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## Annual General Meeting

To All Members,

The Annual General Meeting of the Croxley Green Residents' and Ratepayers' Association will be held on Wednesday, 2nd November, 1966, at 8 p.m. in the Science Room of the Dickinson Guildhouse, New Road, Croxley Green. All members are earnestly requested to attend.

10 Bateman Road,  
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F. N. CHERRILL,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

### AGENDA

1. Minutes of the 1965 Annual General Meeting held on 3rd November, 1965.
2. Matters arising therefrom.
3. Chairman's Report.
4. Hon. Secretary's Report.
5. Hon. Treasurer's Report and statement of accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1966.
6. Election of President and Vice-Presidents.
7. Election of Officers and Committee for the ensuing year.
8. Election of Hon. Auditors.
9. Resolutions.
10. Open Discussion. (Prior notice of items for discussion should be handed to the Hon. Secretary.)
  - (a) Parking of vehicles in New Road.
  - (b) Membership of the Local Government Reform Society.

N.B. All Members of the Association are eligible to serve on the Committee. If you are willing to serve kindly write to the Hon. Secretary at least two days prior to the A.G.M.

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## WE HEAR . . .

### TRAFFIC

A suggestion made by Councillor Hall to have a system of one-way traffic in New Road and Watford Road has not been accepted by the Rickmansworth U.D.C.

### UNILATERAL PARKING IN NEW ROAD

A further suggestion from Councillor Hall was that there should be some form of parking in New Road, while another unnamed Councillor thought there should be a section of the road near to Barton Way which would prohibit waiting for 24 hours each day. The Council did not reach a decision.

It is pertinent to note that neither Rickmansworth Council, nor any Councillor, has approached the Residents' Association to seek the opinion of the residents. Arising from letters from several Traders, and because this matter affects people who live in New Road as well as shoppers, your Committee decided to remit the problem to the Annual General Meeting of the C.G.R. & R.A. on November 2nd, to give everyone an opportunity to air their views. This problem reveals yet another example of the lack of any kind of public relations policy on the part of our Local Authority.

### CROXLEY GREEN WELCOME CLUB

The Club members have now taken occupation of their new premises, and, amongst other activities, a chiropodist gives weekly treatment. The official opening of the new Club premises will be performed by The Bishop of St. Albans on November 29th.

It is learnt that the Appeal Fund (with a necessary target of £3,000) has reached £1,866, so there is still a long way to go.

### BANKS

While we are still waiting for Barclays Bank to open in New Road, we see that the Westminster Bank is concerned with a planning application for 276 New Road.

### DEPUTY CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

May we say "Welcome" to Mr. A. S. Challoner, who is shortly coming from Bromsgrove to become Deputy Clerk of the Council.

## AND OBSERVE

### TREES

Two more trees to go. An elm tree on The Green is to be felled and replaced at a cost of £100. In Dulwich Way (we quote) "it had yet to be decided what *short* of tree would replace the large oak tree removed earlier in the year." The large trees in Watford Road between Yorke Road and the Church are in jeopardy since the Council has been asked to find a way of widening the footpath. On reading the Council Minutes it seems that every time the tree consultant reports on a tree he tends to advocate its removal. Why? A long time ago we heard of something called a Tree Preservation Order.

### BLOCKAGES ON SCOTS HILL

In a letter to the R.U.D.C. from the Chief Superintendent of Police it is stated that his records show that from 1.1.66 to 29.6.66, there were 42 blockages on Scots Hill; for the year ended 31.12.65 there were 66 blockages. Seven prosecutions arose out of vehicles causing blockages but only two of these involved the condition of the vehicle in question and these were both cases of defective brakes. Arising from this the Council will arrange for a warning sign "Steep Hill—Low Gear Now" to be placed beyond the foot of the hill.

### OBJECTS FROM SPACE

A resident in Watford Road has found a quantity of metal staples scattered in his rear garden, and his neighbours have had the same experience. How did they get there?

### THE GREEN

It is true to say that if the people of Croxley Green do not bother about The Green then it is not likely that anyone else will do so. Following our publicity earlier this year several people wrote comments regarding car-parking and the exercising of horses. Your Committee drew the attention of the Local Council to the matter and asked that the Open Spaces Committee would meet representatives of our Association on the site. The Open Spaces Committee decided to inspect The Green alone and after making some recommendations for improvements declined to meet our representatives. In acting for Croxley Green residents the Association intends to maintain vigilance so that if the expected improvements do not materialise much stronger action will have to be taken.

### WANTED: A SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

Will the powers that be kindly note that many residents of Sycamore Road, Valley Walk and nearby wish for a school crossing patrol to guide children across Watford Road in the vicinity of Pikes Stores.

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## CROXLEY GREEN ROADS SAFETY COMMITTEE

Emanating from traffic conditions along Watford Road, a public meeting was held on 20th July at which a Committee was chosen to make a detailed investigation into the problem, and, in doing so, to have regard to road safety problems in other parts of Croxley Green. The appointment of this Committee is welcomed. They are co-ordinating with Rickmansworth Council and with Mr. Gilbert Longden; they have secured press coverage. They have already secured the erection of new School signs, but there is a list of over twenty other aspects of the main problem into which they are looking. We would venture to comment that painted road markings are regarded as mandatory while warning signs on posts are simply permissary. Why not have a double white line along the whole length of Watford Road as this would erase several aspects of the problem. Suggestions should be sent to the Committee's Hon. Secretary: Miss M. L. Collings, 34 Watford Road.

## DISTRICT BOUNDARY SIGNS

As the years go by we now hear that the six boundary signs are to be purchased at a cost of £210, but the Minutes do not clearly state whether the £210 is for the lot or for each. Croxley Green will get one on the District Boundary of the A412 near Cassio Bridge, but in spite of strenuous efforts it will not say "Croxley Green", simply the coat of arms with Rickmansworth Urban District made in self-coloured glass fibre which will not require repainting.



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## CROWN POST OFFICE

The Postmaster-General's department has now decreed that the Crown Post Office must close on October 1st. As the Watford Postmaster remarked in a letter "this will be unpalatable to many residents of Croxley Green" but he has given an assurance that facilities to be provided in a sub-post office will be no less than previously available. The Association has strenuously pressed that this action would not be taken as we believe that the G.P.O. is a public service which should be maintained even if there is "insufficient business to warrant the continuance of a Crown Post Office". Many of us know that the land at the junction of New Road and Watford Road is (or was) Crown Land on which we expected one day to have a permanent Post Office. The temporary building has existed since 1949 and, when introduced, was obviously intended to be replaced in a permanent building. The curtailment of opening hours some months ago seemed (although it was involved with staff working hours) to be the thin end of a wedge to ultimately say officially that turnover had decreased.

The alternative sub-post office will be housed in Moxley's shop at 196 Watford Road. The hours for business will be 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. but closing at 1 p.m. on Wednesdays and 4.30 p.m. on Saturdays.

Your Association's Committee is far from satisfied that facilities under the new arrangement will be as satisfactory as previously, and is pressing for a firm assurance on the following points: that the sub-post office will not have half-day closing; that renewal of car licences can still be obtained; that the four stamp machines will continue in use; that telegrams can be despatched; that there will be no difficulty in posting parcels (this arose from local commerce); that there would be no lack of cash for paying pensions and family allowances; and that the customary information service would be maintained.

By way of explanation to our readers the running of a sub-post office is vested in the proprietor of the shop and he may employ a person to handle the postal service, whereas the staff of a Crown Post Office are Civil Servants experienced in their work.

The problem next arises from the Postmaster's directive (when we pressed for a sub-post office at Waddingtons in Baldwins Lane) that one office should not be within a half-mile of another. Yet the present move places the new sub-post office within a half-mile of Pikes Stores. The move also means that residents in the area of Scots Hill as far as to Harvey Road will be more than a half-mile from a Post Office.

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Part of my welcome at my holiday hotel in Switzerland implored me "not to worry; it's our job to give you a happy holiday". Staying in a former Duke's palace with its palatial rooms and stairways—now the Grand Hotel Territet — I was willing to leave all my cares behind. Until waking early the next morning to hear a slow grinding noise in the main road outside. I went out on to the balcony to see a large mechanical road-sweeper, painted with wide diagonal colours, fitted with revolving brushes on the side and rear coupled with a prolific spray of water. And then I started to worry! What niggled me most was the memory of a most filthy station in London named Victoria. So, being civically minded, I made a mental note of all the municipal activities where, even in the little villages of Gruyeres and Champéry, as well as the cities of Lausanne, Montreux and Geneva, I never saw a scrap of litter whether it was the main road or the lakeside promenade. Similarly, with street works and civil engineering projects, everything seemed to be done in an orderly fashion. It's no use saying "not to worry"; we must worry until we achieve Swiss efficiency.

### WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

Statistics given by the Institute of Weights and Measures Administration states that of 17,850 heavy lorries weighed in 1964-65, 2,650 were found to be overloaded. The Institute comments "If overloading of this magnitude is considered in conjunction with the results of the Ministry of Transport road tests for roadworthiness, the picture becomes a very disturbing one. Much has been said about vehicles of all kinds travelling too fast and too close to other vehicles, and to this must be added not only the hazard of overweight but in many cases the further hazard that a badly distributed weight load can result in steering difficulties".

*from The Pedestrian*

### ACTION PLANS

The R.U.D.C. would wish to see an action plan prepared for the area north of Scots Hill and bounded by Scots Hill, Copthorne Road, Chess Vale Rise and the former T.A. site, and The Green. Perhaps the Council will kindly let us know what they have in mind? Or is it a secret?

### APPRECIATION

While we usually try to express appreciation for the many residents who distribute this magazine to your house, we now take pleasure to say "Thank You" to Mr. J. W. Broome, who travels 23 miles around Croxley Green (not passing through any road twice) to deliver bulk supplies of *The Croxley Green Resident*.

### AQUADROME CATERING

On the termination of the previous caterer's licence there was the sum of £232 11s. 2d. still owed to the Council. The caterer had gone bankrupt, and, with legal costs of £17 11s. 6d., the Council decided to write off £250 2s. 8d. as being irrecoverable.

### A SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

It was in the Rue de Gare in Montreux; the time close on 2 o'clock in the afternoon; many children on their way back to school. Two boys aged about 12 years old wearing coloured forage caps with a coloured sash over their shoulders, and carrying a small round board attached to a stick. They stepped out into the road from opposite sides of the road and held up their boards to warn traffic while their mates crossed the road. Surely a good way to educate children to grow up civically minded. Perhaps the Rickmansworth Junior Road Safety Committee could consider this report?

### CONSUMER CORNER

A reader writes to say that on a recent shopping outing one article had risen in price by 8d., another by 3½d., and another by 3d. It's obviously no use writing to the Chancellor of the Exchequer; *you* are the Chancellor and *you* should simply decline to buy. We have for a long time thought it would be a good idea if a Consumer Group were set up in Croxley Green; who will take the lead? People living on pensions are definitely the worst hit and they must notice the differences most acutely.

### CROXLEY YOUTH CENTRE

The Croxley Youth Centre has now been inaugurated in two of the hatted buildings on the site opposite All Saints' Church. Under the leadership of Captain Joint of the Church Army, the huts have been tastefully furnished and redecorated with the help of members of local youth clubs. The usual facilities are available, such as table tennis, billiards, etc., with opportunities for outdoor activities. The Club is open on Tuesday to Friday evenings, and over 500 enquiries for membership have been received.

### OBITUARY

We regret to record the passing of Mr. Percy Seddon, aged 81 years, who was a founder member of the Residents' Association.

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*(By golly, you want to see all the iron trees going up in St. Pancras sprouting parking meters.—Ed.)*

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