

Extra! Extra!

It's growing! But we want more... Friends and Volunteers are all welcome to join in the meetings at Severn Stoke Village Hall of the ***Friends of Croome 'Extra'*** at their monthly social gatherings. We're not a bunch of old fogeys, but folks who enjoy a variety of activity and fun amongst like-minded people.

The imitable John Chugg has a wealth of knowledge of Croome and its' historical occupants, and he gave an excellent short talk on the subject which was very well received; we look forward to more another time! Most people there agreed that a short talk on a variety of subjects is a good idea, and the team will welcome suggestions.

Racing Demons is a lively card game, which was introduced by Janet Williams, and has previously attracted a good following; an enthusiastic group dominated proceedings for a while. Janet is our Honey expert, and always has a few jars to sell. If you are 'into' Board games, then Roy Box is your main man. His enthusiasm for the unusual and the more regular games has attracted a group of followers which is growing at each meeting. When we have access to the new building we'll endeavour to organise an afternoon of card and board games.

The Book Club had its' first meeting in the RAF canteen on Jan 17th. Liz Callaghan welcomes the 'bookworms' to their meetings; if that's your interest contact her on elizabeth.callaghan@virgin.net the next meeting is 14th February.

Obviously at this time of year few people (except the really hardy!) want to go walking. However, Ellie Chandler is organising a walk from Eckington car park (by Eckington bridge) on Jan. 29th starting at 10.30. The plan is to walk alongside the river and back in to Eckington for a stop for coffee or lunch and a warm-up in the pub. The walk is open to all Friends and volunteers; contact Ellie on 01242 620535 for more information or just turn up on the day. As the weather changes for the better (please!) more outdoor activities will be organised, so watch this space...

The next meeting will be held at Severn Stoke Village Hall on Wednesday Feb 6th. **ALL** are welcome, and if you have ideas for activities/events please let us know! Liz Scott from 'Silverline' had kindly agreed to give us a short talk. Silverline is a telephone service aimed foremost at the elderly and offers information, friendship and advice, linking callers to local groups and services.

Bring a pack of cards if you would like to join the racing demon table for another exciting game.

Paul Walby and the Team

