

# BYEWATERS RESIDENTS NEWSLETTER

**JUNE 2011**



*Springtime on Byewaters*



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Hi,

June has arrived and what a great month, heralding the beginning of Summer and the possibility of lots of sunshine. I say possibility as for the past few years we have been promised 'a barbecue summer' and it hasn't quite happened. Although, Spring time on Byewaters this year has been glorious, let us hope it continues for the whole Summer. Last year there were a few weeks when it was scorching (we were away, so missed it) 2006 must have been the last time Byewaters was last bathed in continuous summer sunshine.

We will have to see how it pans out this year; it will be delightful here anyway with the ever changing panoramic picture that continually unfolds in front of my house. It was great to see such a good turnout for the AGM back in March. Thank you to everyone who came and re-elected me as a director for BEMC and my two colleagues David (Whittaker) and Peter (Brew). The directors will all be working hard for Byewaters as it is a place we all love to live in. Hope to see you at the annual picnic in July.

**Fran - Editor**

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## STARLIGHT WALK

The Starlight Walk takes place on Saturday 11th June in aid of The Peace Hospice. It starts at midnight and aims to have 2.000 women walking 13 miles around Watford, Bushey, Rickmansworth and Croxley Green raising money for this very worthwhile cause through sponsorships. For more information

[www.starlightwalk.org.uk](http://www.starlightwalk.org.uk) or call the fundraising team 01923 330340.

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## BYEWATERS ANNUAL PICNIC



This will be our 4th Annual Picnic – where have the years gone! Please come along and meet your neighbours on the grass area near the bungalow flats, known as the 'children's play area'. Bring your friends and family and a picnic on **Sunday, 24th July** starting at **2.00 pm**. It really is a fun event and we always take photographs of everyone for the front cover of the September newsletter. You don't have to use up your expensive petrol/diesel, no long queues on the motorway, a few minutes' walk away is an idyllic setting all for free. We can even try and arrange some races for the children but it is all very relaxed so the adults can just chill out. Hope to see you all there.

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



We enjoyed dry weather for our AGM meeting on 15th March 2011 which was attend by over 30 residents who approved the company accounts for the last two years and voted to appoint Fran Koster, Peter Brew and David Whittaker as directors of the company. The meeting provided an opportunity for residents to ask questions about how your money is spent to maintain the estate and to raise issues which you would like to be addressed. Some time was spent providing updates on a number of topics such as gardening, lighting and roads adoption. We also discussed the recent announcement that the Peverel Group had gone into administration. We were re-assured that day-to-day operation of Peverel OM – our estate management agents – would continue as normal and that all BEMC money is separately held in a trust bank account which can only be used for BEMC purposes. In the time since the AGM this has proved to be true, but we will review the selection of managing agents later in the year. Detailed minutes of the AGM will be sent to all members in due course. As you may have seen, works to inspect and repair sewers under the estate roads and to repaint road lighting columns have now been completed by

Barratts as part of the works needed to enable the roads on the estate to be adopted by the councils. The new gardeners are continuing to trim back shrubs and small trees to provide a tidy and coherent appearance to the estate. We would ask all residents to ensure that shrubs and small trees on your own land are also trimmed to ensure that they do not encroach or overshadow footpaths on the estate.

Please remember that if you have comments or questions you can email us 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 Whittaker**



## Byewaters Babes

Many congratulations go to Julia & David and their families on the safe arrival of their twins. Everyone on Byewaters sends their very best wishes to them on their double bundle of joy.

## Byewater Birds Part 5

Living next to a Site of Special Scientific Interest and sandwiched between the River Gade and the Grand Union Canal, local residents of Byewaters are fortunate in having some of the best bird watching opportunities in the area. On some occasions we get to see a few rare visitors to Byewaters. These are either visitors to the area, passing through on their way to breeding sites, or birds seen only at a particular time of year.

### Little egret (*Egretta garzetta*)

Several of these pure white heron-like birds have taken up residence along the river Gade on Croxley Common Moor. They sometimes fly along the canal through Byewaters and make a spectacular sight. The Egret belongs to the heron family and is a native of Africa, Asia and many parts of Europe. They started breeding in the UK in 1996.



### Black cap (*Sylvia atricapilla*)

An unusual sight, this small bird can sometimes be seen jumping around the bases of hedges when winters are harsh. It has a distinctive black cap (the female's is brown) and a wonderful song - it is a relative of the garden warbler.

### Red kite (*Milvus milvus*)

The Red Kite is a large bird of prey with an unmistakable deeply forked tail. After being reintroduced into central Wales, this bird has spread rapidly across southern Britain. Breeding pairs can now be found just to the west around Amersham and the odd individual occasionally finds its way along the canal and Gade valley towards Cassiobury and beyond.



### Buzzard (*Buteo buteo*)

The buzzard is the commonest UK bird of prey, but one that is only occasionally seen around Byewaters. It breeds and hunts around large areas of undisturbed woodland, but can sometimes be seen slowly circling high up in the skies above the canal. These individuals have probably come from woodlands of Buckinghamshire and Southern Hertfordshire in search of prey or nesting sites.

For more information about any of these birds visit the RSPB site ([www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk)) If you would like to help maintain our local Nature Reserve then you can volunteer at <http://www.croxleycommonmoor.org.uk>

John Mynett – Byewaters



## Families Reunited Through Our Newsletter

It was in the first week of November that Fran put a note in my letterbox. She had received an email from a gentleman in The Netherlands who was researching his and his wife's family tree. He emailed Fran that he had possibly found the person he was looking for. He explained that his wife Gerfriede is the half sister of my mother Judith. Therefore she would be my aunt and he, Dirk, would be my uncle! I was very intrigued! I had no idea that I had any other family out there! As part of his research he was looking for Monique Foster somewhere in the UK. On Google he found an article about me in the Watford Observer, last year I won silver at the World Championships Access Class Sailing. The article also mentioned that I live on the Byewaters Estate. He then found Fran's contact details when he Googled our estate and Fran found me! In April my husband Graham and I met my aunt Gerfriede and my uncle Dirk for the first time. They had driven from Arnhem in the Netherlands and we had a thoroughly good time! I would like to thank Fran very much for her co-operation!

Monique - Evensyde

## RICKMANSWORTH FESTIVAL 2011

Rickmansworth Waterways Trust once again organised the Rickmansworth Festival over the weekend 21/22 May, and I hope lots of residents were there. The weather was beautiful on Saturday, and the show was pretty well packed out - as it was on Sunday, when it was rather windy, which prevented the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Lancaster from flying. But everything else worked out just fine - the bands played, the boats boated, the displays displayed and the traders traded! And all of them did a lot of all of it. The general comment seems to have been that this was "the best Festival ever"! Well, that's not for me to judge, as one of the organisers - but it was certainly the biggest! So thank you to all the people who came and enjoyed the Festival, and especially to those who made their donation (there's no entry charge, we rely on your donation entirely) - and for those who didn't make it, we hope that you'll be able to do so next year! Make a date now for the Rickmansworth Festival 2012 - the third weekend, 19th and 20th, of May 2012.

Fabian - Byewaters



## Royal Wedding – Street Parties

There were a few street parties that took place on Byewaters to celebrate the Royal Wedding. Did you also have a street party? Please send your photos to me and we can put them on the website. Next year is the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, how about a really big street party on Byewaters?

Maybe a small committee can be formed to organise this, please let me know your thoughts.

## CROXLEY GREEN REVELS

Revels on The Green Saturday, 18th June 1.30 pm, the village's annual celebration of mid-summer. Our day is shared by local voluntary organisations, clubs and charities, as well as local junior schools who have a much loved pushball competition at the end of the day. There are always lots going on, with a carnival procession, stalls, side shows and a whole host of entertainment in the arena area. Anyone and everyone can be a part of Revels on the Green. Come along and join in the fun! If you want to know more our website is [www.croxleyrevels.co.uk](http://www.croxleyrevels.co.uk) or email us on [mail@croxleyrevels.co.uk](mailto:mail@croxleyrevels.co.uk)

*A new music event is coming in September on The Green. 'Croxfest' a new music festival which will be held on Saturday, 3rd September for more information on this the website is [www.croxfestcroxley.co.uk](http://www.croxfestcroxley.co.uk)*



## Aren't small birds supposed to like bird seed?

You may recall, my dad (aged 84) bought us a new bird table. He spent hours in our garden the other month, putting it together, making sure it was in the right position, adding

compost and plants to the planting box. Filling both cages with lovely fresh peanuts in one and bird seed in the other, water in the thing and oh my goodness it looked beautiful. It even has a light on it so we can see it shine at night and like excited children, we waited, and waited, and waited... I got up extra early just so that I could go into the spare bedroom where I could get a good view of the garden. I was certain that our new bird table would soon be covered in little birds, but no, on the first day there was nothing to be seen, no birds, no squirrels, not a sausage. Second day, lovely sunny morning, birds chirping, but in someone else's garden! Third day, I noticed that the seeds and peanuts were disappearing, so you can imagine the excitement, got up early the next day and there sitting on our bird table was the most enormous pigeon. He was actually too fat to sit on the table, but he sort of hovered, bashing the cages with his beak until the peanuts and seeds came tumbling down onto the grass. There he sat and ate the lot up! So we keep putting fresh peanuts and bird seed out and the pigeon keeps eating it! Has anyone any ideas on how we can attract into our garden the little birds that visit our lovely Byewaters. Our pigeon is eating us out of house and home!

Val - Gill Close

## Changes to your Rubbish Collections

This change is being driven mainly by public demand for the weekly collection of organic waste including food waste. It will be an enhancement of the current service, not a reduction. Food waste should be going into your brown bin, which will be emptied weekly. The kitchen caddy we have provided will help you to separate and store your food waste before emptying it into your brown bin. The new collections will commence on **Monday 13th June 2011 from 6am** This is because the composting site closes an hour earlier than the refuse and recycling tip. As yet we are unclear how many residents will want more than one brown bin and therefore we cannot correctly gauge how long our collections will take. From this date onwards the refuse collection will be made on a fortnightly basis and your brown bin will be done weekly. The recycling collection will remain fortnightly and will be collected on the opposite week to your refuse. In advance of this date we will be issuing new collection calendars to all properties and also a leaflet providing all the relevant information, including a reminder about what can and can't be recycled. Remember there isn't really much that should be placed into your green refuse bin.

**You should have boxes for:** •Glass bottles & jars •Newspaper, magazines, junk mail, telephone directories including Yellow Pages, •All plastics\*, food tins and drinks cartons, tins and cans and aerosols. (\*except cling film or expanded foam-like plastics)

**You should have a brown bin for:** •ALL food waste, raw or cooked, including bones. •Cardboard •Envelopes (no plastic windows) •Shredded paper •Garden waste.

Please remember it is important not to use biodegradable, corn starch or plastic bags to contain your food waste in your brown bin. The composting site is unable to accept these and therefore we will not be able to empty your brown bin if it contains these bags. You may wrap food in newspaper, cardboard boxes, envelopes or paper bags. We are also unable to empty your brown bin if it contains anything other than waste which will compost, so please do not use black bin liners or use your brown bin for general rubbish. If your brown bin is contaminated in any way we will not return until your next scheduled collection and we will expect that the contamination has been removed. Fixed Penalty Notices are given to any resident who continues to wilfully contaminate their brown bin; however we would hope that by issuing these guidelines we will avoid this action. Please try to squash your plastics, cans and cartons as they take up a lot of space in your boxes and our vehicles. By squashing them down this should reduce the number of boxes you require and the number of times the vehicle has to tip each day. Please also give your recycling a quick rinse, at the end of your washing up. The local Household Waste Recycling Centres collect many other items for recycling, including; fluorescent tubes, scrap metal, toners and inkjet cartridges, wood, household and car batteries, mobile telephones, textiles, tyres, fridges, freezers, TVs and engine oil. Visit [www.wasteaware.org.uk](http://www.wasteaware.org.uk) or call 0300 1234 051 for further information. If you have any further queries please contact our Customer Service Centre on 01923 776611 or visit the website [www.threerivers.gov.uk](http://www.threerivers.gov.uk).



## NEWS

Good People of Byewaters the good news is crime in Three Rivers area has fallen again. The bad news is since Christmas there have been 3 opportunist crimes on our estate, 2 of which have been sat-navs taken from unlocked vehicles. It's wonderful that we feel so secure that we think we can leave our sat-navs or phones in our cars and not double check if it's locked properly, but every now and then someone is going to notice!! There's obviously someone walking around checking for unlocked car doors so please be a little more careful when leaving your cars. Now the summer is on the way its time to think about double checking those house windows and that doors are shut too!! And don't forget your sheds etc. We do not have a massive problem here compared to the main part of Croxley and maybe we are guilty of being a little complacent. If anyone would like to receive 'OWL' updates, please contact me on [nhw.byewaters@talktalk.net](mailto:nhw.byewaters@talktalk.net) or our local PCSO on [Gareth.Williams@Herts.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Gareth.Williams@Herts.pnn.police.uk) and we can register you. It is kind of interesting and you won't get bombarded with updates. 'OWL' updates are e-mailed updates and alerts of any crimes/warnings relevant to us. (Herts. Police on 0845 3300222)

Regards **Daniel Haynes - 62 Byewaters**



14th - where Watford finished in perhaps the weakest, most open Championship there might ever be. The ride en route was really entertaining. A 6-1 win at Millwall is always amusing, if unlikely. The majority opinion is that survival was a victory when pundits back in August thought a season of struggle ending in relegation was on the cards for a club on one of the lowest budgets in that league. A club that couldn't afford to replace starrier players recently lost. However by mid October Watford were comfortably top five. One joy of sport is that occasionally you dare to dream that the no-hoper, the underdog might really be about to do something amazing, something heroic. Like when the late Henry Cooper floored

Muhammad Ali in 1963 or when unfancied Frank Bruno rocked Mike Tyson in Las Vegas in '89. So Watford's kids

raised their followers hopes but then like our 'enry and Frank before them, the Hornets took some big hits and the dream died and we realised our true place in the pantheon- 14th. The football season starts in August but there are really three sides that play the season out, even before the inevitable injuries creep in. There's the August team before the Premiership clubs deign to allow their own kids and unfancied players to go out to lower league clubs. Then that September to January team which has to bed in the loanees. Before the mad, Premiership greed led January transfer window causes more team upheaval as chairmen make their final gambles for February onwards. In January our two good loan players, Jordan Mutch and Andrew Taylor went back to Birmingham and Middlesborough respectively and our side was weakened as a result. It was a bit galling that we were miles above Boro then but Taylor helped them rise to finish above us easily as it turned out. Watford were too poor to gamble anyway, swapping good loanees for poorer ones. (If Man Utd owned Danny Drinkwater who came to us after Xmas ever plays for their 1st team, I'll drink a pint of the canal - he's dire.)

We were enlightened by manager Malky Mackay then that loan players are actually very expensive as they expect £1000's more in weekly wages than they're paid at say, Arsenal, to come on loan at all. Then the loaning club and the agent also expect a fee too. Watford can't afford to play that game anymore. So Henri Lansbury didn't come to us, as he did last season, he went instead in January to big gamblers, Norwich City. That risk paid off for Delia Smith with the Canaries getting promoted to the Premier League promised land. We had injuries to key players too, but that allowed some talented teenagers from our Harefield Academy to be blooded. They did well and the hope is that they improve so much they become established, coveted and sold for fortunes like Ashley Young before them. Watford will get 15% of Young's fee should Aston Villa sell him, to say Liverpool. The good bits were having the league's top scorer in Danny Graham (who we must surely sell now) on 27 goals. The best conversion ratio for shots to goals; having one of the best away goals records; playing more home grown youngsters than any other team; the best disciplinary record in the league. Maybe if we had fouled more, we'd have conceded far fewer goals? Regular Q&A sessions from players and staff in local pubs. The poor parts were a run of only one win in the final nine matches. That win in a game where Barnsley should have stuffed us; a keeper very iffy on long shots and crosses still; one of the worst goals against tallies in the division and an uncertain future. For all Watford major shareholders have been bought out for £400,000 and a host of IOUs in their loans by a Mr Lawrence Bassini of Stanmore. A man who, a friend pointed out, went bankrupt running Kosher restaurant Blooms in Golders Green. Which must take some talent. Nobody knows much more about him or where he has got the money from. Where is he going to get the money required to pay back the loans and develop the ground from? He's not saying. Is he a dreamer? An asset stripper? A trojan horse? A man of vision inspired? Watford's fans, like most football clubs, have had their entertainment subsidised by multi millionaires for years and years. The club loses millions each season. So how can Mr Bassini make it break even, even with the lowest wage bill around? To see if the miracle of staying up with talented kids repeats itself, will only cost £60 for a season ticket for an under 16. Or £575 for a mum, dad and two kids all in. Or if you've no mates and keep your own company, £355 in the stalls and £460 in the posh seats.

It'll be character building, a bit of fun and next season, yellow and red all over.



### LOST & FOUND

The Unicorn has been rescued, he is well and being looked after and can be seen happily grazing in this photo.

If his owner wants to reclaim 'Uni' the unicorn please contact [directors@byewaters.co.uk](mailto:directors@byewaters.co.uk)



Still collecting email addresses, which are always very helpful when information needs to be sent out quickly to Byewaters residents.

If there is anything that you wish to raise, please contact me at [fran.koster1@gmail.com](mailto:fran.koster1@gmail.com)

### POETS CORNER

**Shall I Compare Thee to a Summer's Day**  
Sonnet 18 – by William Shakespeare

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?  
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:  
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,  
And summer's lease hath all too short a date.  
Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,  
And often is his gold complexion dimm'd,  
And every fair from fair sometime declines,  
By chance, or nature's changing course untrimm'd:  
But thy eternal summer shall not fade,  
Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st,  
Nor shall death brag thou wander'st in his shade,  
When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st,  
So long as men can breathe, or eyes can see,  
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.

### REMEMBER –

*Always remember you're unique – just like everyone else! (English logic!)*

*There was a row among the oarsmen, about how to row.*

### HOUSEHOLD TIPS

*If you can't fix it with a hammer, you have an electrical problem!!*

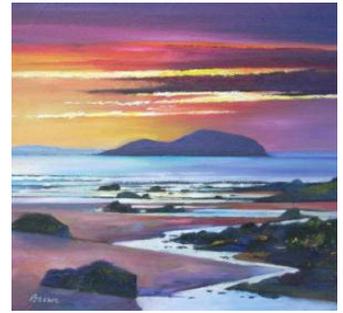
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### The Bon Jovi Experience Wednesday, 15th June

The Bon Jovi Experience is an outstanding tribute to American rock band Bon Jovi. In 2006 Bon Jovi were inducted into the UK Music Hall of Fame, and in 2004 they were ranked No 14 in Q magazine's "50 Greatest Bands of All Time". The Bon Jovi Experience are the only tribute band in the world to

have actually played and shared a stage with Jon Bon Jovi himself! Fans will have thought there were two Bon Jovis on stage that night, so much does lead singer Tony Pearce resemble Jon Bon Jovi! Recreating Bon Jovi Live in Concert The Bon Jovi Experience perform all the great hits: "Livin' On a Prayer", "Keep the Faith", "Bad Medicine", "You Give Love a Bad Name", and many, many more.



### Jools Holland and his Rhythm and Blues Orchestra

The piano maestro Jools Holland is heading back to school! He will be on stage in the grounds of Haberdashers' Aske's Boys School on Saturday 6 August with his Rhythm & Blues Orchestra for a night of pure boogie-woogie. Joining Jools will be special

guest Sandie Shaw plus Ruby Turner and Louise Marshall so pack a picnic, grab your friends and get ready to party! Saturday 6th August. Gates open 5.00pm. Support 7.30pm. Jools 8.30pm. Prices Adult £35. Child (5-15) £15. U5's free.

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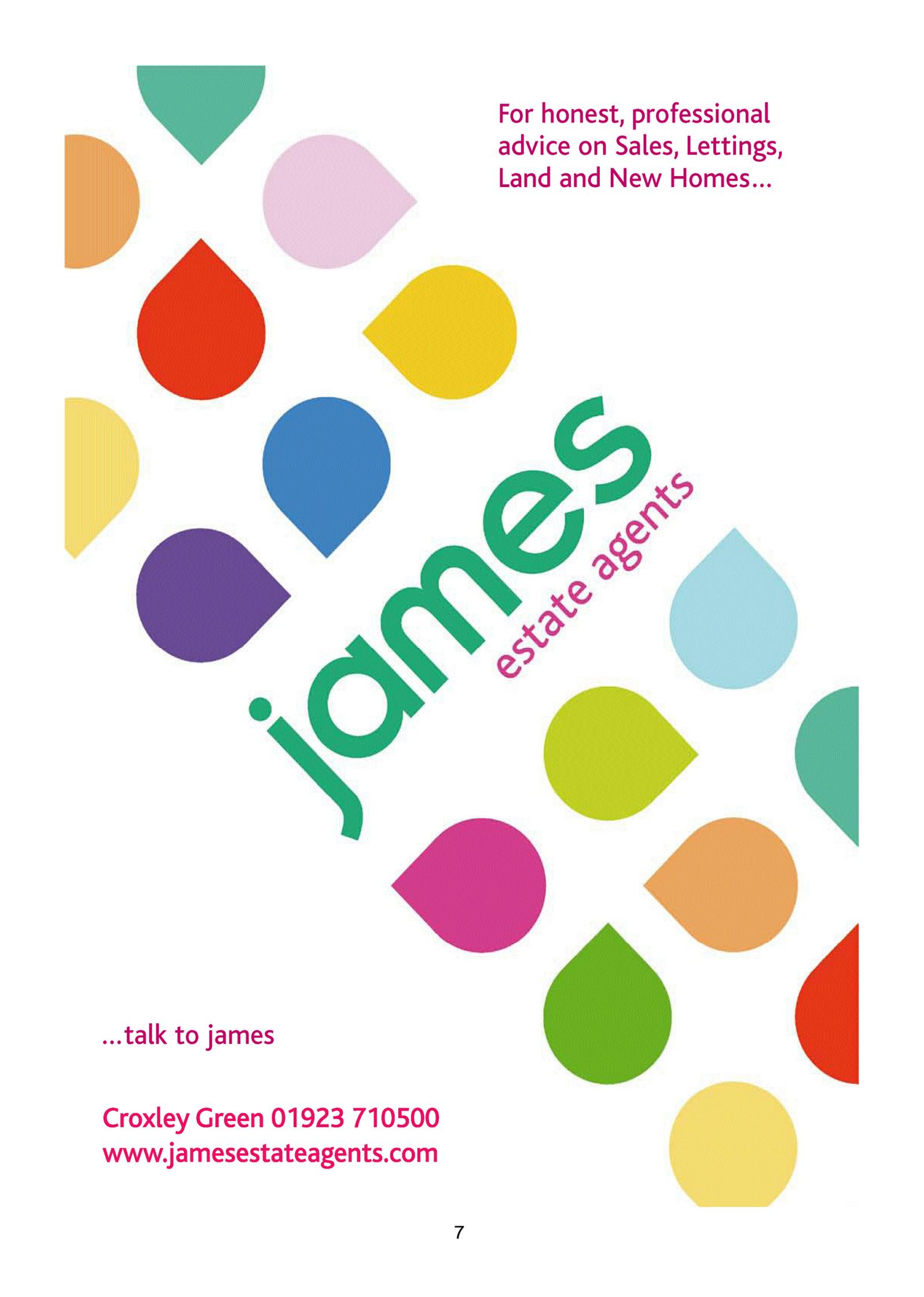


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