

Welcome to...

Croxton Kerrial

Village News

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The Grand Opening of the Medieval Manor House Excavations at Croxton Kerrial on Saturday 4th September 2021 from 10am to 4pm.

Come and enjoy a great day out!

After 8 years of dedicated excavation, a National Lottery grant, and delays due to Covid, with great support from the village in preparing the site, the Medieval Manor House Excavations at Croxton Kerrial will **at last** be open to the public on Saturday 4th September 2021 at 10am.



This is a detailed reconstruction of the site and the village from 1300 AD.

*Have a guided tour of the site and learn about its history and the story of the owners of the site, including Krokr, the crooked Viking and the Criol (Kerrial) family both of whom gave their names to the village.

*See the remains of the great hall, kitchen and well, the tithe barn and cattle barn and the medieval *garderobe*.

*Come and meet the Vikings, Medieval Knights & Longbowmen & watch their demonstrations.

*Examine the Medieval and Anglo Saxon finds from the site, including those found at the bottom of the well.

*Visit the church with its fabulous medieval pews and *ancient graffiti* and enjoy drinks and refreshments inside (from 10am until 3pm).



Free parking, entrance £5/adult with accompanied children free. Proceeds will go to the Croxton Kerrial Heritage Trust charity to support upkeep of the site.

And now for more recent history:

Elizabeth Hill a former resident of Middle Street writes

'Thanks to Helen Smith's article (in Issue 2 of CK Village News) the memories came flooding back....



Imagine an uncharacteristically hot sultry morning in CK in August 1979. Harry Ward of Chapel Lane phoned to suggest we bring the pram inside as he thought he'd seen a monkey in the trees at the bottom of the Old Vicarage Garden. Although somewhat doubting we didn't hesitate.

Later in the day I glanced out of the kitchen window and there indeed was a monkey stomping backwards and forwards along the outhouse guttering. We spent the rest of the day sealed in the house getting hotter and hotter before the monkey swung its way through the trees to the playing field.

To my knowledge it was never seen in CK again, but such was the wildlife surprise that I scarcely turned a hair when a few weeks later someone remarked that there was a jaguar in the drive....'

"Needlecraft classes start again on 15 September. Why not come and join us!! Learn a new hobby or bring your existing work. All abilities welcome. Venue: Village Hall, 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm. Contact Kim, 01476 870419 for more details."

Village Photography Competition!

The national Village Hall Podcast Team (www.thevillagehallspodcast.com) is running a photography competition. The theme is **Village Life and Community Spirit**. They are looking for photographs which reflect life in a rural community: warmth and togetherness; fun and great stories are the types of things the judges will be looking for. Any photos that show inspiration, meaningfulness, mystery or emotions (including sadness) will also be welcome.

If you have any photographs of life in Croxton Kerrial (old or new) that you would like to submit, please follow the link www.thevillagehallspodcast.com/photo-competition where you will find further details on how to enter and the prizes for winning entries.

The closing date is not until 21st November 2021, so you have plenty of time to dig out your best snaps or create new ones.



It would be great if we had a winning entry from our wonderful village!

Croxton Kerrial Village Hall (CKVH) news

The 'Afternoon Tea' on Saturday 14th August was a great success. Participants were asked to fill in a questionnaire asking them what they would like from the Village Hall. We'll publish results of this in the next issue.

Kim Ranns of Chapel Lane was warmly thanked for her many years' service to the village as Chair of the CKVH committee. Sarah Mant of Mill Lane will now take on the role of Chair.



Croxton Kerrial Apple Day, Saturday 16th October 2021 (afternoon)

After the success of the village Apple Day in 2019 we are excited to announce the return of the event this year. Come and try 'scratting' the apples ready for pressing, then operate the press to produce deliciously sweet fresh apple juice. You'll be amazed how good very fresh apple juice tastes, or take some home and brew your own cider!



There will be apple games for the youngsters, hot and cold drinks, apple-based cakes, and hopefully, cider and sausages. **Start saving your apples** or if you have apple trees but either can't pick them or can't make it to the event but are happy to donate your apples, please let someone on the Committee know and we can arrange to pick or collect. More information to follow soon.



Ris Arts Canvas Kids is a new art group for children aged 7-13 years. The art group allows children to be creative, sociable and have fun! Using different elements of art and styles, the group has made some fantastic pieces so far influenced by famous artists including Mark Rothko, Jackson Pollock and Romero Britto.

The art club runs on a Friday 5.30 - 6.30pm at CKVH and hopefully there will soon be a class on Saturday mornings. Classes are £6.50 plus a £10 registration fee which includes a welcome pack. For further information please contact Marisa Gamble 07786 158564 or check our Facebook page @RisArtCanvasKids

CKVH committee: Sarah Mant; Kim Ranns; Jackie Johnston; Patricia Laurance; Finola Delamere; Lesley Hawkes; Clare Carvell; Mandy Pettitt; Cathy Tate.
The Booking Secretary is Cathy Tate at cathy.tate58@gmail.com.

Croxton Kerrial & Branston Parish Council (CK&BPC) has good news!

The Parish Council has received notification that Melton Borough Council have decided to list the Geese and Fountain public house on the "Asset of Community Value" Register as it 'furthers the social wellbeing and social interests of the community'.

CK&B Parish Councillors Diana Thomson; Patricia Laurance; Richard Botterill; Ray Ranns; Mike Beckett; Alan Pettitt. Parish Clerk Janice Fletcher ckparishclerk2019@gmail.com

If you wish to contribute to CKVH news please contact the Village Hall Committee or email Finola finola@finspottery.co.uk.

Small adverts will be free for the next issue (after which there may be a nominal charge).

Croxton Kerrial website www.croxtonkerrialandbranstonparishcouncil.org.uk