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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

If you have read our address, then you might think that we have moved - but this is not so. We have, in response to requests, obtained a proper address instead of being: *off Barton Way*. The road leading to the Car Park has now been designated Community Way which should help people to find us more easily, not to mention the other premises in this little close.

Otherwise little has changed and, now we are well established and have ongoing activities, there is nothing very new to report. Our Funday and the annual Garden Competition are covered within and our Poop Scoop Campaign continues. There is news of a possible venture into providing play equipment, in association with TRDC for our younger teenagers. Other ideas are in the pipeline which we hope that we can bring to fruition. One exciting idea is for a Craft Fair/Exhibition on the Green next September which, we hope, will become an annual event.

The Millennium is in everyone's mind at the moment and we are working on several ideas, hopefully in co-operation with our District Councillors. Planning is at an early stage but we are conscious that much planning is required and we hope to be able to bring you more definite news in our next edition.

Meanwhile, we are always pleased to hear from you, for you are the people we represent. We believe that we contain a good cross-section of our community but your views are always welcome and may lead to bigger and better things.

VANISHING SCHOOLS

The article from Harvey Road School has caused me to think back over my school career. I started School shortly before the Second World War began and attended Yorke Road School. My first teacher was Miss Bridge and it is now clear that this was her first class after qualification. My son went to Yorke Mead School and was there when she retired as Headmistress. Yorke Road School is still there but no longer a school, having been replaced by a more up-to-date building. I remember outside looses that froze in the Winter, roaring fires in large grates to heat the rooms and our third pint bottles of milk standing in the hearth to take off the freezing chill. I spent some happy years there. Then I moved on to the fairly new wooden shack that was Harvey Road School. In the play area there was a least one underground air raid shelter and I remember singing lustily in the dimly lit shelter whilst enemy planes sported overhead. My other strong memories include the allotment gardens, how I hated them, and several teachers. Miss Kneale(?) who wielded a mighty slipper and have fondest memories of Miss Bardsley who believed in me when I had not yet learnt to believe in myself. Alleluia, the temporary wooden hut is no more and we now have a superb modern building. My memories remain.

I then went on, having surmounted the scholarship (11+) examination, to Watford Central School in Derby Road, now a primary school but then a Grammar School.

My sisters went to Durrants School which sadly has gone, but many former pupils still have happy memories of this truly local school.

During my adult years I have seen Malvern Way School, Little Green School and Rickmansworth School appear. They have all become part of our community but the fondest memories of my generation must be for Yorke Road, Harvey Road and Durrants.

All of us have memories and these should be recorded unless we forget and future generations are unaware of them. If you have any please contact Margaret Pomfret.

John Hedges.

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NEVER EARLY - SOMETIMES LATE

TO WATFORD TOWN CENTRE - EVERY FRIDAY*

1st Journey

Winton Drive/ Approach	9.30am
Shaftesbury 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
Hazelwood Rd/Beechcroft Ave	10.03am
Frankland Rd/Harvey Rd.	10.05am
Chalmers Court	10.08am
All Saints Lane Outside Church	10.10am
Return from Watford	12.30pm

3rd Journey

Junction Links Way & Warwick Way	10.30am
Junction Links Way & Dover Way	10.31am
Junction Links Way & Little Green Lane	10.32am
Junction Little Green Lane & Durrants Drive	10.33am
Junction Durrants Drive & Dover Way	10.34am
Kenilworth Drive / Baldwins Lane (Footpath)	10.36am
Manor Way	10.38am
Grove Court	10.40am
New Road Methodist Church	10.43am
New Road / Barton Way (Library)	10.44am
Return from Watford	1.00pm

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1. It is the intention of the Parish Council that the bus does not leave the departure points before the stated times. Traffic problems may cause the service to be a little late on occasions.
2. Passengers may return by any Community Bus but should note that there may not always be a spare seat on the preferred bus. (CHECK with DRIVER).
3. Future alterations to the timetable will be notified in advance.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

The pleasure garden of All Saints Church gives happiness to many residents in the long summer months as they wander through it or sit down to have a picnic. On a quiet summer day it is a haven of tranquillity.

Not many people realise that in June 1897, at Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, an oak tree was planted just outside, on the corner at the end of the garden. There it stands today - the plaque is quite clear underneath it. It is not a very big tree, even after one hundred years, and yet our country has gone from being a huge empire, covering twenty-five per cent of the world's surface, back to the little island we know today.

Queen Victoria used her Jubilee to celebrate the fact that her dominions were, at that time, the largest empire that the world had ever known and yet today nothing remains. We can reflect that, though empires wax and wane, the mighty oak takes centuries to reach maturity and so does all woodland.

Planting trees is something we are good at in Croxley Green; the fact that so many memorials of past glories are still alive and thriving today, gives an element of continuity to the placid life of our close-knit community.

Sincerely, **D S Wynne-Jones.**

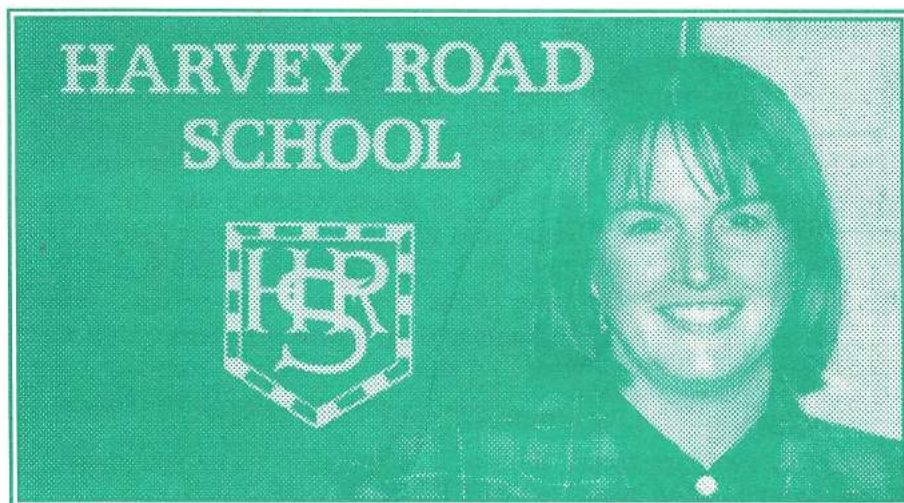
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NAME SEARCH FOR OUR YOUNG READERS

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Can you find the surnames of our sixteen Parish Councillors in this grid of letters? You can read across, backwards, up, down or diagonally. Hint - there is a list on front page.

OLD GIRL IS NEW HEAD FOR NEW SCHOOL



The Children of Harvey Road School, Croxley Green, are now settling into the new purpose built building which replaced the wooden 'temporary hut' built in 1938.

However, there is another significant change at the school. Alison Gauntlett, who has been Acting Head since the retirement of Alan Nicholson, has just been appointed to the position full time.

Alison has a long association with the school, having attended Harvey Road before going on to Watford Girls. She came back to Harvey Road as a class teacher in 1988, becoming Deputy Head in 1991.

"Little did I imagine that when I left here as an eleven year old, I would eventually return and take the Headship! It is a very exciting time in the history of the school and I look forward to its continued development. One of the great strengths of the school is the strong community spirit which exists and I welcome the opportunity to be part of it"

Mr Alan Nicholson, who has been at Harvey Road School for 23 years, said: "I have been very fortunate, over the years, to have had wonderful colleagues who have been very loyal and

supportive. I shall miss the contact with the children and the school community."

Mr Nicholson said he was promised a new school on his appointment, adding: "That was in 1975 and it has taken them 22 years to keep their promise. But I feel it is appropriate that I leave now as I feel part of the fittings."

Outside the classroom he is a keen singer and has been a member of the Cassio Operatic Society since 1962.

The governors wish Alan all the very best in his retirement.

He has served the Croxley Green community well for many years. We are all very grateful, particularly that he pushed so hard for the new school.

This is a very exciting time for the school. We are extremely pleased to have appointed someone with Alison's drive and commitment as Headteacher. She has always shown great ability and vision, and with a very strong team of staff, Harvey Road School is well set for the future.

Greg Hill
Chair of Governors
Harvey Road School
(38 Copthorne Road)

SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE?

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TAKING YOUR DOG FOR A WALK



During 1996 the Parish Council in line with many other local authorities throughout the country considered ways in which to encourage owners to clean up after their dogs, this was also in response to many residents who already actively removed "deposits" left by their pet and requested facilities to dispose of them.

A number of bins had already been provided and it was agreed to increase these and place extra bins in areas where it was felt they were needed. Poop Scoop bags were also made available FREE OF CHARGE from the Parish Office.

A poster competition involving local school children was very successful as part of this campaign and an extra prize was given for a winning slogan:

"Even Good Dogs Need A Poop so Don't Leave Home Without Your Scoop"

Since this time the Council has made provision for even more Doggy Bins for your convenience (or your dogs!!) and have now for a trial period agreed with the Library to make available **FREE POOP SCOOP BAGS**. They can be obtained during normal Library hours or the Parish Office Monday to Friday 10.00am to 2.00pm.

LOCATION OF DOG BINS		7	Little Green Lane (Durrants Drive & Norwich Way)	14	Mill Lane (tow path)
1	New Road Footpath (opposite Yorke Road)	8	Rousebarn Lane (nr Links Way Footpath)	15	Malvern Way (urban footpath)
2	Croxley Hall Woods (end of Harvey Road)	9	Rousebarn Lane (Baldwins Lane end)	16	Owens Way (urban footpath)
3	Stones Orchard (entrance)	10	Cassiobridge Recreation Ground (play area)	17	Baldwins Lane Recreation Ground (near play area)
4	Stones Orchard (centre)	11	Cassiobridge Recreation Ground (tow path)	18	Baldwins Lane Recreation Ground (car park area)
5	Barton Way Recreation Ground (play area)	12	Sycamore Approach (Watford Road junction)	19	Dickinsons Field (nr Council Offices)
6	Barton Way Recreation Ground (pavilion)	13	Valley Walk (urban footpath)	20	Dickinsons Field (nr school)

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BONFIRES

These days Air Pollution is on most peoples minds. It is now possible to have recycling for most garden waste, by having an Earth Machine Compost Bin for recycling it should not be necessary to have garden bonfires at all.

This Summer has been very hot, having the air polluted by these nuisances could be a thing of the past. It is not very nice going to bed with your house filled with unwelcome smells. When the air is still, these smoky smells linger in the air for some hours, neighbours have to close windows and doors. That is not what you want when its very hot outside. Please always tell your neighbours if you intend to light a bonfire. They can be dangerous if unattended they can cause problems to Asthmatics, Bronchitis sufferers and those with Heart problems and be a danger to small children and animals who hide in them.

Please consider recycling your waste at home and making compost - an Earth Machine Compost Bin can be obtained from Three Rivers District Council - telephone 01923 711318.

If you don't want to recycle garden refuse, green sacks are available at Croxley Green Library and Three Rivers House, Rickmansworth price 40p each. These sacks and labels should be deposited with your household refuse and will automatically be collected.

Just a few guidelines to remember on bonfires if you have to light one:

- ♦ Only burn dry material
- ♦ Never burn household rubbish, rubber tyres or anything containing plastic, foam or paint.
- ♦ Never use old engine oil, meths or petrol to light any fires or to encourage it.
- ♦ Avoid burning when the wind will carry the smoke into homes or over roads blocking out visibility.
- ♦ Avoid burning at all. Avoid when air quality is poor (you can get advice by phoning the Air Quality Information Service on 0800 556677 or checking on ceefax 196). Always put it out by dousing with water before you leave it. Don't be a nuisance recycle it and make our AIR better.

Cllr Lesley Rees

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Meet: Outside IMC main entrance,
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Croxley Green Volunteers/
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for more details contact:
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To: All Shops In Croxley Green



CHEER UP CROXLEY FOR CHRISTMAS

Croxley Green Parish Council
will present three prizes of
£75, £50 and £25
for the

BEST DRESSED WINDOW DISPLAYS FOR CHRISTMAS 1997



For further details contact CGPC

FAMILY FUNDAY

On Sunday 6 July 1997 the Parish Council organised a Funday event on The Green. It was a beautiful summers day where families could appreciate the beauty of The Green and the community could use this expanse of land.

Families were invited and took part in egg and spoon, three legged, sack races and a Tug of War between teams.

This all took place in between picnics that the families brought along.

A mammoth rounders match between boys/dads and girls/mums ended the day at 6.00pm.

Next July we hope to repeat the event and have the children enter in age groups a "Best Face Painted Boiled Egg Competition" prior to racing. We hope you will come along, enjoy your surroundings and meet others from Croxley. A letter will be sent to all primary schools as will posters, see you in the Summer of 1998!!

Cllr Robert Ridley



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Croxley Green Parish Council
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5TH ANNUAL GARDEN COMPETITION



This year has been the 5th year the Parish Council has held a Garden Competition for the local residents.

The judging of the preliminary round is both rewarding as well as extremely difficult to mark.

Each garden is a joy to look round as well as being able to spend some time chatting to the gardeners hearing about their favourite plants/shrubs etc. All gardens have some special feature which is a pride to the gardeners to "show off". Once all the gardens have been viewed and photographed it is up to the Final Judges to place them in order of merit - an even more difficult task.

Final Judges

Cllr Phil Brading
Chairman of TRDC

Harvey Wardell
Parks and Woodlands Officer TRDC

Dave Cartwright
D&J Nurseries The Green

Cllr Margaret Pomfret
Cllr Vivian Rhodie

Preliminary Judges

Cllr Roger Cattermoul
Cllr Tim Davis
Cllr Gabby Gallet
Mrs Muriel Good
Mrs Sally Herbert
Cllr Christine Jefford
Cllr Margaret Pomfret
Cllr Sheila Wright

The Parish Council is especially grateful to D&J Nurseries who once again provided the winners of each category with an additional prize of a gift voucher to spend in their nursery.

On Friday 19 September all the entrants to this competition were invited to join together in an Awards Evening at the Parish Council Offices and this too is

an event that is an opportunity for many residents to share. Some gardeners decided to "knock and view" the opposition in a friendly way.

It has been agreed that this event will take place again next year so if you have considered taking part but never entered all you need is a front garden or small/large rear garden and an entry form which will appear in the next issue of the Parish Pump. Have a go!!

Cllr Margaret Pomfret



**WINNERS
1997**

FRONT GARDEN

Winner

Mr & Mrs Martin, 54 Harvey Road

Very Highly Commended

Mr Sills, 1 Dulwich Way

Highly Commended

Mrs Quelch, 92 Barton Way

Highly Commended

Mrs Windle, "Faraway" Little Green Lane

Commended

Mrs Paddick, 52 Dickinson Avenue
Mrs Langford, 2 Sherbourne Way
Mrs & Mrs Fishpool, 43 Valley Walk

BACK GARDEN (SMALL)

Winner

Mrs Quelch, 92 Barton Way

Very Highly Commended

Mr Stockley, 75 Springfield Close

Very Highly Commended

Mr Langford, 2 Sherbourne Way

Highly Commended

Mrs Windle, "Faraway" Little Green Lane

Commended

Mr & Mrs Edwards, 3 Lancing Way
Mr & Mrs West, 35 Barton Way

BACK GARDEN (LARGE)

Winner

Mr Benning, 69 Valley Walk

Very Highly Commended

Mrs Quittenton, 71 Valley Walk

PUBLIC HOUSES

Winner

The Artichoke, The Green

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RECREATION EQUIPMENT

The Parish Council is now in dialogue with both Three Rivers District Council and Rickmansworth Grammar School who have both shown keen interest about installing recreation equipment for our 10-16 year olds (as reported in Issue 10 - April 1997)

We at the Parish Council are waiting for Three Rivers District Council to tell us where a suitable site could be available and for any possible input of money from both TRDC and RGS for the purchase of equipment. the Parish Council should hopefully be budgeting for this next year.

Cllr Robert Ridley