



## Editorial: Chairman's Ramblings

It has been encouraging to receive a broad coverage of articles for this issue, demonstrating the ever growing activities within the community. Please continue to make us aware of these hidden talents.

Many potential subscribers have asked for guidance on how long we require the article to be. To allow as many submissions as possible, we recommend approx 300-500 words and for those anticipating an Autumn submission to our publication, we would appreciate your copy by early September '06

Throughout the latter months of 2005, the committee has been active in supporting the community in trying to prevent the proposed housing development on the O.M.T. site. The committee endeavour to assist and hopefully resolve individual concerns within the village..

At each meeting, reports from local groups such as the Road Safety, Neighbourhood Watch and Community Voice (local N.H.S. reports) are submitted and duly discussed.

Anti-social behaviour has raised its ugly profile and it is the unfortunate recipients of these actions that are left to overcome the trauma and are being left with the task of repairing the damage.

In a society that is driven by litigation for the slightest event, it is surprising that the parents are not held responsible for the behaviour of their underage children and for the financial damage caused by their offsprings' sprees.

Having returned from U.S.A it is interesting to study how other communities cope with similar problems and try to retain a balance between authority and discipline.

For certain age groups, after dusk curfews are enforced unless the minor is accompanied by an adult. If the curfew is broken, the parents face judicial consequences. This action seems to be having some effect on the anti social behaviour of minors. Let us hope that we do not have to follow this example for dealing with unwanted behaviour, but be responsible for those within our community.

### A faithful friend

Over the past 10 years, our daily routine was shared with our family dog Rusty. Besides his company an additional benefit was derived from the daily walks and on many occasions, he decided where we went within the village. We were able to meet other residents and see any changes taking place whilst taking our exercise. Unfortunately, our adventures came to an end last Autumn when our friend passed away.

Our story does not end on a sad note however, for after a few telephone calls and some basic research we hope to recommence our walks as a new puppy is on the patch and is also a direct relation to our previous mate.

Chairman Brian Norman

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A pet-loving entrepreneur has set up a local business supplying premium dog and cat foods, with free home delivery, to customers in the Croxley Green and surrounding areas. Matthew Human, from Croxley Green, joined the Husse network of franchisees earlier this year and already has many happy customers. Husse is Europe's leading home delivered cat and dog food business - producing premium quality pet foods to Swedish recipes, and delivering them free to your door. The company has been established in Europe for 17 years.

Readers may have seen Matthew out and about over the summer at various events - he attended the Revels on the Green, the Rickmansworth Canal Festival and many others. Husse is also the main sponsor for the Peace Hospice Sponsored Dog Walk on 11th June

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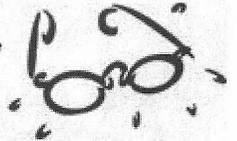
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We are all aware of the current problems of infection within our local hospital, and the endeavours that the staff have taken to try and contain these outbreaks. As with many instances the unexpected proves more important than it seems at the given moment. For many years I have been involved in the Ophthalmic industry particularly within the industrial arena where safety prescription and eye protection have to be maintained to a strict cleansing and disinfection routine. This unfortunately does not extend to one's personal spectacles, only in an advisory capacity. Most cleaning products only clean the lenses not the whole appliances.

So where is the infection? Well it came to my notice that with all the formal hand washing within the hospital, personal spectacles elude the regime of being disinfected. Taking into consideration that all contamination from the exterior atmosphere can be carried into the building, by just the act of touching the spectacles cross infection can occur to whatever one touches again. My concerns have been duly brought to the attention of the infection team via our community voice contact.

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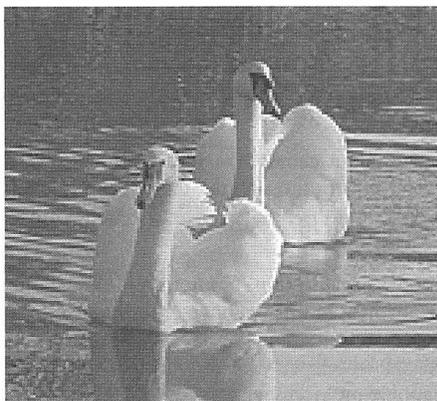
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## SWAN CARE

I witnessed a very distressing incident recently whilst out walking by Croxley Moor, our local nature reserve and SSSI. A number of dogs, were harassing and chasing 3 swans in the River Gade by swimming up and down the river, after them, for quite some time. On this occasion, the birds were not injured and eventually, the dogs were persuaded to come out of the water by the women with them.

I contacted the council and the Swan Care lady, Lis Dorer and she told me that a Croxley swan had been killed by a dog before Christmas. She then told me about her work rescuing and nursing injured swans on the canal without any financial help other than donations, and this is part of her latest newsletter.

"Another year of trials and tribulation for the swans, and grinding hard work looking after them, but at the end of treatment, triumph as they sally forth back to their natural habitat, fit and well. Every day pleas for help and advice, and the RSPCA rely upon us to receive and nurse injured birds from 5 counties.



We are concerned that the environment is deteriorating - water pollution affecting plant growth, birds contaminated by all manner of chemicals, in great distress and it is hard to establish how much internal damage has been sustained. In some cases it is too late to save adults and young and just one dying cygnet left on a nest arrived for treatment. One tiny cygnet was picked up on an approach road to the M25. We are constantly trying to assess just how their injuries occurred, easy when they are lying beneath cables, or one that hit a roof in Hemel, descended into a car windscreen and ended up in the road, but more difficult when they have been shot or swallowed a fishing

hook and line, when only expensive X rays give a clue.

Even after 27 years we learn something every day about these beautiful birds, and every swan is different in their behaviour. Some seem to realise we are helping them and co-operate during cleansing from oil pollution, changing dressings, tube-feeding when they have no appetite and having injections.

They are never here for long enough to get tame, so much damage is caused by humans, they must not be encouraged to trust them.

However, without the help of so many other 'good' humans we would not be able to function at all. The various types of food, drugs etc and bedding material for 12 sheds all have to be bought and transported in our decrepit swan ambulance. Every penny donated saves a swan, even some swan collecting boxes are still being stolen, but any support is much appreciated."

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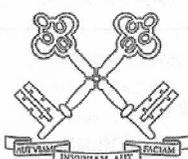
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The Trust brings together people who are passionate about canals, the local community, its history and its environment. Our aim is to excite and inform through the discovery of canals and boats at Batchworth Lock, and to involve schools, and the public, beyond Batchworth in the environment, history and heritage of the canal.

Formed in 1991, the Trust is principally an educational organisation, promoting interest in the Grand Union Canal and its environment in Rickmansworth. In this we have great support from Three Valleys Water. But it's very heavily a voluntary activity, and we have succeeded to the point where we need even more of the volunteers on whom we rely for most of our work, supporting the one professional who runs our educational programme.

- During our season (Spring to early Autumn) we
- Host school, and disadvantaged adult visits for our *educational programmes*.
- Show our replica wooden working boat, and operate a battery -powered *trip boat*.
- Organise the annual *Rickmansworth Festival*.
- Provide an *information point*, with walking, cycling and exploration information.

and we liaise between local groups, businesses and local and navigation authorities.

When the Trust was established the Batchworth Lock area was almost derelict. A decade and more later the Trust is proud of its success with an annual attendance, including Festival-goers, of more than 20,000 people. There is great demand for what we provide - information, education, entertainment and facilities.

The Trust is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee.

Next to Batchworth Lock is the *Canal Centre*, our HQ and the focus of our educational programmes as well as the point to which visitors can come for information. It's manned by volunteers at weekends in summer - and is about 30 minutes stroll from Croxley Green!

*Come and join in* - as a member or as a volunteer, or both, to help make the best of our waterways heritage for *others*, and in particular to

- **Help** - with running, especially, our educational programmes; or perhaps on the Committee or in the various other jobs needed to support the Trust's work.
- **Learn to crew** our boats, both the working boat Roger and our electric-powered trip boat Pride of Batchworth. There's room for all, from the experienced expert to the interested beginner.
- **Support** the Canal Festival, which we organise and promote each May.
- **Work with us:** The Trust has only a tiny staff We need people to maintain and run the boats and Lock Centre, to help with the educational programme, to join the Festival team, or to guide the many who come to learn about the Rickmansworth Waterways.

Contact the Membership Secretary, Fabian Hiscock, through the Canal Centre at 99 Church Street Rickmansworth WD3 1 JJ or on 01923 245407.

**With your help** we can make the most of the waterways around Rickmansworth, open them up to local people, and give our young people access to their heritage.

## WATER POLO

I started water polo when I was ten. It all began when I went to watch my uncle play at Watford baths, and the manager for the Watford team asked me to come to training, and bring as many friends as I could.

I brought four friends and me along to Watford baths on Sunday at 4:30, and we got to practice our passing, and I could only throw it across the width, but now, three years later, I can throw it the whole length!! (25m). Once I had been there about three months, we had a whole team of seven players plus two subs. We were playing in The Under Twelve's. We were taught all the rules; it's a bit like playing football and rugby in water.

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We did quite well in our first and second matches, but in our third we did terribly, because the last team were one of the strongest teams in the region.

But now, three years later, I am playing in under 16's and it is great!

Water polo is now starting at Rickmansworth School, in the New Year on Tuesdays after school, so you should come along and give it a go!

Watford team is looking for under twelve's, so come along with as many friends as you can. Contact Steve at: wscpolo@string1.demon.co.uk

I suggest that you should go out and play it because it is great FUN!

By Matthew Eggleton, aged 12

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# The Rickmansworth Festival

## Celebrating our Canals and Environment

20th and 21st May 2006

The Festival team are working hard to make this year's event one of the best ever. A celebration of the waterways and the environment for over ten years, the Rickmansworth Festival is the major event on the local calendar, and people come from far and wide.

The Festival is supported by Three Rivers District Council, British Waterways, Hertfordshire Police, Three Valleys Water and the Inland Waterways Association.

The main attraction for many of us is the boats - historic working boats to visit and watch, modern boats, steam boats ... all sorts. Many new activities are being planned this year as well. There will be greater focus on and around the canal, with the educational work of the Rickmansworth Waterways Trust to be showcased at Batchworth, along with the Stoke Bruerne Canal Museum - lots there for children and adults alike. Also at Batchworth we will have the grand opening of the Model Canal System, complete with working locks and canal boats. A boat handling competition and "music on the cut" at Batchworth each afternoon are just some of the attractions to enhance the festival atmosphere and to complement the legendary Ricky Tug-O-War.

We have top canal band Keepers Lock booked for the weekend, and have a full program of free entertainment showcasing young musicians such as the Blag Singing Group, Sambuka and students from the West Herts College. The entertainment program on the main stage runs from late morning on Saturday and Sunday with entertainment running to 10.30pm on Saturday.

The Three Rivers environment marquee will include Compassion in World Farming, Butterfly Conservation, Friends of the Withey Beds and Friends of the Earth. With a funfair, trade stalls, a full range of catering and a beer tent in the Aquadrome, the Rickmansworth Festival makes an exciting day out for all the family. Parking and admission are free: but members of the Rickmansworth Waterways Trust will be on duty, buckets in hand, to receive donations to support the work of the Trust, particularly its very popular education programme for primary school children, so we hope people donate generously.

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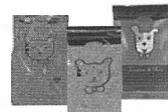


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## CROXLEY GREEN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - JANUARY 2006

### DISTRACTION BURGLARIES / BOGUS CALLERS



Last week there were several cases in Three Rivers, mainly around the Cedars Estate and in Croxley and out towards Hemel. I am sorry to report that one occurred in Chess Vale Rise where three people forced their way in, one then holding the occupant in the kitchen whilst the others made a long untidy search of the house. A neighbour who disturbed them was also assaulted but got away. A similar case occurred in Watford three days later. In both cases the victims were able to give the Police good and similar

descriptions which can be circulated.

In these types of case it is usual for one person to keep the householder occupied whilst an associate slips in unseen and makes a search for cash and jewellery. However in Croxley and Watford it appears to be a unusually nasty group who it is thought have been using an old silver Peugeot estate. West Herts Police have a special unit to deal with these types of crime which have a high priority; but this group is a special target.

Many excuses are used to gain entry to homes but in recent cases it has been a

ball has gone into the garden or there is dirty water in the pipes and they need to check the taps.

With these crimes the criminals target the elderly who are unlikely to offer any resistance or often be able to give the Police reliable details or good descriptions. Unfortunately we now have to take great care in dealing with callers at the door. Try to see who it is before you open the door and if you do not know them use a door chain. Do not let anyone in who you cannot identify. When not using it keep the back door locked - do not allow someone to get in the back whilst a partner keeps you talking at the front. Keep a watch out for any suspicious strangers hanging around your home or your neighbours'.

## BARTON WAY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION



Following the AGM. last April the Editor asked me to write a few words about the Assn. I thought what on 'earth' can you write about Allotments - not realising the pun. To my knowledge they have always been there; that is from the mid 1920's. At that time they also covered what is now the car park, the Community Centre & the Parish Council Office & Garage, with just a track going from the Red Cross Centre to the present footpath by the Community Centre on up to the Green. In, I believe, the mid 1980s the BWAS was formed when Three Rivers Council gave up the direct administration of the allotments and leased the area to the newly formed association. If anyone has any information or photographs of the

association in times past or can correct any of the above please contact me, telephone 234601.

A small committee now administer the site, collecting rents, checking & repairing fences, letting plots to new tenants, and overseeing any new projects which arise. This keeps costs to a minimum, and enables us to let plots at £2 a sq pole or £10 for our average size allotment, although this may rise marginally in near future. We are in the happy situation of having a short waiting list of prospective tenants with 100% of our plots occupied. If you are thinking of some gentle exercise in the fresh air amongst Friendly neighbours then phone our Secretary Janet Tublin 01923-721067. Don't worry if you know nothing about gardening, there will be plenty of advice, often contradictory! The skill is deciding which to follow.

Socially we arranged three events last year. A stall at the Revels, and a barbeque in July were both well supported, and a bonfire and barbeque near Guy Fawkes Night. Mentioning bonfires, I understand that some of our tenants have caused distress with smoke from fires to residents in Barton Way and Fuller Way. For this please accept our apologies, The last thing we want is to be bad neighbours. We have now arranged with Three Rivers Council to provide a number of 'brown bins', as a trial, to take waste which cannot be composted on site.

At the moment we are working with the Parish Council to divert the rainwater from the roof of the garage and workshop into three 750 litre water tanks, which, if successful, will save precious water and to which we can add more in the future.

So come and join us it could just be FUN, and certainly it is very rewarding.

Colin Lucas Chairman

## LACEMAKING - You Never Know Until You Try



Croxley Green has many thriving craft groups, one of which is the Lacemakers. Lacemaking in England goes back to the 16th century when refugees fleeing religious persecution in Europe brought the craft with them.

The craft has a varied and chequered history. At one time the import of lace was prohibited and as a consequence was smuggled into the country in a number of ways, including in coffins with people who had died abroad.

As lace was so highly prized it was only the very rich who could afford it. You only have to look at old paintings to see how sumptuous some pieces were - some must have involved hundreds of hours

work. At the other end of the scale is the lacemaker often working long hours at her pillow in between looking after house and children for very little money. In some villages everyone was involved in the lace industry, either designing, making or selling the lace. The children were taught at Lace Schools - even the boys.

Lacemaking has a fascinating history. Why not be part of this amazing craft? We meet every Thursday evening in the library from 7.30p. m. We organise our own Lace Day each November when we meet other lacemakers, put in a few pins, chat a lot and Have the opportunity to buy those "essential" supplies.

Come along and see us. We do have equipment available for you to use but if

you would like to come along give Elaine Norman a ring on 01923 779331 so we can have all you need ready for use. Only a few of us could make lace when the group started and we have made mats, motifs for cards, bookmarks, wedding garters and items for a dolls house amongst other things, so give it a go. You never know what you can do until you try.

Barbara Pope



A recent display at Croxley Library

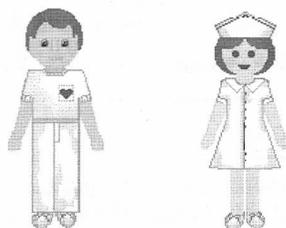
## Nurses and Knees

**Nurses are the bee's knees. They combine professional expertise and efficiency with a calm compassion. They care for us when we are ill and vulnerable. They see us damaged, even dying, and don't turn away. We might not trust the doctor who, surrounded by his entourage, talks at us from the end of the bed. But we do trust the nurse who sits down afterwards and explains what is really going on. Cynics who know that I married a nurse may be suspicious of my motives here, but I mean it – nurses are great. And nurses are increasingly becoming the key professionals in modern primary health care delivery.**

If you have read these columns before, you may have come across the occasional incoherent rant about some of the changes foisted on the NHS by the politicians we elect to govern us and their armies of administrators. My main experience is in general practice, most people's first point of contact with the healthcare system. I have worked in the same practice in Croxley since 1982. In this time, my employing authority has changed from the Family Practitioner Committee, to the Family Health Services Association, to the Primary Care Group and finally the Primary Care Trust. Somewhere in the middle, fund-holding was dreamt up. At the time politicians promised greater choice for patients, speaking of "the money following the patient". In reality there was little change as most fund-holding GPs wanted to support their local hospitals for fear they might otherwise be lost to their communities. Fund-holding came and fund-holding went.

A new experiment in how the health service delivers your health care is now underway. This time, instead of GP practices being given budgets to purchase specialist care for their patients, GP practices are being invited to take on budgets to purchase specialist care for their patients. Have you spotted the similarity? There is a difference though. The name is different. This time it's called Practice Based Commissioning and it will clearly be a significant administrative task. The government has said practice based commissioning will have to pay for itself by making savings on the secondary care it purchases. To make savings big enough to administer the scheme, practices will have to group together into larger commissioning units, probably geographically based. Rather like the soon-to-be-disbanded Watford and Three Rivers Primary Care Trust which, with its excellent Professional Executive Committee, you may well think would have been well-placed to purchase secondary care for patients in this community while leaving GP services to get on with delivering primary care! Enough said.

My apologies for the above digression. We were talking about nurses and how they are evolving. Increasingly they are becoming highly qualified specialists.



Many years ago we were lucky enough to have an excellent diabetic specialist nurse living and working in Croxley Green. Elizabeth helped many of our patients learn about their diabetes and get on top of it. She helped to put them in control. Nowadays many GP practices have nurse experts in a variety of specialities. More and more, nurses provide complex care to large numbers of patients with long-term conditions such as diabetes, asthma, chronic obstructive lung disease, coronary heart disease and hypertension. Nurses advise on contraception, and for years they have been carrying out health promotion checks for men and women.

In many practices, nurses are diagnosing and treating patients with a range of common ailments – working in the so-called "minor illness clinics", a rotten name for nurse-led clinics that make a real difference to the patients they see. Those of you who have to take warfarin will be used to attending the nurse-led anticoagulation clinic at the hospital, and these clinics are increasingly going to be run by a specially trained nurse within your local practice. All of these nurses have undergone specialist training to equip them for their new roles and are supported by the doctors working alongside them.

Unlike practice based commissioning, the dawn of specialist nurses in both primary and secondary care is a positive change in the NHS that has been helped along by policies dictated by central government. The demands of the new GP contract that shook up primary care two years ago and set targets for the management of patients with chronic diseases could only be met with the help of larger surgery teams of specialist nurses and health care assistants. So practices around the country employed more nursing staff and invested in their training programmes. You will probably have noticed the difference in your own surgery. Nowadays, if you're an asthma sufferer,

most of your asthma management will be guided by your practice's asthma nurse. If you have diabetes you will probably find it is the practice's diabetes specialist nurse who carries out your regular reviews. The same is likely to apply to patients with high blood pressure and the other conditions we already mentioned.

And unlike many changes happening around us, this one is not "dumbing down". Nurses are good at chronic disease management, just as they are good at managing minor illnesses, carrying out health promotion, helping patients stop smoking and many other specialised areas of health care. They look after their patients well. They also know that they have the support of the doctors in their practice to call upon whenever they need it. So next time you need a review of your blood pressure treatment, or a check-up about your asthma, diabetes or COPD, try asking for the practice specialist nurse. The same applies if you want help with an acute illness such as a cough, sore throat or cystitis – ask to see the minor illness nurse. It's not every day you meet the bee's knees!

Nigel Corp, General Practitioner

## Getting a kick out of Tae kwon-Do

This time last year, a friend and I thought we'd try out Tae Kwon-Do at Rickmansworth Secondary School. The club is very friendly and welcomes people of all ages. Children can start learning from the age of five or you could start from the age of 65! Tae Kwon-Do is a Korean martial art founded by General Choi Hong Hi in April 11 1955. Tae Kwon-Do is mainly for self defence, but is also great for keeping fit.

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By  
Matthew Eggleton  
aged 12  
Yellow belt



## CROXLEY GREEN WAR MEMORIAL



Many people will not be aware that the War Memorial on the Green has a significant number of names, many long forgotten and many who do not have any details recorded as to their family details, active service etc.

Malcolm Coles, who's father, Flight Lieutenant Aubrey Coles DFC flew over 37 operations for 158 Squadron in 1944, enquired via the Roll of Honour web site about details of his father's sister Olive Ruth Coles. The web site gives records on any war memorial in the U.K. As a result he was able to give information that she had died on active service at RAF Sturgate, Lincolnshire from TB through poor living conditions and lack of medical care.

Malcolm's father is alive and well and living in Frinton-on-Sea, Essex as is his brother Victor Coles DFM who was a 'special operator' on L.iberators in India.



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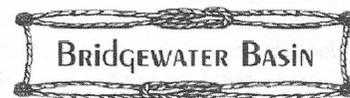
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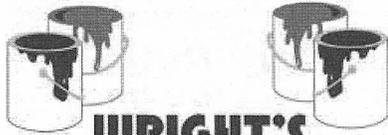
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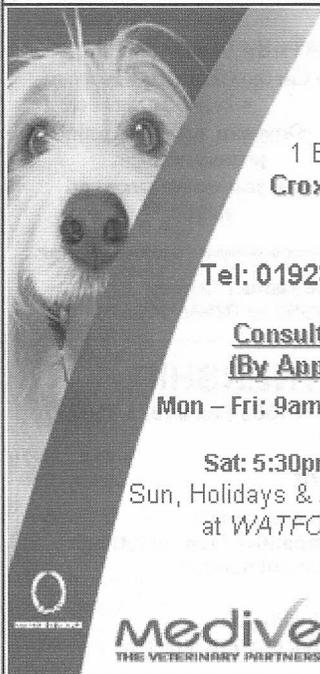
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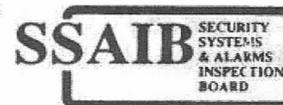
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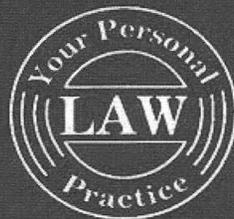
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