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THE CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

A recent issue of *The Guardian* carried a report of the experience of a member of the Walsall Borough Council. Councillor Victor Magness was a former Chairman of Willenhall Urban District Council, now absorbed into Walsall. He received 9,000 votes when he stood for election, entirely unassisted by any organisation and at a personal cost of some £50. However, the 9,000 electors have been virtually disenfranchised by the actions of the two Political Party groups of the Council. Because of his refusal to accept either of the Party Whips, Councillor Magness has been excluded from every Committee of the Council, except the General Purposes which every Councillor is automatically on; that is the price he pays for being genuinely independent—a rare case admittedly.

Now you may well ask what this has to do with Croxley Green. The link is a Committee, Government sponsored, set up to discover why more people are not prepared to take part in local Government. This is known as the Maud Committee and Councillor Magness intends to give evidence to this Body; it is also the decision of the Committee of this Association to offer the experiences of their former Councillors to the same body.

Reports of "secrecy" surrounding the appointment of twenty-seven new Justices of the Peace in Birmingham, the bulk of whom were nominees of the two major Political Parties, causes one to speculate also on this aspect of the life of our locality; how many appointments, one may wonder, have been made purely on grounds of suitability without regard to Red, Blue or, occasionally, Yellow labels.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN ENGLAND

The terms of reference of the Royal Commission on Local Government in England, of which Sir John Maud has been appointed Chairman, are as follows:—

"To consider the structure of Local Government in England, outside Greater London, in relation to its existing functions; and to make recommendations for authorities and boundaries, and for functions and their division, having regard to the size and character of areas in which these can be most effectively exercised and the need to sustain a viable system of local democracy."

As it appears your Association intends to formulate submissions, Members are invited to send comments to the Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. N. Cherrill) at 10 Bateman Road, as soon as possible, so that the Committee can assimilate the points in a comprehensive document.

Readers will be aware that successive Governments over several decades have attempted to grapple with this problem and, apart from piecemeal or localised efforts, have not succeeded. The major departments of education, drainage, health, water supplies, are likely to figure prominently in the Royal Commission's considerations, and in this respect it is known that the Local Authorities have a leaning towards a limited number of major administrations for the whole sphere of education. If this materialises it would seem that the pattern will be set for authorities larger than existing counties to be set up to administer those "local" services which are applicable to the whole population irrespective of locality. Nevertheless, it seems desirable to retain a local administration to deal with the needs of residents in smaller areas.

The ultimate must surely be a transference of local authority rate-raising to become the responsibility of the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

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REVELS ON THE GREEN

Many spectators who enjoyed this year's Revels on a pleasant sunny afternoon, thought it was the best performance for a long time. The Committee of Croxley Green Society, and everybody else who helped, are congratulated on their efforts. The revival of a procession through the Village was a welcome change, and it should not be too difficult to encourage many other local vehicles to take part next year.

A NEW SEAT FOR THE GREEN

Dr. Margaret Miller has presented a seat, to the memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. Garner, of Springfield Close, and this has been sited outside Croxley House. We are grateful to Dr. Miller for her thoughtfulness.

PLANNING APPEAL DISMISSED

The appeal by a bill-posting company to have an advertisement panel adjacent to 162 Watford Road, was rejected by the Urban Council, and, later, an appeal to the Minister was dismissed.

TIP TOPPERS AGAIN

Congratulations to this enthusiastic youthful group who, this time, instead of singing and dancing, gained a 1st prize for a decorated vehicle in the Watford Carnival.

MALVERN WAY

The carriageway and footpaths are to be re-surfaced in 1966/67.

CELEBRITIES

It's always a thrill to have your photo taken by the Press, and this thrill has recently been enjoyed by three Croxley Green girls, Miss Susan Broom (ballet dancing), Miss Janet Webb (dancing), and Miss Sarah Buckley (beauty).

... AND OBSERVE

COMMON LAND AND TOWN AND VILLAGE GREENS

Currently available, without charge, from Post Offices, is "Commonland"—a brief guide to the Commons Registration Act 1965—for all who are interested in land which is a Common or a Green, or those possessing Common Rights. Your Association is considering the matter, but it is open for anyone to submit an individual statement.

A COAL DUMP FOR CROXLEY GREEN

Because there is no legislation against it a coal merchant will be allowed to use the land between the canal and the access road to John Dickinson's adjoining the Half-way House at Cassio Bridge. Apparently this does not require planning permission. How remarkable.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

The Association is very annoyed that the Council has failed in its duty to provide playground equipment in Barton Way Recreation Ground up to a standard and quantity that has existed for some years. In the knowledge last October that the Council intended to replace the slide with a plank-swing, it was not until April that an order for the new equipment was placed. Summer will be over before the children have the facilities accorded to them. We have mentioned before, in criticism of the Council, that there is slender reason for decrying the jolly old slide as being dangerous, and in any case Messrs. Wicksteeds of Kettering (the usual suppliers) do provide for a protective cage at the top of the slide. Are our Councillors old-fashioned? or can they not remember back to the times when they were young?

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. Jack S. Robinson on the award for Meritorious Service presented by the National Referees Association for his service for football referees. Mr. Robinson has been a member of your Association's Committee for many years, and was its Hon. Treasurer for eight years.

"HEADWAY"

We feel we must applaud the production of "Headway" which recently became a monthly joint publication from All Saints' Church and St. Oswald's Church. We imagine many residents do not see this magazine partly because it is distributed through the newsagents at 6d. a copy. Can we hope that it will be more widely seen in the reading room of the new Library?

THE GREEN

As a result of many and varied comments concerning the condition of The Green, the Association has asked the Open Spaces Committee to have joint discussions on The Green one evening soon when consideration will be given to the unkept appearance of The Green apart from the unfinished drainage project. For the latter, roadside gulleys still have to be installed.

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CROXLEY GREEN WELCOME CLUB

It is hoped that the new building in New Road will be ready for occupation by mid-July, but the official opening will not be until the autumn. The Rickmansworth Round Tablers are most generously donating the proceeds of their fund-raising events held during 1965-66 for the purchase of equipment and furnishings for the Club. We are reminded that Mr. Grain and his friends raised over £200 with which to give replacements for losses sustained in the Guildhouse fire.

The Appeal Fund is now reported to have reached £1,823. But remembering the target was £3,000 there is still a long way to go—and this is the capital contribution quite distinct from running costs. The most recent donation was one of 20 guineas, and the Appeals Committee are grateful and pleased that the Fund has done so well since it was launched in July last year. Even so, there seems good cause to think that further donations—no matter how large or small—may still be received before the Official Opening in the autumn. Could we stress, ever so strongly, that the Club is something that affects us all, for we shall all be potential members one day, and the efforts of everyone is an investment in the future of Croxley Green. (The Hon. Treasurer of the Fund is Mr. A. E. Jeffery, of 7 Old Barn Lane.)

The running costs of the Club have been roughly calculated to be £1,000 a year. The Club will have to pay half normal Rates, and the cost of gas, electricity, etc.

The hall will seat 200 people and have a stage. This will be the only part for letting during the evenings only, and will need to be let to help defray the overall expenses of the Club. Provisional charges and conditions have been drawn up and enquiries should be made to Mrs. G. B. Fenning, 41 Russell Road, Moor Park, or to Mrs. J. P. Percival, Little Waterdeil House, Croxley Green.

As well as housing the Welcome Club, the new building will contain a specially adapted bath for the handicapped, a fully equipped chiropody room, a medical loan depot, and the divisional office of the B.R.C.S. which will be open daily for advice, hiring of medical loan equipment, and the advance booking for the Club's hall.

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Be prepared for a surprise in the method of recording the issue of books! Instead of separate tickets as we have known them for many years, you will have a single ticket (allowing you to borrow four books), and a photographic record will be made of the books issued.

"HALF A LOAF"

In the recent municipal elections 18 councils switched their allegiance to the Conservatives, and four defected from them. No doubt most of the changes derived from local issues, as in Cuckfield Urban District Council, where a Ratepayers' Association formed only a few weeks ago to protest against rising rates carried all 10 seats and wiped out the Tory majority. Such results are healthy, for in local government it is generally the floating voters, rather than those who vote according to their habitual Parliamentary loyalties, who show an active interest in municipal affairs.

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A BITTER LESSON

He glumly stood looking at his house with the large tarpaulin over the roof and wondered what to do. He had purchased the house 10 years ago for £4,150 with a mortgage, and the Building Society recommended the property being insured for £3,600. The insurance cover had never been increased, and now because of a fault in the electric wiring due to its age, a fire had started in the loft and the roof was totally destroyed. Fortunately, the Fire Brigade were quickly on the scene and put the fire out, but the upper ceiling was damaged and the entire decorations throughout the house were spoilt by smoke and water. Our unfortunate householder completed a claim from the Insurance Company and obtained estimates for the repairs, the cheapest being £2,250. The Insurance Company, however, were reluctant to pay a sum in excess of £1,400, in full settlement of the claim, and they considered they were acting generously. They contended that the loss sustained was approximately one third of the building and that the whole property was only insured for £3,600. It was pointed out that on the Proposal Form (completed by the householder 10 years ago) he stated that the sum assured represented the full value, and the Proposal Form constituted the whole basis of the insurance contract between the householder and the Company. It was further stressed that by the payment of the renewal premium, it was implied that the sum insured still represented the full value of the property, and the householder had only himself to blame if he had not increased the sum to cover the full replacement value of the whole building.

Our unfortunate householder had indeed learnt a very bitter lesson, but we can profit from his misfortune by ensuring each year that our own house is adequately insured to cover the replacement cost if it was totally destroyed.

(from our legal adviser)

TREES

In the footpath between Baldwins Lane and Kenilworth Drive, the Engineer and Surveyor has been authorised to spend £210 for the removal of 15 overgrown lime trees, and £50 for their replacement with more suitable ornamental trees later in the autumn.

SCOTS HILL AND NORTH ORBITAL

The last origin and destination traffic survey conducted on Scots Hill, Rickmansworth, was in April 1963.

The result of the survey, in passenger car units—the unit used in traffic statistics, in order to give a uniform comparison of volumes of traffic of differing composition—was as follows:

During the recent peak hour, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Watford-bound traffic reached 852 pcu's; Rickmansworth-bound traffic, 860. The morning peak (8.30 a.m.-9.30 a.m.) figures were, Watford-bound 668; Rickmansworth-bound 976.

From this survey it is expected that 47 per cent of the peak flow towards Rickmansworth (in the morning) and 53 per cent towards Watford (in the evening) will transfer to the North Orbital Road when it is completed.

Assuming that the traffic increase will continue to be about eight per cent each year, which is most likely, and that the North Orbital Road will have been constructed by 1971, the position will then be on Scots Hill—Peak flow to Rickmansworth, 954 pcu's per hour (almost equal to 1963); towards Watford, 742 pcu's per hour, compared with 852 pcu's in 1963.

This information was given on May 31st, 1966, at the annual meeting of Rickmansworth Urban Council, in answer to questions by Councillor F. J. S. Hall.

(Reprinted from Watford Observer. The Association went to extremes to obtain this information two years ago, and we cannot help but wonder who regards it with such secrecy.—Ed.)

OBITUARY

We deeply regret to record the sudden passing of a well-known Croxley Green resident, Mr. G. Cheater, who was Chairman of the Old Folks Welcome Club.

The Association joins with many residents who expressed sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Chapman in the sad loss of their six-year-old twin son, Alexander, who died as the result of an accident in Watford Road.

It is with sincere regret that we record the recent death of Mr. Reginald Payne, a local councillor for 16 years, twice Chairman of Rickmansworth Council, as well as a county councillor for nine years.

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Do it *now* before you put aside this magazine and forget all about it.

YOUTH CLUB

Captain Joint of the Church Army has been appointed as Youth Officer in this District. He is living at 54 Dickinson Avenue. It is understood that work is progressing in part of the T.A. Centre in readiness for the opening of a Youth Club there in the autumn.

ANOTHER SEAT

A new seat has been placed on the platform at Croxley (Met.) Station.

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

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*To the Hon. Treasurer, at 114 Links Way
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CHAIRMEN OF THE COUNCIL

The Association takes pleasure in mentioning the election of Councillor William Foulsham, O.B.E., M.C., who will be Chairman of Rickmansworth Urban District Council for the ensuing year.

And we record a tribute to former Councillor J. Whiteside who was Chairman until May of this year, concluding a most honourable fifteen years of service to the Urban District.

YOUR COUNCILLORS

At the recent Municipal Elections, Councillors Cox, Hauck and Young were re-elected to hold offices for the next three years.

Your Councillors are:

For Croxley Green North Ward:

Cllr. A. J. Crawley, 32 Winchester Way, Croxley Green
Cllr. S. C. Davies, 58 Barton Way, Croxley Green
Cllr. D. F. Jones, 36 Links Way, Croxley Green
Cllr. N. C. Young, 63 Longcroft Road, Maple Cross

For Croxley Green South Ward:

Cllr. Mrs. E. M. Beesley, The Haven, High Street, Rickmansworth
Cllr. W. H. Cox, "Oakwood," Chorleywood Road, Rickmansworth
Cllr. F. J. S. Hall, 45 Copthorne Road, Croxley Green
Cllr. A. W. Hauck, 335 New Road, Croxley Green

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Rickmansworth Urban District Council has decided to disband its General Purposes Committee, and transfer some of its business to the Finance Committee. Some functions will go to the newly named Highways and Traffic Committee.

Members of the public are admitted to some Rickmansworth Urban District Council meetings as follows, which commence at 8 p.m.

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| Open Spaces | July 21st, September 1st |
| Highways and Traffic | July 25th, September 5th |
| Road Safety | August 10th, September 21st |
| COUNCIL | August 9th, September 20th |

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