

"The Handyman's Shop" Tel. Rick. 75697

P. BECKFORD Ltd.

307 BALDWIN'S LANE
CROXLEY GREEN.

also at 1, Money Hill Parade, Rickmansworth

Timber, Hardboard and Mouldings
Ironmongery & Tools. Domestic Hardware
Garden Requisites. Key Cutting
Electrical Accessories. Glass cut to size
Stockists of High Class Decorating Materials
Agents for John Line, Sanderson, Ashley and
Shand Kydd Wallpapers.

A. R. CROSS CHEMIST

158 Watford Road, Croxley Green,

Tel. Rickmansworth 72072

Houses and Bungalows Urgently Required

PHILIP MORRIS & CO.

SURVEYOR AND ESTATE AGENT

162 WATFORD ROAD,
CROXLEY GREEN, HERTS

Tel—Rickmansworth 74444 and 75345

WE HEAR . . .

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

We applaud the action of Councillor Crawley in advocating the re-siting of the pedestrian crossing in Watford Road adjacent to the junction with Baldwins Lane. Your Association has pressed for this in years gone by, and the Council has considered the matter in 1957, 1959 and 1962. The proposal has been revived for its siting on the Rickmansworth side of the junction. But the Police do not favour the idea because of the downhill route in Watford Road. The Council has now decided that no action be taken in view of the expectancy that a pedestrian subway will be part of the Cassio Bridges development Scheme, although the Local Council are, as yet, not fully aware of the modifications to the scheme expected from the County.

CROXLEY GREEN WELCOME CLUB APPEAL

The Treasurer of the Fund, Mr. A. E. Jeffery, writes "You will be pleased to know the fund has now reached £1,500—the half-way mark. Sizeable donations have been given by the Red Cross and V.A.D. Associations in Chorleywood and Rickmansworth, additional to a block grant from the British Red Cross Society already agreed upon. I have also received some very pleasing cheques from young people—Girl Guides, Little Green School carol concert, Yorke Road Infants' School, All Saints' Church, and your Residents' Association. I hope we shall get very near our target in time for the opening of the new premises soon, and would hope that this report might serve as a reminder to any resident or organisation who would like to donate to the Fund." (Donations should be sent to Mr. Jeffery, 7 Old Barn Lane.)

SEATS ON THE GREEN

It is understood that approval has been given for Dr. Margaret Miller to provide a seat on The Green near to Croxley House, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Garner, formerly of Springfield Close, who did so much to raise funds in Croxley Green.

THE LATE MISS PATRICIA COTTERELL

Many readers, especially former pupils, will have heard with sorrow the sudden passing of Miss Cotterell who gave sterling service as senior mistress at Durrants School.

A Memorial Fund is being raised and it is hoped this will be something of a permanent nature to encourage sport and good-health among the boys and girls of the school. Donations will be gratefully received by Madame Meyer at Durrants School.

CROXLEY GREEN WELCOME CLUB

The Club enjoys a grant from Rickmansworth Council which, in this year, has been £100 plus a further grant of £35.

MARRIAGE GUIDANCE COUNCIL

Your local authority will make a contribution of £30 to help defray the cost of the work of the Watford and District Marriage Guidance Council which has nearly doubled in the past year.

. . . AND OBSERVE

"NO WAITING"

We would like to know why the "No Waiting" restriction in Rickmansworth High Street is not enforced. Every Saturday morning for several months two vans owned by a particular firm have obstructed the flow of traffic. Yet — the Council persist in proposals for further restrictions in surrounding roads.

TOMBSTONES

You may be aware that the Committee of your Association deplores the erection of concrete slabs on grass verges to display bye-law notices prohibiting car parking on grass verges. Your Committee made what they thought a sensible and reasonable request for the plaques to be affixed to lampstandards. But no! the Council, when they considered this matter took the legal advice of the Clerk of the Council that the byelaw required notices to be exhibited actually upon the grass verge and on each section of verge. Your Editor has had ridicule thrown at him from visitors to Bateman Road; and this apart from the actual additional cost when mowing the grass incurred by having to lop the grass around the tombstones.

Residents in Baldwins Lane from no. 293 eastwards to the junction with Repton Way are now to have the tombstones!

And supposing you note an offending vehicle? You can report its number to the Clerk of the Council, who will write to the owner of the offending vehicle calling his attention to the byelaw and *asking for his co-operation so as to avoid the need for prosecution*. Now what is the reason for this? Simply ridiculous nonsense.

COUNCIL HOUSE RENTS

We have been asked to say that most tenants of Council houses pay an economic rent, and that the provision of a subsidy exists for the benefit of the aged and infirm. We are also glad to record that many residents of Council houses keep the property in good repair at their own expense, although the Council has been asked to make an increase in the allowance of £10 to tenants who decorate their own halls, with some extra allowance to those who keep their houses decorated to a first-class standard.

BUS SERVICES

Your Committee considered complaints made about local bus services, especially the 385 route during pre-Christmas time. Hearing also that Watford Borough Council contemplated providing transport services in deference to L.T.E., your Secretary wrote to Rickmansworth U.D.C. asking them to support Watford Council's intentions. Your Local Council decided no action, and, indeed, reported no knowledge of its neighbouring authority's activity.

SITES FOR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

A special Council sub-committee has made a lengthy report on the provision of sites and possibly buildings for letting to local organisations, and while they were adamant that they were under no sort of obligation, legal or moral, to find land for any local organisation, they have, nevertheless, tried to be as helpful as they could be. The report made no mention of any site in Croxley Green.

W. GADSDEN & SON

Family Butcher and Poulterers

OVEN READY POULTRY and CAPONS

Good English Beef, Lamb and Pork for the Family Table

Cooked Meats or Pickled Tongues

Home Killed Meat

**175 NEW ROAD
CROXLEY GREEN**

Telephone — RICKMANSWORTH 72171

MEAD AUTOS (Croxley Green) Ltd.

48 NEW ROAD

CROXLEY GREEN

Telephone—Rickmansworth 75144

Breakdown Service

Self Drive Hire

Esso Blue Dealer

Contact

W. PEAKES

Sub-Contractors

For all Building alterations
and Repairs

Drainage and Sewerage

Estimates Free

15 Springfield Close

Croxley Green

Tel. RICK. 75719

U.D.C. ELECTIONS

The Local Elections will be held on 14th May. In Croxley Green North Ward (one vacancy) Councillor N. C. Young retires, and in the South Ward (two vacancies) Councillor W. H. Cox and Councillor A. W. Hauck retire.

For the past five years your Association has nominated candidates to serve Croxley Green on the Rickmansworth Council, but will not do so this year. Your Committee would have been glad to have done so but they wish the electorate to know that, quite honestly, they have been unable to find a candidate. We firmly believe it is a very serious matter, and are pleased to record that Mr. Armson and Mr. Reason who have served during the past five years did so with the utmost sincerity. It is, therefore, regrettable to have to record that Councillor F. J. S. Hall, a Conservative councillor representing Croxley Green South Ward, has been out of the country for several months, the last R.U.D.C. meeting that he attended was on 6th December; he has failed to attend four Council meetings out of a possible eight. This is nearly parallel to a former Croxley Green Councillor who had to be removed from office after having been absent for the statutory minimum period of six months.

NORTH ORBITAL ROAD

Many readers will have noted from the Press that the Minister of Transport has now recognised the need for the provision of this new road from Maple Cross to Hunton Bridge, and that it has been placed in the programme for work to begin in 1970. When this information was considered by your Committee at their January meeting it was decided to persuade the Rickmansworth U.D.C. that it would be beneficial to encourage the Ministry to allow this work to begin at an earlier date in preference to the probable expenditure of over £100,000 proposed for the reconstruction of Scots Hill.

SCOTS HILL

We have said before and we say again that your Committee has not yet met anybody who is in favour of the reconstruction of Scots Hill, with one singular exception! Everyone we have talked to is sure there is nothing wrong with Scots Hill; its troubles derive from vehicles which use it. Every incident on the upward gradient (and the circus vehicles going down two years ago) should be immediately suspect that the vehicle has in some way not conformed to vehicle efficiency. If only the Ministry of Transport would enforce the restriction of vehicles carrying overloads, and if only statutory restrictions were enforced, many of the incidents would not be repeated. Did Billy Smart's Circus ever pay anything for the trouble his lions caused? or if not his lions then the two trailers which carried them. Let's revert to the exception—your Local Council who (quote) considered it would be quite wrong to postpone the improvement of Scots Hill which was now programmed for 1968/69. If the so-called improvement does not do something to straighten out the bend at the foot of the hill it won't be worthwhile. Your Committee has asked to see the first plan of the proposals, only to be told "this is not yet available for public inspection". Residents in Copthorne Road are aggravated by the knowledge that they will (if the scheme comes into being) be denied a right-hand turn to Scots Hill because (we gather from hearsay) the upward gradient is to be raised several feet above the downward gradient so that you will have two carriageways at different levels. But, residents of Croxley Green, your Councillors appear to think this is no concern of your Residents' and Ratepayers' Association. May we restrain our feelings yet again by asking for common sense to prevail? Or must we cause a public inquiry, which we shall certainly not hesitate to do.



ATHOLL SCHOOL

An Independent Grammar School for Boys

RAYNERS LANE - PINNER - MIDDLESEX

The School comprises seven light, spacious classrooms in which the boys are taught in limited numbers to ensure individual attention.

Recent extensions to the School include a fully-equipped, modern Science Laboratory which ensures a comprehensive range of science subjects.

The Headmaster is assisted by a fully qualified, graduate staff who take a keen, personal interest in the boys.

Boys prepared for the General Certificate of Education.

All new pupils must pass an Entrance Examination normally held in May.

HEADMASTER:

J. C. RUMBLE, B.A. (Oxon) Dip. Ed.

Prospectus from School

Secretary Tel. PIN 0271

THE AQUADROME

While we cannot be provided with a proper swimming pool (as advocated by your Association) it is learnt that a shallow bathing area will be provided in the Bury Lake, and should be ready by early June. That may be all right for those who wish to swim in the Aquadrome lake, but it falls far short of having a modern pool. Moreover, the Council propose to spend £270 in providing a diving board at the Aquadrome. We would like to know how many Croxley Green residents have never visited the Aquadrome.

CONFERENCES

The Council has not yet decided to sanction the Medical Officer of Health attending an international conference at The Hague, and another in Cologne. (*For further details about Conferences for Councillors and Officials readers should read the Council Minutes which may be seen in the Public Library.*)

NATIONAL SAVINGS

1966 is going to be a memorable year for the National Savings Movement for it is the 50th Anniversary of its inauguration, when the historical meeting took place on the 1st March, 1916, in the Guildhall, London. The Rickmansworth and Chorleywood Savings Committee is putting on a large programme, which should be of interest to both the young and not so young. Painting Competition for the Junior scholars, Design Poster Competition for the Seniors, Baby cards with stamps for those born on March 1st and to those who were born in the year 1916 or who were married in that year will be able to enter for a draw for Premium Bonds. The National Savings' Flag will be flown from the mast in the forecourt of the Council Offices and speeches are being arranged to take place to members of the Rotary Club, the Round Tablers, to the Young Conservatives and to members of Townswomen's Guild. Plaques will be presented to both the Councils at a special Wine and Cheese Party in September for the voluntary workers of the Movement, to Headmasters and Headmistresses and to local Councillors. The History—"Fifty Years of the National Savings Movement in Rickmansworth" has been written by Mr. B. H. W. Tullett and this will be available in the near future, in the local Libraries. Mrs. D. Leary, 74 Links Way, Croxley Green, is the Hon. Secretary and she will be pleased to give anyone interested further information, or this can also be obtained from members of the local Committee.

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILS' ASSOCIATION

We wonder if it really is necessary for three of our Councillors and the Clerk of the Council to attend the Annual Conference to be held this year in Blackpool. Perhaps we should leniently regard the trip as some recompense for the many tedious hours spent in Committee meetings, until we recall that this sort of thing is going on for many other conferences to which County Councillors and Local Councillors seize the opportunity to attend.

BRANCH POST OFFICE

Just over a year ago, when the District Postmaster introduced shorter opening hours for Croxley Green G.P.O. your Committee challenged the decision that it was not also being operated at Rickmansworth Town Post Office. The reply referred to shorter working hours for the officials as well as an insufficiency of business. It has now been learnt that the opening hours for Rickmansworth P.O. will be 9.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. daily. No mention was made of Sunday opening.

PHONE . . . RICKMANSWORTH 74556

DECOR—CRAFT

WALLPAPERS : PAINTS : DECORATORS'
SUNDRIES : TIMBER : HARDBOARD
PICTURE MOULDINGS
GARDEN REQUISITES

WINSOR & NEWTON ART MATERIALS
MODEL AIRCRAFT : BOATS : BALSA, etc.

**3 NEW PARADE, THE GREEN,
CROXLEY GREEN**

YOUR DUPLICATING WORK

*Expertly and Economically
carried out by*

**STUART HOLLINGSWORTH
PERSONAL SERVICES**

Circulars, Invoices, Etc., from your own Letterheads

**26 FRANKLAND ROAD
CROXLEY GREEN**

Rickmansworth 75412

HARBRO ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

NEW INSTALLATIONS
DOMESTIC REWIRING
NIGHT STORAGE CENTRAL HEATING

Why not drop us a card or phone

Day
76 Winton Drive
Watford 20722

Evening
Hemel Hempstead
56995

Waddington & Ridgers

(FORD GILL)

193 Watford Road

51 Baldwins Lane

Phone: Watford 21304

Phone: Watford 28851

Your Local Newsagents

Confectionery - Toys - Stationery

Cards for all Occasions

HANDYMAN STORES

197 WATFORD ROAD
CROXLEY GREEN

Telephone—WATFORD 23132

TIMBER PAINTS WALLPAPERS
Tools Formica Wareite Insulac Ply
Quilted Vinyl Vinyl Curtaining Veneerit
Hardboard Handiboard Beading

BRUSHES for all purposes, etc.

Wm. S. GRAIN A.F.S., M.R.S.H.

INCORPORATED SURVEYOR

Surveys

Delapidation Claims

Planning & Bye-law Applications

*Schemes prepared for Alterations,
etc. to any class of property.*

26 FRANKLAND ROAD
CROXLEY GREEN

RICKMANSWORTH 75412

LETTERS

Dear Mr. Editor,

By the time you are able to read this letter the General Election will, no doubt, be over but before long the Election for our Local Councillors will be demanding attention and—as good citizens—we shall be called upon to decide who will act on our behalf at “Basing House”.

It is surprising that, although the elected Councillors reside among us and in many cases are known personally, voting at these Elections is generally apathetic and one wonders just what is the reason for such lack of interest—particularly when the actions of our Local Council so closely affect our everyday lives: it would seem that only when a Council's actions touch our pocket (by increasing Rent, Rates, etc.) do we really show any interest in Local Government.

Could the cause be the type of Candidate selected, or does this apathy start in the Council Chamber itself? At times, absenteeism among Councillors must surely indicate to Ratepayers that our Local Council cannot be regarded of paramount importance by some members and the example they set might well have an adverse effect on the Electors! There are cases in our own Urban District where one Council member attended some two or three Meetings in approximately 18 months; another Council member who, after attending only a few Meetings, is said to have left the district for an indefinite period—this member did not appear to consider the Council important enough to acquaint them of this fact.

Whatever one's feelings regarding such actions it does raise an interesting thought: should there be a more equitable distribution of seats in the Urban District? For instance, Mill End Ward with a voter's list of over 5,000 has only four Councillors, whereas Rickmansworth Town has four Councillors to represent some 2,700 Electors: yet Moor Park Ward has but two Councillors to speak for a far larger electorate than the Town Ward possess. Croxley Green itself presents the same haphazard pattern: the North Ward has four Councillors to represent over 5,000 Electors, whilst the South Ward with some 2,000 less has the same number of Councillors.

The Local Election provides a good illustration of just who is interested and the larger Wards usually have the largest percentage of voters (between 50 per cent. and 55 per cent.) whereas in the small populated Wards frequently only about 29 per cent. bother to vote. These facts might well be useful—indeed they could be of decisive interest to any future Royal Commission that may be set up to examine present-day Local Government and I suggest that the Residents' Association would do well to examine further the possibilities of redistribution of Council representation.

Yours truly,

A.V.P.
Croxley Green

LORRY SCANDAL

Measures now before Parliament should go a long way towards dealing with the long-standing and increasing menace of defective and overloaded lorries travelling at excessive speed. Since 1957 the maximum permitted speed of heavy goods vehicles has been raised from 20 to 40 m.p.h. (reprinted from “The Pedestrian” house magazine of The Pedestrians' Association for Road Safety.)

OPEN YOUTH CLUB

It is hoped shortly that Croxley Green will soon have its own open Youth Centre operating from the old Territorial Army buildings at the southern end of The Green. The Rickmansworth Urban District Council has completed purchase of the T.A. Hall and a professional club leader has been appointed and we wish him every success in this venture.

YOUTH

Much is said and written about the Bad points of Teenagers, but seldom do we hear of their good deeds.

Croxley Green does indeed have such a group, who do much for charity. They have given pleasure to many groups of O.A.P.s. I refer to that wonderful group of performers "The Tip Toppers" and so appeal to our readers to help them obtain a place where they can rehearse, and give concerts.

They provide all their own costumes and its a great pleasure to be entertained by them.

They have in mind "The Tithe Barn." A wonderful idea for such a historical place.

Croxley Green should be proud to help them and give them encouragement.

1966-67 RATES

By this time Rickmansworth district residents will have learnt that a rate of 11s. 7d. in the £ is to be levied for the 1966/7 financia year. For the benefit of those who do not examine the demand, beyond meeting it, the broad breakdown is as follows (figures rounded to nearest farthing).

8s. 3½d.	for Hertfordshire County Council.
2s. 9d.	for Rickmansworth Urban District Council
8¾d.	West Herts Main Drainage Authority
<hr/>	
11s. 9¼d.	
Less 2¼d.	Savings from previous balances unexpended
<hr/>	
11s. 7d.	(increase of 1s. on current year)

RATES REDUCTION

If you have only a small income you may be eligible for a reduction in your Rates, and immediate application should be made to the Treasurer of the Council.

The Association thanks the Advertisers for their support and hopes all our readers will partonise them. We are grateful to our voluntary distributors who ensure that this publication is the only one to reach every house in Croxley Green.

RICKMANSWORTH : 77613

SUZANNE

HAIR FASHIONS

244 NEW ROAD

CROXLEY GREEN

Reduced Charges to O.A.P.s

All Types of Assurance Arranged

Life & Endowment

House Purchase

Pension Plans

Childrens Assurance

Write or Telephone:

CYRIL D. LEWIS (Assurance Consultant)

10 Dorrofield Close, Croxley Green.

Tel: Watford 43520

NEWSAGENT TOBACCONIST
CONFECTIONER TOYS
GREETING CARDS

J. P. MOXLEY

196 WATFORD ROAD

CROXLEY GREEN

Regular EARLY MORNING Delivery of
NEWSPAPERS and MAGAZINES
throughout Croxley

Printed by G. Young & Son Ltd. (T.U.), 34 Yorke Road, Croxley Green. Tel. Rick. 72311

Published by Croxley Green Residents' and Ratepayers' Association, 10 Bateman Road, Croxley Green.

DURRANTS

CROXLEY GREEN

for your
21st Birthday Party, Wedding Reception,
Anniversary Celebrations

FULL CATERING FACILITIES
Available for Business Conventions

Tel. — Rickmansworth 73014

CAIN'S

THE GREEN CROXLEY GREEN
Telephone—RICKMANSWORTH 74065

GREENGROCER and FRUITERER
CUT FLOWERS & BEDDING PLANTS

Agent for Birds Eye Frozen Foods

DELIVERIES DAILY

OPEN SUNDAYS 10—1 p.m.

E. & J. MARDLING

GROCERY and PROVISIONS

22 NEW ROAD
CROXLEY GREEN

Phone . . Rickmansworth 72726

RICKMANSWORTH U.D.C. COUNCIL MEETINGS AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

We list the next meetings which are open to the public.
Council and all Committee meetings commence at 8 p.m.
in the Council Offices.

Highways ... April 4th, June 13th, July 25th
Road Safety ... April 27th, June 29th, August 10th
General Purposes May 24th, June 6th, July 18th
Open Spaces ... June 9th, July 21st
Council ... April 26th, May 31st, June 28th

THE WOODCRAFT FOLK

All boys and girls who like outdoor life, craftwork
games, music and country dancing will be welcome at
the Annexe to Yorke Road School in Watford Road,
Croxley Green each Tuesday evening.

Elfins, age 6-10 years from 6 to 7.30 p.m.

Pioneers age 10-14 years from 7.30 to 9 p.m.

Further details may be obtained from Mr. D. Bail,
10 Frogmoor Lane, Rickmansworth, Herts.

COMING EVENTS

The Little Green J.M. School P.T.A. is having a
Jumble Sale at the School on 7th May.

WATER SKIING

On Sunday, 5th June, as part of the Rickmansworth
Week, there will be a water skiing exhibition at The
Aquadrome.

REVELS ON THE GREEN

Saturday, 11th June

A collector of subscriptions is required in the area
bounded by Hazelwood Road and Baldwins Lane. This
is a rewarding job to meet your neighbours. Offers should
be made to Mr. J. W. Broome, 114 Links Way.

ARE YOU A MEMBER? IF NOT, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN OR RE-JOIN.

The minimum subscription is 2s. per year per
family and subscriptions above this amount are
credited to a separate fund which is used in
furtherance of the Association's policy to secure
representation on the Rickmansworth Urban
District Council.

To the Hon. Treasurer, at 114 Links Way
(or to any member of the Committee)

Please enrol me as a member of the Croxley
Green Residents' and Ratepayers' Association, for
which I attach subscription for the year ending
30th September, 1966

Mr. & Mrs. Amount.....

Address Date.....

(You will not be canvassed for the return of this
form; your membership is entirely voluntary)