

Welcome to...

Croxton Kerrial Village News

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The village hall committee thought you'd like to hear about what is going on in our neighbourhood. In this edition we have contributions from Tony Connolly about the history of our village, Rosemary Jinks gives us news of the refurbishment of the church, Helen Sykes on the school in lockdown, Alex Bancroft our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator invites us to join and Ray Ranns tells us of the activities of the Parish Council on our behalf.

We hope to publish this newsletter every season. If you: adult, child, dog, cat, hen or ...budgie would like to contribute to future editions please contact us.

When the current situation eases, we on the VH committee will keep you informed about the clubs, societies and events we hold in the Hall.



We'd like you to send us seasonal photographs of our village to feature on the front page of each edition. To get us started Richard Bradley of Mill Lane has kindly sent this photo of young lambs enjoying fresh spring grass to the west of the village.

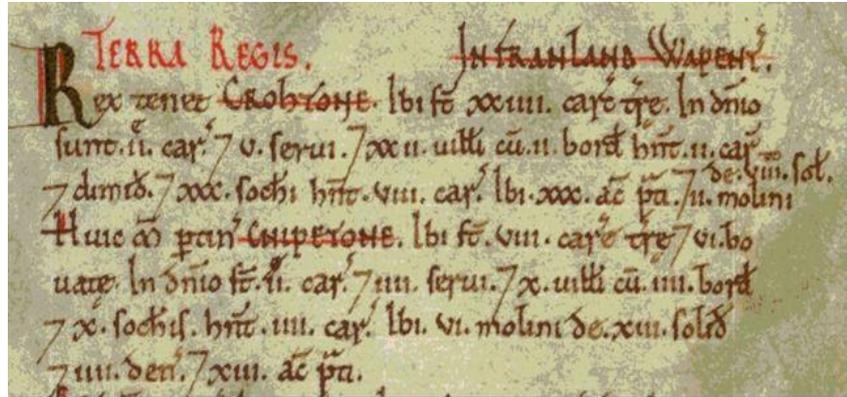
Krokr tun...Krokstun Criol...Croxtion Saracene...Croxtion Kiriell...Croxtion Kerriall

How did our village get its unusual name?

Tony Connolly of Middle Street writes:

Our village name has three different national origins.

Croxtion is both Saxon and Danish (Viking), deriving from the Scandinavian personal name 'Krokr', meaning bent or crooked and the Saxon word 'tun', meaning a settlement or village. It is likely that Krokr,



was one of the Great Heathen Army which in 878 swept across the Anglo Saxon Kingdom of Mercia (the East Midlands) and took the village by force, driving out the original owner of the land.

After the Norman Conquest in 1066, the manor of Croxtion came into the possession of the Criol family in 1239, thus 'Krokstun Criol'. But there were a few more changes over the centuries.

Above is the original entry for Croxtion in the Domesday book of 1086 spelt as 'Crohtone'.

The first suffix added to Croxtion was 'Saracene' in 1202.

The Kerriall suffix was first recorded in 1247, although as 'Kiriell'.

After the dissolution of the monasteries the de Roos family (now the Manners) owned the manor and the village was recorded with the suffix 'Roose' in 1590 and 'Rosse' in 1611.

In 1629 the name Croxtion Kerriall became permanent. Although the Kerrialls only held the manor for around 100 of its 1200 year history, their name is still with us today.

Home School with Croxtion Kerriall Church of England Primary School

Helen Sykes of Church Lane tells us the school and its staff have been very busy this term rolling out home school remote learning via Microsoft teams. It has been a big change for everyone but the children are engaging with their online lessons and all seem to have settled into their new routine.



There is always lots going on at the School from sorting out the new lateral flow testing for staff to enjoying online worship with Mrs Hopkins, Mrs Scott, or Reverend David; or a lot of cleaning!

Staff are continuing to work in the school on a rota basis for some of the keyworker and vulnerable children but are all missing seeing the children who have been at home since Christmas and can't wait to see everyone again when schools can reopen again (fingers crossed!). The school are still using the village hall for the children's lunches which provides extra space and is much appreciated.

Finally, a huge thank you to all our staff, children and parents for their continued dedication to remote learning and all the hard (and good) work that has been going on.

Alexandra Bancroft, of Mill Lane is our Croxton Kerrial Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator. She has been a resident of Croxton Kerrial since 1996 and set up the Neighbourhood Watch scheme for Croxton Kerrial in conjunction with Melton police in 2005.



Neighbourhood Watch is one of the biggest and most successful crime prevention schemes ever. Getting together with your neighbours to take action can cut local crime. It can also help and reassure those who live in fear of crime, and encourages neighbourliness and closer communities. It is not just about reducing burglary rates, but about creating communities who care. It brings local people together and can make a real contribution to improving everyone's lives.

Croxton Kerrial Neighbourhood Watch works closely with other Neighbourhood Watch schemes within the Vale of Belvoir. By joining Croxton Kerrial Neighbourhood Watch, you will receive regular updates from in and around the Vale, and from Melton Mowbray.

Members can contribute and report any suspicious activity, no matter how minor, to Alex (who is in regular communication with the local police). Such contributions help build a bigger picture to prevent and detect crime and antisocial behaviour within the village and the Vale. Updates are distributed anonymously to other members, by blind copying Neighbourhood Watch email updates, so your email address is not disclosed to other members.

Also, alongside the Neighbourhood Watch news, Alex can distribute other information, when asked, regarding events in the village, and surrounding areas. Alex currently has 82 households in Croxton Kerrial on her distribution list. If you wish to join, please email her at alex@mscl.net or call her on 01476 870254, or 07976 718146.

Rosemary Jinks of Mill Lane writes to say we have water in the church!

The Servery & WC Project, which started in 2015, is almost complete! The building works were finished before Christmas and mains water was connected on 6th January so we now have a fantastic accessible WC and a brand-new tarmac path!

The final stage of the project will be the installation of the Servery inside the church which hopefully will take place within the next 2-3 months. These facilities will make a huge difference to all those who use the church and there are plans to have an official opening as soon as social gatherings are allowed.



Rosemary and her helpers would like to thank everyone in the local community who has supported the various fundraising efforts and also to those grant bodies who awarded funds, in particular: The Garfield Weston Anniversary Fund, The National Lottery Awards For All and The Congregational & General Charitable Trust.

News from Ray Ranns of Chapel Lane about the Parish Council

OUR VILLAGE WEBSITE:- www.croxtonkerriallandbranstonparishcouncil.org.uk

Traffic issues

The Parish Council are waiting for dates from Leicestershire Highways for

Providing agreed new vehicle activated speed signs on Main Street.

'Dragon's Teeth' markings leading to a 30 MPH marking on the A607.

New "Drive carefully through our Village" signs on Saltby Road.

Leics Highways are also considering weight restrictions on Saltby Road

Melton Borough Council are pursuing breaches to planning permission on Saltby airfield that have led to the considerable volume of straw being hauled from the A607 along Saltby Road.

They are also looking at potential breaches of planning permission on vehicle movements for the chicken farm on Saltby Road.



Neighbourhood Plan

The documentation is on the website. The Parish Council is currently addressing comments made by Melton Borough Council, but it will be at least 6 months before the Plan will be active.

The Parish Council has moved to put into place protection against the sale of the Geese and Fountain Pub for other uses. This has been done through an "Asset of Community Value" procedure and the results of this are awaited.

Fault reporting

The Parish Council website has a "Fault Report Form" button on the left-hand side of the home page. All local authorities have targets to respond to online queries. The Parish Clerk will forward any comments to the appropriate agency.

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We hope to produce the summer copy of CK Village News in June. If you wish to contribute please contact the Village Hall Committee or email Finola finola@finspottery.co.uk. Small adverts will be free for the next 3 issues (after which there may be a nominal charge).