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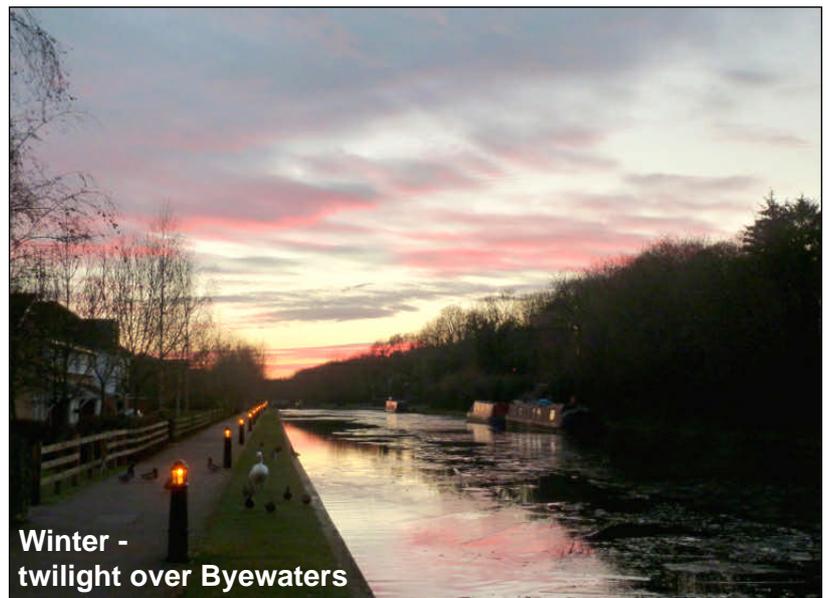
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twilight over Byewaters

Please send articles, advertising, photographs etc. for
the June 2015 Newsletter to Fran, 78 Byewaters
or email fran.koster1@gmail.com



Hi all,

A belated Happy New Year to everyone. It is hard to believe we are in March, where on earth did January and February go. I spent Christmas and the New Year coughing and spluttering, along with nearly everyone else I spoke to or met up with. We soldiered on and it was wonderful to spend Christmas with our sons, their wives and our first grandchild, Mia. Everyone wanted to hold her and she behaved impeccably with a smile for everyone and a dribbly chin (she's teething). The boxes that the toys came in got as much attention, if not more than the toys themselves. Everything is so exciting and new and quite often just out of reach but she is trying hard to crawl so it won't be long before she is on the move too! With so many awful things going on in the world and people being so unkind to one another it is so lovely to see that innocent little face. Let us hope people in this world start realising that we all come into the world in the same way and have to learn everything from scratch it's what happens further down the line and the paths we choose that change us. Let's all go back take stock and look after each other with kindness as you would a baby and maybe the rest of 2015 will be a great year for us all, fingers crossed! **Fran - Editor**

STOP PRESS BYEWATERS AGM Wednesday, 29th APRIL - DETAILS TO FOLLOW STOP PRESS

Your Newsletter has Extra pages of trades etc. on www.byewatersnews.co.uk (and in full colour) or air your views on www.byewaters.blogspot.com or Byewaters original website on www.byewaters.co.uk or if you need to contact the directors, email directors@byewaters.co.uk

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Carol Singing Dec 2014

Wednesday, 10th December was almost here and the forecasts were talking of rain

and strong winds! A decision had to be made and after a few phone calls the venue of the 2014 carol singing was changed. Morrisons had offered in 2013 when they first opened for us to sing at the store and so I approached them again and they were happy to host the event. I was rather nervous having only ever sung around Byewaters in the dark. We gathered at 7.00pm and were told that we should sing inside the store by their Christmas tree. It was very bright!! The St. Oswald's choir arrived and we opened up our song sheets and began to sing. They have lovely voices and the rest of us sang with them carried along on their tuneful waves. We rattled our Peace Hospice buckets and shoppers and staff were forming queues to put money in the collection buckets. The singing was praised by lots of shoppers but credit has to go entirely to the choir. Morrisons gave some vouchers to the cause and seemed genuinely pleased we had chosen to sing at their store for an hour. The choir have already pencilled in a date

for 9th December 2015 and we have decided that if Morrisons will have us this is the way forward. The choir are warm and dry and can actually see their song sheets clearly. We do not have to worry about the weather as whatever it is doing outside does not affect us. I continued to rattle the bucket at family and friends and more Byewaters folk. Also Croxley Green U3A and the Croxley Business Park contributed again this year. The choir give us one hour of their time each year and with all this help we collected £488.35. So far Over the last 7 years we have collected around £2,500.00 for Peace Hospice Care.

So 2015 our 8th year we have the date 7.00pm on 9th December at Morrisons. Please join us it was not half as scary as I thought it would be and witnessing the queues of people putting money in the bucket was very heart warming. You don't have to sing as the choir do that wonderfully but you can hum or just rattle the bucket for an hour, it is such a good cause and the hospice really needs our help.

It would be good to see more Byewaters folk at the carol singing event, hope to see you in Morrisons at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 9th December 2015 please join us, everyone is welcome.

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



As winter turns to spring we look forward to longer, warmer days and to the Byewaters Estate Management Company Annual General Meeting. This year it will be held on the evening of Wednesday 29th April. At the meeting we will provide reports on the management and finances of the estate over the past year and also vote to appoint or dismiss the volunteer directors who operate the company on behalf of those who own properties on the estate. The meeting provides an opportunity for these members to meet with each other and the directors - and perhaps to find out a little more about the estate. Further details and the agenda will be sent to owners a few weeks before the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there. As usual, the wet weather at the start of the year has softened many areas of grass and soil on the estate. Please take care when driving on the estate to avoid driving over or churning up the lawns and gardens of your neighbours. As the weather dries out, please also take the opportunity to even out any damaged areas so that they look better when the sunshine returns to Byewaters. If you have any questions or issues regarding estate matters please contact MCS customer services email info@mcsproperty.com phone 01920 466500. You can also contact us directly at directors@byewaters.co.uk. Other information is available on the www.byewaters.co.uk website. **David - Byewaters**

NEWS FROM ST OSWALD'S A Spiritual Springtime!

In our busy lives, how easy it is to allow the spiritual dimension to wither. A couple of forthcoming opportunities may help to redress the balance and refresh some spiritual roots. Many churches put on special courses during Lent time. Instead or in addition to giving something up, participants use the season to set aside a couple of hours each week to stop, learn, discuss and pray together in a small group. This year at St Oswald's, courses are being arranged at 11.30am or 8pm on Wednesdays 25th February and 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March. Our "visiting speakers" - courtesy of a CD recording - are actor David Suchet, Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby and TV "Art Nun" sister Wendy Beckett. We shall be looking at passages in the New Testament which might be described as "Songs of Praise." Meetings are relaxed and informal and anyone is welcome to attend. Later this year, from Monday 22 to Saturday 27 June, some local churches are putting on a Retreat in Daily Life. This involves meeting locally for half an hour with an experienced prayer-guide at a time which fits with your daily routine to reflect on your experience of prayer spirituality and to spend another half hour each day on your own, in personal prayer and reflection. Participants in previous years found the experience thoroughly worthwhile. Both these activities are open to anyone, whether churchgoer or not, and I would be happy to supply further details. **Robert Riley-Braleay Vicar, St Oswald's Church, Malvern Way (332244)**



We did not want to go too far and found ourselves at Bentley Priory Museum last summer. We were lucky enough to join a group of 20 visitors and were given a very interesting tour (it is best to phone to avoid disappointment). The house has been restored and so have the gardens. There is a small restaurant, where light snacks can be bought and if the

weather is good after your tour having tea in the gardens is a very pleasant experience. Well worth a visit and needs local support to keep it open to highlight the role it played especially in WWII. A very enjoyable afternoon and extremely interesting.

Bentley Priory Museum tells the fascinating story of the beautiful Grade 2* listed country house, focussing on its role as Headquarters Fighter Command during the Battle of Britain. It's 75 years since the Battle of Britain and the

museum will have lots more regarding this commemoration during this year. Explaining how technology, leadership and courage forged victory allowing Britain's darkest hour to also be her Finest Hour. The story of 'The One' - Air Chief Marshall Hugh Dowding, 'the Few' who took to the air to defend our skies and 'the Many' without whose tireless work on the ground victory would not have been possible. ("Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many, to so few" Winston Churchill.) The original Priory, housed a cell of Augustinian Friars, founded in 1170. Then in 1546 Henry VIII gave the Priory to private owners. In 1766 the new owner James Duberly pulled down the original Priory and built the first part of the present Bentley Priory. It was the final home of the Dowager Queen Adelaide (widow of William IV), she occupied the Priory from April 1848 until her death there in December 1849. Visit the website for opening times etc. www.bentleypriory.org or telephone 020 8950 5526 for more information.



When we left the 'Orns, they were anticipating herding the table topping Rams of Derby at The Vic'. But alas, the Hornets lost 2-1 with our goal by Munari. The Golden Boys then had the long

coach trip down the M4 and across the Severn Bridge and on to Cardiff but it was an even longer trip back after the Bluebirds

beat them 1-0. Fourth defeat in a row. Next visit was down to Fulham in front of the TV cameras and that does not bode well for Watford. However, Fulham had a player sent off and Watford capitalised with a 5-0 win and included a Troy Deeney hattrick. A masterclass in football. Taking that confidence back home and Wigan were the visitors and allowed Elton John to open the new stand named after him and to mark that event, the Hornets came through as 2-1 winners with a brace from Deeney. Oh yes, we are on a roll. Off again down the M4 to Reading where unfortunately the Yellows were not reading it right. (Did you see what I did there? Did you?) Watford lost 1-0 and did exactly the same back at home against

Wolverhampton Wanderers. Here we go again. Back on the coach, down the M4 etc etc and back at Cardiff. The game after Christmas, full of turkey, Christmas pudding and cake and a long coach ride – feeling queasy yet? Anyway, digressing here, back at Cardiff, the Hornets turned the tables and went home back on the coach 4-2 winners feeling totally satisfied. Then came the big game, FA Cup v Chelsea. Well its either Chelsea or Man City as no other team want to face the Mighty Horns in the FA Cup 3rd round! Watford battled hard but against the Premiership table topping side and the Special One having to bring on the big guns, Watford succumbed and lost 3-0. Away to Huddersfield and an abysmal display had Watford beaten 3-1. This is not the start to the New Year we want? Charlton at the Vic' next without their new manager, and a masterclass in football was shown with The 'Orns thrashing them 5-0 which ended with a superb freekick by Tozser in to the right corner. From masterclass to goal fest when the 'Orns smashed the Tangerine visitors 7-2. Pity it took them to realise that Blackpool being 2-0 up at half time wasn't a good idea! Ighalo scoring 4 in this entertaining goal rout. Off to pick a few Cherries at Bournemouth but all Watford picked up was a record for Angellas sending off after 26 seconds and losing 2-0. Back at home versus Blackburn and a long drawn out midfield affair giving a 1-0 win to Watford. Improved only by the great hospitality and meal served in the 1881 Club as a treat for the long suffering "Mrs Ralph - Evensyde". Away to Bolton and after a lot of tooting and froing with the goals and a final 4th goal from Deeney, Watford won 4-3 with Abdi getting the goal of the day with a superb scorcher in to the top right hand corner. Watford now lie 5th in the table with 15 games to go. Come on you 'orns, the Premiership still beckons.....

Ralph - Evensyde

SPRING CLEANING

LITTER PICKING AROUND BYEWATERS

Saturday, 21st March 11.00 am

Meet on Byewaters by Basildon Close

Can you give ONE HOUR of your time to help with a litter pick around Byewaters. Just a little bit of spring cleaning, all welcome. Please bring some black plastic bags and gloves – no feather dusters or polish required, just Byewaters folk!



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. For all the events listed below, meet at 10 am by the kissing gate entrance at the bottom of Mill Lane.

Guided walks:- *Water voles on the River Gade*, Sunday 19 April. *Birds*, Sunday 26 April at 10 am. *Trees and bushes in spring*, Sunday 3 May.

Practical conservation work:- *Litter pick*, Sunday 12 April. *Removing ragwort and thistles*, Sunday 10 May. For contact details and the full programme for a year ahead, visit the Friends of Croxley Common Moor website at www.croxleycommonmoor.org.uk

Pictured: *Marsh Marigold on Croxley Common Moor*



The Croxley Rail Link Update (December 2014)

The rising cost of the Croxley Rail Link has forced the government to step in and ask London Underground to take on an "enhanced role" in the construction of the project after the estimated cost rose by £110 million. The Croxley Rail Link is now expected to cost £230 million. The scheme had been expected to cost in the region of £120 million. Hertfordshire County Council and London Underground are discussing who will be responsible for specific aspects of the project, but they could take over construction of the project next year, though the rail provider stressed no decision has been made yet. Due to increases in the cost estimates for the project, London Underground has been asked by the Government to consider taking on the enhanced role to deliver the project.

County council officials attributed the higher price of the project to 'wider railway benefits' and the cost of inflation. The wider railway benefits include refurbishing the existing line between Lower High Street and Watford Junction, as well as enhancing the power supplies to both the Metropolitan Line and the Network Rail sections. The improvements being made will allow more trains to run in the future, not just on the Croxley Rail Link but on the wider train network. The Croxley Rail Link will not immediately enable services to run from Amersham into Watford Junction, it has been designed so that this can happen in the future with minimal work. Construction has been put back until spring 2015 after it was scheduled to start during 2014, organiser's hope trains will start running in spring 2018. The project is described as being critical to Watford's future economic potential and a transformational project for the town. Developments such as Watford Health Campus - Ascot Road, Watford Business Park, Watford Junction Interchange and Charter Place Shopping Centre, with over £1.2 billion of investment to benefit residents, these projects and businesses. The scheme will see the Metropolitan Line routed from Croxley Station, to a new one in Ascot Road called Cassiobridge, then another new station in Vicarage Road called Watford Vicarage Road before connecting with Watford High Street Station and then terminating at Watford Junction. As a result of the scheme, Watford Metropolitan Station will close to passengers and be used as sidings. I hope the trains will move a lot faster than the project!!

RICKMANSWORTH FESTIVAL 16th & 17th MAY 2015

The Rickmansworth Festival occupies a site which runs along the Grand Union Canal between Batchworth and Stockers Locks and a significant part of the Aquadrome Park. The Festival is open from 10.30am to 10.30pm on Saturday and from 10.30am to 5.30pm on Sunday. Plan for at least half a day for your visit to ensure you can enjoy some of the varied entertainment and attractions on offer and you can download the 2015 programme www.rwt.org.uk/festival Some of the highlights of the different areas of the site include: -Batchworth Lock - Boat Trip booking office and departure point; Batchworth Lock Canal Centre with books, gifts and ice creams; Café at Lock 81; Little Union Canal; historic wooden working boat "Roger"; entertainment stage; toilets. Canal Tow Path - Displays of visiting historic working boats and decorated pleasure craft; boat tug of war; catering; boaters information point and other exhibitors.



Aquadrome - Trade, craft and charity stalls; main entertainment stage; Owlsworld acoustic stage; main catering area and real ale beer tent; Environment Fair; Rickmansworth Chamber of Commerce; Fun Fair, Children's Farm and other attractions.



THREE RIVERS MUSEUM – Basing House – Claire (Publicity Officer)

The Basing House museum is located beside Rickmansworth Library and Watersmeet Theatre. It is open from 2-4pm Monday to Friday, and 10am to 4pm on Saturdays, staffed entirely by volunteers. Admission to the museum is FREE. Basing House is where William Penn (founder of

Pennsylvania) and his wife lived after their marriage at King Johns Farm, Chorleywood. The plaque on the front wall of the house/museum was donated by Sir Evelyn Wrench & Mr Sydney Walton. It reads; Here William Penn (1644-1718) Quaker statesman and man of vision, founder of Pennsylvania and planner of Philadelphia, friend of the Indians, Crusader for civil and Religious liberty, designer of European Peace, resided for five years after his marriage to Gulielma Maria Springett (1644-1694). The stone for this tablet from Pennsbury, Pennsylvania, the ancient home of William Penn on the Delaware River was presented by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission who are the custodians of the property.

Our main display at the moment is *Life 1914/1916*, with items that soldiers would have taken to war - rations, sewing kits, match boxes, together with books and newspapers being read at that time. A child's doll and pram have been kindly donated for the display.

A previous display within the museum was the Leavesden Hospital. It had a central administration block, chapel, separate blocks/wards for 860 females and 700 males, (known

as 'quiet and harmless people') over 3 floors, closing in 1995, and becoming The Leavesden Country Park. Now believed to be the burial place of Jack the Ripper! Photographs and items related to Leavesden Hospital were on display dating back to 1870. New exhibits for the coming year will include; Sarratt, Local History, people and places, The Croxley Barn, when the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings visited and worked on the Barn-Summer 2013 and 2014 etc. The Museum would like to expand within Basing House; to become a Heritage Centre this would be our ultimate goal. The museum welcomes individuals and group visits. Schools can visit by arrangement and loan boxes are available for schools, care homes and community groups. Talks are offered to the community on a variety of subjects.

Publications on local history are available and can be purchased from the museum. For information about these and the museum please contact: www.trmt.org.uk Telephone: 01923 772325 or e-mail: info@trmt.org.uk

DOG FOULING CONTINUES

Unfortunately, some dog owners are still not picking up after their pet. Bio-degradable bags are **FREE** from the Parish Council Offices and the Library. Be considerate to people who are blind or partially sighted as they cannot see the fouling to avoid it. Please, please think of others and use the **FREE** bags and pick up after your dog.





Neighbourhood Watch

Police are urging people to be aware of phone scams, which are operating in the area. How it works: The offender rings someone, often the elderly, claiming to be a police officer or bank worker investigating fraudulent transactions. They then persuade their victim to part with their personal information, including PIN numbers. Next they ask them to send them their bank cards and/or withdraw money and send it to them via a courier, claiming it's needed as evidence. If you receive a call you're not expecting, you should be suspicious.

Please remember the police and banks would: **NEVER** ask for your bank account details or PIN number over the phone. **NEVER** ask you to withdraw money and send it to them via any means. **NEVER** ask you to send your bank cards, or any other personal property, via any means. If you are not happy with a phone call and are suspicious of the conversation you have with the caller then please end the call and contact police via the non-emergency number, 101. Remember, when reporting a suspicious phone call to police, wait at least five minutes before attempting to make the call, use a mobile, or test the line first by phoning a friend or relative, to ensure you're not reconnected to the offender. Share this advice with your relatives, friends and neighbours.

Giles Cooper, Press & PR Officer, Neighbourhood Watch
Email: fcenquiries@herts.pnn.police.uk

REDUCE YOUR SPEED – NOW!!

Don't be the cause of an accident – reduce your speed to 20mph or less !!



Can you please keep your speeds down around Byewaters, there are lots of blind spots, mainly caused by parked cars. Please do not be the cause of an accident, slow, slow and slower should be our mantra and keep everyone safe. Don't be the cause of an accident. Trying to get a buggy or wheelchair around cars parked on the pavement or having to go into the road is unacceptable. When eventually Byewaters is adopted by the local council they will issue fines for this. A charge will be sent to the owner of a vehicle that causes damage to the pavement. Please try **NOT** to park on the pavements especially all four wheels. Besides this barring the way for buggies, wheelchairs and the blind it causes slip hazards from oil or damage to the pavement, always think of others.

Police Contact Advice: Telephone 999 in an emergency where there is a danger to life or a crime is in progress. Telephone 101 for non-emergencies where police attendance is required, to report a crime or to report any other incidents. Calls to 101 have a fixed cost of 15p per call.

POETS CORNER

Spring - Robert McCracken

Today is the day when bold kites fly
When cumulus clouds roar across the sky.
When robins return, when children cheer.
When light rain beckons spring to appear.
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Our growing Trades List

Our trades list has grown and at the moment takes up four pages. Please take a look on the web page at the end of the newsletter on www.byewatersnews.co.uk 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 that you have used and would like to recommend, please send me their details. It may help others when trying to find the right tradesman.



Fran

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of bins and what is in store for us in 2015! Keep on recycling!

MARCH 2015

	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
Week A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Week B	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Week A	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Week B	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Week A – Green Bin (refuse), Black Bin with Green Lid (recycling), Silver Pod (food waste)

Week B – Brown Bin (garden waste), Black bin with Green Lid (recycling), Silver pod (food waste)

The Green top wheelie takes newspapers, magazines, plain cards, telephone directories etc. aerosols, clean foil, plastic containers and bottles etc. cartons, cardboard, glass bottles and jars. For further information please contact www.threerivers.gov.uk tel: 01923 776611. **Corn Starch Bags** (as previously mentioned) are available for your new silver food scraps Bucket, they are an alternative to using old newspapers. They can be bought from Parish Council Offices and other places. The Hardware store at the beginning of Baldwins Lane (near the Harvester) sells them.

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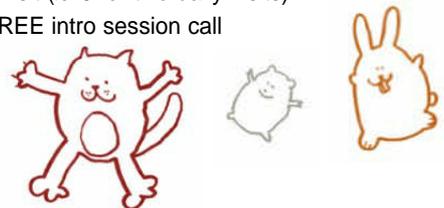
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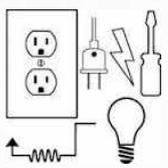


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