

# The Croxley Green Resident

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE CROXLEY GREEN RESIDENTS' AND RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

No. 98

Editor—F. NORMAN CHERRILL

JULY 1968

## This Won't Worry Me, Will it?

by our Special Correspondent

Do you sometimes glance at the Public Notices in the local paper and wonder what that's all about? Thinking "It can't affect me". In the *Watford Observer*, 31st May, one such notice which could affect many householders in Croxley Green was printed under the title "Town and Country Planning Act 1962 . . . Hertfordshire Development Plan".

You may be thinking that it is a rather dull subject for an editorial, but residents so often complain that they don't know what "THEY" are doing that it seems a good opportunity to tell you about the Development Plan and, most important to an Englishman, his rights of objection.

Firstly, what is it all about? To those who don't know, the answer quite simply is that the County Council are bound by law to prepare a plan for the county showing such things as new schools, open spaces, and housing areas. Such a plan was approved by the Minister of Housing and Local Government in December 1958. At five yearly intervals, the plan has to be reviewed and the County Council submitted the First Review to the Minister in December 1963. In the intervening years the Minister has been cogitating on this, and he has now come up with some modifications. These he has published so that the District Councils and we, the populace, may know what he has in mind.

In some cases these modifications do no more than take account of things which have already happened, for example, his idea to show Lees Wood, on the corner of Grove Mill Lane as Public Open space acknowledges the fact that the Watford Borough Council are the owners of the land, which is for recreational use. Another modification is the suggestion to zone the grounds of the Redheath School as "Educational establishment in the Green Belt".

One modification has a considerable bearing on our locality. Many readers will be familiar with the Croxley woods and the paths leading to the canal at the lower end of Harvey Road. In recent years there have been a number of small buildings housing various factories. In the early 1960s a well-known company became

established in this area and there was an immediate increase in the amount of traffic passing along Frankland Road and Harvey Road. On the First Review of the South Hertfordshire Town Map, the County Council thought that the time had arrived to show the whole area as Green Belt, but the Minister is now suggesting that part of the land ought to be shown for industrial purposes. Do we really want an industrial estate firmly built up on one of our favourite walking grounds? Certainly not, and it is up to us to see that the Minister does not get away with his suggestion. Householders in Harvey Road, Frankland Close and Frankland Road have been advised to submit objections by 30th June.

The plans of the district are available for anyone to see in the Council Offices, Rickmansworth, or the Town Hall, Watford. If you decide to inspect the plans you may find that you disagree with the suggested residential development at Scots Hill House, for example. The thing to do is to write your objections under the heading Hertfordshire Development Plan to the Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Local Government, Whitehall, S.W.1, so that the letter is received by 30th June, or very soon after.

I would beg of you that you don't let this opportunity slip, as to do so will mean that you will be living with the consequences and paying for them for a good many years to come, when it will be far too late to say, "This won't worry me, will it?"

*The first action taken by your Association has been to ask the Minister of Housing and Local Government to extend from one month to two months the period during which written objections will be entertained, and, because the plan can only be inspected during office hours, to ask Rickmansworth Council to place an extract of the plan covering Croxley Green in the Library for four weeks. A formal objection has been submitted to the industrial use of land adjacent to Harvey Road, but it is emphasised that residents in Harvey Road, Frankland Close and Frankland Road, should take more concise and concerted action themselves.*

*The Editor*

FOR THE BEST VALUE

in

FOOTWEAR AND REPAIRS

go to

# WRIGHTS

245 New Rd., Croxley Green

(Phone: Rickmansworth 72819)

also at Watford and Stanmore

"National" Cheques accepted

## CROSS & HERBERT LTD

### CHEMIST

158 Watford Road, Croxley Green

Telephone: Rickmansworth 72072

## WE HEAR . . .

---

### SCRAP METAL YARD

Many residents in Watford Road and Sycamore Road will be very relieved that Edwards' scrap metal yard has gone at last from the railway sidings near Croxley Green station. This piece of industrial nuisance has been with us for over ten years and every effort to regulate the business met with frustration. It is remembered that a photographer from the *Daily Mirror* once photographed the dump. The business was carried on in spite of planning stipulations and efforts by the R.U.D.C. on the grounds of non-compliance were non-availing. Thank goodness, too, that most of the advertising hoardings have been dismantled, and we hope the local authority will have the wisdom to preclude further advertising in a purely residential area.

### THE QUEEN'S HONOURS LIST

We proudly record the award of M.B.E. to Mr. B. H. W. Tullett for his services to the National Savings Movement. Mr. Tullett is a Committee member of this Association.

### LAG IN PLANS FOR PARKING

A report by the British Road Federation states that one town council in three had no real concept of how traffic in their centres would develop and the effect it would have on local people, and went on to say that far too many local authorities had not started to tackle the problem with the decision and imagination it required.

### LOCAL ROADS MAINTENANCE

In the present year work will be completed in Ludlow Way to the kerb and footway, and works will be carried out in Grove Crescent. There are only two other items under this heading in the district (both Batchworth Lane), so Croxley Green may be considered fortunate to have a fair slice.

---

## DURRANTS

CROXLEY GREEN

for your

21st Birthday Party,      Wedding Reception,  
Anniversary Celebrations

FULL CATERING FACILITIES

Available for Business Conventions

Tel. — Rickmansworth 73014

---

### THE NEW POOL

May 11th was a cold and wintry day for the official opening of Durrants School new swimming pool, but the plans for the afternoon were fulfilled and several youngsters had a dip. Our roving reporter reveals that several boys tried out the pool long before it was officially opened (some were not even wearing bathing trunks!) but the water was so cold they were obviously glad to get out.

### CAR PARKING NEAR CROXLEY STATION

Since the opening of the station car park (which has been poorly used) moves have been made by persons unknown to persuade the Council to prohibit car parking on both sides of the road in Winton Drive alongside the station. This has come to naught.

### GRATITUDE

Rickmansworth Urban Council's hospitality was to blame for his appearance in court, a local evening newspaper reporter told Watford magistrates court when answering charges of driving without due care and attention, and driving after having consumed alcohol in excess of the prescribed limit. He said "Rickmansworth Council proved excellent hosts and several drinks were pressed upon me". Who paid?

### A PUBLIC HALL FOR CROXLEY GREEN

Noting that Rickmansworth is carefully investigating the need for a public hall we think it well nigh time that Croxley Green started pressing for a public hall, the need for which has become acute since fire destroyed the hall at the Guildhouse.

---

## 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

---

### THE MISSING TELEPHONE KIOSK

King's Langley has a mystery over the disappearance of a telephone kiosk and so has Croxley Green. For many years there was one outside Pike's Stores at 195 Watford Road, but it was removed. Granted the Telephone Manager's office phoned your Secretary to say it would only be a couple of days before it was re-sited. But that was three months ago, and in spite of letters to the Telephone Manager the kiosk is still missing. The aggravation is the dictatorial attitude shown to a public service.

### MR. GILBERT LONGDEN, M.P.

Recently called to local councillors to give the public an opportunity to express its opinion before decisions are taken. Mr. Longden said the Conservatives had won nation-wide and unprecedented victories in the recent elections, "not so much because of the shortcomings of their opponents as because these elections provided the nation with its only opportunity of expressing no confidence in the Labour Government".

Mr. Longden went to say "I believe that what electors require of their councillors is that after taking the advice of their officer, the elected representatives should make decisions. Their decisions should be made publicly, after public discussion, and after affording the public ample opportunity of expressing its opinion".

*(From the Watford Observer)*

### SPEEDING VEHICLES

Serious attention continues to be given to the hazard of crossing lower Baldwins Lane because of the speeding of vehicles coming down the hill. It is firmly believed that the Police are the ones to deal with this problem, and they are persuaded to take effective action.

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

## P. BECKFORD Ltd.

307 BALDWIN'S LANE  
CROXLEY GREEN

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

### TRAFFIC IN BALDWIN'S LANE

On several occasions there has been a difficult situation with vans and cars outside the shops in the upper part of Baldwins Lane. The problem was investigated by the Croxley Green Roads Safety Committee who took the matter up with the Council. As a result the road has now been clearly marked "Keep access clear" and the traders have been asked to persuade delivery vehicles to use the service road at the rear of the shops. Private motorists are advised that they can use the car park in the Recreation Ground while going to the shops.

### SIGHT LINE IN WATFORD ROAD

The front fence of the house at the corner of Harvey Road and Watford Road has been lowered so as to provide better vision for motorists coming out of Harvey Road to turn right. Nevertheless this is still a dangerous exit and thoughtful drivers prefer to go along Frankland Road and thus progress into Watford Road.

### HORSES ON THE GREEN

Complaints and criticism keep coming up at the Association's monthly meetings, and it transpires that the Council has done little about seeking a solution of the problem of horses and their riders having the freedom of The Green to the inconvenience and detriment of the public. The Association's policy is that if horse riding is to be permitted then it should only be in that area at the western end. There seems little doubt that horses are brought from outside our locality and the feeling is that owners of horses should exercise them on private (and not public) property.

## LUXTON'S

(Prop.: Mr. and Mrs. Shelley)

4 SCOTS HILL, CROXLEY GREEN  
Tel.: Rickmansworth 72847

for

Regular delivery of Newspapers and Magazines

*Cigarettes and Tobacco*

*Best Quality Confectionery*

*School Requisites*

*Greeting Cards for all occasions*

Local Agent for the Gordon Fraser Gallery

INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR DECORATOR

## A. PEASLAND

*Fairest rates in the area*

Estimates Free

Phone: Rickmansworth 76146

Quality at a reasonable price

### POSTAL SERVICES

Members of your Committee are keeping a careful watch on collections of mail and have noted several occasions when the box has been cleared too early—or not at all. Correspondence with the Postmaster at Watford brings apologies and assurances for better services, but this does not satisfy even one person who rushes to the pillar box at a certain time only to find the box has been cleared too early. We must criticise a recent idea among the postmen to deliver some mail to the even-side houses and then cross over to deal with a group of odd-side houses. Surely the sorting is easier if all one side of a road is put in order; and the delivery should be arranged so that odd numbers get their mail early one day while the even numbers get it early the following day.

### NORTH ORBITAL ROAD

From information recently received we are led to believe that an Order under the Highways Act 1959 may shortly be made by the Minister of Transport. During recent months the Local Authority has been in consultation with the County regarding the route at the southern end of this new road. It appears an amended plan will tend to deviate at Ladywalk Wood so that the trees will be disturbed as little as possible. Little more is yet known of the difficulties in routing the road which have been raised in Chorleywood and this situation could possibly give rise to a public inquiry.

### THE GREEN

When it was noticed that the grass was growing so high between the fork roads of The Green, a note to the Engineer brought immediate action.

## Sweet-Fayre

2 New Parade, The Green, Croxley Green

TOBACCONISTS and  
CONFECTIONERS of DISTINCTION

Post Office — Stationery — Greeting Cards  
Toys — Chemist's Sundries

Printers of Personal and Wedding Stationery

*SATISFACTION our GUARANTEE*

Rickmansworth 72686

### TRAFFIC IN LINKS WAY AND ROUSEBARN LANE

There is little doubt that many commercial vehicles are constantly and regularly using Links Way and Rousebarn Lane as a quick route to avoid the centre of Watford. Your Association has asked Watford R.D.C. to prohibit heavy vehicles using Rousebarn Lane. The Association also asked Rickmansworth Council to support them. But Rickmansworth Council decided that as Rousebarn Lane was outside the District, and as the Police *had not at any time seen any heavy and commercial vehicles using Rousebarn Lane*, decided to take no action in the matter. So it is up to local residents to provide their Association with factual statistics which would enable further pressures to be exerted.

In order to gain proper evidence of traffic movement in Links Way would it be a good idea for the residents to get together and take a full-day census of traffic in each direction? It is realised that a project like this is difficult to organise but it is the best way to prove to the highways authority that something has to be done to prevent heavy vehicles using Rousebarn Lane and Links Way.

### RICKMANSWORTH NEW LIBRARY

Present by invitation, the Editor and his wife were privileged to view the new Library at Rickmansworth during its official opening by Mr. C. G. Ransome Williams. With so much space and hundreds of volumes in apple pie order it made us wonder why the residents of the Urban District had had to put up with the old temporary library for so many years. This is now a piece of history which will soon be forgotten. The point of our report is to remind our readers that they now have the choice of two libraries—and if it's touring (ordnance) maps you're after—Rickmansworth has them.

## Decor Craft

3 New Parade, The Green, Croxley Green

Telephone: RICKMANSWORTH 74556

Hardware ♦ China ♦ Gifts ♦ Paints ♦ Wallpaper ♦ Tools

Picture Frames Made ♦ Timber ♦ Paraffin ♦ Free Delivery

## ELECTION REFLECTIONS

It is rather amazing that some candidates in our local elections (not necessarily this year) lack precise knowledge of our village. One candidate said there were six Councillors in both Croxley Green Wards, and another candidate issued a duplicated paper putting him to rights. One candidate was uncertain whether or not to put an "e" on the end of Yorke Road. A candidate deplored the alleged fact that half of the Croxley Green Councillors lived outside Croxley Green; this was countered by a correcting statement from another party which was still wrong as, at the time of election, three Croxley Green Councillors lived outside the wards they represented. Some may say this does not matter; we say it does. When a Councillor sees things for himself it makes all the difference in a debate. A former Councillor spent hours of his weekends going out to see things for himself for this very reason.

## DURRANTS SCHOOL

Your Editor was privileged to nose around the new school buildings forming an extension to Durrants School and was most impressed with the quality of the workmanship. In spite of current educational economies new building work is also going on at Rickmansworth Grammar School.

## FLORAL ARRANGING

The Croxley Green Flower Group (who meet in the Guildhouse at 8 p.m.) are to have demonstrations on 8th July and 9th September. Make a note, too, of their Annual Show to be held on 28th September at All Saints' Church Hall. The Hon. Sec. is Mrs. J. Quick of 3 Scots Hill Close, who would be pleased to welcome new members.

## CON GRAT U LAT IONS

To the well-known Croxley Green troupe "The Tip Toppers" who won the William Perring trophy in the Watford Carnival with their decorated float. A lot of work goes into a job like this and we applaud everyone who helped.

# MEAD AUTOS (Croxley Green) Ltd.

48 NEW ROAD  
CROXLEY GREEN

Telephone—Rickmansworth 75144

Breakdown Service

Self Drive Hire

Esso Blue Dealer

## RE-BUILDING CASSIO BRIDGE

The latest news indicates that the work is now likely to commence in the autumn this year.

## SCOTS HILL

A spot of news indicates that as the North Orbital Road construction is programmed for 1970 the possibility arises that the major scheme designed for Scots Hill may be indefinitely postponed. This story ties up with the reluctance of the Council's Engineer and Surveyor to loan a plan of Scots Hill improvement scheme for public inspection. The Association has been asking for a sight of this for over two years.

## COUNTY ROADS

The County Council cut the proposed estimates for the current year by three-eighths, and the only "scheme" which can be carried out this year in the Urban District will be the Chorleywood Road improvement between the northern end of the dual carriageway now under construction and the boundary with Chorleywood U.D.C.

Repairs will, however, be made to the surface of Denham Way and the footway, and in Harefield Road work will be done to the surface, the drains and the lighting.

## DISTRIBUTORS

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

*Help is required to circulate to Grove Crescent flats, Ludlow Way, Dugdales area, Watford Road between the stations.*

**Have Your DRY CLEANING READY TO WEAR IN 30 MINUTES**

**:: 10 lbs. for 10s. ::**

**Single Items — 1s. 6d. per lb. — 24 hours Service**

**at**

# THE BENDIX LAUNDERETTE

*Under the Personal Supervision of Mr. and Mrs. FRICKER*

**4 THE GREEN, CROXLEY GREEN**

**Tel. — Rickmansworth 76967**

RICKMANSWORTH : 77613

# SUZANNE

*Hair Fashions*

244 NEW ROAD, CROXLEY GREEN

Reduced Charges to O.A.P.s

## PEDESTRIAN CROSSING: WATFORD ROAD

This Association, and the Croxley Green Roads Safety Committee, are pressing the Council to approve the need for a pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of the junctions of Winton Approach/Sycamore Approach in Watford Road.

As for the existing pedestrian crossing near the Red House is concerned, the Ministry of Transport have authorised the conversion of this crossing into a light controlled type, but so far the County Council have not been able to supply the necessary funds.

## POLITICS

Your Committee has suggested that a short statement should be issued confirming that the Association's activities are non-political. This does not mean that any member of the Committee may not have connections with a political party, but it does mean that policy and decisions are taken without any directive whatsoever from a parent body. The decisions of your Committee are always based on the desire to uphold all the amenities of Croxley Green and to protect the interests of our Members.

## FOR THE SAKE OF THE RECORD

It is stated that your Association was in no way connected with the candidature of Mr. L. V. Reason who offered himself as a Liberal Party candidate. Moreover, Mr. Reason resigned from the Chairmanship of your Committee to facilitate his action. Nevertheless it can be recorded that the statement made by him in his election address was factually correct.

## FUTURE DATES

Announcements under the heading of "Coming Events" will be welcomed from Secretaries so as to reach the Editor early in September for inclusion in the October issue.

## R.U.D.C. MEETINGS

Readers are reminded that the public are admitted to all full meetings of the Council, and to some Committee meetings. All meetings noted below are timed for 8 p.m. at Basing House.

Council meetings—2nd July, 6th August, 17th September.

Highways and Traffic Committee—22nd July, 3rd September.

Open Spaces Committee—23rd July, 4th September.

The minutes of R.U.D.C., W.R.D.C., and H.C.C. may be seen in the public library.

## AN EMPTY COUNCIL HOUSE

It is noted that the Council owned house of 112 Watford Road has been empty for several months and many people must wonder why somebody on the housing waiting list has not been granted the tenancy of this house. Last year we had to draw attention to a Council house which had been empty for over six months; now it has recurred. To put it mildly may we hope our Councillors who serve on the Housing Committee and those who represent Croxley Green South Ward will get something done quickly?



# ATHOL 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

PHONE RICKMANSWORTH

By Day 74074 or 75922

# CRESCENT CARS

TAXIS and PRIVATE HIRE

STATION CORNER  
NEW ROAD  
CROXLEY GREEN  
RICKMANSWORTH

RADIO CONTROLLED

## BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Tender-handed stroke a nettle,  
And it stings you for your pains;  
Grasp it like a man of mettle,  
And it soft as silk remains.

Aaron Hill (1685-1750)

## YOUR COUNCILLORS

Congratulations to Mr. C. J. Ford and Mr. P. F. Wenderlish who were elected Councillors on May 11th, and to Councillor F. J. S. Hall, who was re-elected.

### Croxley Green North Ward

Cllr. N. C. Young (until 1969), 63 Longcroft Road, Maple Cross.  
Cllr. A. E. Gibbons (until 1970), 316 Baldwins Lane.  
Cllr. C. J. Ford (until 1971), 25 Durrants Drive.  
Cllr. P. F. Wenderlish (until 1971), 45 Kenilworth Drive.

### Croxley Green South Ward

Cllr. W. H. Cox (until 1969), "Oakwood", Chorleywood Road, Rickmansworth.  
Cllr. A. W. Hauck (until 1969), 335 New Road.  
Cllr. Miss K. M. Raggett (until 1970), 2 Scots Hill Close.  
Cllr. F. J. S. Hall (until 1971), 45 Copthorne Road.

### County Councillor for S.W. Herts

Mr. F. Hogan, Holly Cottage, Dimmocks Lane, Sarratt.

### Sarratt Ward of Watford Rural District Council

Cllr. G. Dimond, 3 The Green, Sarratt.  
Cllr. Mrs. G. Morison, Glyndedale, Firtree Hill, Chandlers Cross.

### Durrants Ward of Sarratt Parish Council

Mr. J. R. G. Hawes, 6 Canterbury Way.

## C.G.R. & R.A.

*The Croxley Green Residents' and Ratepayers' Association is pleased to publish this magazine quarterly, and ensures that a copy goes in to every house (about 4,500) in Croxley Green irrespective of the householder being a member of the Association. We would like to achieve a 100 per cent membership. The annual subscription for the year to 30th September next is still only 2/- which covers husband and wife. Expect our collector to call on you soon or kindly direct to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. W. Broome at 114 Links Way.*

## YOUR COMMITTEE

*President:* Col. C. E. Rothery Moss, 35 Watford Road.  
*Vice-Presidents:* Mr. C. E. Armson, 14 Watford Road;  
Mr. J. S. Robinson, 46 Warwick Way.  
*Chairman:* Mr. W. T. G. Yabsley, 264 Baldwins Lane.  
*Hon. Secretary:* Mr. F. N. Cherrill, 10 Bateman Road.  
*Hon. Treasurer:* Mr. J. W. Broome, 114 Links Way.  
Mr. C. Baker, 142 Links Way.  
Mr. R. E. J. Boardman, 16 Frankland Road.  
Mr. L. L. Dobey, 11 The Green.  
Mr. J. H. Gardner, 46 Canterbury Way.  
Mr. T. N. Millway, 3 All Saints' Lane.  
Mrs. M. Milne, 286 Baldwins Lane.  
Mrs. D. L. Nixey, 44 Oakleigh Drive.  
Mr. L. V. Reason, 40 Repton Way.  
Mr. W. W. Rutherford, 3 The Grove, Dugdales.  
Mrs. M. Trinder, 62 Gonville Avenue.  
Mr. B. H. W. Tullett, 9 Green Lane.  
Mrs. D. B. Whitfield, 224 New Road.

## ADVERTISEMENT SPACE

Advertising space is available. Please enquire for details from Mr. J. W. Broome, 114 Links Way, or 'phone Mr. Cherrill (Rick. 74285).

## 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.

Mr. & Mrs. .... Amount .....

Address ..... Date .....

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