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EDITORIAL

Hello again — we are back after a long Winter recess and have grown to 12 pages for Jubilee Year. We feature the work of the Community Association, a competition and a Spring Ramble plus news of the forthcoming Revels. The work of the Residents and Ratepayers' Association has continued behind the scenes for the good of Croxley Green and I shall now endeavour to bring you up to date.

The reason we were unable to produce the Resident quarterly last year was the enormous increase in our printing costs unmet by an increase in subscription or advertising revenue. At the A.G.M. it was agreed to raise membership subscriptions from 15p to 25p per annum with a special concession to pensioners of 15p. Our advertisers were advised of a doubling in our charges which resulted in some dropping out, to be replaced and supplemented by other public-spirited individuals. Providing sufficient subscription collectors can be found to canvass the whole of Croxley Green, we should soon be back to normal with the added boost of a generous donation from the Croxley Green Society.

Five committee members resigned in 1976 and their contributions to meetings are greatly missed. Mr. Peter Furr was an excellent Secretary and keenly supported the Association both at meetings and social events where his efforts were much appreciated by the rest of the Committee. Mrs. Pauline Lansdale has kindly taken over his duties and is a new member of the Committee. Mr. Peter Rennoldson (and his wife) will be remembered for their enthusiastic support at the Revels over the past three years and the effort needed to attend meetings after driving

nearly 200 miles daily. Mr. Badrock and Councillors Gell and Raggett were the others to resign. We are pleased to welcome Mr. Ian Mowbray and Mr. Millward as new committee members.

The Secretary's annual report for 1976 spoke of the year being a quiet one. The Association had been regularly represented on such bodies as the Rickmansworth Consultative Committee, The Croxley Green Society, The Croxley Green Road Safety Committee, the Horticultural Society, and joined other Residents' Associations on the Watchdog Committee in presenting a united front in discussions with both District and County Councils on the high level of the rates. The Association has concerned itself with many varied matters such as the suitable resiting of Crescent Cars, the replacement of bollards at the junction of Frankland and Watford Road, the condition of the canal towpath, the dumping of rubbish in Croxley Hall Woods, tree pruning, the now defunct shopper bus service as well as planning applications and has expressed itself where necessary.

In general, full cooperation had been given by the District Council and our views and requests have been sought.

Guest speaker at the A.G.M. was Croxley County Councillor, Dr. Nemeth who urged us all to write to our Councillors or M.P. on subjects we feel strongly about: it is very important for such people to know the "grass root feelings" of the electorate. He proceeded to give details of expenditure at County level, emphasising the need for economy by the District and County Council following the reduction in the rate support grant by Central Government. Every effort is being made to keep the rate increase to the minimum but since Councils are labour

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intensive industries, it is difficult to reduce manpower without falling foul of the unions. The loss of the government grant accounted for half of the total increase (10%) in the 1976/7 rate precept, inflation being responsible for the other 10% which was slightly offset by economies and cutbacks in services.

One of the questions asked in the general discussion was how some councils could peg their rates or even reduce them in these inflationary times. It became clear there is a "hooded robin" in Central Government which takes from predominantly Conservative-voting rural areas and donates to Labour-voting city areas. No wonder the GLC can proudly announce no increase in their rates — 17p in the pound being the recommendation for 1977/8 whilst an 18.1% increase in Herts County rate (69.1p in the pound) is in the pipeline. It is about time we had a fairer rating system to stop this party political charade. What do the "grass roots" say? It makes residents associations seem like David versus Goliath.

Other subjects were discussed such as vandalism which costs Three Rivers some £13,000 each year, motorbike nuisance on Common Moor, and changes in the library. Dr. Nemeth noted with concern the strong feelings of residents who objected to the alteration of their library by the County without obtaining local opinion on the matter and without giving explanatory notice. It is a reflection on the lack of a community centre that a library should fulfil the role of a hall, open to let and with moveable bookshelves for the purpose.

The Residents Association would like to thank Councillors Miss Raggett, Messrs. Ford, Gell, Robinson and Wright for attending the A.G.M. and Dr. Nemeth whose diligence is to be commended.

By the way, do you like our owl logo? With thought you can work it out as CGRRA the initials of the Croxley Green Residents and Ratepayers' Association. Look for the owl on our posters!

Much has happened in the last six months. The Residents' ramble was a great success. There were about fifty participants including a dog and a toddler in pushchair! We all enjoyed a sunny Autumn walk along the Chess valley ably led by Roger King. The main pleasures of such a walk are trading new territory and the enjoyable company. So, if the simple pleasures appeal to you, why not join us on May 22nd?

When walking along New Road I never fail to admire the old world lampposts and the Victorian terrace houses which hug the bends - a few retaining their original front doors with brass knockers. How nice to see the older style shops (such as Durrants) which in London would have become a boutiques by now and to see an orchard where soon will be flats. It is a pity that no firm policy of development operates in the road — we watch helplessly as characterless supermarkets, flats and offices haphazardly supplant the older accommodation and wonder if anybody cares. Certainly I feel that the block of flats just completed on the Guildhouse site and particularly those just built on the corner with Winton Drive are quite out of character with the rest of the road. Are we losing or have we lost the village of Croxley to indiscriminate planners?

IS JOURNALISM YOUR VOCATION?

Get some practical experience by helping the Editor of the Croxley Resident. Expenses paid and a typewriter may be loaned.

JUBILEE COMPETITION

Here is a *free entry competition* to mark jubilee year. Just answer the questions as fully as possible.

A point will be awarded for each correct answer — the winner shall have the highest number of points. In the unlikely event of a draw, the most original suggestion for Croxley Green's improvement (as judged by the C.G. Residents' and Ratepayers' Association Committee) will be the deciding factor:

- 1st Prize : LP Record Voucher
- 2nd Prize : EP Record Voucher
- 3rd Prize : Single Record Voucher

Only one entry per person allowed. Please send your entry to the Editor. Closing date for entries: *June 7th, 1977*. The prizewinners will be announced and hopefully presented on July 2nd, at the Revels. Answers and the names of prize winners to be published in the next edition of *The Croxley Green Resident*. *Don't forget to include your name, address and if possible, telephone number with your answers. Competitors must be Croxley Green residents.*

QUESTIONS

Part A.

1. What famous novelist once lived in Croxley Green.
2. What are the five listed buildings to be found around the Green?
3. By what other names has this bulletin been known in the past?
4. Who laid the foundation stone of the Red Cross Centre?
5. When was Croxley Met. Station opened?
6. At what public house might you risk a coronary?
7. What is not used between 9.20 am and 3.52 pm?
8. Where do "Roses" float?
9. What old building was derived from a neat birth?
10. What makes Croxley "noteworthy"?

Part B (applies to this issue only)

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2. What are the phone numbers of the plumbers and electricians advertising in this issue?
3. List the advertisers who do not sell any of the items mentioned in question B1 or offer the services mentioned in B2.

Part C — A Better Croxley

What cheap but needed improvement would you like to see made in Croxley Green?

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Commence at 7.30 p.m.

Housing — 17 March, Chorleywood House.

Council — 22 March, Oxhey Pavilion.

Planning — 29 March, Chorleywood House.

Community & Leisure Services — 5 April, Basing House.

Highways, Works & Transport — 14 April, Chorleywood House.

Housing — 19 April, Basing House.

Finance & Administration — 26 April, Basing House.

Planning — 28 April, Chorleywood House.

Policy & Resources — 3 May, Basing House.

Council — 17 May, Watersmeet, Colne Suite.

Council (Annual Meeting — 24 May, Watersmeet, Colne Suite.

Planning — 31 May,

Housing — 2 June.

Community & Leisure — 16 June.

Highways, Works & Transport — 21 June.

Planning — 28 June.

Housing — 30 June.

Finance & Administration — 5 July.

Policy & Resources — 14 July.

Council — 26 July.

CROXLEY CENTRAL WARD BYE-ELECTION

This follows the resignation of Norman Wright.

Candidates:

Ian Kelly (Labour), 9, Ludlow Way.

Francis Williams (Conservative), 28 Nightingale Road, Rickmansworth.

John Wilyman (Liberal) 38, Copthorne Road.

Polling — 17th March at St. Oswalds Church Hall and Methodist Church.

Croxley Green

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Secretary: Dr. D. Miller, 126, Kenilworth Drive.
Telephone: Rickmansworth 72183.

Chairman: M. Watkins, 123, Winton Drive,
Telephone: Watford 35190.

This is the first of the regular reports we hope to make in the "Resident" so keeping all of Croxley informed of our progress and of coming events. As most people know, we have been formed two years and the membership is now in the region of 2,280 and growing all the time. There are still a few houses that haven't been called on but we will be attending to these as soon as possible. If you feel that you would like to join before we can get round, our shop in New Road is open on Saturday mornings so call round and see us. Family Membership is £1.00 per year, 10p O.A.P. Our thanks are due to all those who have joined already and also the many people who have made extra donations of various amounts to our building fund.

The suggested site for the future Community Centre is at the rear of the Youth Centre and a site plan has been submitted to the Council and has been returned to us with various helpful suggestions; one being that the new Centre should be joined on to the Youth Centre. This would appear to be quite feasible, subject to the Youth Management Committee agreeing and, an approach has been made to them and we are now waiting for their decision.

As the membership figures show, the response has been very good but we can always do with practical help as well as financial assistance and if anyone feels that they can spare some time for this worthwhile project please call and see us.

Yorke Road Annexe has been made available for use by our Association but only on a rather short lease, a feasibility study has been carried out by two of our local councillors along with advice from council officers and it would appear that to conform with the stringent safety regulations required by law a great deal of money would have to be spent so the decision to take it over is in abeyance until all other avenues have been explored.

As mentioned above we have a temporary shop in New Road, No. 224 and our grateful thanks are due to Mrs. Whitfield for allowing us the use of it. We are in the shop every Saturday morning from 10.00-12.30 and the window is used for display purposes. The "200" club is now in full swing and the list of winners are displayed in the shop window. The main prize of £500 will be drawn at a dance in April (23rd) at Durrants School and "200" club members will have first refusal for tickets. It is hoped eventually to run a second "200" club so if anyone is interested please forward your name and address to Mrs. Hockley, 92 Winton Drive.

Our entertainments committee have had a very busy twelve months and have organised many functions and outings including a Barn Dance, Tramps Dance, car rally, canal trip, Christmas Dance, Family Party Nights and many more. There is a full list of entertainments for the rest of this year and they are listed here for you to enter in your Diary.

Friday 18th March — Barn Dance at Watersmeet.
Saturday, 23rd April — "200 Club" Dance.
Sunday, 29th May — Ramble
Friday, 17th June, Canal Trip.
Sometime in July — Barbeque (Provisional).
Sunday, 14th August — Car Rally.
Sometime in September — Dance.
Saturday 22nd October — "200 Club" Dance.
Saturday, 19th November — Fancy Dress (Provisional)
Saturday, 17th December — Christmas Dance.

As one can see, our Entertainments Committee are going to be very busy and all help is appreciated so if anybody feels they would like to help in anyway please contact any number listed below.

The A.G.M. of the Association is to be held at St. Oswalds on Friday 25th March at 8 p.m. All are welcome so come along and express your views.

For your information here are some of the Committee members' telephone numbers for any queries there may be.

Treasurer — Mr. Turner, Watford 26172.
Entertainments — Mr. McLean, Rickmansworth 74740.
Publicity — Mr. Gahan, Rickmansworth 77843.
Catering — Mrs. Williams, Rickmansworth 79941.

The three Community Associations of the District, MILL END, MAPLE CROSS and our own are combining to organise the Rickmansworth Aqua Show to be held at the Aquadrome on Monday, 6th June. This is going to be a large, concerted effort and the profit will be shared between these Associations.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

If anyone feels they can help on the day for this venture, be it only for a short while, or all day, please contact one of our Committee members listed. We are also looking for people to assist on the Committee in conjunction with the other Associations. We stand or fall depending on your support. Please come forward.

LOOKING BACK

The R.U.D.C. decision on the "need for a Public Hall on the site of 199, New Road, originally designated for a Community Centre."

"The Sub-Committee have reviewed the results of the discussions with the Croxley Green Society and of their other investigations and have been obliged to come to the conclusion that there is no evidence of any real need or desire for a Community Centre in Croxley Green.

On a survey undertaken by the Residents Association 4,000 forms were issued of which 73 were returned containing 148 signatures: 50 for, 98 against. The expenditure of £30,000 on a community centre was felt unjustified although centres for youth and the elderly were needed".

Extract January 1962: The Croxley Green Resident.

(Ed: A victory for general apathy? The population influx in the past fifteen years will no doubt reflect the shortsightedness of this decision, which probably relied on the continued use of Dickinson's Guildhouse for community activities).

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

Coronation year was a troubled and austere period — Britain was still recovering from World War II. It was brightened by the coronation and the announcement of the Korean Armistice. In Croxley the Theatre Club celebrated with two performances of "She Stoops to Conquer" whilst the Horticultural Society organised a "Coronation Front Garden Competition".

The patriotic spirit of Croxley folk was much in evidence at the Revels — a procession and celebration on the Green being the traditional method of commemoration. (I understand that programmes for such events date back to the Relief of Mafeking in the 1890s)!

June 2nd 1953 was celebrated with a "coronation procession", an Elizabethan pageant, displays and stalls, the planting of an oak tree and a spectacular firework display on the Green.

In those days classes were given in Civil Defence Welfare at the Guildhouse. Local elections were scantily attended — a 40% poll was recorded for the eight elected representatives. Published figures for police coverage was one policeman per 720 persons and 544 acres with juvenile offences taking up far more court time. (It was the "drainpipe" era!). Prime item in the Resident's news was the poor shopping facilities at the bottom of Baldwins Lane (Arthur Pitkin's land having received planning approval for shop development in 1936 had been designated Open Space by the County Council).

The Resident had regular articles on gardening and cooking reflecting the difficulty of making ends meet. In 1954 it even carried an article on how to enjoy a holiday at home! Those were the days!

NEW GROUP FORMED:

Croxley Green Young Conservatives.

Open to 15+ age group. Meets at All Saints Hall on Fridays at 8 p.m. Varied programme includes bowling, skating and discussions.

YORKE ROAD to YORKE MEAD

Gas — light, open fires, toilets across the playground, cold water, no field, no hall, no staffroom, a cupboard for an office — this was the old Yorke Road School as built 101 years ago.

It remained almost unchanged until after the war.

Later we progressed to electric light, oil heaters, a hall, a staffroom and after the winter of 1963 indoor toilets, hot water and T.V. These additional improvements made conditions of work a lot better but still rather inconvenient — a great deal of time was spent "toing and froing". We used All Saints Church Hall for dancing and drama and John Dickinson's Sports grounds for games. When the Watford Road was widened and the trees removed, their trunks were transported to the playground for imaginative play.

Then in May 1974 came the move to Yorke Mead. The great difference here is that everything is under one roof and on the one site — no more walks to the Church Hall, carrying the home-made, lifesize Donkey which caused so many smiles and calls from the passing lorry drivers! Our dinners are cooked in our own kitchen and they smell, as well as taste, good! We no longer close windows to keep out the noise of the traffic but can watch and listen to the birds from our classrooms. Several acres of playing field surround the school and parents have paid for a Learners' Swimming Pool.

The new school is more accommodating, although rather lacking in the homely atmosphere of the old school. However, we are very lucky to work in such pleasant conditions. Most important of all, the fun and hard work involved with lively youngsters and the happy co-operation between parents and staff still persists from the old York Road School.

Miss J.M. Bridge

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF OLD AGE PENSIONS ASSOCIATIONS

This branch has had a very successful year. We have had good speakers on various subjects, two Christmas parties, and a sale of work (which raised £108 in just under 2 hours!). Three coach parties have recently visited the ice show at Wembley, B.B.C. music night and The Palladium; More outings are being planned.

Here is an extract from Mr. Walmsley's half-yearly report:—

Operation Buzzer

I am pleased to report that one of our members claims the use of the buzzer saved her life. Feeling extremely ill at 8 a.m. she managed to place the buzzer on the door step. Help was quickly to hand, she was soon in hospital.

We emphasised in our "Croxley Resident" article the value of buzzers being carried by elderly people who had to go out alone, both before and after dark. This has resulted in an increased demand.

About 100 of our members have been visited and had buzzers checked for efficiency, thus enabling us to keep in touch with members, who in a lot of cases cannot attend our meetings. We have also made one or two new members where new members requested buzzers.

Mrs. F. Crook.

SPONSOR A TREE

Should any individual or group of individuals wish to commemorate a person or an event by the planting of a tree/s, please contact the Chairman of our Association. Provisional agreement from the Council has been received for this scheme and details of where to plant and a list of approved trees and cost will soon be made available.

We thought a "living memory" is worth having and would help to make Croxley "green" again after the ravages of Dutch Elm Disease.

POPPY DAY WREATH

As usual the C.G.R. & R.A. laid a poppy wreath on Armistice Day at the war memorial. Thanks are accorded to Mr. Tullett who attended the service on our behalf.

URGENTLY NEEDED : COLLECTORS AND DISTRIBUTORS

"The Resident's" continuation relies on the collection of subscriptions. We offer the incentive of a 20% commission on subscriptions collected and still have difficulty in obtaining volunteers. So if you are feeling fit, it is a pleasant and rewarding job — (particularly for pensioners), which need only take a few hours. Contact Mr. Marsden, telephone: Rickmansworth 72747 if you can help — we would be so grateful.

We also need help in the distribution of the 4,800 copies. The Association is aware that residents in some roads either do not receive our bulletin or it reaches them rather late. If, therefore, you live in a road where the circulation is somewhat haphazard, would you lend a helping hand to ensure no resident in your road has cause for complaint? There are normally four issues per year; the delivery only takes about an hour each time. Please contact: Denise Mangles, Rickmansworth 77923, who will be delighted to have your help.

EVENTS DIARY

Paint In: 10 a.m.—12 noon, 6 April, The Ebury Hall, Rickmansworth.

Rickmansworth Week: 21 May—29 May.

Tithe barn open: 29th May in the afternoon.

Jubilee Celebrations: 6 and 7 June.

SWEETHEARTS FOREVER

Our warmest congratulations to members, Lewis and Margery Bass, 83 and 82, of Dickinson Square on your Diamond Wedding Anniversary. May you have many more years of happiness together in Croxley Green.

Mr. LLEWELLYN BERWYDD DAVIES.

We offer sincere condolences to Mrs. Davies of Frankland Road on the loss of her husband who died just before his 70th birthday. He was a well-known journalist in this area serving on the West Herts Post and the Watford Observer for nearly forty years. The funeral was held on St. David's Day.

CROXLEY GREEN LIBRARY

The new branch librarian is Mrs. Carole Hudson and the librarian for children's work is Mrs. Jill Duncan. Libraries are one of the most under-used of County services and librarians are trying hard to remove their bookish "keep quiet or else" image in an effort to attract new readers. They are making their impact chiefly on the young for it is in one's early years that the impression of the library being a friendly place, is created.

Hence the comic swap box and games in the junior library to encourage children to come and read and play. Story-telling on Friday afternoons 2.45—3.15 p.m. is very popular as are the holiday arrangements. This Easter holiday between 10 a.m. and 12 noon on Thursday 7th April, children will be welcome to take part in a games tournament and may bring along their own games as well as use the library stock.

To encourage adults to use the library, the librarians have instituted a magazine swap box which is proving a great success. There is also a book sale in the first week of each month to dispose of withdrawn or surplus books. When reading has become a family occupation and seen to be enjoyed then the child of the family will develop a real and lasting pleasure in the world of books.

The library is already used for evening letting at reasonable rates and the librarians will be pleased to hear of any further suggestions for increasing the library's amenities. Personally, I should like to see a photocopier and a playpen made available. Who said libraries are for books only?

The Library Diary

This is on full view by the entrance for anyone to insert events occurring in Croxley. By advance notice it is hoped to avoid events such as jumble sales clashing on the same day.

WHAT THE RED CROSS CENTRE OFFERS

Most people in Croxley Green know that the building behind the library is the "Welcome Club" — a social club for the retired folk of Croxley — but do you know what else goes on there or how it operates?

The building belongs to the British Red Cross Society and has been open for ten years — it was built for £22,000 — the cost being shared by Herms C.C., Rickmansworth U.D.C. and the British Red Cross Society, who opened a local appeal fund and for which Club members raised a considerable sum.

The Welcome Club which had previously operated on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons only now has the use of the Hall six days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Excellent hot dinners are served on three days for 30p and tea, coffee and biscuits are available mornings and afternoons.

The Club takes part in darts competitions and enthusiasts are throwing nifty ones every morning! Every afternoon a sewing group meets (except Tuesdays), to make articles for sale at their Annual Bazaar in October, to raise money for Christmas festivities and Summer outings. On Tuesdays a whist drive is held and profits again fund outings. The

Club's "nightingales" rehearse on Fridays under the direction of Joan Gibbons; Ted Gibbons being the Accompanist. On Saturday afternoons the oldest and most disabled members are transported here to enjoy tea and entertainment — numbers then exceed a hundred.

The Club is affiliated to the Hertfordshire Old Peoples' Welfare Council and enters competitions and tournaments arranged for Clubs throughout Hertfordshire. Welfare advice and help is always available through this Council which handles all types of problems.

The Centre is not only the home of the Welcome Club — it is the Headquarters for Red Cross activities in S.W. Herts. The office is open every morning, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. for enquiries and free loan of medical equipment for home nursing (sick/maternity) or for the handicapped on a short term basis.

V.A.D. members and Junior cadets (11—15 years) are trained on Monday evenings. The Sunnyside Club for the younger handicapped folk of the district meets on Tuesdays. Meals for the "Meals-on-Wheels" service are also prepared and dispatched from the Centre.

Other facilities include jigsaw puzzle libraries for the homebound and a bath adapted for the needs of the handicapped. A Chiropodist attends daily in his own surgery at the Centre and *anyone* can go to him for foot care.

The Red Cross offers an emergency back-up service for domiciliary nursing and hospital ward duties. It offers training in first aid and provides a beauticare service in hospitals e.g. Mount Vernon. It organises holidays for the handicapped and maintains clubs and day centres for the elderly/handicapped. Assistance is given at blood donor sessions and the Red Cross helps organise tea bars and trolley shops in hospitals. The Society supplies trained escorts for the sick and handicapped and drivers for long and short distances, whilst maintaining a panel of interpreters for home and hospital needs and an international tracing agency for missing persons.

This wonderful service is offered by ordinary citizens like you who, notwithstanding home commitments, find time to train and help others who are not so fortunate. We need more volunteers in this work so please consider sparing a few hours a month either to visit the sick and/or lonely, help in the kitchen or do some driving.

Our expenses are heavy (£2,000 per year) which is not fully covered by grants and hire of the Hall in the evenings. Thus we need your donations and support at our Saturday Markets (4th Saturday in the month,

10 a.m.—12 noon), to which you may bring unwanted goods for sale and make some money for yourself.

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For further information telephone:
Rickmansworth 77485 (10 a.m.—12.30 p.m.).

COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Rickmansworth East:
: Dr. C. Nemeth (Conservative)
: Jack Vosper (Liberal)

The above candidates will vie for the representation of Croxley Green and Moor Park in this last election on the old County boundaries.

Polling date: May 5th.

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Notice to advertise and letters/contributions will be gladly accepted by Mrs. D. Mangles, 41 Fuller Way, Croxley Green, if received by July 10th, 1977.

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Early enrolment is suggested if you wish to be sure of attending the session of your choice. We regret that only 300 can be accommodated for Holiday Adventure and 50 for Junior Adventure. Please enrol any time after the 1st April, by completing the form below and forwarding it either to one of the ladies whose names are given here, or to one of the Youth Leaders at the Church.

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