am - 12pm - Weston Wood Volunteer Day - Weston Wood, Entrance off Mill Lane.
- Wednesday **June 20** - 9:30am - 7pm - Senior Citizen's Coach Trip - Eastbourne
- Saturday **June 23**- 1:30pm Onwards - The Revels- The Green
- Sunday **September 23** - Time TBC - Parish Council Dog Show - Stone's Orchard

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