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The Parish Pump

The Croxley Green Parish Council's House Magazine

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A Message from Councillor Cliff Vassiliou



Hello and welcome to the Spring/Summer edition of the Parish Pump. I will start with some good news. Thanks to the tremendous efforts and hard work undertaken by the Keep Croxley Green Group, the appeal following the unsuccessful planning application for the rail depot at Long Valley Woods has been withdrawn. This shows how much can be achieved if the community work together. Our thanks and commendations go to the committee of the Keep Croxley Green Group. The same committee are now endeavouring to obtain "Village Green Status" for this area of land which will be a tremendous asset to Croxley Green Village. In my opinion, all the residents of Croxley Green should support their efforts and I believe that this "endeavour" will receive the full support of the Parish Council.

The other matter that has been high in peoples minds is the amount of hooliganism and anti-social behaviour that has been occurring in our village for quite a time now. The Clerk and myself attended a meeting with Inspector George Holland prior to the

Open Forum at Little Green School. The open forum was attended by over two hundred people. The views expressed at the forum reflected those expressed at our meeting. Judging by the concern from the questions put to the forum by the residents, there is a real problem that needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency.

As you can see from the article inside this edition, the most important thing that it is needed to work against hooliganism and anti-social behaviour, is for all residents to be vigilant not vigilantes. According to the Police, the main problem stems from a minority of local young people who are known to the Police but because of lack of evidence the police state that they cannot take matters further. Surely those people have a parent or neighbours who know about their behaviour and deeds. So if we want Croxley Green village to be tranquil, safe and peaceful it is everyone's responsibility to be VIGILANT and report any incidents to the police.

Cliff Vassiliou
Chairman, 2002-2005

STOP PRESS Annual General Meeting

At the Parish Council's AGM on 12 May 2005, Councillor Mark Saxon was appointed Chairman of the Council. Councillor Nick Bennett was appointed Vice-Chairman. Further details inside.

Annual General Meeting

The evening of 12 May saw a change within the Parish Council. In addition to Councillor Mark Saxon being elected as Chairman of the Council and Councillor Nick Bennett Vice-Chairman, a number of new Council Members were co-opted.

Councillor Saxon in taking the Chairmanship for the rest of the AGM firstly gave a vote of thanks to Cllr Vassiliou, the former Chairman, for the hard work and dedication that he had given the Parish during his Chairmanship.

The new Councillors co-opted onto the Council include Cllr David Bains, Cllr Kathryn Duffy, Cllr Carol Hearn and Cllr Tony Munroe.

Free Low Energy Light Bulbs

London Electric in association with Three Rivers District Council are making low energy electric light

available to residents Free!

The 100w light uses only 1/5th of the power of an ordinary 100w light bulb—100w lighting for the cost of 20w.

The bayonet fixing bulbs are available from the Parish Office with those on benefits entitled to 2 bulbs and those who are not, entitled to 1 bulb.

Highway Fault Reporting

Did you know you can report a problem with roads, pavements, lampposts, signs, street name plates and a whole host of other issues direct to Hertfordshire Highways? You can go on-line to <http://www.hertsdirect.org> and follow the Highway Fault Reporting link or you can phone Hertfordshire Highways on 01923 471320.

You are the eyes and ears of Croxley Green so if you see something that needs fixing, report it!

63 Miles of footpaths? You're joking!

No joke. Within the Parish boundary there are 18 public footpaths, extending to some 102km (that's about 63 miles)! The longest is footpath no. 11 (1500m) which starts at the junction of All Saints Lane/Watford Road and runs south then east, through woods then past the back of houses in Frankland Road.

And the shortest? Well within the Parish boundary it would be footpath 8 (70m — Loudwater Lane, North east of Parrot's Dell going northwards) but in fact this path then leaves our Parish and becomes footpath 46 in Sarratt's Parish. So the shortest complete footpath in Croxley is no. 18 (80m) and runs between Link's Way and Rousebarn Lane.

The Parish Council has an Agreement with Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) under the Parish Paths Partnership scheme and this gives the Parish Council a limited responsibility for the maintenance of the 18 footpaths. Overall responsibility for the footpaths is the HCC Rights of Way Unit.



Just part of Footpath No. 11

Best Dressed Christmas Window Competition

Christmas seems a long time ago now but who won? Each year Croxley Green Parish Council runs a best dressed Christmas shop window competition. The standard was extremely high and judging was a very difficult task. But after much thought it was decided that the winners this year were as follows:

First Place- D & J Brower, 140 Watford Road

Second Place—Quy Design, Scots Hill Parade
Joint Third Place—Bliss Beauty Salon, 307 Baldwins Lane & The Style Shop, 150 Watford Road.

The prize giving, which included a framed Certificate, took place at the Parish Council meeting on 23 December 2004.



D & J Brower's premises in Watford Road

D & J Brower receiving their cheque from Parish Chairman, Cliff Vassiliou





Chairman's Charity Quiz

The 4th annual Chairman's Charity quiz was held on 5 March 2005 at St Oswald's Church Hall. 100 people bought tickets for the evening which also included a buffet supper and of course a cross-section of questions to test everyone.

The Chairman's charities for 2005 were the Royal National Lifeboat Institute and the Rainbow Trust 2007, and the sum of £833.23 was divided equally between these

two very worthy charities. Grateful thanks to everyone involved in the smooth running of the evening, in particular to the Parish Clerk – David Allison, who kindly agreed to be Quiz Master.

Cllr C Jefford

Barrow Beat, Street Cleansing Operations

Congratulations to Clifford who has recently become a dad to a very healthy baby girl named Crystal. Due to the new member of the family Clifford is going to be taking it easy by helping mum.

So an opportunity has arisen for a new Barrow Beat Operative.

Three Rivers environmental Contract, provide street cleansing operations within the area.

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*For more information please call The National Kidney Research Fund on 0800 7832973
www.nkrf.org.uk*

The Gift of Life

Whilst going through a list of articles sent in for publication in this issue, we came across a press release from the National Kidney Research Fund.

This got me thinking about my long lost organ donation card filled in sometime at the beginning of the 1980's. After hunting high and low for it, and failing I thought there must be a

better way of making my wishes known about organ donation than by carrying a tattered piece of paper.

After a quick search on the internet I found: www.uktransplant.org.uk, the website of the NHS UK Transplant Service.

There was a quick form to fill out and bingo, no more bits of paper to carry around.

For those of you thinking about organ donation you can call the NHS Organ Donor hotline on 0845 60 60 400

Cllr Mark Saxon



Environmentally friendly dog waste bags are available FREE- from the Parish Council offices and the Library

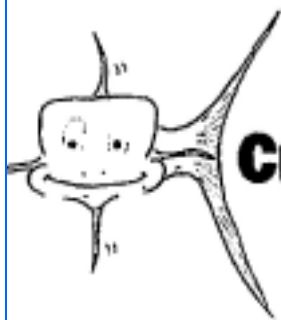
Dogs and What They Leave Behind

There seems to be some irresponsible dog owners in Croxley Green. Once again the Parish Council have received complaints from members of the public about dog faeces left on pavements. In particular, Links Way, Durrants Drive and Winton Approach seem to be the worse areas affected.

Please do keep an eye on where your dog does his "business" and pick it up! Both the Parish Council offices and the Library will supply free dogs waste bags on request. Added to which the Parish Council rangers have installed dog waste bins all round the village. Please use them.

Cllr H Seeley





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Dear *PCGlobe*:

The other day while using my PC I noticed a small black mark on my Screen. Even with the computer switched off it still remains there. Do I have a Virus?

A.M.Scetty Baldwins Avenue

PCG helpdesk: No. Point the mouse pointer at it and highlight the mark, then press the delete key. Problem Sorted.

Dear *PCGlobe*:

On Using your helpdesk to diagnose why my PC keeps on freezing I was told that it was due to my Hard Drive. I do not accept this as I had my drive re-surfaced last month and it appears to be perfectly hard to me. I won't be using you in the future if this is the best you can do.

Mr B.House Nutfield Crescent

PCG helpdesk: The hard drive referred to is an unimportant little box which contains all your data which is inside the big box on the floor The replacement drives we supply normally rattle loudly but still manage to get through most days without causing the computer to freeze.

A Familiar Story?

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We have well over 1000 clients ranging from private individuals to small companies (inc. Parish Councils!) across a very broad geographical area. We design new, rebuild old, repair any PC or Laptop to component level (where necessary) and are in tune with all the latest in software.

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Councillors in Focus—Environment & Amenities Committee

Cllr C Jefford, Chairman — has been a Councillor since 1995. Cllr Jefford was born in Langley, Berks, moving to the South Coast as a small child and came to Croxley Green in 1974 upon her marriage to Ron, who is also a Councillor on the Planning & Development Committee. Cllr Jefford worked as a secretary for Natwest Bank for 34 years until retirement. Her interests are gardening, holidays in both this country and abroad, walking in the local countryside (with her small dog Amber) and also playing green bowls during the summer months.

Cllr Hazel Seeley— came to Croxley Green in 1938. Went to school at Yorke Road Infants, then Harvey Road Junior School. Cllr Seeley passed the 11+ and spent the next six years at Watford Girls' Grammar School. Cllr Seeley's family all live in Croxley including her daughter and sister. Cllr Seeley worked both in London and locally until she retired. Her interests are reading, travelling (not so much now!), the theatre and reading. Cllr Seeley has been a Parish Councillor since 1998.



Cllr Tony Bennett—has lived in Croxley Green for 9 years and worked in Croxley as an Estate Agent for 11 years. Cllr Bennett is 43, married to Jackie and has two children William and Aimee. He went to Rickmansworth School and has been a member of the E&A committee for 2 years.

Nick Bennett, formerly on the E & A Committee, has now become Vice-Chairman of the Council.

Following the AGM, new Councillors joining the E & A committee are Cllr Carol Hearn and Cllr Tony Munroe.



Summer Approaches

With the dark and cold wintry days behind us, well at least we hope, work has started on the Green and the first grass cut of the year has already taken place. The Parish Council has a maintenance contract with Three Rivers District Council which was won by competitive tender in 2003. The work is undertaken using the Parish Council's own groundwork staff.



The Orchard

No sooner had we started doing some improvements works at Stones Orchard by putting two new trees (which were not cheap) at the entrance when we see them vandalised and snapped a short while later.

Each year the hedgerows need to be coppiced (that's trimmed or cut back) and the hedges have to be done in rotation. The Orchard is a very popular location for walkers and it is intended for a new interpretation board to be installed, some new seating and consideration may be given to possibly opening up the well, assuming it is a well— there is a view that it might just be a soak away. (Could this be the original Parish Pump?!).

Works started in mid January when, as some of you

who regularly walk the area noticed, new native hedge plants were put in. These included field maple, hawthorn and hazel.

A new kissing gate and 5 bar 'ranch' style gate is to be installed and will really make for a 'countrified' feel to entering The Orchard from the Green.

The Orchard's name came from Walter Stone who, in the late 19th century, used to farm the land owned by the Woolwrych family.

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RECEIVED BY MID-SEPTEMBER 2005.

Grumpy Old Woman—Cllr H Seeley

None of the celebrities in the TV programme “Grumpy Old Women” could possibly qualify.

I have not heard one of them moan about ring pulls or cans and arthritic wrists and fingers. Equally difficult, opening food in packages with well nigh impregnable polythene/plastic covers.

Dangerous manoeuvres have to be employed such as stabbing with a

knife or scissors. Containers that have stoppers which have to be twisted round to break the seal, bottles of cordial etc.

And, have you noticed that every teenage youth wears “Hoodies” – a hideous fashion!

Litter – don’t get me started on litter. Heaven knows there are enough waste bins around to use.

Most pub lunches are good value for money, but the effort to open a sachet of mustard, tomato sauce, sauce tartare or salad cream is exhausting, physically and mentally. Piercing with a fork? Forget it. Sawing with a knife? Hopeless. Similarly with those dinky cartons of cream or milk for your coffee.

Am I getting older and grumpier? You bet your life I am!

Contact your Parish Council—Cllr D Wynne-Jones

One of the joys of living in Croxley for so many years is that one is easily recognised, especially if one is wearing an Australian bushwhackers hat. One learns as one walks down the street or goes into any shop that at least someone will come rushing up to you and make suggestions about things that they feel need changing or rearranging in our beautiful village area.

It is amazing that a concerned

citizen will spend half an hour talking about problems to you but will not consider writing a short letter to our excellent Parish Clerk, or making a phone call so that we can, together as Councillors, consider your constructive suggestions and complaints by putting them on the agenda at our Council meetings. Remember you are also welcome to attend and speak for a few minutes at any Parish Council meeting, which is on the last Thursday of each month.

Writing a letter before hand is most effective as it can be referred to, discussed and answered. The more information we get from the residents of Croxley the more effective we can be on your behalf. The address, telephone number and e-mail address for the Parish Office is on the front cover of this edition. Don’t hesitate to write it down in your address book, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Croxley From the Air



Features Page



Don't know your USB from you ISP?

Protocol, Ethernet, Firewalls, Routers, Modems, Wireless Network, RAM, Processes and Webcams.

If the above words mean nothing to you, fear not. A new company designed to take the techno jargon out of computing are just a phone call away.

Itech Support is a one-stop shop providing advice, installation, training, and technical support to clients in the comfort of their own homes.

The company has recognised the ever growing army of older people, affectionately known within the industry as 'silver surfers', now enjoying the benefits such as email, Internet and online photo albums. However, there are still a large number of retired people who are yet to realise the enormous benefits that a home PC can provide.

Stuart Pinner, Technical Director said,

"The benefits of using a home PC are unlimited but many people just don't know where to start. They're bombarded by so much information that promotes different computers and online services that often leaves them even more confused. Itech Support gives people the confidence to make the most of their PC and to gain from the many benefits they provide."

Alan & Barbara Higgs, one of Itech Supports clients said,

"Our computer has made such a positive impact on our lives. When we first decided to purchase one, we thought that we would be completely baffled by the usual computer talk that one always seems to get in shops. We decided to contact Itech Support. Now we are able to email our families in New Zealand and Australia and we have taken great pleasure editing our holiday tapes onto disk! We also learn something new every day with the Internet, which is fascinating! We would never have gained the confidence without Itech Support's help. At last we don't feel out of place when our younger family members start talking about their computers!"

For further information go to www.itechsupport.net or telephone 01923 674091.

Londis Supermarket—301-303 Baldwins Lane

In 2002, the franchise of the supermarket at the parade of shops at the top of Baldwins Lane was taken over by a very pleasant couple.

Their names are Joga and Kala and they originate from Sri Lanka where they were married in 1992. Kala's brother has the supermarket near the station and they worked there until they had saved enough money to have a shop of their own. Joga has recently had the shop

extended and tries to provide groceries for all. He tries to stock items that his customers ask for and is especially concerned with his elderly customers.

Joga and Kala have two children who attend local schools, live in Baldwins Lane and hope to remain here for the foreseeable future, as they both like living in Croxley Green.

They both have families living in

Sri Lanka who mercifully were safe from the effects of the Tsunami. Joga and Kala due to the generosity of the local people, were able to send £1,000.00 to the Tsunami Appeal.

Kala and Joga are always pleasant and helpful, their premises bright and clean.

Cllr H Seeley

POET'S CORNER

Daniel by Jessica Bains Aged 14

The aching comes from deep within
The pain rings in every part
Sorrow tears through your soul and mind
As loss and fear rip through your heart

But the world persists in turning
The heartless sun streaks through the sky
With a future this bleak, a body this weak
There is little to do but cry

Your mind is forever spinning
Oblivious to night and day
How can you ever recover?
When your love is stolen away?

The hours crawl heavily past
The sun sets, greeting the moon
And before you know, however slow
Tomorrow arrives for you soon

And just when you need it the most
As the faith sustaining you dies
The strongest of strengths supports you
The kind that comes from inside

And through your grief and bitterness
Will come a glimmer of hope
Like sun shining through the rain
Telling you: "you're going to cope"

Beyond this wreckage of lost dreams
And seemingly destroyed plans
You will find yourself emerging
As a stronger and greater man

And one day, you'll wake up in bed
and thank your lucky stars
for being touched by a flame so special
It left a mark on you heart

Waiting by Cllr Michael Johns

Waiting for spring in March. For you
for fun. Waiting the gift of friendship
waiting this year's early new potatoes

Waiting the pot to boil, the tea
to brew. Waiting to understand
the benefit of being cold and lonely

Spring Song by Cllr David Wynne-Jones

Daffodils are dancing
To the music of the breeze.
Bells of blue are carpeting
The grass between the trees;
Primrose and violets
Are smiling from the hollow
With champions and celandines
And cowslips, soon to follow.
Birds are singing sweetly
In the sudden warmth of sun –
Blackbird, thrush and dunnock,
Dainty robin, tiny wren
And when you see the swallows
In the blue dome of the sky
And hear their joyful twittering
As they swoop and pass you by

Katie by Carl Batson

Katie rode in upon the changing breeze of
independence
Her hair shone the same
as the roses that caressed my mothers grave
with summer flames.
It was sometimes pulled back
but tonight it fell soft about her face
and framed her delicate, pale complexion,
Her wild eyes and windswept smile.
She harboured a dangerous, tempered innocence.
She was pretty and severe
Love and hate



Revels on The Green Saturday 18 June 2005

The Parish Council will have a
stand at the Revels this year. Why
not visit our stand and meet the
new members of staff and some of
the Parish Councillors

Come along and see what is going
to be on offer this year!

'Keeping Croxley Special'

"Keeping Croxley Special" is the new strap line that the Parish Council will be using in undertaking and promoting its work.

The Council has agreed that it needs to have a clear message to residents in terms of what it is endeavouring to achieve. Accordingly a Mission Statement has been drawn up along with 8 Objectives.

The Council's Mission Statement is :

"The Parish Council is committed to promoting pride in Croxley Green by focusing on its people, community ideals, environment and the economy".

The Council's Objectives are :

- To encourage residents to express their views, aspirations, expectations and concerns about Croxley Green;

- To facilitate taking forward residents ideas in partnership with others as appropriate;
- To provide a professional, economic and effective service;
- To enable, assist and encourage other local organisations and agencies to provide, develop and extend their services;
- To encourage local businesses;
- To promote and represent the best interests of Croxley Green;
- To encourage the provision of recreational facilities within Croxley;
- To enhance the use of the natural environment available within the Parish.

Council's Committees

The Parish Council has 3 Committees the purpose of which are to consider, advise and recommend policy on matters covered in their remit and to administer matters referred to the Committee by the Council.

The Finance & Administration Committee deals with Finance, Administration, Personnel and Property.

The Planning & Development Committee deals with town planning, public transport, road safety, village appraisal and sign posting.

The Environment & Amenity Committee deals with The Green, open spaces and trees, leisure activities, landscaping proposals, footpaths and their maintenance, litter, conservation, recycling and the War Memorial on the Green.

Reprint of the Parish Map Now Available

Due to popular demand a reprint of the Parish map has been undertaken and is now available for sale.

Priced at just £5.00 a copy (excl. p & p), the map can be purchased at either the Parish Office (cheques only) or at Croxley Green library.



INVITATION TO TENDER

The Croxley Green Parish Council has agreed that an external refurbishment of the Council Offices is required following wilful vandalism earlier in the year.

The works will entail renovation of the external window shutters and a complete external repaint in exterior grade graffiti proof coating. In addition the metal railings leading to the offices will require repainting. The work is to include making good any existing

surfacing defects, thorough preparation of all the surfaces, all necessary priming, undercoating and finishing to specified colours.

The work must be undertaken taking account of all current Health & Safety requirements and with minimum disruption to the public. A clean site policy is required and all work is to be guaranteed.

For further information and for an appointment to view the offices, please contact David Allison, Clerk to the Council (see front page for details).

CROXLEY TENNIS CLUB

Croxley Tennis Club, located between 'The Guild' football pitches and 'Croxley Bowls', just off The Green, has been part of our village for over 70 years.

A Brief History: The five courts were originally part of the sports facilities available to the employees of the Dickinson Paper Group. These facilities also included football pitches, a bowling green, a cricket pitch and a club house (The Croxley Guild of Sport). Since before the Second World War, the three grass and two red clay courts were fully used for tennis, varying from purely recreational to good club standard. As the number of Dickinson employees in the district declined non-employees were welcomed in to the Club. Despite this the use of the courts declined.

When Dickinsons finally left the district Three Rivers District Council took over the freehold of the sports ground and granted a lease of it to The Guild. About 1990 a local businessman negotiated an under lease of the courts area from The Guild, reconstructed and floodlit two of the courts (all of the original courts by then were barely playable) and repositioned the tennis clubhouse. After a few years the members decided that they wished to regain control of the Club. They purchased the improved facilities by advancing personal loans and in 1995 the under lease was assigned to the members. The Club then obtained a lottery grant and other grants totalling £59,000 to enable it to reconstruct the three remaining courts and to upgrade the floodlighting.

At the time of the grant applications the Club offered ambitious plans for increased membership, youth recruitment, coaching and local community involvement. The Club has successfully delivered these plans and achieved other self imposed targets since completion

in 1996 of the further works.

Currently: We have a membership in excess of 200 that covers all ages and most standards, with an almost equal split between juniors and seniors. From age 5 to 80, we all get something from the club, whether it be social, competition, improving skills or just keeping fit.

Many of our younger members became interested in tennis through an arrangement that our coaches have with the local junior schools and also through the junior 'Pay and Play' sessions that are held each Saturday afternoon on the Club Courts ('Pay and Play' are group sessions supervised by a tennis coach in which basic tennis skills are taught in a fun environment at minimal cost). To accommodate our wide ranging membership we have tried to provide sessions to suit the majority of needs:

4-6pm weekdays is junior time and junior squad sessions; mid week there are several morning and afternoon social sessions that are ideal for our retired members and those able to play during the day. We are particularly keen to increase these sessions and our invitation goes out to anyone wishing to give tennis a go, with the first three sessions free, so that you may be able to sample the atmosphere & standard before making a decision about membership. You would be made to feel most welcome. (We offer a reduced mid week membership category). Additional social sessions are held on Saturday and Sunday during the day and on Wednesday evening. We have eight teams competing in the Watford & District Tennis League, two Senior 'Pay and Play' Sessions that are also open to non members. We have a team of excellent tennis coaches that are able to accommodate all standards on an individual or group arrangement.

We hold our own tennis tournaments, fun evenings and

social functions throughout the year

If you would like further information, please feel free to contact Jon Taffel during the day time on 07866 360331.

Colin Midson

MOTORCYCLE A GO GO

Spirits at last years Motorcycle Show and Fun Fair on The Green failed to be dampened, despite the afternoon rain. So to everyone who attended and contributed, a really big thank you. You helped to raise over £1000 for The Rainbow Trust, a charity dedicated to helping terminally ill children and their families.

I am very happy to announce, The Motorcycle Show will be held on 24th July this year on The Green with Brixton's Fun Fair so I am hoping for some finer weather. There will also be a few American Classic cars, a wide variety of food and drink provided by Park Caterers, various stalls and a Strongman competition that will be running throughout the afternoon. So if you fancy having a go, entry forms and further details are available from me CarlBatson@aol.com. Entry to the Strongman is purely by donation with a recommendation of £5 and there will be prizes at the end.

So, with the blessings of the powers that be, I hope this will become an annual event on Croxley Green. It is heartening to see The Green finally being used to benefit the community and I am thankful to all those involved that I have had the opportunity to organise not only an event that I am passionate about but also, in the process, helping others far less fortunate than myself.

So please, come along on the day. Enjoy the Fair or the Motorcycles or the Strongman, or just come along for a Crepe or a Burger but please give up some spare change on the day for a very worthwhile cause.

Thank you very much.

Carl Batson



DID YOU KNOW?.....

In the confines of our quiet rural village, lies Chartwell Dental Clinic – a practice that prides itself in creating a comfortable and caring environment, while providing a high standard of NHS and private dentistry. Chartwell can boast that:-

We have an established sedation unit that has been operating for 25 years. Our Experience and expertise in this field has allowed us to cater for patients with a range of anxieties.

We have an implant centre headed by our highly qualified oral surgeon, Dr Guy McLellan. As well as providing the latest in implant technology, he also holds teaching forums for the dental practitioners in the local area.

We receive over 3000 referrals every year from dentists who take full advantage of our multidisciplinary set-up.

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Croxley has a long history of Guiding - How many years have you seen the Brownies dancing round the May-pole at the Revels? - But we do much more and now need new volunteers to ensure that we keep our Rainbow, Brownie, Guide, units open into the future.

Interested?

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Your valuable time will be much appreciated by the 221 girls aged from 5yrs to 15 yrs who are currently having fun as members of Croxley Green Girlguiding.

For more information please contact - Frances Lee - 01923 442789

**CROXLEY GREEN
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COMPETITION 2005
ENTRY FORM**



Mr/Mrs/Miss _____ First Name _____

Surname _____

Company _____

(if applicable) _____

Address _____

_____ Post Code _____

Telephone No _____ Signature _____

Categories – Please tick where appropriate

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Front Garden	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public House	<input type="checkbox"/>
Small Back Garden (less than 60' x 30')	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Gardens	<input type="checkbox"/>
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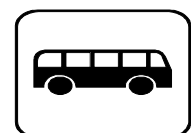
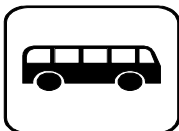
Winton Drive Approach	9.30am
Shaftsbury Court	9.32am
Malvern Way/Barton Way	9.34am
Fuller Way/Barton Way	9.36am
Hanover House	9.37am
Sherborne Way/Baptist Church	9.40am
Return from Watford	12 noon

2ND JOURNEY

Sycamore Approach	10.00am
Valley Walk (Green)	10.01am
Valley Walk/Beechcroft Ave	10.03am
Frankland Rd/Harvey Rd	10.05am
Chalmers Court	10.08am
All Saints Lane Outside Church	10.10am
Return from Watford	12.30pm

3RD JOURNEY

Junction Links Way & Warwick Way	10.30am
Junction Links Way & Dover Way	10.31am
Junction Links Way & Little Green Lane	10.32am
Junction Little Green Lane & Durrants Drive	10.33am
Junction Durrants Drive & Dover Way	10.34am
Kenilworth Drive/Baldwins Lane Footpath	10.36am
Manor Way	10.38am
Grove Court	10.40am
Return from Watford	1.00pm



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Croxley Goes Greener

After a considerable time of being discussed the Parish Council has purchased a Brushwood Chipper.

Until now all of our wood cuttings have gone to landfill sites (which are rapidly filling up), an environmentally unsound practice for waste that is recyclable. The Government has brought out new directives to decrease the amount of waste going to landfill as we are running out of space for new sites and a lot of waste dumped at these sites is recyclable.

As we produce a large amount of unusable brushwood whilst coppicing, cutting back and removing dead trees from Croxley's hedgerows (part of a hedge regeneration programme), we now have the facility to make this by-product something useful and useable.

Now all branches of up to 150mm in diameter can be chipped up and used as a surfacing for our rural footpaths or a mulch for the flower beds at the Library or Parish

Council Offices. All cuttings over this diameter can be used to make "Habitat Piles" creating a rich environment for insects and increasing biodiversity in our area.

I am glad the Parish Council has reached this decision as we can now say we are doing our bit to avoid unnecessary disposal of recyclable waste and make Croxley go Greener!

Andrew Goddard, Assistant Ranger CGPC

Hedge Regeneration on Footpath No. 7



At the Parish Council we have had some queries as to why we are felling trees on Footpath No. 7. To clarify this, we are not felling them they are being "Coppiced", in order to create a dense hedge on both sides of the footpath.

The extra light gained by coppicing will allow the new hedge on the north side of the footpath, planted recently by Croxley Green Parish Council, to grow thick and rapidly.

Rather than growing into thin, leggy trees, reaching upward for light, the hedge plants will bush out creating a thick hedge. Why plant a hedge in the first place if you do not allow it to succeed due to lack

of light? Coppicing will also regenerate the under maintained hedge on the south side of the footpath, which at the moment is a line of trunks with little cover up to around ten feet high with a crown above. At the moment, it is more a line of trees than a hedge.

A hedge, that is most beneficial to wildlife, should have thick growth down to ground level with dense cover providing a habitat which allows small birds to nest in relative safety avoiding predatory larger mammals and birds. It also supplies much needed shelter to smaller mammals and insects. Therefore, by coppicing this hedge we will in turn create two thick

hedges thus providing double the amount of habitat to sustain wildlife.

This work has been approved by the Countryside Management Service (CMS) a Government funded conservation body and a grant has already been received from them by Croxley Green Parish Council to undertake this work, which will resume this winter.

Coppicing – a process of cutting back trees almost to base level, in the winter months when there sap is down, in order to stimulate them into producing rapid new growth from the base of the trunk.

Andrew Goddard, Assistant Ranger CGPC

NB. The large Oak trees are being left as they provide a valuable habitat themselves. The species being coppiced are Cherry Plum (*Prunus Cerasifera*), Holly (*Ilex Aquifolium*) and Hawthorn (*Rataegus Monogyna*), but predominantly Cherry Plum. Work will stop at the beginning of Copthorne Wood where the hedgerow ends.

Ed. If you see either of our Rangers working out and about in The Parish, please stop and talk to them about their work. They will be only too happy to let you know what they are undertaking.

LETTERS



Waxwings, opposite the Parish Offices



Bess, visiting the Office

Tales from Bess

I regret starting the New Year with the loss of my dear friend "Jasper", who I miss on my daily walks however, on a brighter note, the dashing "Charlie" is often my companion.

There are three new additions to the walking fraternity, the little black Jack Russell cross called "Barney", delightful ruby King Charles called "Harry" and new girl on the block Lola - welcome to you all.

I was pleasantly surprised by the reaction of many dog owners to my previous article in the "Pump". I decided that this notoriety might be

exploited. A book signing at the local library seemed appropriate and I suggested to the library ladies that a copy of the "Parish Pump" with my paw print must be worth a fiver a copy, they disagreed and after some negotiation I accepted a biscuit and left.

In my daily observation around The Green and Orchard area during the Autumn and Winter months, I had noticed a general increase in fungi, such as several different caps, brackets and honey fungus, also a very nice Fly Agaric under an Oak Tree, this is usually associated with Beech Trees. A small flock of redwings were in the Orchard and the Jays

amongst other early birds are already looking for nest sites and at least 20 plus Goldfinches are regular bird table feeders, but best of all at least 7 Waxwings stayed for two days feeding off berries just outside the Parish Council offices, naturally my master, a keen bird watcher, forgot his binoculars and camera, at times like this I do despair with humans!

Bess Neighbour

Ed. Fortunately, David Allison, the Parish Clerk was quick off the mark to record the occasion, on a very dull day! There's some hope for humans yet, Bess!

LUL Depot – Letter from Liz Burch

As residents of Croxley Green, primarily in Frankland Road, Frankland Close, Harvey Road and Bateman Road, we would like to offer our gratitude for the tireless efforts of Mandy and Barry Grant in their quest to keep Croxley "Green" and standing up to the pressures of London Underground to use the Buddleia Walk for their depot.

Well done and thank you!

From the families of Liz & Mark Burch; Stephen & Jennie Martin; Colin & Viv Hewett; Maureen & Mick Ramsden; Helen & Jim Wright; Karen & Paul Willis; Dawn Webber & Colin Rosewell; Arnie & Jean Baker; Tony & Jo Martin; Val & Geoff Emmett; Richard & Diane Phillips; Colin & Glenda

Are you interested in photography??

Digital—colour prints—black and white—slides—or just looking at pictures?

Come and meet Croxley Camera Club when we start meeting after the summer recess.

We meet every Wednesday at 8pm at St Oswald's Church Hall. On our first day back on 7 September we are having a Welcome Evening to welcome back old members and hopefully to welcome some new members. So come along and see what we do.

We are a friendly club and look forward to meeting you next season.

Fur further information ring 01923 220240 or 01895 822202.

Letter Received from Jessica Woodley, Age 9

I though you might be interested to know that quite recently/over the past few weeks, we have had some ducks take up residence down our road (Grove Crescent). It is funny when they cross the road but I wouldn't want them to get run over.

Perhaps a ducks crossing sign should be put up!

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Local Area Forum—Tuesday 22nd March 2005

I went along to Little Green School on the evening of the 22nd March thinking that I along with a couple of dozen others would be the only ones listening to the details of anti-social behaviour, its causes and the police response.

I could not have been more wrong. By 7.30pm the hall of the school was full. I thought that the evening may be of more interest than I first imagined!!!

Inspector George Holland from Rickmansworth Police Station was there together with one of his Sergeants. Three Rivers District Council were represented by their anti-social behaviour officer and there were also a number of District and Parish Councillors present.

The night started with Inspector Holland giving an account of the behaviour of youths in Croxley that was causing concern. His main thrust was that the majority of problems were caused by youths who lived in Croxley itself, not, as some thought, by outside influences. The purchase of alcohol to these under age persons was also highlighted and licensed premises in Croxley need to take a more vigorous approach to selling alcohol to under 18's.

**POLICE NON-
EMERGENCY
TELEPHONE
NUMBER
0845 3300222**

Parents in Croxley also came in for some advice. He said that it was not the role of the police to act as parents to these youths, but parents must take note of the condition of their children when they come home from a night out. Do they smell of drink? Where did they get it from? Do you really know what they have been up to and with whom? He indicated that these problems will not go away or be solved solely by a police presence on the streets of Croxley but that the Police, Council, Residents and Parents need to work together in order to tackle the difficulties we now face in Croxley.

There was then a question and answer session Chaired by Councillor Phil Brading. Time and time again we heard residents of Croxley saying that they had dialled 999 to report problems, only to be disappointed with the response of the police in dealing with these emergencies. Whilst manpower shortages were acknowledged, most in the hall felt that the police could do a lot better in attending the scenes of disorder at the time they were reported rather than, in some cases, days later.

The impression I was left with was that Inspector Holland, was more than a little concerned about the strength of feeling that was shown towards the police in dealing with these calls. He indicated, in answer to a question, that his senior officers would be made aware of these feelings and it was something the police would have to improve on.

One thing I learnt on the night was, apparently when you dial 999 and speak to the police operator, you must tell them you live in Croxley Green, RICKMANSWORTH. Without telling them about 'Rickmansworth', they have difficulty in finding Croxley Green on their computers !!!!!!!

So, will anything change? Well we will have to wait and see. My advice would be to keep on reporting incidents to the police and obtain their reference number when you do so. Ask your local councillors what youth services are being proposed for Croxley Green. Don't take the law into your own hands.

Look out for the local retail outlets that may be serving persons under 18 with alcohol and again report them. The police have a non emergency number which you should put into your mobile phones. It is 0845 3300 222.

Alternatively, if for whatever reason you don't want to speak to the police, the Parish Council will always take up issues on your behalf. Call us on 01923 710250 or via e-mail at croxleyipc@btconnect.com

Cllr M Saxon



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City of London	£40.00	£55.00	£70.00	£80.00
West End	£40.00	£55.00	£60.00	£80.00
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Paddington	£32.00	£40.00	£45.00	£75.00
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Parish Council Meeting Dates

Council meeting— last Thursday of each month (except May and August)

Annual Parish Meeting—second Thursday in April

Annual General meeting—second Thursday in May

Environment & Amenity meeting — first Tuesday of each month (except May and August)

Planning & Development meeting — first and third Wednesday of each month

Finance & Administration meeting - second Thursday of each month (except May and August)

Shop and Business Directory (1)—New Road

You will see in this issue of the Pump that we have started compiling a list of shops and other businesses in Croxley Green. It is our intention to focus on a different parade of shops in each issue. We hope eventually to have a complete list available for publication in order that the residents

of Croxley can see what a wide and diverse variety we have. One of the objectives of the Parish Council is to support local businesses so a reminder to you all therefore is to **use** the shops in Croxley whenever you can.

If you are a business in Croxley and would like to be added to the directory then please call the Parish Office on 01923 710250 or contact us via e-mail at croxleyipc@btconnect.com.

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Cartridge World
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New Road Dry Cleaners

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