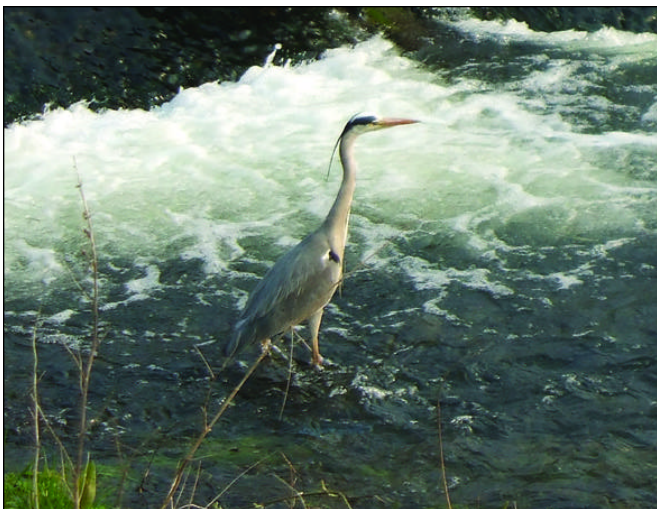


# BYEWATERS RESIDENTS NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2017

**Byewater's Niagra !!**



**A local regular fisherman**



**I'm obviously boring you !!**

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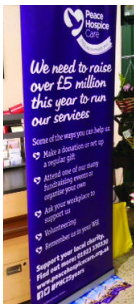
Hi all,

Our Christmas and New Year went well and now we just have to hope that the rest of 2017 is going to be kind to us all. A belated happy new year to you. Our little Sammy had his 1st birthday, he is such a little charmer, and his first year has flown by so quickly, it is hard to believe he really is a year old now! Mia was there celebrating with her little cousin and even more unbelievable she will be 3 years old in April, I am sure they are speeding up time at Greenwich!! At Sammy's party Mia sang Happy Birthday the loudest and before Sammy had time to blow out his candles Mia had blown them out for him, a great time was had by all. She will officially become a 'Threenager' - no I had never heard the expression before but it fits very well. She certainly knows her own mind, we have taken to spelling things when she is around! Sammy looks up to his big cousin and is a fast learner so the two of them together DYNAMITE!! We have such fun with them both. Byewaters is starting to bloom and spring will soon be here and so it is time for our annual 'Spring Clean/Litter Pick' to make Byewaters even more sparkly! (Litter Pick on 25th March see page 4). Hopefully the frost and ice have gone until next year (keep your fingers crossed) and the ducks can swim freely and not struggle on the frozen canal. Enjoy the spring it is always so interesting here looking out for the new arrivals, ducklings, signets, goslings and often a few surprises. Don't forget the AGM on Wednesday 26th April. Details to follow by post.

Fran - Editor

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### CAROL SINGING FOR PEACE HOSPICE CARE

We did it! We sang our little hearts out and the shoppers in Morrisons seemed to appreciate the singing, the St. Oswald's choir were great as usual and they were joined by some Byewaters folk, everyone enjoyed themselves. Morrisons gave £20 and by the end of the evening we had collected £300 but we did not give up there. We approached Croxley Park who have given each year and this year gave £50 to help swell the collection. Croxley U3A collected again for us this year and managed to donate £163. More Byewaters residents came to see me with their donations even though they could not attend on the night. Friends and family had the bucket rattled in front of them and we had a grand total of £635. We gave the money



to the hospice who were delighted. They sent a thank you email which can be viewed on [www.byewatersnews.co.uk](http://www.byewatersnews.co.uk) We have already pencilled in **Wednesday 13th December 7pm for one hour** – a date for your diary – to be confirmed nearer the time. Fran

### A Note from the Directors BEMC (Byewaters Estate Management Company)

We all enjoy the many benefits of living in Byewaters and it is important to all of us that we keep Byewaters tidy and safe for all. For many of us, our most valuable asset is our home - and the look of the property and the surrounding area has a big impact on the enjoyment and value of that home. Demand for properties on the Byewaters estate remains high and many owners have enhanced their properties in recent years. As we head into spring, now is a good time to for us all to tidy up the appearance of our homes gardens and shared environment Please look around and pick up any litter near your home - and join our litter pick event on **Saturday 25 March** 11am (see page 4). Another date for your diary - our **AGM**, will take place on **Wednesday 26 April**. Please come along meet the directors, review the finances and have your say about the operation of the company. Details of the meeting agenda will be sent to property owners shortly. If you have any questions or issues regarding estate matters - or comments about gardening and grounds maintenance - please contact MCS customer services email [info@mcsproperty.com](mailto:info@mcsproperty.com), or telephone 01920 466500. You can also contact us directly at [directors@byewaters.co.uk](mailto:directors@byewaters.co.uk). Other information is available on the [www.byewaters.co.uk](http://www.byewaters.co.uk) website **David - Byewaters**



The Three Rivers Museum - Basing House is located beside Rickmansworth Library and Watersmeet Theatre. It is open from 2pm to 4pm Monday to Friday, and 10am to 4pm on Saturdays, staffed entirely by volunteers. Admission to the museum is FREE. Talks are offered to the community on a variety of subjects. Publications on local history can be purchased from the museum. For information about the museum please contact. [www.trmt.org.uk](http://www.trmt.org.uk) 01923 772325 or e-mail: [info@trmt.org.uk](mailto:info@trmt.org.uk)

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**Palm Sunday:** 9th April - HC with Procession, 10am  
**Monday** 10th April - Compline & Address, 8pm  
**Tuesday** 11th April - Passover Service, 8pm  
**Wednesday** 12th April - Taize Service: The Cross, 8pm  
**Maundy Thursday:** 13th April - HC, 8pm  
**Good Friday:** 14th April - Procession of Witness, 9.30am  
Hot Cross Buns and Activities for Children, 11am  
The Last Hour, 2pm  
'Olivet to Calvary' Choral Service, 6pm

**Easter Eve:** Saturday 15th April -  
Taize: The Light of Christ, 8pm  
**Easter Day:** Sunday 16th April - HC, 8am  
Contemporary All-Age HC 10am  
Choral Evensong 6.30pm  
**Monday** 17th April - Service, breakfast & Pilgrimage to  
St. Albans, 7.30am

Please join us.

**Robert Riley-Braley, Vicar, (01923 332244)**



Common Restharrow, Croxley Common Moor

## CROXLEY COMMON MOOR

Our closeness to Croxley Common Moor is one of the biggest benefits of living on the Byewaters estate. There's an event there for you during the coming months, whether you prefer a gentle stroll or getting stuck in to work. All these events start on Sundays at 10am, and meet by the kissing gate entrance at the bottom of Mill Lane (unless stated otherwise). **Free illustrated talk** - A very knowledgeable local birdwatcher will describe the many birds found on the Moor: Friday 10th March at 8pm, Croxley Green Community Centre (Community Way, WD3 3PA). **Guided walks** - Wild flowers in spring: Sunday 7th May at 10am. **Bird's dawn chorus**: Sunday 14th May at 7am. **Birds**: Sunday 28th May at 10am. **Practical work**: Removing encroaching bushes (no previous experience needed): Sunday 12th March at 10am. **Litter pick**: Sunday 9th April at 10am. **Removing ragwort**: 14th May Sunday at 10am. Friends of Croxley Common Moor

contact and information at [www.croxleycommonmoor.org.uk](http://www.croxleycommonmoor.org.uk) Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/croxleycommonmoor](http://www.facebook.com/croxleycommonmoor)



## Friends of Watersmeet Film Society

[based in Watersmeet, Rickmansworth, a Council owned venue]

The Friends of Watersmeet Film Society is run entirely by volunteers, it is welcome to everyone and offers tea and cakes at the matinee and a Bar in the evening. Membership is not necessary and the films are digital. Parking vouchers, costing £1 allowing 4 hour parking in any of the local shopper's car parks can be purchased from Watersmeet immediately prior to the film.

'United Kingdom' Thursday, 16th March. 'The Light Between Oceans' Thursday, 20th April. 'La La Land' Thursday, 25th May. All the films are showing at 2pm and 7.45pm.

Watersmeet box office are taking bookings. Further details of our films see our website

[www.friendsofwatersmeet.org.uk](http://www.friendsofwatersmeet.org.uk)

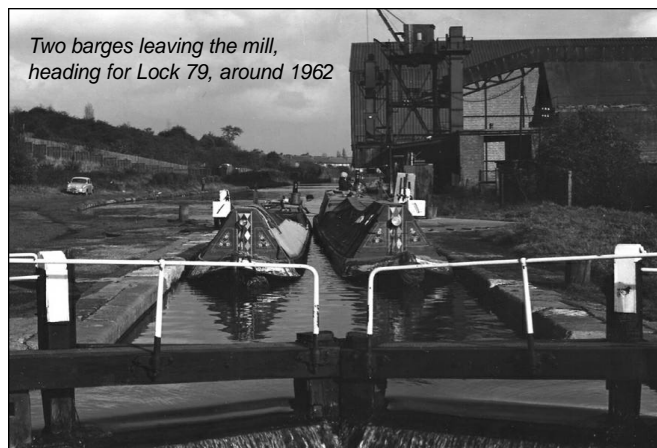
Do come and enjoy our films with us - if you feel like joining the list of volunteers you would be doubly welcome!! General enquiries: Derek Harrison 01923 446728 Mob. 0771 302 8485

Shiela Secretary



## CROXLEY GREEN METROPOLITAN LINE STATION

Can you believe this is Croxley Green station around 1930. It was renamed later to just Croxley Station in 1949. You can compare the photo to this busy area today, with no hedge and loads of cars. Where have those quiet days gone!



Two barges leaving the mill, heading for Lock 79, around 1962



Continuing on, after Liverpool we faced the Champions of England and Leicester City at the Vic and after 32 seconds Capoue had Watford in front followed 14 minutes later with a superb curled shot by Pereyra for 2-0.

The Foxes got one back but the 'Orns still won 2-1. The Potters were next to visit

Vicarage Road and due to an unfortunate Gomes own goal, the Potters went home with three points. Still that should have stoked us up for the next game away against the Baggies. Unfortunately Watford lost 3-1 and Pereyra was sent off. Still, The Hornets were still sitting 10th in the table. Approaching Christmas and most people like sweets so even better when the Toffees visited and lost 3-2 with Okaka getting two for the 'Orns. Everton just chewed them up and spat them out (Please don't do that at home children!) Now 7th in the table and our visit to Man City. Watford dug in and made it difficult but lost 2-0 that evening. Still not a bad result against that type of opposition. Next game was further North to chase a few Black Cats. Still, if you had the cats at home they would wreck your Christmas tree and run off with the baubles. Here, they wrecked the game by winning 1-0 and ran off with the three points! The Eagles flew in to the Vic next who could have flown off with the 3 points but they scored one, missed a penalty and Watford

scored to make the result 1-1. It was this game that Deeney got his 100th goal and Harry the Hornet had his own 10 second spot on MOTD! 1st of January and we entertain the Spurs. As they say, start the New Year as you mean to go on! I don't think so! Watford are trounced 4-1 so not the New Year start that we wanted. Up to Stoke next where we just potted about and lost 2-0. Not going well is it? FA Cup game next against Burton Albion and yes we won 2-0! 'Boro at home and we draw 0-0. A trip to the seaside next to Bournemouth and another away draw 2-2. Next round in the Cup and away into the Lions Den we went but alas we were torn from limb to limb and the Hornets pride ripped to shreds. (Pride/lions?). A midweek visit to the Gunners and never mind cannons but they were water pistols as Watford were 2 up in fifteen minutes. They went on to win 2-1! What a result. The Clarets came to The Vic next and as with other teams, we just Turf'd Moor of them out with a 2-1 win! Come on I am trying. Yes "very" as the long suffering Mrs Ralph from Evensyde would say. A visit to the Theatre of Dreams and Man Utd where despite taking the game to them, we lost 2-0. Better score than some teams though.

It is though with great sadness that the Watford legend Graham Taylor passed away in January. I only met and briefly spoke to him about three times and he had time for everyone. A great man. He did a lot for the club as well as the town for which is greatly appreciated by '000's. Thank you Graham Taylor.

Ralph - Evensyde



## BYEWATERS SPRING CLEAN - LITTER PICK for ONE HOUR Saturday, 25th March 11.00 am - meet by the T junction at Basildon Close

This will be our 3rd Spring Clean/Litter Pick around Byewaters, help 'Keep Byewaters Tidy'! Can you spare ONE HOUR of your time to join friends and neighbours. If you could bring some black plastic bags and gloves, Pete and PC will set you off with a 'hot cuppa'. Last year the little troupe of workers managed to collect 8 bags of rubbish during the hour. It is the time of year when spring cleaning is in the air and so time for Byewaters to sparkle again!!



### NEWS ON ASCOT ROAD DEVELOPMENT – PLUS

Further to the small article in our December Newsletter on the above. What is happening with our local councils? Did you notice the planning application that sneaked in over the Christmas period for a Wolsey Business Park development? This had been turned down previously by Three Rivers. It now appears that not all the interested parties were written to, I certainly did not hear anything about this and it will be a tall eyesore over Croxley Common Moor, our fantastic neighbour. You can probably still write/email in to object to Three Rivers Council, the planning number is 16/2497/FUL. This needs to be stopped, especially read the Friends of Croxley Common Moor's objection.

As for Watford Borough Council who have changed their mind on very tall buildings in their area (much more profitable!!). Again a planning application was slipped in, even more unbelievably for a 23 storey building/s to the East of Ascot Road near Morrisons. This building/s would be totally out of keeping with our lovely area and would be a blight on the landscape. There have been meetings and emails flying back and forth to try and get this development stopped! I have been sending out emails to those who have informed me of their up to date email addresses but if I had more of your addresses then you could be kept informed of what is going on. The last meeting was on Wednesday, 1st February and was organised by the Croxley Green Residents Association. The planning application number is 17/00048/FULM on the Watford Borough Council Website (simple search <http://pa.watford.gov.uk/publicaccess/>) then type in the planning number. You will see quite a few Byewaters Residents have already sent in their objections. A sample objection letter can be found on [www.croxleyresidentsassociation.co.uk](http://www.croxleyresidentsassociation.co.uk) which you can copy and paste the closing date on the council web page was 10th February but you can still email/write in to express your disapproval. Please help keep your area free from skyscrapers and any other totally unsuitable building/s.



**DON'T LET THEM SPOIL OUR AREA FOREVER!**

Fran



## Rickmansworth Festival

Don't forget it will be the 24th festival which is going to be held on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st May 2017. Everyone enjoys the colourful display of canal boats from all over the country. There are normally over 100 boats with interesting histories all moored along the towpath, and much, much more. Always lots to enjoy for all the family whatever the weather. For more information visit the website [www.rwt.org.uk/festival](http://www.rwt.org.uk/festival) We look forward to seeing you all.

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## Trades List and Useful Local Services

[www.byewatersnews.co.uk](http://www.byewatersnews.co.uk) Our trades list plus local information has grown and so far takes up four pages. Please look on the web page, click on a newsletter and then scroll down to get to the extra pages. It was suggested that details of tradesmen that have been used by homeowners on Byewaters be listed. If you would like to submit the details of someone or a local service you found useful you can send me the information. It may help others when trying to find the right tradesman or local amenity.



Hertfordshire Trading Standards is warning residents to exercise great caution if they are called out of the blue by a firm offering wills and trusts. A lady was told by a firm, that the Community Care Act would allow the Local Authority to take her home in order to pay for care. However, the firm said that they could help to keep those assets away from the council by putting them into a trust. As they had a rep in the local area, they could pop in and give advice that very day. However, as the lady was suspicious and asked them who they were and what paperwork they could send her, they decided to hang up! The situation on paying for care is an individual one and putting assets into a trust is no guarantee that they will not be taken into account by the Local Authority if required. Please do not give in to any scare tactics by a cold caller who wants to find out all about your finances but if it is something that concerns you, please find a local solicitor and take full legal advice on this complex matter. As with any cold caller, do not let them into your home. Ask the firm to remove your contact details from their database and not to contact you again You can join the **TPS** (telephone preference service) for unwanted sales calls, sign up to this FREE service at 0845 0700707 or [www.tpsonline.org.uk](http://www.tpsonline.org.uk)  
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**NEWS ALERTS - BYEWATERS NEEDS YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS - IMPORTANT TO STAY IN THE LOOP**

Recently there have been local issues that residents perhaps would have wanted to be alerted to, but I am finding a lot of email addresses need updating. Please let me know if they have changed. I am always collecting email addresses so that up to date information can be passed on quickly. If there is anything that you wish to raise please contact me at [fran.koster1@gmail.com](mailto:fran.koster1@gmail.com)

**REMEMBER**

**Puzzling!**

I was watching the London Marathon and saw one runner dressed as a chicken and another dressed as an egg. I thought: "This could be interesting!"



Mum knows a lot, but Granny knows everything!



Notice spotted in a Safari Park: **ELEPHANTS PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR**

The doctor asked me to spend at least one hour per day on the treadmill.



**Tricky - Hi Tech!**

I needed a password eight characters long so I picked Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs!

**POETS CORNER**

**A Song for Spring – M. Garren**

"It's almost here - It's safe to say  
 I saw a Crocus yesterday  
 Its' colours bright – A lovely thing  
 My heart Rejoiced! 'Twill soon be Spring!  
 The winter blues will soon be gone  
 And birds will soon burst forth in song  
 The coral bells will gently ring  
 The Daphne yells "It's almost Spring!"  
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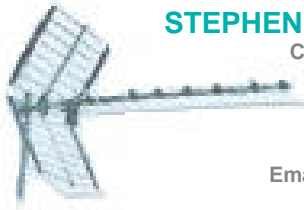
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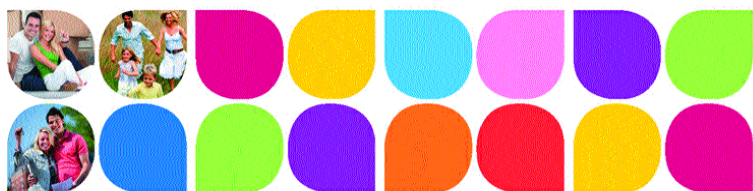
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