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Croxley Community Plan - Have Your Say

A community plan is an opportunity for everyone in Croxley Green to give their ideas and opinions on the future development of the village. During the next few weeks a Steering Group will be meeting to set up a series of consultations with all sectors, including education, health, young people, businesses, churches, sports and hobby clubs. Croxley has a wealth of committed people, who care about our environment and how it affects all our lives and one of the aims of the plan is to get us all joined up.

The voice of the community needs to be heard by all those who are involved in local planning so that resources go where they are needed and that we continue to improve where we live. Give us your vision for Croxley Green.

Croxley's shopping list.

For the first time numerous local organisations will be working together to produce a wide reaching plan designed to benefit the whole community.

The Community Plan will identify and prioritise what you want now and in the future for Croxley Green.

Your responses to a questionnaire will be preserved as proof of large-scale public consultation that will help to cut through red tape and deliver improvements to our community. A questionnaire will be sent to every home in Croxley Green, hopefully by the end of the year.

So, what's on your wish list? More provision for allotments or perhaps a

community smallholding on the former Durrants school field that hasn't worked for the community for years? Do you aspire to having a Croxley leisure centre in the future? Do we need more sports pitches? Perhaps you think our local shopping parades need a facelift? Would you like to see floral displays around the village? Health provision – can we identify a site for a larger surgery with adequate parking? Should Croxley have more traffic calming measures?

Are we doing enough for our elderly residents? Is the greenbelt worth protecting from development? These are just some ideas but it is really up to you to come forward with your own wish list.

If you have any ideas for inclusion in the questionnaire, or require more information please contact: croxleycommunityplan@gmail.com

The Revels

Saturday
18th June 2011

Following the AGM of the Croxley Green Society (The Revels organising committee) in February 2011, Jeremy Hollands was elected as Chairman of the Society. Jeremy is a keen supporter of local issues and has served on the Parish Council for the past four years as well as being a member of the Revels committee.



When asked about his appointment Jeremy commented "I am delighted to have been elected, especially as we open a new chapter in the Society's history this year with the first ever Croxfest (a free to attend music festival) taking place in September. As well as this, planning is well under way for this year's Revels on the Green which we all hope will be as great a success as in previous years."

If you require any information about The Revels or Croxfest please feel free to contact us via the websites - www.croxleyrevels.co.uk or www.croxfestcroxley.co.uk or via mail@croxleyrevels.co.uk

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In the first part of 2011 the Residents' Association has been rather busy with some great achievements and progress being made in a number of areas.

Firstly a presentation was made to the Parish Council requesting that a Community Plan be drawn up and taken forward. This resulted in the Parish Council's backing with the Association becoming the lead body in moving the process along and has seen the formation of The Croxley Community Plan Committee. Details of how you can become involved and general information on how it's all progressing can be found on the CGRA website:

www.croxleyresidentsassociation.co.uk

Then there was the Question Time event, bringing numerous organisations and businesses together uniquely under one roof in Croxley for the very first time. A massive achievement by anybody's standards.

The Association has now moved The Resident publication into full colour. Again another first. The layout has been revamped to incorporate articles from organisations wishing to increase their profile (another first) and seeking some help.

We would also like to thank our Advertisers for their continued support, which helps us keep the residents of Croxley Green informed about our work through this publication and would urge residents in turn to support the local businesses in our area.

On that note, we hope you enjoy your copy of The Resident and would encourage your comments and suggestions for future editions.

Shell Garage

Consultants for HCC have proposed widening the Southern side of carriage way to allow traffic to pass vehicles turning right into the Shell garage and installing a puffin crossing to ease traffic congestion along the Watford Road. This would mean some loss of the pavement area on this side of the road. This work is likely to be carried out sometime during the 2011/12 financial year.

Music Festival

'The Croxley Green Society is delighted to announce that the first ever Community Music Festival is coming to Croxley Green on Saturday 3rd September 2011. Between 12noon and 8pm, ten different bands and individuals will entertain crowds of up to 5000.

This free to attend music event follows on from the highly successful Music Stage at Croxley Revels and plans are well advanced to attract the biggest and best local bands, provide catering concessions and other festival favourites. This family friendly event is being staged for the community by volunteers from the community. Event Manager, Mark Saxon, said that 'With financial help being provided by the Croxley Green Parish Council and other local businesses this event is set to become another firm favourite in the Croxley calendar'. There are volunteering opportunities available to help with both Croxfest and Revels and much more information on the event can be found on the website: www.croxfestcroxley.co.uk

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Question Time Event 2011 - Barry Grant CGRA Chairman

Our Question Time Event was quite a success. We may have to do it again next year! It was the perfect vehicle for achieving most of the aims of the Association: - informing the community about local issues, encouraging interaction, identifying and working with local groups and organisations, encouraging involvement in the community, stimulating the interest of residents and businesses in the welfare of the area and highlighting the many things that are good about Croxley Green. Most of all it was an extremely enjoyable social occasion.



Photography Courtesy of Mike Loose - www.croxleycameraclub.com

The QT panel considered questions with a local rather than national and international flavour and the audience received an insight to the difficult options facing the tiers of government on topics ranging from housing development, local businesses, the provision of a new school and other infrastructure and funding requirements. It was also clear that the upcoming Localism Bill has the potential to rock the established political order and further empower individuals and our parish council.

Most people in the audience saw the benefit of having a blueprint or plan for Croxley Green particularly at a time when money and resources are going to be in short supply and the community will be facing an uphill struggle to get the best deal for Croxley. Of the 60 completed feedback forms we received all but one (from a local councillor!) were greatly in favour of such a community plan.

In fact, matters are moving at pace and the forthcoming Revels presents the ideal opportunity for consulting people on the type of things they'd like to see happening and the nature of questions that will be utilised in the formation of a plan's questionnaire. Look out for the Community Plan Stall!

Barry Grant
Chairman

At the CGRA AGM held on March 14th Barry Grant was unanimously re-elected as Chairman of the committee. Rose Hanscomb was elected to be Vice-Chairman and she was thanked for her long service to the community and to the Residents' Association. All the other members of the committee except one, had expressed willingness to stand again and were re-elected *en bloc*. Stephen Martin did not wish to stand for re-election to the committee this year but all present were grateful to him for his support for the CGRA. Mike Humphries had resigned as President of the CGRA and the Chairman thanked Mike for the support and assistance he had provided to the CGRA over the years.

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51 Years Of Photography - Croxley Camera Club



One of the local organisations invited to participate in the recent CGRA Question Time event was Croxley Camera Club which last year celebrated its 50th anniversary.

The club brought along a display featuring pictures taken by members and drawing on three distinct themes. The first was Croxley Past & Present which had photographs covering subjects like the Dickinson Institute fire in 1965 right through to current affairs like the OMT (Old Merchant Taylors) development. Croxley's Green showed numerous delightful pictures of village green events like Classic Cars, Steam Fair and of course the Revels.



Finally the centrepiece was used to illustrate the wide range of photographic skills and techniques to be found at the club and displayed a number of stunning images which quickly drew admiring viewers. Club committee member Terry Haynes was pleased with the attendance at

the event and the interest it generated.

"Not only did we have lots of enquiries about membership but people were asking our advice on photographic matters and of course we are always happy to help" said Terry.

Alongside the display, Cat Humphries, who is Digital Image Secretary at the club, was running slide shows from the Camera Club's Anniversary DVD.

Cat explained: "the DVD has four chapters entitled Croxley A Step Back In Time, Croxley Village Gardens, Croxley Revels and Croxley Today."

The DVD was originally published last year but such was the interest on the night that the club has decided to produce more stock for sale at Revels. "We sold several copies on the night and a lady even bought one as a present for her homesick brother in Sydney" added Cat. Priced at £5 the DVD is also available at Croxley Hardware, Croxley Library and Rickmansworth Museum.

The Resident caught up with club spokesman Mike Loose after the Question Time evening and asked how camera clubs are faring in a digital age where a phone manufacturer like Nokia is confusingly referred to as the world's biggest camera maker. Has this dumbed down photography?

"Digital cameras have finally come of age and there is now some very impressive kit available at very affordable prices so people are trading up to proper cameras and want to take better pictures which is where we come in. Even so a phone camera will still give you similar quality to, say, a 1970s Instamatic film camera but it is a more immediate way of taking pictures and results can be manipulated and improved in the computer afterwards" says Mike.

Digital manipulation, isn't that cheating? "Not at all" he said "the first accessory I bought in the sixties was a yellow filter to place over the lens. Being the opposite of blue it tricked the black and white film emulsion into distinguishing between blue sky and white clouds to enhance a picture.

What we can now do with Photoshop™ is no different really. Even a simple photo-editing software package can enable users to turn a snapshot into a prize winning photograph with simple tools like cropping or colour enhancement. My



favourite is the cloning tool which allows you to remove unwanted parts of a picture like a lamp post sticking out of someone's head.

We hold regular digital workshops where members share techniques and ideas and novices learn the basics, we are a very friendly club."

Croxley Camera Club meets on Thursday evening at the Community Centre. If you are interested in joining you can visit www.croxleycameraclub.com email croxleycameraclub@yahoo.co.uk or leave a message on 07413 388 825



The CGRA would like to thank Club members for allowing us to reproduce their pictures. Thank You.

Yorke Road School Update

You will have noticed if you have walked past Yorke Road School building lately that the front doors have been boarded up following numerous visits from vandals. The police have been called on several occasions, and they have turned off the water supply to avoid further flooding and secured doors, which had been forced open.

The inside of the building has been vandalised, windows have been broken, and walls have been smeared with mud and obscene and racist graffiti.

The outside looks sadly neglected

and run down with broken pallets and litter strewn around.

TRDC have reported the vandalism to Leukaemia Research Fund and they have now secured the site. It has been some months since The Planning Inspectorate dismissed the Appeal, as we reported the last issue of the Resident so I contacted LRF to ask if they have any information concerning the future of the site. They have told me that they are continuing to review their options.

I was extremely sad to hear that Miss Joan Bridge passed away on 3rd March at the age of 92, anyone who



knew her at Yorke Road School when she was Headmistress will remember her with great affection as I do.

She was kind, caring and a lovely lady with a lovely sense of humour.

Rose Hanscomb

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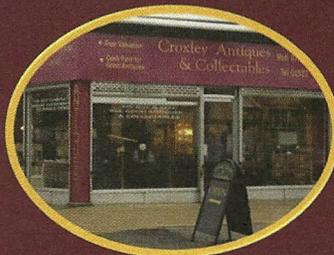
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Historical Information Sort

I am looking for any photographs in connection with Highfield House. This house was situated on Scots Hill.

It would be brilliant to have access to photographs of the house itself or part of it in a photograph. I am also looking for photographs of the Lodge House to this property. At one point the Warwick family lived there as did William Catesby who had a large store in Tottenham Court Road, London.

I am interested in finding more information on a family who lived in the Lodge between 1904- 1910, the father Robert William Pickthall , his wife Elizabeth and children Ada Mary and Ethel Margaret. The father, I believe , was Head Gardener for a while.

Does anyone in Croxley Green have any connections with any of those listed? If they do I would be very pleased to hear from them.

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Dangers Lurking In Your Garden - By Rose Hanscomb

I, like so many people love their garden, and was interested to read a new book about the many plants that have been used for medicinal purposes and that many plants can kill instead of cure. I was familiar with lots of them and have them in our garden but it made me think that if we ever have any grand children, I should clue up on the dangerous ones. These are just a few.

All parts of Foxgloves, which grow wildly everywhere in our garden and are generally self-seeded, can cause severe stomach upsets, delirium, tremors, convulsions and heart problems if ingested. Yet digitalis, obtained from foxgloves, is a well known medicine in the treatment of some heart diseases.

Hyacinths, one of my favourite perfumed bulbs are well known for causing hyacinth itch, if handled with bare hands, the sap can also irritate the skin.

Hydrangeas contain low levels of cyanide, although poisonings are rare, eating the leaves can lead to vomiting and muscle weakness.

Daphnes' brightly coloured berries are highly toxic and very dangerous for a child to eat. Others may suffer weakness and vomiting or internal bleeding.

Bleeding Heart contains toxic alkaloids which can cause nausea, seizures and respiratory problems if eaten.

Monkshood is a cottage garden favourite with spikes of lovely blue flowers but all parts are extremely toxic.

All parts of the yew tree, which can be often found in old churchyards or as topiary or hedges in stately homes, are highly toxic to humans, pets and livestock. Eating a few leaves or seeds will result in stomach



problems, a dangerous drop in pulse rate and possible heart problems. In the 60's it was also found to be a lifesaver and extracts from the yew have potent anti-tumour properties. The raw material for the drug, paclitaxel, used to fight ovarian, breast and lung cancers, was produced from the commercial collection of yew hedge clippings for many years but is now produced by plant cell fermentation technology.

Good heavens it's a wonder I am still here!

If you want to read more the book is called From Wicked Plants: The A - Z Of Plants That Kill, Maim, Intoxicate And Otherwise Offend by Amy Stewart.

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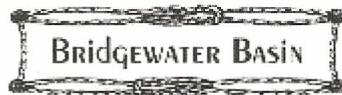


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A Sinister Legacy - Dr. Nigel Corp

You wouldn't think it from the way I was taught it at school, but history is key. It peels away the murky layers of contemporary bias, politics and confusion and lays out what happened after all. It shows in the harsh glare of hindsight the consequences of decisions. It reveals the tragedy of Tony Blair taking our country to war and it will one day show whether distracting GPs with the politics of managing health service cuts will deliver us all better health care - or just make it easier to know who to blame.

One of the first things medical students are taught is the importance of a patient's history. The links between a person's life experience - the cards they were dealt, the choices they made - and their health or illness today. I know many people struggling to overcome the poisonous contamination of cruelty and guilt forced into them in childhood. Years of parental criticism, erosion of self esteem, lack of parental love, bullying, abuse - cast a long shadow. Forgive me if this seems too obvious, but the impact is huge. Fortunately many are able to win their battle with the legacy of their personal histories. Shutting up and listening to what patients tell you is about the most important thing a doctor can do.

But history has exposed other poisons that damage us. Some we readily seek out in spite of, or perhaps because of, their well understood risks. Sir Richard Doll's study of 40,564 doctors that proved the link between smoking and lung cancer was published in 1954, over half a century ago, yet Britain still has 10 million smokers and 107,000 people died in 2007 from smoking-related disease. You won't meet many smoking doctors these days, but I see plenty of Croxley schoolchildren who light up on their way home from school and are starting their own personal disease histories. Alcohol kills 9000 UK citizens per year and drug misuse caused 1876 deaths in England in Wales in 2009.

But there are other substances, less widely publicised, but equally deadly and more insidious. Exposure to these is often occupational. In coal mining the lung disease that followed heavy prolonged exposure to coal dust seemed an obvious eventual outcome, but the health risks of asbestos are altogether more sinister. Asbestos is a mineral silicate with tough, fibrous properties

the 19th and 20th centuries in insulation, flooring, brake linings and so on. It causes a range of important lung diseases and often the history of exposure is clear, for example in builders, plumbers and electricians who have handled insulation materials. Most people have heard of asbestosis, a disease which causes the lung tissue to become thickened and stiff causing shortness of breath and reduced exercise tolerance 20-30 years after the asbestos exposure took place. The greater and longer we are exposed to asbestos fibres, the greater the risk of developing asbestosis.

Sometimes however the level of exposure to asbestos may have been much more subtle and perhaps unknown to the sufferer. And the resulting disease, a type of lung cancer called mesothelioma, is even more serious. A 2007 study of 1780 wives of workers in an asbestos cement factory in Italy showed an 18x higher incidence of mesothelioma. In other words, household exposure, such as handling their husbands' clothes, was enough to cause this cancer in 21 of the wives compared to the expected 1.2 cases predicted by national population statistics.

Mesothelioma is a horrible disease and may occur up to 40 years after exposure to asbestos dust. In 1968, 153 people died from it, but the number has been rising steadily and reached 2249 in 2008. Asbestos is no longer imported, but the death toll is expected to peak between now and 2015. The symptoms of mesothelioma are usually progressive breathlessness and chest pains but diagnosis can be late as the early symptoms may be ignored or mistaken for something less serious. So far no cure has been found although surgery can help if the cancer is caught early. For most patients surgery is not an option and their prognosis is sadly poor.

But history again reveals truths that are not set down in medical textbooks. I have known many patients over the years who have had to fight their own individual battles against appalling diseases. Many of them were told by doctors that their life expectancy was very poor but went on to show those dire predictions were wrong. With diseases this serious, people dig deep into their reserves of strength. Their will, and the driving force of the human spirit, can

shift the power balance between patient and disease. There are many patients of my practice currently battling their own individual diseases. Suffering not just the effects of the disease but the effects of one unpleasant treatment after another. And perhaps what's worse, having to cope with the knowledge that their cancer is beyond the reach of conventional treatment. Palliative therapies, aimed at easing symptoms rather than curing the disease, can and do make a huge difference to quality of life.

Well regulated trials comparing the effectiveness of different treatments are the cornerstone of taking forward the search for cures for the hundreds of different diseases that we loosely lump together as cancer. Real progress is being made on many fronts, built on the generosity of patients who contribute their personal histories to the research pool of knowledge. For mesothelioma sufferers there is much work still to be done, but the sinister threat of asbestos has been exposed by history and, like smoking, controls put in place to reduce exposure. Not everyone exposed to it knew they were being contaminated or had the chance to avoid it. As for the poison of smoking, that's different.

If you have been exposed to asbestos in your working life, do make sure your GP knows about it and always get a check up early if you experience chesty symptoms. If you develop an asbestos related disease you may be entitled to compensation. A wealth of information for families affected by mesothelioma, including possible treatments and claiming benefits, is available at www.mesothelioma.uk.com.



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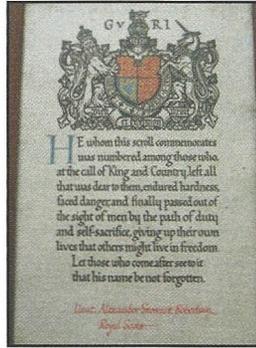
Jumble Sale Find - by Rose Hanscomb

Don't you just love sorting through old pictures and books at jumble sales and junk shops? I do and last year I found a poignant link to the past. This picture contained a scroll from the First World War stating;

"He whom this scroll commemorates was numbered among those who, at the call of King and Country, left all that was dear to them, endured hardness, faced danger, and finally passed out of the sight of men by the path of duty and self-sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others might live in freedom. Let those who come after see to it that his name be not forgotten"

**Lieut. Alexander Stewart
Robertson**
Royal Scots

An understatement indeed for what so many men suffered in this terrible war.



I decided to find out about this man and contacted the Royal Scots website and for a small fee that went towards the Regimental Museum, received a reply with the following details.

When I get time I will follow the clues and try to locate anyone who might be interested in my find.

Alexander Stewart Robertson

Commissioned November 1915,
Killed in Action 2nd September
1918, awarded the Military Cross on
2nd December 1918

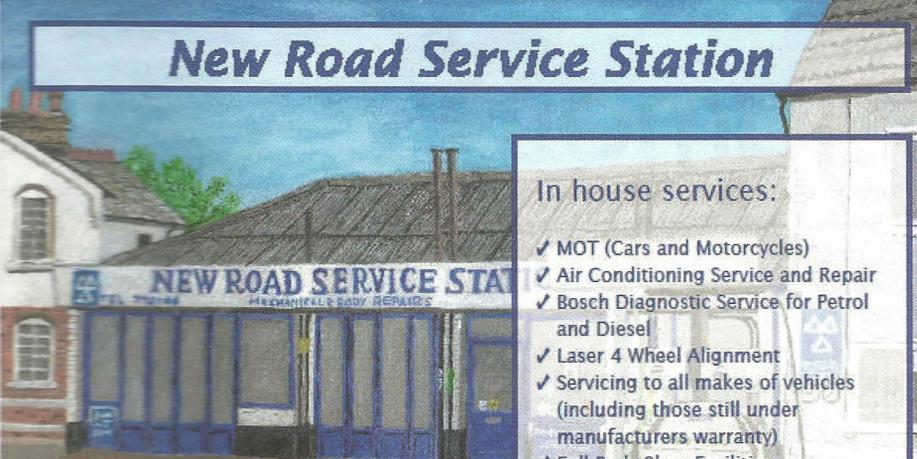


(Military Cross: War Medal: Victory Medal)

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Croxley Tennis Club

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With an Open Day coming up, now is the perfect time to see what is on offer and discover several reasons why you would want to join.

Status

The club was the first in the Three Rivers area to achieve the national Clubmark accreditation, which recognises the quality of what the club provides, across a whole range of ages and abilities.

Junior membership is on the increase and we would love to see new people joining across all of our membership categories.

Age is not a barrier to playing at CTC - the coaching programme has something to offer from Tot's Tennis

to fun sessions for OAPs and all ages in between.

Coaching

Squads for junior members (aged 5-18years) run during term time, tennis camps in school holidays and a year round 'Rak Attak' drop-in session takes place every Saturday afternoon.

A new ladies morning session launches in early May, along with other adult coaching courses, and one-on-one sessions are available from any one of our four qualified coaches.

Community Involvement

Community involvement is high on the club's agenda, and the CTC coaching team provide courses in all of Croxley's schools.

Mini tennis sessions run during term time at Malvern Way, Little Green, Yorke Mead, Harvey Road & Rickmansworth Park.



Coaches visit many of these twice a year, organising taster sessions to provide children with the opportunity to experience and enjoy a wonderful game that develops skills for life.

The Tennis Club has a very busy schedule of events - both playing and social - with opportunities for all members to get involved.

Competition

Four men's teams, two ladies' and two mixed, compete in the Watford & District League along with a year round programme of competitive action, including inter-club tournaments.

Teams are also fielded in various junior competitions and we host a number of competitive events throughout the year.

We are currently running a Road to Wimbledon event for our juniors, aged 14 and under, with the prize of playing at Wimbledon on offer for the winner. But the Club also has a great deal to offer to those who are just looking to play or improve their tennis in a social environment with, perhaps, an eye on trying to help their overall health and fitness too. Please come and visit CTC on our



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Down In The Woods

Much of the woodland area, immediately north of the Grand Union Canal and south of the Watford Road, is publicly accessible woodland and amenity space. Croxley Hall Woods are maintained by the Parish Council Rangers; Long Valley Wood and the Buddleia Walk (new Village Green) areas are cared for by local resident volunteers and the tow path area looks like it will be maintained by a partnership between British Waterways and the Parish Council (supported by local voluntary groups). Just across the water, Three Rivers District Council, the Countryside Management Services and the Friends of Common Moor manage Common Moor.

The former IMC factory (at the end of Harvey Road) that was set within Long Valley Wood is being transformed into a highly desirable area of housing that will be known as Woodland Chase. The last remnants of the factory, its legacy of abandoned parts, cess pits, shafts and decrepit fencing are disappearing and a new woodland glade will be created.

New public footpaths and bridle paths are in the course of being registered and the Council has erected gates at either end of Lavrock Lane as a consequence of

the recent resurfacing of All Saints Lane. This has led to safer leisure use of the woods.

The installation of woodland benches, a further batch of bird boxes, routine litter and path clearance are improving the appearance of this area. There has been a significant reduction in dog poo as considerate dog owners use the poo bags and bins provided by the Parish Council. We've noticed how much of the former London Underground tip area that was covered in Buddleia is giving way to silver birch trees which, in turn, is preparing the way for other varieties of tree to take root although, sadly, some of the older and formidable cherry trees have fallen in recent years. The former tip site now has Wildlife Site status and is a popular spot for twitchers and botanists.



We are extremely fortunate that local residents have given up so much time and effort to protect and

care for an area that, only 6 years ago, would have been the site of a major rail track replacement depot utilising massive, and noisy, diesel locomotives throughout the day and night which would have had a profound effect on, not just the surrounding environment, but the whole of Croxley Green.

Mandy Grant
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The Keep Croxley Green Group

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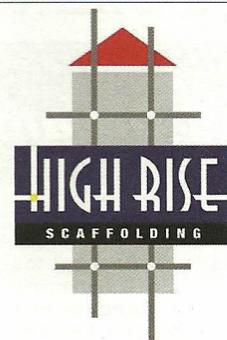
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How The CGRA Has Been Active

The CGRA has been instrumental in obtaining record levels of response from local residents to public consultation (development on Killingdown Farm and the siting of a new secondary school - all on green belt land).

We have raised awareness in the community of the work of other groups - a prime example of which is the WD3 Schools Action Group which has been campaigning to get Herts. CC to provide a new secondary school in the area so as to keep pace with the local demand for school places.

We work with the Keep Croxley Green Group in the annual Spring clear up of Long Valley, Croxley Hall woods and the new village green and we will provide assistance to the Parish Council in its proposed informal partnership with British Waterways in maintaining the towpath area within the Croxley Green area.

We are actively engaged in supporting the Parish Council's aim of initiating a Parish Council / Community Plan.

The CGRA has a stall at Croxley Revels.

We assist residents in ensuring new housing developments within Croxley Green are built within the levels of permission granted by the local council. The CGRA, with the assistance of local residents, has criticised District Council Core Strategy as not being legally compliant and also highlighted planning guidance available to the local council that will prevent future development on green belt farmland in the north of the village. As a consequence (and due to a change of Government) Local Council Core Strategy has been significantly amended to remove onerous housing targets.

When the owners of Yorke Road School appealed against the local council decision that it should not be demolished to make way for five houses, the CGRA highlighted the issue for local residents and organised a petition.

Massive local response and informed written support enabled the Planning Inspectorate to reject the appeal. The CGRA is pressing the council to purchase this locally important building in order that it can be used for the benefit of community.

With permission, CGRA removed timber from the stand at OMT for use as benches in local woodland and village green areas.

The CGRA held a fund raising concert at the British Legion for mesothelioma sufferer and local resident - Keith Turnbull.

We are developing a plan for a community project that will chronicle and archive local history, a resource that will be made available for everyone in the community.

We successfully petitioned for gates to be erected at either end of Lavrock Lane as part of the All Saints Lane resurfacing project.

We continue to remind Barratt Homes of its promise and commitment to provide significant funding to the local community and that the CGRA wants to be involved with spending plans.

Having been prominent in attempting to prevent a successful appeal by Tesco and its plan for a store next to the Shell Petrol station we seek to ensure any such store conforms to planning conditions so that its impact is minimal.

We organised a Question Time Event with the aims of informing local residents of local issues and bringing government, local groups, organisations and businesses together so as to identify common interests, seek funding ideas, increase memberships for local groups and promote everything that's good about Croxley Green.

Barry Grant - CGRA Chairman

Children's Centre

Work on the Croxley Green Children's Centre started in October 2010. The diggers were on site at Yorke Mead and they cut down the trees required to clear the space; part of the design involved replacing any trees that have been removed.

The new car parking spaces were measured out and the ground prepared for the foundations.

The children at Yorke Mead enjoyed watching the diggers and were encouraged to watch the progress of the works - quite often you could find a class lined up along the fence talking about what had changed since the last time they looked.



The building was brought in on a huge crane which blocked Dulwich Way for a morning. It took a little longer than expected due to poor weather, but the work now looks pretty much completed to the casual observer and I am reliably informed that the Children's Centre staff are in the process of moving in and it should be opened towards the end of March 2011.

Amanda Mackie

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From Riots to Song Book By Rose Hanscomb

This piece was written soon after the **Watford Riots** of June 26th 1902, which were caused by the preparation for Edward VII's coronation being postponed. The *Watford Observer*, July 5th 1902, reports:

"In consequence of the rumour that the body of roughs who brought such disgrace on the hitherto eminently respectable town of Watford on Thursday, were to pay a visit to the village on the following night, it was thought advisable to get prepared for the occasion.

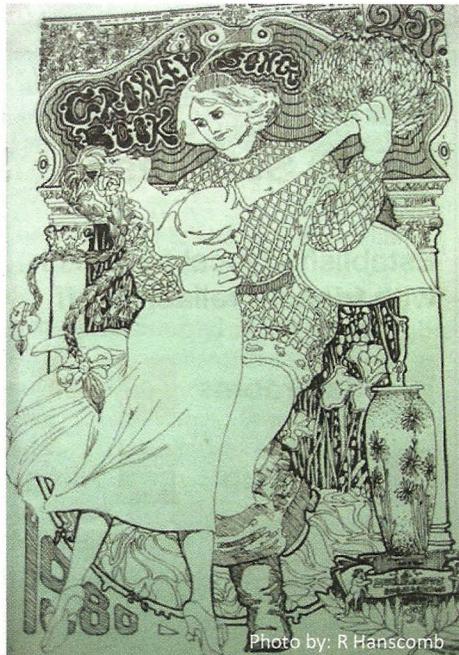
With their usual good organising ability, the men of Croxley with Mr. Barton-Smith at the head of affairs rapidly arranged a formidable defence corps.



Special Constables - photograph supplied by Margaret Pomfret

About 40 stalwarts were sworn in as special constables at Rickmansworth and took up a strategical position on the Watford Road with the cricket pavilion as headquarters. The whole of the roads were also patrolled by small companies and cyclists acted as scouts till past midnight, when all fear of an attack was at an end.

On the following nights however a strict watch was kept. The local police expressed their thanks for the assistance and there is no doubt that the rioters would have experienced a very warm time indeed had they ventured to carry out their threat."



This report can be found at the back of "**A Croxley Green Song Book**" which was put together by Roger Bennett which included songs

supplied by Godfrey Cornwall and others, and one written by the pupils of Durrants School, the book is dated 1980. As Roger says, "life in Croxley Green has changed greatly since the first world war and many of its traditions have died such as Cherry Sunday and Garland Day" (does anyone remember when these events took place?).

He hoped the songs would stir memories in the older inhabitants of Croxley and would encourage local choirs of school children to sing them so that they would not be lost.

As far as the reference to the Cherry Sunday, I do remember riding on a lorry round Croxley when I was at Harvey Road School aged about 7, with cherries over my ears for earrings, cherries pinned to my dress and throwing cherries out to people

in the streets. I don't remember if this was on Cherry Sunday but certainly Croxley was famous for its cherries in Victorian times and Stones Orchard grew many varieties for sale years ago.

You can see pictures of the cherry pickers in "**Croxley Green As it used to be**" a lovely book by Ann and Peter Frost dated 1986 and in "**Stone's Orchard Croxley Green**" an extremely interesting booklet by Margaret Pomfret.

I have all these books as I am sure many of you do, but in case anyone would like to have a look at them just phone me on 01923 449945
Rose Hanscomb

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