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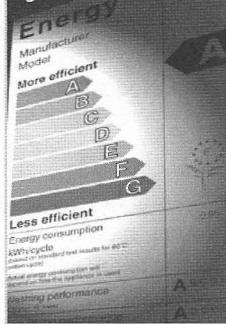
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Editors Corner

On behalf of the Residents Association, we would like to wish the residents of Croxley a belated happy and prosperous New Year. So what did we experience in 2007? I have come to the conclusion that the older one becomes, the more cynical one becomes when confronted with the latest 'must have' consumables, especially when we are now confronted with products that are supposedly designed to be planet friendly with low carbon footprints. Our first encounter in this vein was when our faithful washing machine of 17 years decided to develop problems with its main motor. It was time to survey the market place and be bombarded by the sales speak on the benefits of the differing designs of the rotating drums and the complex programmes. When it came to durability, the modern version of our old machine would survive 2 years if we were lucky, so after much debate we settled on a model that hopefully will give us 5 years or more. We were then informed that the majority of modern machines are unable to use preheated water, so irrespective of one's hot water storage facilities, more energy has to be expended at every wash.

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Reviewing the whole episode, one is now confronted with a product that will be less durable and cost more to function, with the bonus of being made of thinner metal with plastic fixtures.

With this experience, we turned to the realms of exploring the vagaries of buying a new car. After making a provisional decision on a type and model, brochure in hand, we decided to try to get familiarised with its attributes before having a test run. To cut to the chase, a similar size vehicle which we have already, would consume more fuel per mile to meet the necessary emission regulations and again, made of thinner metal.

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Needless to say I have made a quest of investigating the true reality of whether we are really being responsible in trying to reduce the need in those resources that increase our carbon footprint, so I question the validity of what we are trying to achieve in trying to reduce our impact on the world's resources, against the desire of market forces to keep that inevitable economy going around.

We would be interested to hear if you have had similar experiences.

Many thanks for your past support contributing in the form of an advertisement or an article for The Resident and of course my thanks to my colleagues in their endeavours in putting it together, and of course we must not overlook our unsung members who deliver it.

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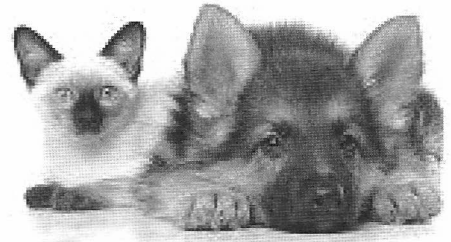
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Health Checks and Vaccinations

We all know what it can be like with new born babies – vaccinations for this disease, check-ups for another, weight checks and growth charts. *It can seem like an endless number of visits to the doctor to help protect our kids from infectious, and potentially life threatening, diseases.*



Annual injections also present an ideal opportunity for your vet to examine your pet head to toe, and help identify any underlying health problems early. One year in our lives can be the equivalent of a few years to our pets, so it is vital they are checked yearly to identify problems. It's a great time to grill the vet on all the measures *you* could be doing to help keep your pet as safe as possible; for example ensuring they are correctly protected against fleas, ticks and mites, and all the various types of worms too.

Other than the routine injections, pets can also be vaccinated against rabies. As we do not have any rabies in the UK, this vaccination is only required for those pampered pooches that travel to Europe, and other countries, on their holidays. If you are interested in taking your pet abroad, speak to your vet about rabies vaccination and pet passports.

Some dogs can also be vaccinated against a disease called kennel cough. This disease is caused by a number of bacteria and viruses and it is highly infectious. Dogs can easily catch this virus from other infected dogs, but they are most at risk when there are many dogs in the same area. This includes dog shows, parks and kennels hence the name. If you are worried your dog may be at risk of kennel cough, please speak to your vet to get more information about the kennel cough vaccinations.

With all sorts of viruses and bacteria out there, you can see how important it is to keep your pets up to date with their vaccinations. We can't wrap our beloved pets in cotton wool but at least with vaccinations, we are helping to protect them as much as possible!

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It's much the same with new born kittens and puppies. Everyone loves them – well, who wouldn't, they are adorable! But they need as much protection as their cross-species friends, the human babies! Many people are already aware that kittens and puppies need injections, but what are they actually for?

Puppies are routinely vaccinated against a number of diseases caused by various viruses. Parvovirus is a virus that causes serious, and occasionally fatal, hemorrhagic gastroenteritis. Others include distemper virus, which can

cause respiratory problems and sometimes convulsions; infectious hepatitis which attacks the liver and parainfluenza virus which causes coughing. We also vaccinate against a bacterial disease called leptospirosis, which affects the puppy's liver and kidneys, and can also cause disease in humans too. Thankfully, many of these diseases are rare in the UK. This is because we have managed to reduce their incidence by vaccination. Vaccination protects not only the individual but - if enough of the group are done – it has community benefits as well!

Kittens are vaccinated against 3 main diseases; cat 'flu, feline enteritis and feline leukemia. Flu in cats is much like flu in us. It causes sneezing, a high temperature, snotty nose, and a general feeling of being a bit under the weather. It is highly infectious, and if your little kitty is out and about and another cat with cat flu is sneezing near them, they can quickly pick up the virus. The flu virus can also cause severe ulceration in the mouth, gingivitis and arthritis. Feline enteritis causes a severe stomach upset, but this is also now very rare in the UK. The third disease, feline leukemia, is a very serious and often fatal disease caught from mating or fighting with other infected cats. It can cause cancers, anaemia and depresses the cat's immune system. Currently, there is no effective treatment for leukaemia, so vaccination is presently our only defence against the deadly virus.

After a primary course of injections, dogs and cats will have to visit their vet annually for booster injections to ensure they are continually protected as the vaccinations can only give a guaranteed immunity for up to a year. It is especially important to have your annual vaccinations for your pet as many dogs and cats in the UK are *not* vaccinated, and therefore may be carrying the diseases that put your pet at risk.

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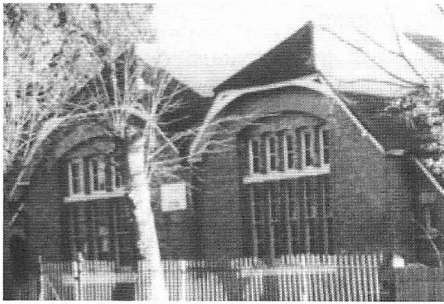
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Yorke Road was originally Garden Road, it was renamed after Charles Yorke, former chairman of Ricky U.D.C. Croxley's first school was built on land given by John Dickinson in 1873 and it opened in 1875 with 120 children. It soon needed enlargements which occurred in 1884, 1889 and 1894 when the total number of pupils rose to 296 and was split into boys and girls. The boys moved to the new boys school in Watford Road, and by 1938, the combined number of pupils had risen to 570. The managers then handed the school over to County Council rather

than build another extension.. Seniors went to Harvey Road into hastily built wooden buildings, juniors stayed in Yorke Road.. Land was bought on Durrants Farm Estate and Durrants School was opened in 1939 for senior pupils (now housing estate) and Harvey Road continued as the junior school with infants housed in Yorke Road until Yorke Mead school opened in 1974. The Old Boys School (now town houses) was used as an overflow from Harvey Road and later Sherwood School. When Clement Danes School moved to Chorleywood, Yorke Road School was used for the first intake of about 80 11- year olds in 1975/6 until the school was ready At present Yorke Road School is used by Leukaemia Research Fund Cards but only until March 2008 when they move out.

I and many other residents of Croxley Green attended this school in this very special building, one of the last interesting old sites left in Croxley Green, and remember fondly the teachers and other friends they made there, and the outside toilets which are still to be seen at the back of the building. I don't have any photos of myself there but have received one from Tom Brady in Miss Spencer's class, do

you remember anyone else or have any other photos? Wouldn't it be great if this unique building could be used for a village hall sports and club venue, museum, childrens centre or anything other than town houses or flats so that the whole of Croxley Green could enjoy it as John Dickinson intended when he made this generous gift.

Malvern Way Infant and Nursery School

All the children at Malvern Way Infant and Nursery School had fun during ICT week. The nursery children listened to instructions on talking post cards and found out how to operate new remote control toys. Reception children

programmed diggers to collect items around the floor and made dinosaurs move on demand. Year one children made a guessing game with photographs and collected pictures around Croxley Green and around the school. Year two children used movie cameras, learned about animation and developed their problem solving skills with a moveable maze. Groups of children also learned how to speak and listen clearly with talking pens which inspired writing and everyone laughed at the antics of a new ticklish toy. The focused week provided an opportunity to use new technology creatively throughout the curriculum to make learning exciting.



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Its official, Croxley now has two Village Greens!

On the 14th December 2007, following a four year campaign, Long Valley Woods and The Buddleias finally became registered as a New Village Green. As a result, the 28 acre site sandwiched between Frankland Road and the Grand Union Canal will remain, forever, as an amenity for our community. Not only is this great for all of us, but it is also great for our local wildlife. Last summer we were lucky enough to witness a female muntjak deer just after she had given birth. We watched for several minutes until the fawn found its feet and disappeared with its mother into the undergrowth.....

Clear ups on every third Sunday.....

Talking about undergrowth, who will be responsible for the general upkeep of our New Village Green? Well, as has been the case for the past several years, there is a hard core of local residents who are fully committed to maintaining pathways and clearing rubbish etc. However, we will never be short of jobs to do, so we are always grateful to anyone who can spare a little time to help us. It is fantastic to see new faces and everyone seems to have fun. Regular clearances now take place on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Future dates for your diary are: **Sundays 16th March, 20th April, 18th May.....** Meet on the open grassy area any time between 10am – 12pm. If possible, please bring gloves and tools. All ages and abilities welcome! Just half an hour would really help!

Funding obtained from the Council.

The KCGG recently put in a bid for funding being offered by TRDC at the recent Local Area Forum and we are thrilled to report that we received £500. This sum is mainly to be used to purchase necessary equipment for the clear ups. For example, protective gloves, litter pickers/bags, shears and a brushcutter (to be shared with the Friends of Common Moor).

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Bird Boxes

For a donation of £5 we'll put up a numbered bird box on the New Village Green. Just drop a fiver though the letter box of 93 Frankland Road, include a note of your email address (house address if you don't have email) and we'll advise you where and when it went up. We'll also provide updates on the progress of the bird box programme. (PS we have a few bat boxes up for sponsorship at £10 each).

Bluebells.

Some of you may be unaware that Long Valley Woods and Croxley Hall Woods both have wonderful displays of bluebells in early Spring. They are certainly a match for Whippendell Woods and are well worth a visit. Keep an eye on our website and we will let you know exactly when they are at their best!

IMC site, end of Harvey Road.

Many residents have contacted us recently to air concerns about the rapidly deteriorating IMC site. We have written to Cllr. Phil Brading listing concerns including the fact that debris from the site is making its way onto the New Village Green. We have asked what the Council will do to address the situation. In our experience it is the weight of resident objection that gets things moving, so if you have concerns please write to Cllr. Brading c/o Three Rivers District Council, Northway, Rickmansworth, WD3 1RL or Email: phil.brading@threerivers.gov.uk asap.

We'd really like to hear from you!

Without the great support we received from the community, our beautiful woods would now have a Rail Track Replacement Depot in the middle of it and other applications to build would have followed! So, we want to hear from you! Have you any good ideas for our Green? Alternatively, have you seen any unusual or rare wildlife there that you think we should know about? Or, do you have any interesting photos taken on our Green that you would like us to put on the KCGG website? If so, our contact details are: By email: keepecroxleygreen@gmail.com.

(NB If you would like to receive Newsletters or reminders of clear up days by email, please contact us with your details).

We can also be contacted by Telephone on 01923 778660.

A load of poop

We are lucky to live in an around so much accessible countryside and, as a consequence, Croxley Green has an unusually high incidence of dogs and dog owners.

One of the obvious downsides of owning dogs (and I own 2 small dogs) apart from the bad breath and slobber (theirs!!) is their antisocial and unhygienic toilet habits. This can be a real nuisance and poop spoils everyone's enjoyment of the great outdoors.

There is no excuse for not clearing up your dogs poop (and not having a plastic bag or a poop scoop is not an excuse). Taking a poop bag (or nappy sack - they smell better) when taking your dog out for a walk should be as automatic as picking up the dog lead.

It is an offence, akin to littering, to fail to clear up after your dog when it has fouled in a public place. This applies to land and open spaces to which the public has access, including roads, pavements, school playing fields, canal towpaths, footpaths, parks and other areas.

Dog waste is classified in law as litter and can be disposed of correctly wrapped in litter bins, even your wheelie bin. Fortunately, our Parish Council has placed its bright red dog waste bins at convenient points on well recognised "walkie" routes.

We dog owners can be a funny bunch and we tend to think of our dogs as being perfect - "Our little (insert name - not necessarily Fido!) would never poop there!" However, in my experience dogs can be prudes and usually wait until the owner is not looking before they squat!

My message? If you witness unauthorised and unattended pooping, please go easy on the accompanying dog owner. Point out what you have seen in a gentle, nay humorous tone and you will be rewarded with a polite response and a quick scoop. My advise, the bigger and uglier (the dog!) - the gentler your intervention.

Be careful where you tread

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MY CROXLEY 1942 - 1964 Hello to Croxley Green Resident readers, from Tom Brady in Perth Western Australia.

On a recent holiday in England in 2007 I was lucky enough to be there for the Croxley Revels, to wander amongst the local community and meet old school friends, it brought back to me so many happy memories of dear old Croxley Green.

I now live in Perth Western Australia with my family where I have lived for the last thirty one years, Perth our capital city is a clean beautiful place built along side the Swan river, we have a Mediterranean climate i.e warm with clear blue skies for most of the year the temperature averaging in the 20 degrees, in the summer it can go up to 40+ degrees which is very uncomfortable.

Western Australia covers a third of the total of Australia and is the largest State, England could fit into it approximately 19 times the population is approximately two million compared to England's fifty million, WA as Western Australia is known is a very rich State it is rich in minerals such as gold, diamonds, nickel, iron, uranium, oil gas, and many more which provides billions of dollars in royalties to the Government from the mining companies, this is then put back into the economy for the benefit of the population. At the present time WA is booming due to China's growing appetite for iron ore which we are having trouble providing due to a shortage of skilled and unskilled workers.

I have been fortunate to have travelled around Australia many times, to see its Deserts, Mountains, Rain Forests, beautiful beaches and of course The Great Barrier Reef but I still get home sick for dear old Croxley Green. Having lived the first 22 years of my life in Croxley I have many happy memories of growing up and living there, I was born on the 16th of September 1942 in a Nursing Home in King Street, Watford [now demolished and replaced with modern town houses] just off Watford High Street, after a few days I moved in

with my parents, who rented a room in a house in Beechcroft Avenue which we shared with the Hitchman family Mrs Hitchman is Dorothy who celebrated her 100th birthday last year [2007], then we were allocated a wonderful new Prefab at the top of Baldwin's Lane [about 1946] we lived in 1 Oak Lane next to a footpath which divided us from Fosters Farm fields where cows, horses, pigs and chickens all roamed freely, often we would throw stale bread and other scraps of food over the fence of course if the animals saw us they would all hurry over to the fence, ie excited little piglets racing the chickens to the food before it was all gone. {long before free range was fashionable}

About 1949 by this time I had two brothers and a sister, Bernard, Kathleen and Sean we were allocated a brand new council house in Owens way, so we moved from the Prefab in Grove Crescent to Owens Way, which was opposite Grove Crescent except for Baldwin's Lane and a very large field being between the two. I can actually remember helping my Dad move from one to the other by the way of a pram loaded up with furniture and house hold bits and pieces and pushing it across this enormous field {now a recreation ground with a pavilion, skate board park and shops}.

The new house was wonderful, it had three bedrooms, bathroom with a plumbed in heated towel rail, separate toilet up stairs and down stairs, brick built work shop/shed and backing on to fields. I lived there until 1964 that's when I got married and moved to Luton as houses in Croxley were out of our budget {a three bedroom semi in Croxley was approximately four

thousand pounds a ridiculous price} so we moved to Luton and bought one for three thousand pounds. {all relative} Croxley Green will always be my favourite place in the World, a place that I have a great affection for and holds a special place in my heart, I have many happy memories of living there which include my schools Yorke Rd, Harvey Rd and Durrants, my paper round which started at Luxtons Newsagents and tobacconist shop at the top of Scots Hill across the Green to Apple Garth, Parrots, Little Gillions, Croxley House {where in the Winter I would be paid half a crown a week to go down into the cellars and stoke the boilers} then on to Mrs Barbara Woodhouse's home Champions then follow Little Green Lane to Waterdell House and Little Waterdell and finish off at Grove House and the Prefabs home for breakfast and get ready for school all for ten bob a week.

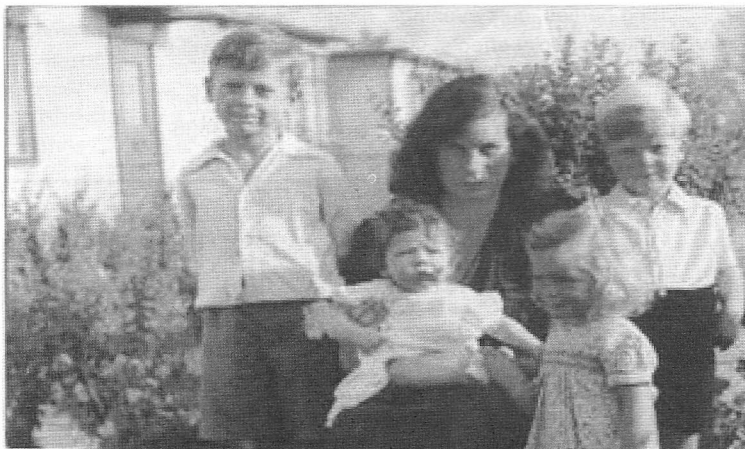
Scrumpling as kids we loved it, four favourite places,

- Stones Orchard for cherries, once old farmer Stone nearly caught us but he couldn't keep up so he fired his 410 shot gun at us we felt the pellets go over our heads
- Little Waterdell House for Victoria plums [beautiful] we would put our bicycles against the six foot high wall stand on the cross bar and reach over the wall and pick the plums
- Orchard at the corner of Barton Way and New Rd [where the library is] for pears and walnuts.
- Orchard opposite Durrants Sports field for Cox's apples and cooking apples.

Then there were the Cubs, Scouts, snooker at the Guildhouse, Saturday morning pictures at Ricky, Guy Fawkes night, youth clubs and many many more but I better stop now until next time.

So I would like to wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year,

From Tom Brady in Australia



Back row: Tom Brady author, Stephanie my Mum, Bernard my brother,
Front row: Sean my youngest brother & Kathleen, my sister.
Photo was taken late 1948 outside our prefab in 1 Oak Lane.

A vacancy for the post of Secretary has become available due to the retirement of our present secretary Linda James after six years. We are most grateful for all her hard work and are delighted that she has agreed to remain on the committee.

We have approximately six meetings a year where information from organisations within Croxley Green is discussed and reviewed and residents can bring any problems or requests.

If you are interested in supporting and being part of our Residents Association Committee and taking up this position, please contact:-

Chairman Brian Norman Telephone 01923 779331 or
Rosemary Hanscomb Telephone 01923 449945



The Rickmansworth Waterways Trust

In the heart of our area, working hard for the Rickmansworth community, promoting the Rickmansworth Festival, and ready to do more – the Rickmansworth Waterways Trust.

Formed in 1991, the Trust, a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee, is principally an educational organisation, promoting interest in the Grand Union Canal and its environment in Rickmansworth. In this we have great support from Three Valleys Water. But it's very heavily a voluntary activity, and we need even more of the volunteers on whom we rely for most of our work, supporting the one professional who runs our educational programme and some of our other activities.

During our season (spring to early autumn) we host school, and disadvantaged adult, visits for our **educational programmes**; show our rebuilt wooden working boat, and operate a battery-powered **trip boat**; and we organise the annual **Rickmansworth Festival**.

Next to Batchworth Lock is the **Canal Centre**, our HQ and the focus of our educational programmes as well as the point to which visitors can come for information. It's manned by volunteers at weekends in summer – and is about 30 minutes stroll down the towpath from Croxley Green!

Come and join in – as a visitor or as a member, or, or all of these, to help make the best of our waterways heritage *for others*, and in particular to

- **Help** - as a volunteer, or as a Trustee, or both: supporting, especially, our educational programmes; or perhaps in our administration, or with the various other jobs needed to support the Trust's work.

- Get involved in the **Rickmansworth Festival**, which we organise and promote each May.

We'd be particularly glad to hear from people willing to join us as Trustees.

Contact the Trust through the Canal Centre at 99 Church Street, Rickmansworth WD3 1JJ, or on 01923 778382

There are two particular things we do:

Our main Education Programme is **Learning at the Lock**, which last year was the national Waterways Renaissance Awards winner in the Education and Learning Category. It's run by a full time coordinator: but every other part of the programme is provided by our volunteers.

It provides children, mainly of primary school age, with a day coming to grips with life on the canals as it was: how people lived on the canal; canals and the industrial revolution; transporting goods; the Victorians; and other elements of the national curriculum for key Stages 1 and 2.

This is a really terrific programme in support of young people in this area – about 1000 of them each year. If you'd like to be part of this outstanding volunteer effort (and a number of

Croxley Green residents already are), then contact Mike Coleman at the Canal Centre! You'll be very welcome.

Our other main interest is the **Rickmansworth Festival**.

The Festival has developed steadily since 1993 when it started as part of the British Waterways-sponsored "Canals 200" celebrations. With the strong support of TRDC, it has become one of the most varied and vibrant community festivals in the region: and entry is free!

The Rickmansworth Waterways Trust provides most of the organisation, including the Director, since the start. The Festival, which is held on the Aquadrome, around Batchworth Lock, and along the canal in between, includes historic boats (several open to visitors), other visiting boats, an Environment Fair particularly organised by TRDC, several live exhibits of real interest to people young and old, a funfair, and a range of traders.

And music: lots of it, from musicians both amateur and professional. We're particularly pleased to offer a platform to a great range of young musicians from this area: in their own groups, from West Herts College, from schools across SW Herts.... They play in a great range of musical styles: and they provide terrific entertainment, both at the Aquadrome and at Batchworth.

We have a strong set of volunteers who work hard to make the Festival work: and work it does! If you'd like to be involved, contact the Trust Office. But in any case, make an entry in your diary: we'll see you there!

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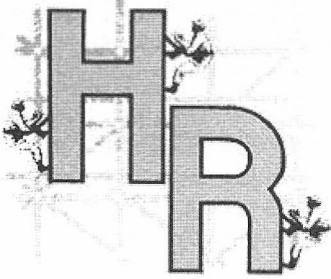
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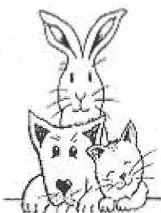
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CROXLEY NEEDLECRAFTERS

In the Autumn edition of the Resident the logo used by Croxley Needlecrafters was mistakenly used to advertise an event held by

Croxley Lacemakers as it turned out that the Resident's editorial team hadn't realised two such craft groups existed in Croxley so I have been given the opportunity of telling you a little bit about the Needlecrafters to fill you in on who we are and what we do.

We meet twice a month in the Shed at The Sportsman and in April 2008 we will celebrate our 10th anniversary. In our early days we held our meetings in the home of our founder but very quickly ran out of space and had to find alternative premises and have found a very happy home at The Sportsman. In

our ten years we have created a huge quantity of beautiful needlework, some personal, some as gifts for friends and family and we have also been charitable making blankets and quilts for the victims of the tsunami and other causes. We have exhibited our work in the Library and have also participated in the Croxley Craft Days, both in their old format on the Green and latterly at Little Green School.

In recent years several of our members have been working on a special project, a wallhanging depicting aspects of Croxley examples of which have been featured in John Pilgrim's book. It is now almost complete, having taken far longer than any of us envisaged and we are making arrangements to put it on public display this year.

Most of our members enjoy cross stitch and several of us also do other forms of embroidery such as traditional freestyle embroidery, blackwork and Hardanger

and other crafts creep in too such as knitting, crochet, patchwork and quilting. We occasionally hold workshops or demonstrations to introduce a new craft to our members.

2008 also sees the launch of our new sister group, Croxley Papercrafters which to begin with will meet once a month, also at The Sportsman, for cardmaking and scrapbooking.

The Needlecrafters are always pleased to welcome new members so do come along and join us. The Papercrafters currently has a waiting list for members but if you would like to be added to it then get in touch via the Needlecrafters website

www.croxleyneedlecrafters.co.uk
and click on "contact".

The Needlecrafters meet at The Shed at The Sportsman on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 8p.m.

The Papercrafters meet on the second Wednesday at 7p.m.

Rickmansworth Players



Croxley resident and Rickmansworth Player, Barbara Loose showing Madam Arcarti (Louise Green) her marvellous bicycle from the 1920s. Barbara is a member of the Veteran Cycle Club and this bicycle was purchased as a birthday gift for Barbara from a dear friend Marion James (late of Girton Way Croxley) This machine has been shown at the Croxley Revels and various other displays. Barbara also recalls the time when she and the bicycle appeared in the film of Edward Elgar, quite an experience.

But now she needs to pass on her expertise to Louise who is playing the eccentric Medium in Rickmansworth Players' production of Blithe Spirit. Madam Arcarti rides everywhere on her ancient bicycle and Louise felt it would be useful to get in some practice.

Blithe Spirit is a wonderfully funny play written by Noel Coward. The ingenious plot centres round Charles Condomine, a successful novelist researching a

mystery novel with a charlatan soothsayer as the main character. He invites a medium Madam Arcarti (so memorably originally played by Margaret Rutherford) to give a séance and she, not such a charlatan as everyone believes, conjures up the spirit of Charles's first wife the feisty Elvira. Hilarious wildness ensues, with surprising plot twists and disastrous results a plenty.

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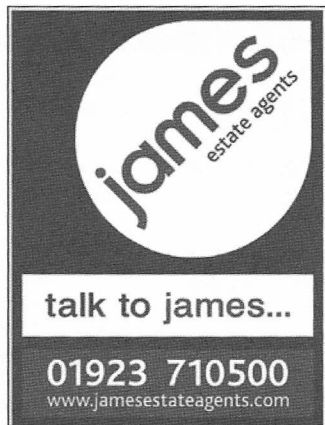
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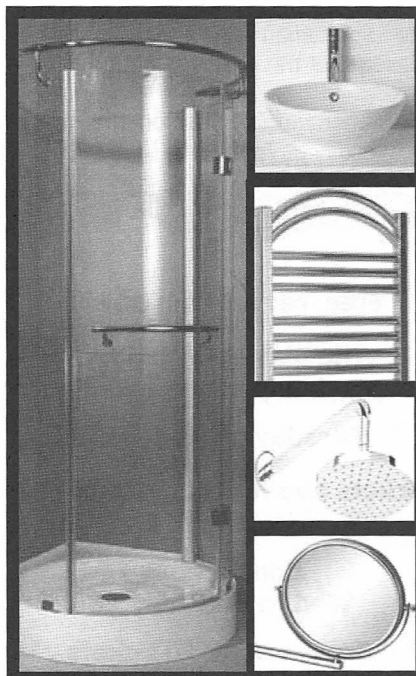
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ALL CHANGE AT THE SPORTSMAN

Croxley Green said Goodbye at the end of January to Jackie and Mary Emerson-Reed, The ex licensees of The Sportsman, we wish them good luck and good health in their 'retirement' whatever they do in the future, it certainly wont be putting their feet up!

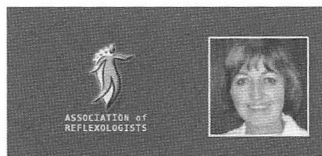
The regulars will be delighted to hear that Jason and Tracy and co, the new faces behind the bar intend to continue with the traditions at this very popular drinking and music venue. The range of beers will always include real ale from some lesser known small independent brewers, all recommended by CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale). The pub has been featured many times in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide.

"The Shed" will continue to welcome the various groups meeting there and be available for parties etc. The live music on Saturday nights will feature bands of the highest quality and the Blues Jam on the last Sunday of each month will as usual welcome new talent as well as established musicians.

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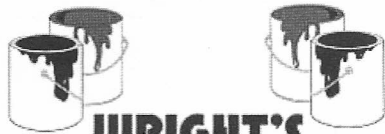
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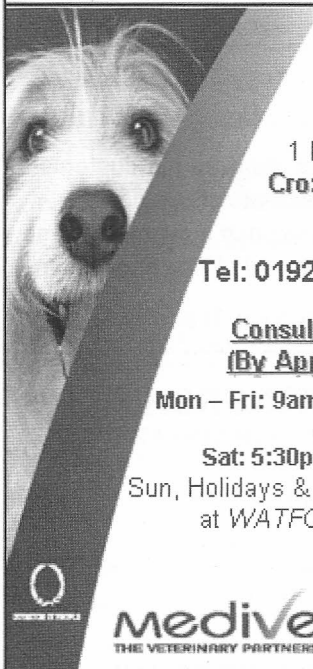
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