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# BYEWATERS RESIDENTS NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2018



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## HI ALL !!

Over the years it has become customary to mention (moan) about the weather in the editor's article so what can I say about the SCORCHER of a summer this year! Most times it is me saying 'this summer has been a wash out!' Oh boy we have had a double dose of summer this year and should not be complaining it is what we always are hoping for this season. Not that I am complaining (much) BUT it could have been a little less humid and the temperature could have been turned down just a little and it could have rained a little during the night. Other than that the summer has been perfect, you won't hear me complaining (much)!!! The Byewaters picnic caught me out with all the sports taking place at that time but we carried on. Those that came had a good time catching up for a few hours in the sun and enjoying our lovely surroundings (see article below). Our new grandson Joseph is now 5 months old and a little smasher. If only he would give his poor Mum & Dad a goodnight's sleep, at least Sammy (his brother) is still a good sleeper so only one little one to deal with at night. Mia starts school in a few days and can't wait she loves learning so hopefully will enjoy the experience. We had a film crew here on Byewaters so watch out for a drama on Channel 4 'Nicola' which will be showing the river and views of Byewaters when it airs. Lou and Jane whose house it took place in have written an account of what exactly happened. The production company donated £500 to Peace Hospice Care in the name of Byewaters for any disruption that they may have caused during their time here. The Peace Hospice have sent a letter thanking us for the donations we have raised for them over 10 years – £5,222.

Fran – Editor

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## BYEWATERS CAROL SINGING – 12th DECEMBER

It seems a little early to be mentioning it but please keep this date free in your diary - Carol Singing for Peace Hospice Care - a really good cause. Wednesday, 12th December at 7pm for just one hour at Morrisons with the wonderful St. Oswald's Choir, we can help others at Christmas.

Our obstacle run 'Push it for the Peace' is back with more challenging obstacles, fun, mud and water! We've had some fantastic feedback on the 2017 event and some of you told us you'd like more challenging obstacles, so that's exactly what we're going to deliver! We'll be pushing you to your limits with harder obstacles. Taking place on Saturday 22nd September, Push It for the Peace will be back in Cassiobury Park, Watford with a choice of a 5k or 10k route. With an events village from 9 am, there will be food & drink vans, rides and entertainment for all ages to enjoy so bring along your friends and family to cheer everyone on! This year, with your help, we aim to raise £70,000 for the hospice. Every penny you raise will go towards providing Peace Hospice Care services to people living with life-limiting illnesses.



<https://www.peacehospicecare.org.uk/viewevent>

## BYEWATERS 10th ANNUAL PICNIC



Well we definitely didn't have to worry about the rain as we had done in other years. I chose a Saturday this time because of the British Grand Prix at Silverstone taking place on the Sunday. I knew it was the first weekend of Wimbledon but definitely didn't want to go for the following weekend which was the final. Although I knew the World Cup was going on too didn't really take into account that England would be doing so well (who'd have thought!) and that such an important match for England would be taking place at 3 pm on the day of our picnic - how could they do that to our Picnic. In the end a panic email went out to all those residents who had given their email addresses to me. (Sorry to those who weren't informed but I do keep asking for everyone's emails and updates if you change email addresses.) The time was changed to 1 pm with the idea that people could easily leave just before 3 pm to make it home for the start of the match, if they wanted to. We had a fair sprinkling of people, the gazebo was put up and we were all grateful for it, it was so hot! We sat and nattered catching up with neighbours, eating our sandwiches, passing round home-made cakes (very nice they were too). Then at 2.45 pm we cleared everything away, said our goodbyes and rushed home to watch England win a very exciting game of football. We could hear fellow neighbours cheering on England. They won that match but we won't talk about the following England match!!

Fran

## A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTORS, BEMC

During the summer, we have been pleased to see that many residents have found time to trim their hedges, shrubs and trees to ensure that they do not encroach onto footpaths or make it difficult for others to see around corners. Such cooperation benefits us all and keeps Byewaters looking good. From time to time, we receive requests from residents and owners to help clarify who actually owns particular parking spaces, roads, footpaths, trees and areas of lawns and shrubbery. The layout of the Byewaters estate is complex and it is not unusual to find that the parking space closest to your front door is actually owned by your neighbour - or that you own a section of a footpath or accessway which must be maintained to provide access for your neighbours and others. The actual detail of this is usually found in the transfer "title" document for each property provided by your solicitor / conveyancer. If you have any questions or issues regarding such estate matters – or comments about gardening and grounds maintenance – please contact MCS customer services email [info@mcsproperty.com](mailto:info@mcsproperty.com), phone 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



**Friends of Watersmeet Film Society [based in Watersmeet, Rickmansworth, a Council owned venue]**

The Friends of Watersmeet Film Society is run entirely by volunteers. Everyone is welcome and we offer tea and cakes at the matinee and a Bar in the evening. Membership is not necessary and the films are digital. **People attending the matinee should be aware that parking charges in Rickmansworth started in April -first hour free; up to 2 hours, £1; up to 3 hours, £2.50; up to 4 hours £4. Payment at meter by card or phone, no cash. (Probably would need 3 hours for the films).**

'Phantom Thread' Thursday, 20th September; 'The Square' Thursday, 18th October; 'Edie' Thursday, 15th November; (Pantomime in December.) **All the films are**

**showing at 2 pm and 7.45pm.** Watersmeet box office are taking bookings. For 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

**2018 SAW THE BEST EVER MID-SUMMER CELEBRATIONS ON CROXLEY GREEN**

This year's Revels were a huge success with the weather being so good the attendance was even higher than normal. An event for all the family, they are already planning for next year. They are looking for volunteers to help with this historic celebration of mid-summer held every year (in modern times) since 1920 on Croxley Green.

'The Revels is the embodiment of the community of Croxley Green and is one of the prime factors that give the village its unique identity.' For more information <https://croxleyrevels.co.uk>



**• • • • CROXFEST • • • •**



**Saturday, 8th September from 12 noon to 8 pm on Croxley Green**

This will be the 8th Croxfest. with **The Four Horsemen, Black Whiskey, Bizarre, April Blue, Twist Helix, Codename Colin.....** over 60 bands performing see the website for more information <http://croxfest.co.uk>

**NEWS FROM ST OSWALDS**

**Café "O" - The Place to Start the Week**

On Monday mornings the rear of St. Oswald's Church is transformed into our very own café serving great coffee and other drinks, along with delicious homemade cake and various other snacks. Café "O" has been running now for over ten years and has proved a great success with parents who drop off their children at nearby Malvern Way School. The café is also popular with older members of the community who tend to come later in the morning when things are a little quieter. It's open from 8.45 till 12.30 every Monday morning except for Bank Holidays. Why not give it a try? You may well become one of our "regulars"! St. Oswald's Malvern Way WD3 3QL the Church website [www.stoswaldschurch.org.uk](http://www.stoswaldschurch.org.uk)



**WATFORD FC**

Hello my regular readers, we are back for for the 2018/19 Premier League season and as I write this, Watford F.C. are sitting 4th in the table or joint 2nd behind Chelsea by a goal difference of 1! This position having been achieved by winning yesterday's game 2-0 against Brighton at home with two goals by Pereyra whose first was a stunning volley. Now, some of the more detailed readers may have just noted that the 'Orns have only played one game, so far with about 3 first games left to play as I write this. Well, let's not be spoilsports and just enjoy the moment as no doubt, in the next article, we may be looking at a more solid 5th or 6th place. (Heat perhaps getting to me now?) Anyway, what's happened over the last couple of months I think I hear you ask? Well, we have kept

the manager, Javi Gracia, sold Richarlison for £40m and brought in Ceciliano, Masina, Quina, Sema and Wilmot. But, also we welcome back "he's coming home" Ben "Fozzie" Foster! So hopefully once they are all settled in, injuries sorted, Chelobah and Cleverley, The Hornets should be a force to be reckoned with this season. Roll on to Burnley away next to show what this team can really do. Before I put my quill down and the lid on the ink pot, I just want to say well done to the England team and Gareth Southgate for coming 4th in the World Cup. It certainly brought the country together with the humour (#itscominghome) which made it believable at one point. Hopefully, in 4 years time, after the Euro's have been won by the 3 lions, we will be bringing it home. Better go and sit in the shade I think without the Sangria

**Ralph - Evensyde**



**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)

**CROXLEY GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION** are champions for lots of local issues. You can keep up-to-date by going onto their Facebook page <https://en-gb.facebook.com/Croxley-Green-Residents-Association-300270940091866/>



Common Knapweed

## 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. **Guided walks:- Bats:** Friday 21st September at 6.45 pm by the kissing gate entrance at the bottom of Mill Lane. (Prior booking necessary through Kay Fitzgerald of Three Rivers Council: 01923 776611 or [Kay.Fitzgerald@ThreeRivers.gov.uk](mailto:Kay.Fitzgerald@ThreeRivers.gov.uk)) **Practical work:- Removing encroaching bushes:** Sundays 9th September, 14th October, 18th November. Volunteer sessions run from 10 am to 1 pm, but you can stay as little or as long as you like. Follow the smoke, or the directions on the kissing gate entrance at the bottom of Mill Lane. Suitable footwear is advisable. We provide everything else Friends of Croxley Common Moor contact and information website at [www.croxleycommonmoor.org.uk](http://www.croxleycommonmoor.org.uk) Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/croxleycommonmoor](http://www.facebook.com/croxleycommonmoor) **Graham** - Byewaters

## Remembering the First World War locally – 'Lest We Forget'

The photo shows an army unit camped on Croxley Green. We will be commemorating 100 years since World War I ended on 11th November 1918 'a war to end all wars', unfortunately those words were not to be correct. By the time the war was over 16 million people, soldiers and civilians had died. 'Let those who come after see to it that his/her name be not forgotten'.

Margaret Pomfret who set up the Croxley Green History Project is leading a scheme which ties in with the centenary to remember the end of the First World War and how it affected our local area. The scheme will culminate on Remembrance Sunday when it is hoped there will be a parade through the village. If you have any records, photos etc. to pass on to her or you would like to get involved in the project please email [webcgra@gmail.com](mailto:webcgra@gmail.com)



We had only lived on the estate for three months when a letter dropped through our letter box enquiring about a potential film location for a Channel 4 drama. Having moved from a one bedroom flat to a three bedroomed house, we had hardly any furniture so thought – why not?! We were told it was an improvisation drama, very low-key. The director wanted the house to have a lived in feel and the actors would follow a loose script whilst using our possessions and furniture. The props department came two days before filming started and turned our house into a homely 'flat' with lots of ornaments, OK Magazines, photos, clothes and

## FILMING 'NICOLA' ON BYEWATERS

toiletries. They even painted our walls! It felt more lived in than our normal house! Filming began at the start of June, 7am on a Sunday morning. Wanting us out of the way, the producers said they would pay for us both to go and eat breakfast somewhere. Naturally we went to The Grove.

Each day filming lasted until around 5pm, we came home to a paused scene that we then had to live around! One evening we returned home to an entire bin full of pepper slices and a poor cut up chopping board – keep your eye out for an unhappy pepper cutting scene...! On another day – a hot sunny evening – our main bedroom had blackout sheets up at the window, blinds shut and bedside lamps on. Apart from the heat it felt like coming home from work in the middle of winter! Whilst filming was taking place we had to be out of the house so didn't see much of what went on. We have a rough idea of the plot line, but according to the exhausted props team, the story changed constantly! Who knows what the story line will be! We met the two main actors a couple of times – they were very friendly and grateful to us for letting them use our house – you will recognise one of them!

Overall the experience was interesting – if a little strange. We hope it didn't disturb our neighbours too much - we don't want to be so annoying so soon after moving in...!

**Lou & Jane Byewaters**

## FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS FOR INVESTMENT SCHEMES

Fraudulent websites offering investment opportunities are dishonestly using the image of Martin Lewis, the founder of [moneysavingexpert.com](http://moneysavingexpert.com), as an endorsement for their business. Martin Lewis has published a warning to the public saying "I don't do adverts. If you ever see one with my face or name on it, it is without my permission, and usually a scam". The adverts, found on social media and other websites, link to Martin Lewis' image along with fake quotes recommending investments in bitcoin and other digital currencies with the fraudulent company. Clicking on the advert may take you to a page requesting your contact details. The suspect company will then phone you and encourage you to invest. Similarly, fraudulent websites are trying to appear legitimate by misusing images and fabricating recommendations from the investors on "Dragons Den". **Protect Your Money** - Criminals exploit the names of well-known brands or individuals to make their scams appear legitimate. A genuine bank or financial organisation won't force you to make a financial transaction on



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## FOULING – Byewaters is covered by a PSPO!



Unfortunately 10 years on from our first newsletter some people still have not got the message regarding fouling!! It has been brought to my attention that Byewaters has been included in the PSPO for Three Rivers Council. PSPO is a Public Spaces Protection Order and the full order can be viewed on

<http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/service/public-space-protection-order-pspo>

Basically this means that owners not removing their dog's faeces on Byewaters can be fined £75 (max fine of £1000). You can report anyone seen not removing dog faeces to Three Rivers Council or contact FixMyStreet <https://www.fixmystreet.com> and they will send a report to Three Rivers. FixMyStreet does cover other matters as well such as dumped items, clearing graffiti, potholes etc. and of course dog fouling. They send your report to the people whose job it is to fix it. There is an app for iOS and an Android app, Nokia Ovi app. If your phone isn't supported try accessing FixMyStreet via your mobile browser. **This can help in the fight to stop children getting Toxocariasis from dog faeces. Biodegradable bags are FREE** from the Parish Council Offices and some libraries. Always think of others and use bags to pick up after your pet and then BIN it preferably in a **RED** waste bin.



**NEWS ALERTS – Byewaters needs your email address – important to stay in the loop.** Recently there have been local issues that residents should know about, but my email list needs updating. Please let me know if yours has changed so I can pass on information. Contact me at [fran.koster1@gmail.com](mailto:fran.koster1@gmail.com)

## SLOW DOWN ... CHILDREN PLAYING



**Don't be the cause of an accident. 20mph or less!!**

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## LOCAL SERVICES

Our trades list and local information on our web page ([www.byewatersnews.co.uk](http://www.byewatersnews.co.uk)) has grown to five pages. Click on a newsletter and scroll to the end. It was suggested that details of tradesmen, used by homeowners on Byewaters, be listed. Send me details of someone, or a local service you found useful, it may help others when trying to find the right local service.



## "Smiling"

by Spike Milligan

Smiling is infectious,  
You catch it like the flu

When someone smiled at me today,  
I started smiling too

I walked around the corner,  
And someone saw me grin  
When he smiled I realised,  
I had passed it on to him

I thought about the smile,  
And then realised its worth  
A single smile like mine,  
Could travel round the earth

So if you feel a smile begin,  
Don't leave it undetected

Start an epidemic,  
And get the world infected.

## POETS CORNER



## REMEMBER

I wouldn't change my Grandchildren for the world, but wish I could change the world for my Grandchildren



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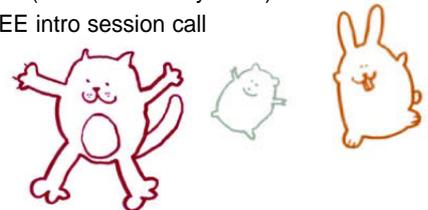
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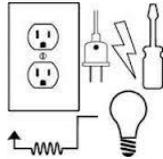


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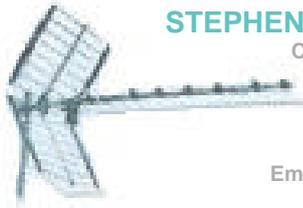
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