

CROXLEY COMMUNITY NEWS

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF CROXLEY GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.

Editor: H. W. R. FOWLER
140 Baldwins Lane.

Asst. Editor: A. G. HARRIS
36 Hastings Way.

Advertising Manager: F. GROOM
28 Rochester Way.

No. 21.

JANUARY, 1949.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS.

In the words with which we are all familiar—"we proudly present" as from the February issue, a larger publication incorporating the following innovations:—

Lucky Number—each copy of the "Community News" will be numbered and upon a certain date allowing for full distribution, a number will be drawn entitling the holder to a double ticket to a local cinema.

"Have A Go" Competition—this will take the form of a letter of a limited number of words to be written upon a subject of especial interest to this district. The winner will receive a useful cash prize.

Full details will be published in the February issue and in addition the "Community News" will be presented BI-MONTHLY—allowing eight pages instead of four as at present.

Wider Distribution—by taking advantage of the increase in the paper allocation, it is hoped to deliver a copy to every house in Croxley Green.

It is hoped that members will take advantage of the opportunity to air their views on local matters by sending letters for publication—a "nom-de-plume" may be used by those not anxious to have their identity known.

THOSE NEW SCHOOLS.

At last it seems that the efforts of this Association over a period not of months—but years—will soon see fruition so much so, in fact, that the authorities are now concerned in finding suitable names for the schools when opened—surely a most encouraging sign.

It is felt by the Council that the school in Malvern Way might be so named as to commemorate the local connection with Gonville and Caius College and suggest the school be named after Dr. Keys who endowed the college with the Manor of Croxley Green.

Regarding the school in Little Green Lane, as it would appear to be on land once forming part of Killingdown Farm, the Council recommend "Killingdown School" as being most appropriate in this instance.

Perhaps members may have other views or suggestions to make. If so, we should be pleased to give them publicity or submit to the authorities for consideration.

SUCCESS OF WATFORD NON-PARTY CANDIDATE.

All those who share the views of this Association as to the desirability of non-party representation in local government will be encouraged by the success of Mr. L. C. Wright who defeated his Socialist opponent in the King's Ward, Watford by-election.

If this result can be obtained in such a party-ridden district as Watford, it bodes well for future elections in Rickmansworth where, in the main, more tolerant views are held.

AT YOUR SERVICE!

**Your Hosiery Repaired
in 48 hours.**

**Your Clothes Dry Cleaned
in 3 days.**

**H. BARTON & Co.,
(CROXLEY GREEN) LTD.**

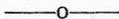
Watford Road

TELEPHONE: WATFORD 3824

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT.

Some of our readers who enjoy the beauties of Whippendell Woods may have wondered what the appearance of workmen, lorries and pipes all mean along the right-hand path on entering the Woods from Rousebarn Lane.

We were given to understand from one of the men that a gas main is being laid from the direction of Chandlers Cross to connect with North Watford and that the present upheaval will have no lasting effect on the beauty of the Woods.



SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Several matters which have been engaging the Association's attention came up for consideration by the appropriate authority during the month and we have to report on the following—

School Meals—In response to a request by the Association an investigation was made into the conditions surrounding the supply of school meals at both Durrants' and Harvey Road Schools by the Herts County Council and our suggestion that the meals at Harvey Road should be supplemented by the British Restaurant has been agreed in principle and should be in operation when the children return to school from the Xmas holidays. Herts County Council also advises us that a start on the building of the new canteen at Durrants' school will commence very shortly.

Safety Sign, Winton Drive—As reported in the November issue, a strong application was made for some indication to be given at the top of the hill leading from Winton Drive to Baldwins Lane of the dangerous nature of the junction and, in spite of an initial refusal, we are pleased to state that, as a result from further pressure by our representative to the Road Safety Committee, arrangements have now been made for a "This hill is dangerous" sign to be erected.

Bus Services—Various suggestions have been sent in to the Transport Executive for improving the 'bus services in this district, particularly in the Baldwins Lane area where, in the absence of shops, the housewife has to rely to a great extent on the 'buses to obtain her household necessities. We were interested to note that the Watford Trades Council has also taken a part in these efforts and hope that the endeavours of all interested bodies will eventually achieve their object. For some considerable time the Association has pressed for a service to run from Watford via Baldwins Lane to Rickmansworth and vice versa, the chief objection to which comes from the

commoners in respect of the necessary widening of the roads down the Green. We are pleased to obtain the assurance that a partial easing of the load will be effected by introducing 56 seater 'buses in place of the 48 seater type at present used on the 334 route.

Tree Planting in Roads—The planting of trees to brighten and improve the appearance of our roads is due, in no small measure, to the efforts of the Association's nominated Councillor, Mr. Gurney.

Experimental Lighting, Grove Estate—Many will have been interested in the new forms of lighting now in use in the roads serving the Council houses off Baldwins Lane. We understand that there are three types: 100 watt lamps on the surrounds, 60 watt sodium mercury lighting on the left-hand road and 80 watt mercury lighting on the right-hand road. Comment on these various types is invited as that considered most suitable will eventually be used for the main roads in this area. Approval has been given for main road lighting in Baldwins Lane and this matter is now before the Ministry of Transport.

Playing Field, Baldwins Lane—The field between Repton Way and Baldwins Lane is in process of being purchased by the Council for a playing field and it is hoped it will be ready for football by the commencement of the next season.

Street Lighting — Dusk Till Dawn—A protest was made some time ago regarding the practice of extinguishing all lights at 11.0 p.m. and a request made that at least those lighting main roads and crossings might be kept alight till later. We are pleased to note that arrangements are being made for this to be done in some cases.

Baldwins Lane—Extension of 30 M.P.H. Area.—For some time the top of Baldwins Lane joining the Green has been regarded as a danger area because of the stretch from Manor Way not being zoned as a built-up area for traffic control; strong representations have been made for early action. The order for this part to be regarded as a built-up area has now been confirmed and arrangements made for erection of road signs. Steps are now being considered for widening this road and the installation of adequate lighting.

Footpath—Malvern Way to Winton Crescent—It now appears likely that negotiations for the acquisition of the necessary land to complete this footpath will soon be complete. Many members who have enquired for information on this point must have felt that their requests were being ignored but we assure them that everything possible has been done.

20 WEEKS TO PAY 20

**ERIC NORMAN'S
Twenty-Week Club**

**171 High Street,
RICKMANSWORTH.**

Special Services

Join my

'Radio Deposit' Club

Let me help you save for your
Radio requirements, whether a
New Battery, Radio or Television

OR

my

**"Domestic Deposit"
Club**

Helps you save for Furnishings,
Prms, Cycles, Vacuum Cleaners,
Toys, Etc.

My Club Collector calls weekly
and makes it easy for you to
save.

Write or call at my Shop

This is one of ERIC NORMAN'S
Special Services and is

EXTRA to

20 WEEKS TO PAY 20

CORRESPONDENCE.

We are pleased to give publicity to the following
letters received by the Editor:—

Hastings Way,
Croxley Green.
17.12.48.

Dear Sir,

I was pleased to learn from the last issue of
the "Community News" that it is the intention
of the Residents' Association to provide us with
a candidate at the next local election other
than those nominated by the political parties.

In the light of present day events, it would
seem that party politics play too great a part in
our national affairs so surely we should do all in
our power to keep their influence out of our local
administration. No doubt when the local elections
become due a great deal of voluntary work will
have to be done by the officials of the Association
and I, for one, will be glad to give all the help
I can in the good cause.

Yours faithfully,

"Neutral."

British Legion Service Fund.

11, Harvey Road, Croxley Green.

Dear Sir,

I have today learned that there is a possibility
of this organisation being able to obtain food
parcels for War Widows living in the district, as
follows, in the order given:—

- (a) 1939/45 War Widows with children under
16 years of age.
- (b) 1914/18 War Widows.
- (c) 1939/45 War Widows with children over 16
years of age, or without children.

If you should know of any who fulfil the above
conditions, and will be good enough to let me
know at an early date, your co-operation will be
deeply appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

H. J. SNASHALL,

Hon. Secty. Service and Pensions Committee.

**IF YOU REQUIRE HIGH-CLASS
GROCERIES & PROVISIONS
THEN GIVE US A TRIAL!**

*Our Motto has always been—
and always will be—*

**QUALITY
SERVICE
CIVILITY**

**A. V. BRYANT
141 NEW ROAD, CROXLEY GREEN**

Telephone:
RICKMANSWORTH
3323

DELIVERIES DAILY

Rickmansworth Road Safety Committee.

Council Offices,
Rickmansworth.

Dear Sir,

There are seldom any short cuts to anything really worth while. There is no short cut to road safety. At the present we cannot afford all the road improvements we should like to see and which would probably help to make our roads safer, but even if we could, we do not believe we should achieve road safety by such means alone. There is no short cut.

What, then, is the answer? Surely, education and self-discipline. Road-users rather than Road-makers are the people to make roads safe.

Educating the road-user is an uphill task. With the children in the schools we can make some impression and we hope and believe we are raising a generation that will be more road-safety conscious than its predecessors. But even with the children much more can be done if we can only get at the adults and persuade them to play their part. Much good instruction in the schools will be brought to nothing if children see their elders transgressing all the road-safety rules taught at the schools.

May I, through you, appeal to the members of your organisation to help us. They must not leave road-safety to our committee to run as though it were some public service like road sweeping. Road-safety is everyone's business, not ours alone. We in the Road Safety Committee can only help to keep the importance of good road-using before the members of the public and encourage them to observe the simple rules of the Highway Code and to be courteous and self-disciplined on the roads. The rest is up to them.

In conclusion, the Road-Safety Committee will welcome any suggestions your organisation may care to make that will help to make the road safety campaign effective and will welcome any opportunity to address your members on the subject.

Yours sincerely,
J. H. ROTHERA,
Chairman.

WHEELS WITHIN WHEELS !!

In the December issue of the "Labour News" a strong appeal was made for a united effort on the part of all organisations irrespective of party to do something about 'bus services in Croxley.

What short memories some people have!

Only so far back as the Spring of 1946 this Association sent invitations to both Conservative and Labour parties in Croxley to co-operate with them to form a joint committee for this very purpose. In the files of the Association are the letters of response to our appeal. The Conservatives, after initial agreement, withdrew their co-operation in the person of Mrs. Councillor Horsefield because of my candid criticism of their methods during the Elections. The Labour party declined the invitation on the grounds that their constitution prohibited co-operation with bodies who differed from their views or opposed their candidature at local elections.

Yet here at the end of the year they step down from their pedestal to invite all to unite with them to do that which they refused to do with us so short time ago.

It would seem that versatility rather than consistency is the popular demand of our local politicians. It would also seem that our local Labour party has at last become aware, as we became aware far back in 1938, that no one section of the community can accomplish so much as can be achieved by a joint effort.

Have the Labour party missed the 'bus? Not necessarily—we are prepared to wait for them although we have already progressed along the road to achieve something alone. We realise that the weight of public opinion is an instrument which obeys Newton's laws—the greater the mass the bigger the force—and we will renew our invitation to both parties. If they care to continue the journey with us, we shall be pleased to take their fares and with renewed vigour pursue this matter to the journey's end—across the Green.

R. KING-JONES,
Chairman, Croxley Green
Residents' Association.

FAMILY BUTCHER

Tel.: Rickmansworth
2576

A.E. DARVILL

**LICENSED SLAUGHTERHOUSE
ON THE PREMISES**

**134 WATFORD ROAD,
CROXLEY GREEN**

G. Young & Son, Ltd., Printers (T.U.), 34, Yorke Road, Croxley Green.

Published by the Croxley Green Residents Association, 140 Baldwins Lane, Croxley Green.