

BYEWATERS ESTATE RESIDENTS NEWSLETTER

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INTRODUCTION

This is the first Byewaters Estate newsletter and from now on we need to have people sending in their comments and contributing with advertising, articles maybe of trips abroad, or unusual activities and of course any historical links with this site and local areas. Hopefully this will become a way of communicating for the Estate, along with the blog site. This newsletter will evolve but only with your help and contributions. Please send your articles and advertising to Fran, 78 Byewaters.

☞ *When knocking on resident's doors recently what really hit me was how much people love living on this Estate. This was owners and renters alike and the wild life was something that everyone really enjoys watching.*

A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of the Byewaters Estate Management Co. Ltd. took place on 19th February 2008 at 7.00 pm at Harvey Road School, Croxley. At the previous meeting in November 2006 the turn out was not so good but this year we had a much better response. It was agreed that 15 months was far too long to wait for the AGM. Although there are several management companies on the Estate the information was useful to all. The aim is that the next AGM will be held in Jan./Feb. 2009, we'd love to see you all at this meeting. It was also agreed that additional meetings maybe held if necessary. The minutes of the February meeting are due to be sent out very soon.

☞ If you have a problem regarding the Estate your first port of call should be Peverel, (08453 370272) or you could try phoning Peverel's geographical number 01582 393700. If you want to take this further and want to contact a Director a website is in the process of being set up. When up and running the Byewaters Estate Management Co. website will be www.byewaters.co.uk.

ROAD ADOPTION

Byewaters residents may not realise that Blackmoor Lane is owned by Greenhills Real Estate who now own the Croxley Business Park and the Estate roads are still owned by Barratts. On Tuesday, 1st April 2008 a meeting took place to discuss Blackmoor Lane and the Road Adoption. THIS IS NOT AN APRIL FOOL'S!!!

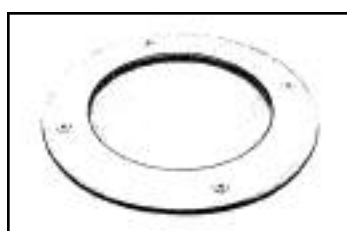
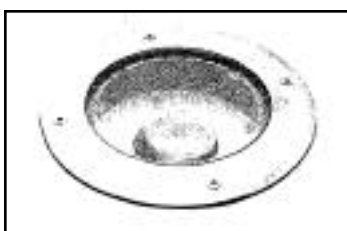
It was a very successful meeting and Terry Palser brought the meeting up to speed on all previous correspondence etc. The committee will now be called Byewaters Road Adoption Group and will deal with these two problems initially.

Please give them a little time, letters will be sent out to the relevant parties quite soon and the Estate will be kept informed of their progress. We are sure that everyone on the Estate will be behind them and wish them every success in solving these problems.

ESTATE FOOTPATH & LIGHTING

Lighting along the canal and river is another on going problem and some ideas were put forward and we are hoping that this too can be resolved. A suggestion was made and sheets showing alternative lighting were handed out, everyone agreed these new lights might be a good idea. Although seeking expert advice will be the first step.

The lights below are examples only.



☞ *The footpath along the canal was discussed at length and is due to be repaired quite soon. If you see anywhere on the Estate where the planting or trees are pulling up the tarmacking then please notify Peverel so that this can be dealt with quickly.*

BYEWATERS BLOG SITE

**A 'blog' site has been set up and this could be another way for us all to communicate
www.byewaters.blogspot.com/**

When you are on the 'Byewaters' page :-

- 4 Click on Comments - Leave your Comments
- 4 Near bottom of page choose either Name/URL or Anonymous
- 4 Then Click 'Publish Comment' There are different headings/threads - leave your comments.
- 4 To see older comments go to Older Posts at bottom of page

Looking forward to your comments - I think!!!

Now the blog site is up and running, in case you haven't got a computer here are some of the topics being talked about. Everyone seems to think the blog site is a good idea.

- m Road humps, keep popping up!!
- m Dog poo seems to get everyone angry even on the blog site and yet there are obviously people still not getting the message - PICK UP!!! Dog fouling is something that we did not have time to cover at the AGM but I know from talking to people that this has become a big problem. We would ask all dog owners to 'poop a scoop' as mess left in the street is dangerous to children and revolting to everyone else. Also people have drawn attention to the fact that dogs are being walked on the Moor and many owners are not 'poop a scooping' there either. The Moor is a place for young and old to enjoy and coming home with dog mess on your shoes, is surely no ones idea of a pleasant walk. On the Moor cows are allowed to moo and poo the dogs should be cleaned up after. This is also being discussed at the local schools see My Croxley.
- m Canada Geese this is a difficult one, we all love the wildlife but it has been pointed out that the amount of Canada Geese keep growing but Swans and Ducks are on the decrease. The method of keeping the Geese's numbers down is not to all go out with our shotguns and 'bag' some Canada Geese!! It would be to contact the RSPB and ask them to take away some of the eggs, so that the numbers do not keep increasing. Otherwise we might be left with just Canada Geese, a thorny subject!
- m Peverel is discussed quite a lot and never in a good way, is this unfair!!
- m A canal side day for the kids has been mentioned, what about a Picnic on the grass near the lock in the summer, a meet the neighbour's tea.
- m It was also interesting learning about the possibility of the Met. Line station moving to Ascot Road! We need to know more about this and if it will affect us here, train noise etc.
- m The Road Adoption is another touchy subject but the new Byewaters Road Adoption Group, as already reported, will be working hard for everyone to move this problem forward. Not that they want to BRAG!!!

E - PETITION

On a personal note can I have your help in signing an e-petition on the 10 Downing Street website www.petitions.pm.gov.uk/ if you then go into view petitions under health, well being and care you will find the heading SCREENING WOMEN YEARLY FOR OVARIAN CANCER - A SIMPLE BLOOD TEST 'CA-125'. This site can also be accessed [www.petitions.pm.gov.uk/ CA-125BloodTest/](http://www.petitions.pm.gov.uk/CA-125BloodTest/) only your name is published, it is for a good cause and your help would be much appreciated, can you also pass this on to friends and family. The more people that sign the more chance we have of success. The site is only running until the end of May,

WEST END MUSICAL "CHESS"

The West End Musical hit 'Chess' by ABBA's Benny Andersson & Bjorn Ulvaseus, & lyrics by Sir Tim Rice is to be at the Watford Palace Theatre, 28th April to 3rd May 2008, a resident from Byewaters is appearing in the show!! More info at www.watfordpalacetheatre.co.uk or 01923 225671. Most people from Byewaters are booking for the 2nd May or you can book any time for a great evening out.

THIS BLOG SITE IS FOR EVERYONE TO KEEP IN TOUCH AND VOICE THEIR OPINIONS BUT LET'S ALSO HAVE LOTS OF UP BEAT PIECES AND USEFUL INFORMATION, KEEP ON 'BLOGGING'.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

We have a neighbourhood watch scheme running on the Estate and stickers were passed out at the meeting. If you display a neighbourhood watch sticker and are part of the scheme – when renewing your insurance, if you let your company know, sometimes they look favourably on this fact and reductions in your insurance could be given. If you want to know anything more about the neighbourhood watch scheme please contact Brian Meehan, his email address is brian.meehan@hertswill.co.uk & mobile 07951 037130.

Brian is looking for neighbourhood watch co-ordinators, all that is required is 10 minutes of your time once a month, and passing on emails and a few leaflets. If you contact him he can explain more about helping to keep us all safe. The neighbourhood watch scheme benefits us all and looking out for our fellow 'Estatees' and reporting anything suspicious makes us all feel safer.

m *It has been brought to our attention that people are finding nails left near their tyres usually at the rear of the car. This is so that when you drive back the nail will puncture the tyre. Please check before driving off and keep an eye out for the culprits.*

HISTORY OF BYEWATERS & THE CROXLEY PAPER MILL

Is this where your house is??

This is how things looked when the old Croxley Paper Mill was still here.



m Did you know that in 1829 the Croxley Paper Mill was built on this site by John Dickinson and then rebuilt in 1887 and employed about 500 people.

m In the 1880's the Lion Brand began as a marque followed by Basildon Bond, Challenge and Croxley. In the mid 1930's 60 million sheets of Croxley paper were sold every week. Do you know more about the history of this site.

m Longman and Heckford are linked to John Dickinson but tell us all more, if you can.

A thought to end on - never be afraid to try something new - remember that a lone amateur built the Ark and a large group of professionals built the TITANIC!!!



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CHESS

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Music by ABBA's Benny Andersson
and Björn Ulvaeus
Lyrics by Tim Rice

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