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# The Parish Pump

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## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I am pleased to hold this office in what, I believe, to be a most exciting time in the life of this Council.

Not only are we getting actively involved in the life of the community, as can be seen from the reports in this issue, but we are attempting to grasp the nettle and carry out functions such as those currently being performed by our long established fellow Councils.

As a first step we shall shortly employ a general assistant whose tasks will be to generally improve the environment in which we live. You can help by using official dumps and litter bins instead of open spaces. At first the scope of this work will be limited.

We receive a number of complaints that our efforts are concentrated on the Green. We do not apologise for this but unfortunately we cannot interfere with tasks which are contracted by TRDC

unless they agree to delegate these responsibilities. We are in discussions with them.

The Council Tax has shown that local responsibilities are costly. Traditionally works to playing fields, woods and open spaces were part of the general rate levied by the District, but now they appear as special expenses and are shown as being levied for the particular parish. We believe that we can perform these functions, due to local knowledge and involvement, more efficiently than from a central source however well meaning and conscientious. We believe that our management of the Green demonstrates this fact. Where our fellow Parish Councils run these aspects of local government, it is evident that there is local accountability and value for money.

We want you to take part in our considerations for the local community and with the opening of the Parish Office we hope to hear from you and your concerns.

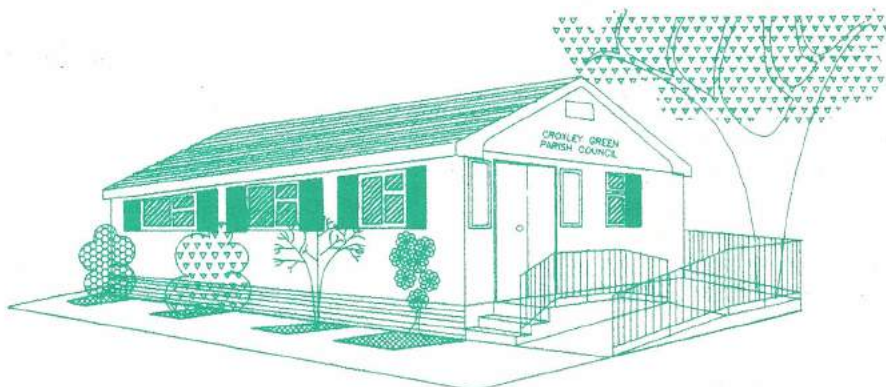
The Parish Council is here to stay and will only become irrelevant if you do not take an interest. Support us and we will endeavour to support you. It is your Council - make it work for you.

**John T Hedges - Council Chairman**

## PARISH OFFICE

On a fortunately dry day, Friday 2nd April, the prefabricated building was delivered, in two halves, to its site adjacent to the Community Centre. As you can imagine it caused some interest in Barton Way and the news will have travelled fast.

## CROXLEY GREEN'S PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE



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It is important that this office is seen by the Community as a source of information and it will be open each weekday morning, when complete, between the hours of 10.00am and 2.00pm.

Until then the Clerk will continue to operate from his home which, with the Council becoming more active, is becoming an unacceptable imposition. The office, though impressive, is of modest size and cost. It will prove much cheaper than renting accommodation and will not only house the Council's administration and meetings but should be available for use as a committee room for a variety of local organisations, which presently find it difficult to find premises.

We would urge you to use the office for communicating your concerns and contacting your representatives. It is your office and is there to serve you.

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## ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITY COMMITTEE



During the forthcoming year we are aiming to initiate many schemes that will make Croxley Green an even more pleasant place in which to live.

This will start with the Annual Clean-up Days on April 17th and 18th. In the meantime help us by being aware of and using the Dog-bins in our playing fields. It makes sense.

The results of the poster competition for our anti-litter campaign are set out elsewhere. The winning designs will be displayed around the Parish and hopefully, weather permitting, a display from each school will be shown on Revels Day, June 19th.

The Garden Competition (see Entry Form) is to take place during the summer and we are looking forward to a 'blossoming' display from as many residents etc. who will join in.

We have continued down Scots Hill, planting more daffodils and this spring should see the first showing of daffodils in front of Baldwins Lane recreation ground.

## Open Spaces

These are important areas for the community of Croxley Green and its visitors to enjoy shared activities that enable groups of all ages to come together. Others can provide places for quiet contemplation or a refuge for wild life.

One particular area - Stone's Orchard, just off the Green - is such a place. Recently we provided 25 Cherry trees that have been planted, staked and protected which we feel will bring much pleasure in the future for our community who use this area for either walks or to picnic?

Last autumn the Green was thoroughly inspected and we have become aware of nettles and brambles around the perimeter, encroaching onto the grassed area. As this is one of our important recreational areas, in which our community can pursue leisure interests, we have started a maintenance programme beginning with the removal of these to restore the boundary line. Further inspections will take place during the summer.

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## Parish Paths

We are examining the possibilities of joining a new scheme, called the Parish Paths Partnership initiated by the Countryside Commission, whereby practical assistance is given to maintain footpaths such as those leading to the Chess or through Croxley Hall Woods. Committee members have undertaken to walk all of our parish paths to report on their condition.

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## Community Security

It has been constantly reported how Croxley Green has been a target area for criminal activities and this has been of much concern to us. We are actively co-operating with PC Bob Cobey, our Community Policeman, and the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme to revitalise the awareness of our need to be more vigilant and security minded.

The scheme relies on the help and goodwill of volunteers - co-ordinators and stewards - to distribute copies of the Watch Bulletin (issued by Watford Police Station) to households. Unfortunately, owing to financial restraints and time to distribute, the scheme also relies on the copies being passed on from one household to another. Many households, for various reasons, are not seeing a copy of this monthly communique. If you do not see a copy and would like to assist in the scheme (not an onerous task) or would like any other information concerning your particular road, please ring

**Derek Thompson on 778979.**

We are hoping to encourage the residents who are part of the scheme and receive the monthly copy of *The Watch* to pass on this copy to their neighbours as many, at present, do not.

Look out for the co-operation of Neighbourhood Watch, Police and the Parish Council at this year's Revels, where a display and information area will be available for your questions.

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## Village Cleanliness & Recycling

As mentioned earlier, we are encouraging the use of litter bins through our Anti Litter Poster Campaign. We would like to remind or make you aware of the facilities for recycling bottles and now also Newspapers/clothes/cans in Barton Way Car Park. (Newspapers, magazines and paper have for a long time been collected by the Scouts at their headquarters in Watford Road, so please do not forget them).

**Margaret Pomfret -  
Committee Chairman**

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## THE COMMUNITY BUS



Those readers who use the Friday Bus Service will know that the Council has increased the fare to 60p. However this still remains very good value for money. There is a limit to the funds available to subsidise special services and it is anticipated that other calls will be made on similar funds in the future.

At the time of writing this article it is evident that at least one run each Friday is being oversubscribed and so the Council has grasped the nettle and decided to make an extra run each Friday morning.

In the meantime, there may be occasions when, due to overdemand, there could be some delay whilst a further run is organised. In these circumstances we would ask you to be patient, the delay will be no more than half-an-hour. Remember, this transport service provides almost a door-to-door service. It never runs early and only occasionally late and then only by a matter of a few minutes.



## TIMETABLE

### CROXLEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY BUS SERVICE

#### Every Friday Morning

(When a Friday falls on a Bank Holiday, then the Bus will run on the Thursday before).

#### Departs:

Junc Winton Drive/ Claremont Crescent	9.30am
Shaftesbury Court	9.33am
Hanover Court	9.38am
Return from Watford	12 noon

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Junc Beechcroft/ Hazlewood Road	10.00am
Junc Frankland/ Harvey Road	10.02am
Chalmers Court	10.05am
Return from Watford	12.30pm

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Junc Links Way/ Warwick Way	10.30am
Junc Links Way/ Dover Way	10.32am
Junc Dover Way/ Durrants Drive	10.34am
Baldwins Lane Baptist Church	10.36am
Grove Court	10.38am
New Road Methodist Church	10.40am
New Road Red Cross Centre	10.42am
Return from Watford	1.00pm

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The return fare is 60p

### ANTI-LITTER POSTER CAMPAIGN



There was a good response from the schools with over 320 entries. The standard was very high and the selection of the best a very difficult task to perform. However the following children were judged to have submitted the best over all:

#### 5 - 8 yrs Group

1st. Richard Bailey (6)	Yorke Mead
2nd. Michael Duck (8)	Harvey Road
3rd. Emma Erkul (7)	Harvey Road

#### 9 - 11 yrs Group

1st. Kirsty Gordon (10)	Harvey Road
2nd. Andrew Cook (10)	Yorke Mead
3rd. Lee Cupit (10)	Harvey Road

#### 11+ Group

1st. Hannah Smallbone (11)	Harvey Road
2nd. Joanne Byrne (11)	Yorke Mead
3rd. Sarah Tebb (11)	Harvey Road

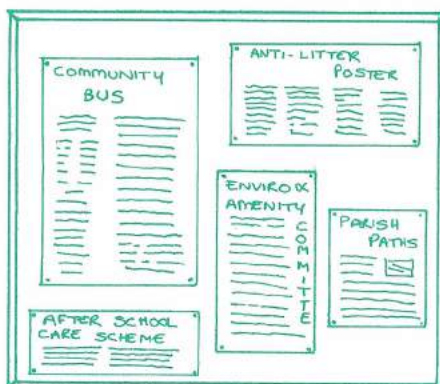
It was considered that both Harvey Road and Yorke Mead Schools had jointly produced both a good number and a high standard of original ideas regarding the disposal of litter i.e. the use of Litter Bins to keep Croxley Green tidy. The prize for the Schools will therefore be divided between them.

The Prize Giving will take place during the Revels afternoon on June 19th in the main arena, following the return of the procession, by the Chairman of the Parish Council.

Well done and thankyou to all those entries a selection of which will be displayed on the Parish Council's stand during the afternoon.

A reproduction of the first of the winning entries will be displayed around the Parish for 4 months followed by further winning entries, again for 4 months periods.

### PUBLICITY COMMITTEE



The publicity Committee was set up some 15 months ago with the main aim of producing the **Parish Pump**, the first edition of which was produced in February 1992. As well as using this medium, the committee is responsible for communicating, in other ways, the work and aims of the Parish Council on behalf of the community.

Currently our activities include the creation of a Village Map for Croxley Green which was reported in the last edition of the **Parish Pump** and also in **The Resident**. Work is proceeding but we have many and varied ideas that need to be reduced to manageable size in order to get a good cross-section of people's favourite things on the map. In the time honoured way progress is somewhat slower than anticipated, however, enthusiasm and commitment is undiminished and we will keep you informed.

One of the 'spin-offs' from the map could be the production of booklets concerning

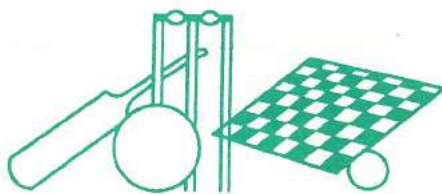
Croxley Green's local history and landmarks; walks through the village; footpaths and rights-of-way. We will be considering these possibilities later in the year.

We are also making plans for the Revels on June 19th. We hope to have a display which will reflect the Parish Council's work generally, show progress on the Village Map and provide space for photographic competitions with some modest prizes to add interest.

Once we have our Parish Office operational, we will have much more scope for display material on an on-going basis. We are conscious of the need to keep the community informed of the Council's work and as well as putting Croxley Green on the map we shall be endeavouring to improve the broad process of communications.

**Ernest Burdis - Committee Chairman**

### AFTER SCHOOL CARE SCHEME



A questionnaire and a public meeting open to all parents of children in the Junior and Infants Schools in Croxley Green elicited 52 replies from interested parents, representing 67 children with 6 offers of help. We believe that this shows a need and we are pursuing, diligently, the finding of suitable premises. When we are in a position to put a viable scheme together we shall seek the backing of the full Parish Council and with their backing we hope that a scheme will be open in September.

We would like to thank all those who have shown an interest and will be in touch as soon as possible.

**Alison Wall & John Hedges**

### ANSWERS

1. York(e) Road
2. Lincoln Way
3. Warwick Way
4. Rugby Way
5. Norwich Way
6. Winchester Way
7. Lewes Way
8. Hastings Way
9. Rochester Way
10. Canterbury Way
11. Dover Way



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

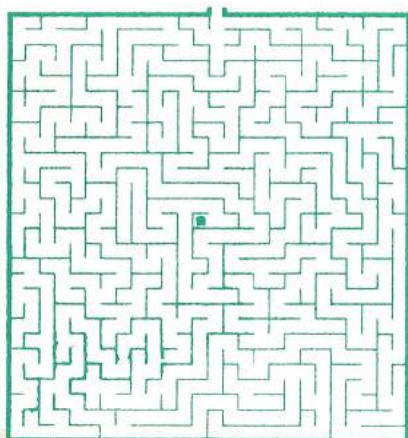
### TOWNS AND OUR VILLAGE

How well do you know your country and your village? Below is a map of the larger part of England on which have been marked some important towns which are represented in Croxley Green. Can you identify them from their locations and their relevance?



### A-MAZE-ING

Can you find your way from the gate at the top to the centre of the maze?



### GOING A-MAYING

May is the merry month when there have always been celebrations to welcome the summer. In the reign of Elizabeth 1 on May Day the village chose the prettiest girl for May Queen. Then the boys and the girls went a-maying. They gathered flowers and, to the jolly music of the horn and tabor (drum), paraded through the streets, calling at each house to decorate it.

On the village green there was a maypole with multi-coloured ribbons hanging from it, and the children danced round holding these, and plaiting them into patterns as they went.

Maypoles are still put up on some village greens and ours is no exception. Originally the Revels were held in May, the date was changed some years ago to try to find better weather, but the Brownies still dance the traditional maypole dances on the Green at the height of each year's Revels. Don't forget Saturday 19th June. Will you be there?

## BEST KEPT GARDENS COMPETITION

We gave advanced publicity to this venture in the last edition of the *Parish Pump* and now we can confirm that the competition is to go ahead.

This is the first time such a competition will have been organised by the Parish Council and it is hoped to attract a large entry and in the process make the environment more attractive. Many of you are justifiably proud of your gardens but it would be a bonus if everyone sought to enter and show that our village is a good place to live.

As you can see we are endeavouring to include everyone including commercial

premises. This competition is intended for everyone.

Entries are to be returned no later than Wednesday 30th June 1993 to enable judging arrangements to be made in good time.

Judging for the competition will take place during the first week in August by a panel of independent judges.

Prizes will include challenge cups for the winners of each section and certificates for the first three placed in each section, so you will have a tangible result of your expertise.

**Margaret Pomfret -  
Committee Chairman**

## CROXLEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL BEST KEPT GARDEN COMPETITION 1993

### ENTRY FORM

#### HOUSEHOLD SECTION

1. I wish to enter my front garden in this year's competition.
2. I wish to enter my back garden in this year's competition.

Name (Block Letters Please) Mr/Mrs/Miss .....

Address: .....

Telephone No: ..... Signed: ..... Date: .....

#### BEST FLORAL DISPLAY FRONTING PUBLIC HIGHWAY PUBLIC HOUSE SECTION

Name and Address of Public House: .....

Name of Licensee: ..... Telephone No: .....

Signature: ..... Date: .....

#### SHOPS AND OTHER COMMERCIAL PREMISES SECTION

Name and Address of Premises: .....

Nature of Business: .....

Name of Person submitting entry: ..... Telephone No: .....

Position in Business (e.g. Proprietor, Manager, etc.) .....

Signature: ..... Date: .....

**Entry forms to be returned no later than Wednesday 30th June to:**

**Derek Fineberg,  
Clerk to the Council,  
Croxley Green Parish Council,  
Parish Office,  
off Barton Way,  
Croxley Green,  
RICKMANSWORTH,  
Herts WD3 3??**