



The Parish Pump

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Letter from the Chairman

They say a week is a long time in politics, but as you may be aware, **your** Parish Council is independent from party politics, which is maybe why the last year seems to have gone remarkably quickly! The Council has now fully settled in following the elections in May and July and the budget for the coming financial year has been debated and agreed. You can of course find full details of what **your** Council has been doing on our website at www.croxleygreen-pc.gov.uk so why not take a look? Also fundraising for the Chairman's Charities has progressed extremely well (see p2).

This summer is going to be a very exciting and patriotic time. We see the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June. Then we have the honour of hosting the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games. There has been a suggestion that as the colours red, white and blue symbolise this patriotism that we, as a community, should incorporate these

colours into our summer flower garden displays and hanging baskets. What do you think? I guess the answer to this will be seen as we travel round Croxley Green this summer. But wouldn't it be stunning if we did it, plus a little bunting perhaps? We are hoping to host a community event in the form of a "Jubilee Picnic in the Park" at Barton Way recreation park on the Bank Holiday Monday. Would you be interested in attending this event or helping to organise it? If so please contact the Parish Office. Keep your eye on the Council's website for details of these events.

In the budget this year a proposal to assist with obtaining signage for a new boundary walk of the Parish of Croxley Green was agreed. This is a proposed joint venture with Croxley Green Residents Association. Last weekend I took the opportunity, with the Chairman of the CGRA, to try out the inaugural route. This is a very exciting project, with the

walk itself being quite faithful to the Parish boundary, where possible using public footpaths and avoiding roads. The walk is gentle and varied, showing quite clearly the reasons why we love Croxley Green! The walk takes about three hours but this will depend upon the speed of your stride! We chose the start/finish point of Scotsbridge Mill, but of course with a circular walk there are many options to choose from. Again, keep an eye on our website, and that of the CGRA, for up to date details of this and many other subjects of interest to you.

You may recall that in January, in my article for My Croxley News, I asked for your views regarding the traffic conflict that can occur at the top of Scots Hill. I am extremely pleased to say that I have received a number of contributions on this subject. Thank you for taking the time and trouble to participate in resolving this issue.

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I will be putting your views forward to the Planning & Development Committee in the near future so that a proposal can be agreed upon and submitted to Hertfordshire Highways for their consideration. As I have said before, and will no doubt repeat in the future, it is **your** Parish Council. Your views are important to us and we would be very pleased to receive them. Contact details of the Parish Councillors are shown on our website or you can write, phone, email or call in to the Parish Office in Community Way. We really do look forward to hearing from **you**.

Chairman's Charities

As some of you may know, it is a tradition of the Parish Council to raise monies for charity. The incoming Chairman can choose, or put it to the Council to choose, the charity or charities that the Council will support during the Chairman's year of office. For my year I chose The Stroke Association (Croxley Green) and Home-Start Watford & Three Rivers. To date the fund-raising has gone extremely well. The family Treasure Hunt in October raised £152.50 and in the same month a further £153.00 was raised through the raffle held at the Craft Taster Day. In March a Charity Book Sale of second-hand books was held and brought in £287.00 as well as the very successful Charity Quiz Night, with a slightly new format, which raised £708. A Cake Sale took place on 1 April to further boost the funds for the designated charities. Can I take this opportunity to give a huge thank you to all who have supported these events, in so many ways, to make them such successes.

Cllr Nik Bennett

Jubilee Tree

To continue a long-standing Croxley tradition I have suggested that we plant an oak tree on The Green to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee this year. Council agreed and money was put in the budget for this.

At the beginning of March I met with Julie Hughes from Three Rivers District Council to discuss the location for this tree. We walked along The Green and I showed her the other commemorative trees as we looked for a suitable site.

The location which was chosen had been suggested by a Croxley resident and is at the south end of The Green, near to All Saints Church. The tree will be planted in the autumn (to give it the best chance, especially with the current dry conditions). It means that it will be 'next to' Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee tree outside the gates of All Saints and near to the tree planted to mark the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977.

We hope to make this quite a big event so we will keep you posted via our website during the coming months once we have a date and more details.

We also visited Stone's Orchard. Julie mentioned that Three Rivers will be planting some new fruit trees in the orchard this year, the first of which have been planted this month (March). She is also hoping to hold an 'Apple Day' during the autumn to promote the orchard as a local amenity. I had thought, as a result of the bumper harvest last year, what a shame it is that so many apples, out of reach to pick, are wasted so I asked her if we could somehow harvest them for the residents to use? She agreed with this idea, so again we will give you more details later in the year and we hope for another good harvest!

We will also let you know of the date for the 'Apple Day' once that has been decided – keep an eye on our website.

Jamie, one of our rangers, is very keen on developing the orchard and has planted a few more native, traditional cherry trees this winter. We hope that with his expertise and enthusiasm, along with that of Three Rivers, we can continue to improve this beautiful part of Croxley for generations to come.

If you have any ideas for the orchard, please get in touch with the office.

Cllr Janet Martin

Jubilee Picnic in the Park

I have proposed that we will host a 'Picnic in the Park' at Barton Way Recreation Ground on Monday 4th June. I felt that the Queen's Diamond Jubilee this summer gives us a fantastic opportunity to gather together as a community and celebrate. Many of you probably remember what you did to celebrate the Silver Jubilee in 1977, and more recently the Golden Jubilee. So this summer, let's have a day (or probably weekend) to remember!

Plans are in their infancy, and were discussed at the council meeting on 29 March where Council discussed whether there will be some stalls run by local organisations, perhaps some traditional games (a tug of war between the three Croxley wards might be fun!), a fancy dress competition, ... but whatever happens we want people to get together for some FUN!

If you would like to help with this project please contact the office. We will let you know more details nearer the time but keep the date!

Cllr Janet Martin

Our Environment

Community Plan Update

Since I last wrote, the Community Plan has completed the series of public meetings held last autumn and the Steering Group has moved into designing the questionnaire which will be distributed in the spring. This phase of the work is not so visible and like many planning processes, this needs a small focused group who can concentrate on the detail. Two small pilot surveys have been carried out and this has already helped in the design of the questionnaire and how the results are presented. It seems like a slow process but a good deal of progress is being made behind the scenes.

There is now a very close working relationship between the Parish Council and the Residents' Association, which bodes well for getting a high response rate. The Localism Bill enables Parish Councils to develop Neighbourhood Plans and the Community Plan will contribute significantly to this so it is important that people think about where they live and what would protect and improve their environment.

There are plenty of controversial issues facing Croxley Green at the moment and the idea behind the plan is to show that we want to take some responsibility for the development of the village and its amenities.

Please look out for the questionnaire later in the year and take a few minutes to complete & return it, either online or on the paper copy, so that we can get a good idea of what the people of Croxley feel about their village and what they would like to see in the future.

Cllr Wendy Jordan

Flowers 4 Croxley



It always amazes me to see the pansies looking so colourful after the winter. Admittedly this winter was quite mild, except for a week or two of snow and a few frosts, so the weather was kinder to them.

Some of you may have noticed new barrels outside Amici's at the bottom of Baldwins Lane. This now means that most shopping areas in Croxley have similar displays outside. Unfortunately, we had to replace some plants which were stolen but we persevere! Likewise plants in the 'Welcome' sign trough on the canal bridge, which were just taken out of the planter and thrown on the ground on *several occasions*, have been replaced.

In the letter from the Chairman (front page), Cllr Nik Bennett suggests that in this Diamond Jubilee Year we have a colour theme of red, white and blue plants in the various places Flowers 4 Croxley look after. It would look really great if we all do this, what a terrific impact it will make!

Our 2012 project, in conjunction with London Underground and with support from the Parish Council, is to make Croxley Station more colourful with window boxes at the front as well as hanging baskets and raised beds on the platforms. London Underground are very enthusiastic so watch out to see

how this project progresses through the coming months.

Don't forget that if any of you see us working around the village, or the Parish Council's Rangers who help us, and want to comment, make suggestions or even donate some plants, please do.

Cllr Hazel Seeley (Chair of Flowers 4 Croxley)

K9 Reporters Chip & Pippa

As we looked across to the hook on the door, we could see our leads and winter coats. We had mentally prepared ourselves for a cold Christmas with frozen paws. However, our walks felt like the milder weather of spring as we ran around the garden borders treading on first Daffodil shoots. We were fooled into thinking that February would mirror the temperature of December and January, but how could we have been so wrong? Suddenly the snow was up to our undercarriages and we could no longer walk across the lawn. The bonus of not walking through the fields and woods has meant that we have had the opportunity to learn about the birds that visit the garden. With a little bit of temptation from the seed and fat blocks, we were lucky enough to watch the garden become the only ornithological restaurant open for business on the first day of snow. Visitors included the regular Great Spotted Woodpecker, Blue Tits and Starlings but the real treat was the pair of Nuthatches and small flock of Redwings, the latter being of particular interest as the RSPB categorise them as "red" due to their decline in breeding numbers.

Chip and Pippa



Dog Waste Bags

For those dog owners who have forgotten or were unaware, bio-degradable dog waste bags are **free** from the Parish Council Offices and we also supply them to the library. Please use them, and the bins around Croxley, to help keep our pavements, footpaths and open spaces clean and free from mess.

Please don't forget to use the **RED waste bins.**



Parish Council Surgeries

Croxley Green Parish Council are pleased to announce that Parish Councillor Surgeries will take place in the library from 10am until 12 noon. If you have any issues or concerns you would like to raise or if you would just like to speak to a Parish Councillor on any Croxley matter, please feel free to call in and have a chat. For dates see 'Dates for your Diary' on page 13.

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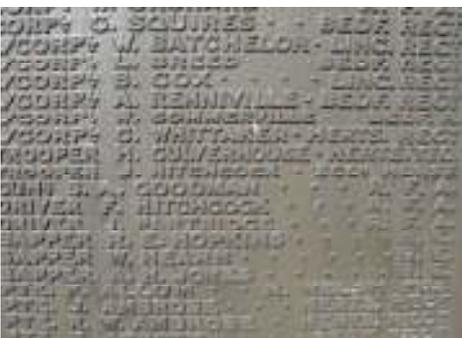
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Our Community

Croxley Green—War Horse

On the outside wall of All Saints' Church there is a large bronze memorial dedicated to the men of Croxley Green and the surrounding area who fell during the Great War of 1914 – 1918. This memorial I've been informed came from Dickinson's Mill after its demolition.

On close inspection I was intrigued to see the name of J. HITCHCOCK, Trooper, Scots Horse. Scots Horse were in actual fact the 2nd Dragoons (Royal Scots Greys). The Regiment was sent to France as part of the 5th Cavalry Brigade commanded by Brigadier General P.W. Chetwode. It landed in France on 17 August 1914. On 6 September 1914 it was assigned to Brigadier General Gough's command with the orders for the Scots Greys to dye their horses. The reason was the grey mounts made conspicuous targets.



First contact with the German army came on 22 August 1914 near Mons. From my research a Trooper HITCHCOCK served with the 1st Cavalry Brigade, which

consisted of 2nd Dragoons, 5th Dragoons and 11th Hussars. The Scots Greys took part in the battle of Casteau and on 28 August 1914 helped check the German advance at Cerizy.

At the battle of the Marne in September 1914, the Scots Greys, from covering the retreat of the British Army, began screening the advance. The advance was halted at the Battle of Aisne, where the British and German forces fought to a standstill.

After Aisne the Regiment was sent north to Belgium as the army raced towards the sea trying to outflank the Germans with the Scots Greys making several cavalry charges, possibly the last of the old style charges.

Because of the shortage of infantry the men of the Scots Greys were dismounted and fought as infantry at the Battles of Messines and Ypres. Trooper HITCHCOCK was still being shown on the roll call at this time.

At the second Battle of Ypres, the losses to the Scots Greys forced them into reserve for the rest of the year; 1915.

Kitchener's armies arrived in 1916 and the Scots Greys were again in preparation for the forthcoming summer offensive. Mounted Scots Greys were held in readiness to exploit a breakthrough that never came at the Battle of the Somme.

Despite defeat at the Somme it was still hoped to use the Scots Greys and other cavalry regiments in their traditional roles. The Battle of Arras would prove the futility of that hope.

Beginning in April 1917, the Scots Greys were engaged in action around the town of Wancourt, the action becoming known as the First Battle of the Scarpe. The regiment suffered heavy casualties among men and

horses. The name of Trooper HITCHCOCK disappears. Was he one of the casualties?

My two late uncles served with the Scots Greys during the Great War in France; I wonder if they met Trooper Hitchcock? If you have any more information about this man, or are related to him, please contact the office.

Cllr Frank Brand

Cricket Returns to Croxley Guild

Some of you may have heard that cricket is making a welcome return to Croxley Guild in time for this summer. The wicket installation should be completed by the end of April and play will begin soon after that. Look out for further information about the 'official' launch on Monday 4 June between 2pm and 6:30pm, with cream teas at 4pm, as part of the Jubilee celebrations, even though we hope to have begun to use it before then!

We would like to thank everyone who has donated money to this exciting project, particularly to the Parish Council who gave us a grant of £2500; without this money this project would not have been possible.

If you would be interested in playing cricket, whatever age you are, please contact John Coen (our Chairman) or Graham Ayrton who are heading up the cricket section. We are also looking for people to join the cricket committee so again, if you are interested, please contact them on 01923 770534.

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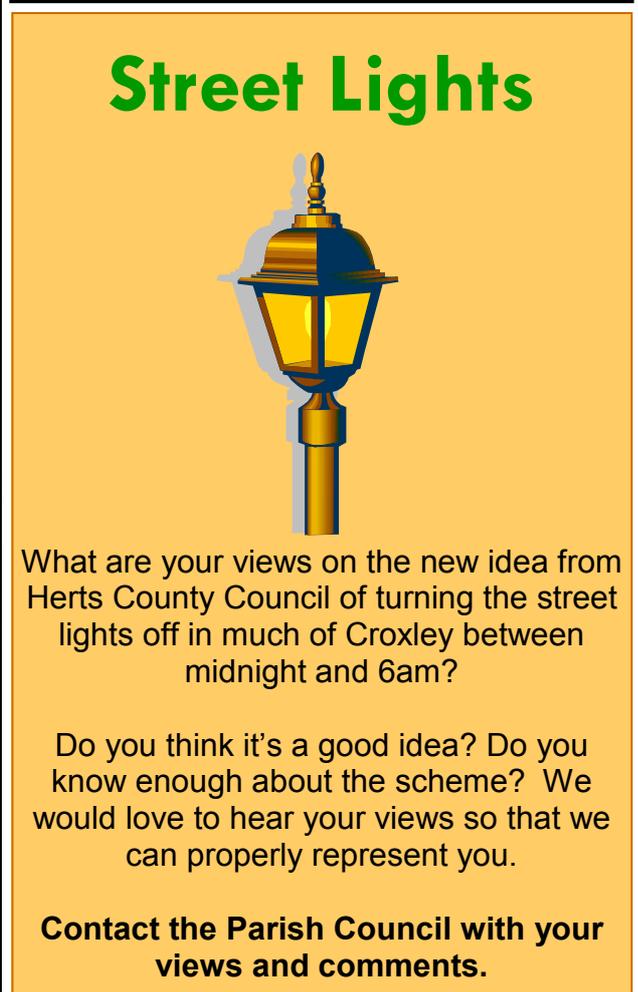
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Do you think it's a good idea? Do you know enough about the scheme? We would love to hear your views so that we can properly represent you.

Contact the Parish Council with your views and comments.

Our Community

Croxley Walks

The Parish Council are compiling a list of walks. Have you a walk that you enjoy and would like to share with other residents that are in or nearby to Croxley Green? The walk might be seasonal or suitable all year round; you could note points of interest regarding flora/fauna, the length and approximate time to complete the walk. If you have any please send them to the office so that they can be posted onto the website and shared with other residents along with the existing looped walks already there.

Cllr Robert Ridley

Unsung Heroes of Croxley Green

Perhaps we do not do enough to publicise people of Croxley Green who have left their mark on society.

Dr Patrick Russell was a family doctor here for over 30 years and during that time helped to found both Michael Sobell House in Mount Vernon Hospital and also was a Pioneer in the establishment of the Peace Hospice in Watford.



He was an early advocate of Hospices and played a large role in the development in this area, including persuading Bishop Robert Runcie to be its patron. He was a Clinical Assistant at Michael Sobell House from its opening in 1977 until his retirement. At Michael Sobell House he introduced the Syringe Driver invented by his friend Martin Wright, also from Croxley

Green, which has transformed Pain Management.

He was a founding trustee at the Peace Hospice until retirement in 2005 and his support enabled this to get off the ground and assisted in its success. He was a Liberal Democrat Councillor on Rickmansworth Urban District Council from 1970 – 1974 but did not continue under the new Three Rivers due to his work in the Hospice Movement.

Unfortunately Dr Russell died in November 2011 but leaves a Legacy of Service to Croxley Green and its residents. Perhaps we should consider some means of recognising both Dr Russell and Martin Wright in their contribution to us.

Cllr Kenneth Baldwin

Croxley Green Road Safety Committee

Following articles in the Parish Pump, The Resident and My Croxley News, we have seen a significant increase in the number of Croxley residents attending our meetings which is fantastic. We have had a few issues brought to our attention and have been able to discuss them and, where relevant, pass them on to the correct authorities to get answers or help.

In January we held our AGM which saw both the Chairman, Mike Humphreys, and Secretary/Treasurer Linda James, stand down after a number of years. They have done a great job in keeping the committee going through quite difficult times and it was a great honour for me to be voted in as the new chairman. Caroline Beasley was elected as secretary/treasurer and we welcome her as a new committee member. We have taken these roles at a time when various issues are big news in Croxley; the proposed Croxley Rail Link

and the site allocation for a new secondary school in Baldwins Lane. Both these projects, should they get the go-ahead, will have major road & pedestrian safety implications. With this in mind a meeting of the core committee was called to put together a response on behalf of the group on both of these issues & these can be seen on our website, croxleygreenroadsafety.org.uk. We know that we are going to have a busy time in the next few years, both with big projects as well as everyday issues such as parking, cars on pavements, double yellow lines, commuter parking,... the list goes on!

If you are interested to see what we do, or have issues which you want looked at or discussed, please contact us through the website or come along to our next meeting, Monday 23 April at 7:45pm in the library meeting room.

Cllr Janet Martin

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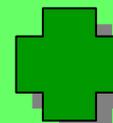
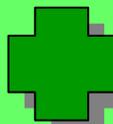
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May Bank Holiday Flower Festival at St Oswald's Church, Croxley Green

A four-day flower festival over the May bank holiday weekend (4-7 May) will celebrate this year's 75th anniversary of St Oswald's CofE Church in Croxley.

Visitors to the church in Malvern Way will be taken on a 75-year historical journey through key events in St Oswald's life, depicted through photographs, artifacts and flowers.

Key moments on display include the laying of the foundation stone in 1937; the church used as a school during the second world war; the victory celebrations in 1945 and the first baptism in the church's font in 1949. These are just some of the events being picked out and depicted in flowers by a range of organisations.

Entry will be free but half of all donations will go towards the South Oxhey-based charity Ascend which works to raise the self-esteem of the long-term unemployed by helping them back to work in one of the most deprived communities in Hertfordshire. The other half will go towards improving the facilities at St Oswald's to better serve the local community.

Other churches in Croxley, the Guides, the St Oswald's pre-school group and other community groups will also be supplying displays which should bring the church alive in a massive splash of early summer colour.

Refreshments will be served throughout the weekend and a local history archive and photo display of the church's life in Croxley, along with a painting exhibition from Malvern Way Infant and Nursery School, will take place in the church hall during the festival. Robert Riley-Braley, vicar

at St Oswald's, says: "The story of St Oswald's is bound up with this side of Croxley which grew up alongside the church. I hope many local residents and others will come and discover more about our shared history and also enjoy the flower arranging talents of local organisations. This is just one part of an exciting programme organised for our anniversary."

Opening times will be: Friday May 4, 6pm-9pm; Saturday May 5, 10am-5pm; Sunday May 6, 12 noon to 6pm; and Monday May 7, 10am-5pm.

If any reader has old photos linked to the church's activities over the years which they would like to loan to the photo exhibition, please email info@festivos2012.info or call 01923 332244

The festival is one of a series of key events in 2012 highlighting St Oswald's role in the community since it was founded in 1937.

For more information on future events, please visit the church's Festivos website at www.festivos2012.info; see Facebook/Festivos2012/; or follow activities on twitter @festivos2012.

Local History Comes to Life

The Year 6 children at Little Green School have approached History in a different way this term.

As a final piece of work, to demonstrate how much they had learned, we wanted the children to write a diary. This was shared with the children at the very beginning. We explained that research is an important part of a writer's work, and looked at examples of historical fiction with them.

We then planned a unit of work on local history, focused on New Road 1891, based largely around the 1891 Census returns. With the help of local history enthusiasts

we had matched families in the census to houses still standing in New Road. We would like to thank Richard Lee and Jim Hughes for the enormous amount of help they gave us in this planning stage through their extensive research and good advice.

Each child 'adopted' a character and researched more using other census returns and online family history sites. Other first hand sources included a series of historical maps, photographs and contemporary documents. The information available was fascinating and helped the children to learn more about Croxley Green in Victorian times. We researched background on houses, architecture, life at the local paper mills, local characters, events, transport, seaside and schools.

As part of the unit we visited the mill at Frogmore for a very hands-on day to learn about paper-making which was excellent. We also walked along New Road and down the hill to the site of Croxley Mill which gave the children the experience of what walking to work each day would have been like. It wore them out!

All the research and experiences were then used to help children write a diary pretending to be their character and to make an inside/outside view of what they imagined their family's house to have looked like in the 1890s.

The children really enjoyed becoming a person who had actually been alive in Croxley Green in the 1890s and said it helped them to understand the lives that Croxley Green people led in Victorian times. There has been a suggestion from some children that, next time, we spend two weeks in character – in costume!

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EVENTS - dates for your diary

- May**
- Sunday 6 May 2012 - Classic Car Show on the Green 10am—5pm
- Saturday 12 May 2012 - Parish Council Surgery at the library 10am until 12 noon**
- Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 May 2012 - Canal Festival, Rickmansworth
- Saturday 26 May 2012 - Croxley Great Barn Tour at 11am. Meet in the car park at St Joan of Arc School, Rickmansworth from 10.45am
- June**
- Monday 4 June 2012 - Picnic in the Park - Barton Way
- Monday 4 June 2012 - 'Launch Match' - Cricket returns to Croxley Guild - see page 5
- Saturday 9 June 2012 - Parish Council Surgery at the library 10am until 12 noon**
- Saturday 23 June 2012 - Revels on the Green
- Wednesday 27 June 2012 - Senior Citizens outing to Clacton-on-Sea
- Saturday 30 June 2012 - Croxley Great Barn Tour at 11am. For details see May (above)
- July**
- Saturday 14 July 2012 - Parish Council Surgery at the library 10am until 12 noon**
- Saturday 28 July 2012 - Croxley Great Barn Tour at 11am. For details see May (above)
- Aug**
- Wednesday 1 August 2012 - Classic Car Show on the Green noon onwards
- Friday 24 - Monday 27 August 2012 - Brixton's Fun Fair on the Green
- Saturday 25 August 2012 - Croxley Great Barn Tour at 11am. For details see May (above)
- Sept**
- Saturday 8 September 2012 - Croxfest on the Green 12 noon - 8pm
- Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 September 2012 - Classic Car Show on the Green and Carters Steam Fair
- Saturday 29 September 2012 - Croxley Great Barn Tour 11am. For details see May (above)
- Oct**
- Sunday 14 October 2012 - Hobbies and Craft Taster Day at Little Green School
- Saturday 27 October 2012 - Croxley Great Barn Tour at 11am. For details see May (above)

Parish Council Meetings - general public welcome



Meetings start at 8pm

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

Annual Parish Meeting - last 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 August)



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1ST JOURNEY

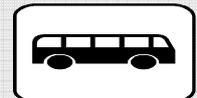
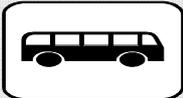
Winton Drive Approach	9.30am
Shaftsbury Court	9.32am
Malvern Way/Barton Way	9.34am
Fuller Way/Barton Way	9.36am
Hanover House	9.37am
Sherborne Way/Baptist Church	9.40am
Return from Watford	12 noon

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
New Road	10.12am
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	1.15pm



FREE SERVICE

*For the exclusive use of Senior Citizens and persons in sheltered accommodation.
You may be required to show proof of eligibility*

Can you find these Croxley Road names? This word search was compiled by the School Council children from Harvey Road Primary School.

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| Bateman | Copthorne | Frankland | Harvey |
| Watford | Yorke | The Green | Baldwins Lane |
| Hazelwood | Malvern Way | Gonville Avenue | Windmill Drive |
| Dickinson Square | New | Barton Way | |



Coach Trip to Clacton-on-Sea

On Wednesday 27 June 2012, the Parish Council will be taking a group of senior citizens on a day trip to Clacton-on-Sea. This year, two coaches will leave Community Way car park at 9am and will arrive back at 6pm. This is expected to be a popular event and as seats are limited, places will be decided by means of a lucky draw. If you would like to enter the draw, please complete the form below with your details and the name of your guest and return the slip to the Parish Council by Friday 8 June 2012, when the draw will take place.

✂ _____

To be eligible to attend you (and your guest) must be a resident of Croxley Green, a senior citizen and must be independently mobile. Good luck for the draw!!!!

Name

Address

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Telephone Number

Name of Guest

I would like to attend the day trip to Clacton-on-Sea on Wednesday, 27 June 2012 and I confirm that both my guest and I are residents of Croxley Green, senior citizens and are independently mobile.

Signed

Junior Council

Dear People of Croxley Green...

We are writing an article for the Parish Pump magazine because we are concerned about the continuous building that is happening in Croxley Green.

The first issue we would like to raise is that the fields and spaces to play are being used up for building houses, and Croxley Green is becoming overcrowded.

Furthermore, because the houses are so close together and have very small gardens, people feel that there is no privacy. When the houses are actually being built, there are more huge lorries on the roads delivering materials which is making our village noisy, dirty and dangerous.

In addition to this, the natural habitats of the wildlife are disappearing and animals, trees, flowers and insects are dying out. For example, in a recent housing development many old trees were cut down and destroyed. We feel strongly that this should not be happening.

The number of people using the amenities in Croxley Green is also a problem. More and more families are moving in so the doctors, the library, the local shops and the schools are all being put under pressure. As there is much more traffic on the road, it is more dangerous for children to walk to school safely.

Finally, we would like to point out that the style of the new houses does not fit in with Croxley Green. We feel that not enough thought is going in to the decisions that are being made about the design of new houses. It feels like Croxley Green is being taken over and is

turning into a big, modern city.

As you can see, we are extremely concerned about the development in Croxley Green. The problems that are being caused are affecting us and our environment. We would like the people who make the decisions to think more carefully about what is right for Croxley Green. Yours sincerely,

The School Councillors of Little Green School.

Keeping it green in Croxley Green—Are you doing your bit?

We have all heard of biodiversity and carbon footprint but what are you doing in support of it? Here at Yorke Mead the staff and children have taken on improving their environment inside school and out.

Last year we concentrated on increasing biodiversity in the school grounds by adding a wildlife area/ outdoor classroom and have watched it blossom and grow encouraging wildlife to visit including bugs, insects and slow worms and we welcome the many butterflies which add colour and charm to an area that was once just a section of field.

We also look after the school grounds by litter picking and we now have our own compost area recycling waste that can eventually be used on our vegetable patch.

We are lucky enough to have formed a partnership with The Afterschool Club in Ricky working together to recycle.

This year our focus has been helping the environment through saving energy, and using our Smart Metering System we are able to

track the savings we are making; so far we are pleased with the results. We have also appointed pupil eco-warriors who are raising awareness of our responsibilities to reduce our carbon footprint by turning off lights and computers.

Children of Yorke Mead are doing all we can to keep Croxley "Green". Are You?

YR 6 Yorke Mead School Council

The Olympics comes to Harvey Road

Since last September, children at Harvey Road School have been deeply involved in developing activities relating to the 2012 Olympic Games.

An Olympic gymnast visited the school during the autumn term while our school organised a 3km Family Fun Run in February 2012.

Continuing with our drive towards the Olympics, our children will be making a time capsule that will be kept for 4 years until the next Olympic Games. They will also be taking part in The Croxley Olympic Games where all of our local schools will be linking together to create an Olympic style event at each of our schools. The children have been very excited to be part of this important year and money has been raised through these events to support St Kitts and Nevis. Why St Kitts and Nevis? Because they will be training in Hertfordshire prior to the Games and it will hopefully be possible for our children to visit their training camp and/or an athlete may visit the school. In return, we hope to support their sporting infrastructure and facilitate for them, a long term legacy of the 2012 Olympics.

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