

# BYEWATERS RESIDENTS NEWSLETTER

**MARCH 2019**



**Another relaxing day at Byewaters**



**Hi. Just spreading my wings !**

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## HI ALL !!

*It's our March edition have you seen any of those March Hares' going totally mad!! Well not on Byewaters all is calm and serene just like the swans on the canal. Swimming graceful along with our feet paddling like mad underneath hidden from view. Counting the days when everything starts blooming and the summer will have arrived at last. We have just celebrated our grandsons 3rd birthday, he had a soft play party. For those that don't know what that is, it's like a huge padded cell that the kids can bounce around off the walls, parents can do that too so it's quite therapeutic!! A grand time was had by all especially his little brother and cousin. His little brother will soon be celebrating his 1st birthday, followed by our granddaughters 5th, where is the time going. Don't forget our annual 'spring clean' all are welcome (see article below). Always remember to keep Byewaters tidy, those plastic bags etc can be so dangerous for the wildlife. Our annual carol singing went very well, thank you to all those who donated and came along. Our collection for 2018 was a bumper one, see article below. Please send me articles and up to date email addresses they are always useful to have when something is urgently needed to be communicated. Well back to the fast paddling so we can try and keep up with our wonderful grandchildren. Have a good spring see you in the summer edition.*

Fran – Editor

\*\*\*\*\* NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY – BEMC AGM Wednesday 24th April 2019 – 7.30pm \*\*\*\*\*

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## BYEWATERS CAROL SINGING FOR PEACE HOSPICE CARE



Well Christmas was fast approaching and decorations were up, funny hats came out and off we went 'a carolling'. We have now been singing for Peace hospice Care for 10 years. This year we were joined again by the St Oswald's choir and we couldn't do this without them. They give their time and warble away for an hour with some Byewaters residents joining in. The Croxley U3A group who have Byewaters folk attending also have a collection. Croxley Park have always supported us and of course the hospice and they were able to really boost our collection this time. With all this help along with neighbours, friends and family we managed to raise £1,138.13. The hospice was delighted as this money will be a big help this year. Over the last 10 years we have raised £6,351.

Thank you everyone for being so generous and let's do it all again at the end of this year. Watch this space for the place, time and date for an hour well spent.

Fran



### DON'T FORGET THE COLOUR RUN

<https://www.peacehospicecare.org.uk/viewevent.asp?eventID=846>



## THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN MEETS BYEWATERS ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN – FOR JUST ONE HOUR

**Saturday, 23rd March 10.00 am - meet by the T-junction at Basildon Close.**

This will be our 4th Spring Clean/Litter Pick around Byewaters. Help 'Keep Byewaters Tidy'!

The Daily Mail has been running a spring clean campaign, they are slow to join the party Byewaters have been doing this for 4 years. Can you spare just ONE HOUR of your time to join friends and neighbours. Last year the little troupe of workers managed to collect 8 bags of rubbish during the hour, even though the weather was awful. (Could you bring with some black plastic bags and gloves) We are hoping the weather will be kinder this year. It is the time of year when spring cleaning is in the air and so time for Byewaters to sparkle again!!

## A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTORS OF BEMC (Byewaters Estate Management Company)



As the days lengthen and the weather gets warmer it is the time of year when many residents on the Byewaters Estate start to spring clean their homes and gardens. It is also a good time for us all to help keep the estate tidy by removing rubbish near our homes and, if you can, joining in with the Byewaters spring clean on Saturday 23rd March. Another date for your diary is the BEMC Annual General meeting which will take place on the evening of 24th 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. As you may have read, Watford Borough Council intend to enter into a 40 year leasehold agreement to take control of Croxley Park business park – which owns Blackmoor Lane - and to whom part of your service charge is paid. It is not clear if and how this will impact the much delayed plans for the councils to adopt the roads of the Byewaters Estate. We hope that this will be clearer by the time of our AGM. 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), phone 01920 466500 or write to them at Saxon House, 6a St Andrews Street, Hertford, SG14 1JA. 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)

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 last year with the 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).** 'A Star is Born' Thursday 21 March 'The Happy Prince' Thursday 18 April, 'The Wife' Thursday 16 May, 'The Bookshop' Thursday

20 June. **All films are shown at 2pm 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**

## RICKMANSWORTH CANAL FESTIVAL

**18th and 19th May 2019.** An annual event celebrating the community and environment. It always follows the week long town's festival and is very popular. This year will be the 26th and is being held on 18th and 19th May. Last year more than 100 individually crafted canal boats from across the country attended. There were traders, stalls, food and music etc. On Saturday night there were also fireworks. The weather was fantastic last year and around 20,000 people attended. They are hoping the weather will be kind again this year. Rain or shine it is worthwhile attending to support this excellent local event. For more details – <http://www.rwt.org.uk/news/1680/rickmansworth-festival-2018-and-2019>



Did you know that Barbara Woodhouse who had a BBC television series 'Training Dogs the Woodhouse Way' lived for many years in Croxley Green. The episodes were filmed at her home and the show was aired internationally. Her famous phrases "walkies" and "sit" were parodied widely. The command "sit" was even used by Roger Moore in the 1983 Bond film Octopussy. James Bond impersonates Woodhouse and repeats the catch phrase to a tiger which responds by immediately sitting! Randy Edelman (singer songwriter) wrote a song about her and her show. She believed there is no such thing as a difficult dog just inexperienced owners.

**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/>



## WATFORD FC

So here we are now heading into the last section of the football season and currently sitting in 8th, so haven't moved much since the last time I wrote, which is good in one respect but hoped to be a good 6th. Anyway, the 'Orns went up to Anfield where they held out until the 67th minute and then the goals rolled in about every 10 minutes after that and they lost 3-0. Off to Leicester next and unfortunately lost there 2-0. It was then Man City's turn to visit the Vic but after battling away against City's big names, we lost 2-1. That's three games on the trot and no points. Up to Merseyside again and up against Everton and the ex Watford manager Marco Silva. Here we picked up a point for a 2-2 draw, so 1 point in 12. Cardiff City next at Vicarage Road and at last the Hornets pick up 3 points with a 3-2 win which included a brilliant solo goal by Deulofeu. Away to West Ham and Watford get another win with 2-0, and we are on a run. Chelsea visit Watford next, but alas the superb winning streak comes to an end with the Blues beating us 2-1. Newcastle arrive at Vicarage Road next which gives a 0-0 draw. As per the norm, our buckets and spades packed with

the little speedos and off to Bournemouth with all the goals in the first half and Deeney getting a double in a 3-3 draw. Better than the score when we last met though and a point on the road has been gained. FA Cup next away to Woking and Watford win 2-0 and are into the hat for the next round. A visit to South London and Palace away and the Hornets get back to their league winning ways with a 2-1 win. Sean Dyche brings Burnley back to the Vic with a warm welcome and the game ends as a 0-0 draw. Up North next and Newcastle where we get 3 points on the road which is a good result in front of the big Toon Army. But here we go, a visit to Wembley for our next game, no not the FA Cup, but a "home" game against Spurs where Watford shake things up a bit by taking the lead 1-0 in the 38th minute but alas a win escaped us with two Spurs goals being scored in the last few minutes of the game. Disappointing all round for everyone. Off to Brighton and the seaside again (and for some reason the long suffering Mrs Ralph-Evensyde "suggests" the speedos are left at home this time) where the 'Orns draw 0-0. Marco Silva and Everton visit the Vic and with a tense atmosphere, the Hornets ran out as the winners 1-0 with a goal from Andre Gray. This still leaves Watford 8th in the table and still in the FA Cup with the next round against QPR. FA Cup and a possibility of European football? Could this be the year for Watford?

**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 COMMON MOOR

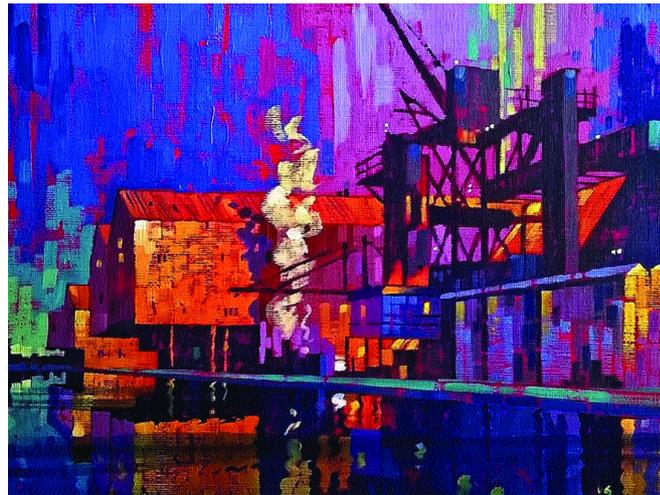
Our closeness to Croxley Common Moor is one of the biggest benefits of living on the Byewaters estate. There's an event there for you during the coming months, whether you prefer a gentle stroll or getting stuck in to work. **Guided walks:** All start from the Mill Lane entrance and last approx. two hours. **Wild flowers in spring:** Saturday 4th May at 10 am. **Birds:** Sunday 19th May at 6 am, Sunday 2nd June at 10 am. **Practical work:** Volunteer sessions run from 10 am to 1 pm, but you can stay as little or as long as you like. **Removing encroaching bushes** (follow the directions from the Mill Lane entrance): Sunday 10th March. **Litter pick** (meet at 10 am at the Mill Lane entrance): Sunday 14th April. **Removing ragwort** (meet at 10 am at the Mill Lane entrance): Sunday 12th May. *Always 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: [www.croxleycommonmoor.org.uk](http://www.croxleycommonmoor.org.uk) Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/croxleycommonmoor](http://www.facebook.com/croxleycommonmoor) **Graham** - Byewaters



Redshank on Croxley Common Moor



Hope you got a bell for your bike this Christmas as some cyclists along the canal 'foot path' seem to think they are in a race and do not give 'foot' pedestrians any warning as they come speeding along behind them – be thoughtful and avoid a serious accident!



How Byewaters used to look as remembered by Trevor Lawrence

### Dayshift Sunrise

John Dickinson  
Paper Mills.  
Croxley. Watford.

Artist: Trevor Lawrence  
2nd November 2016

Trevor used to live in Watford now lives in Co Antrim. His work can be viewed at Painters on Line.

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Sign post photographed by a Byewaters Resident on holiday in Japan!!

## 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 <http://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. **Hopefully this can help in the fight to keep our street clean and there is no excuse as 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.**

## EASTER SERVICES AT ST OSWALDS – Malvern Way WD3 3QL



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| <b>Maunder Thursday 18th April</b> | 8pm Holy Communion  |
| <b>Good Friday 19th April</b>      | 9.30am Churches Together Procession<br>(starting Winton Approach/Watford Road)<br>11am Children's Workshop and Hot Cross Buns<br>2pm The Last Hour Reflective Service |
| <b>Easter Eve 20th April</b>       | 8pm Taizé Service: the Light of Christ  |
| <b>Easter Sunday 21st April</b>    | 8am Said Holy Communion<br>10am All Age Holy Communion  |

For details of Holy Week, please visit the Church Website:  
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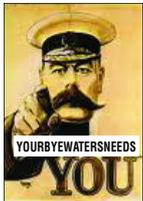
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2. You receive a phone call from HM Inspector of Taxes. They say that you are being investigated and there is an arrest warrant in your name. The number that has called may be displayed as 0300 200 3300, which is a genuine HMRC enquiries phone number. **This is a scam.**
3. You receive a phone call from BT, who tell you that your internet is running slow and needs maintenance. They offer to talk you through some steps to help resolve the problem. This may involve you downloading some software onto your computer. **This is a scam.**

**PROTECT YOUR MONEY:** - People who contact you may not be who they claim. Beware any unexpected contact, especially if it regards money matters. Remember, criminals can "spoof" telephone numbers so that your caller display shows a genuine number from the organisation they claim to represent. Don't be panicked or rushed into giving any information about yourself to someone who has unexpectedly contacted you. If you are unsure, put the phone down. If it is an Email, never click on any Link within it. If it is a letter, seek a second opinion from someone you trust. Derek Sweeney, Watch Liaison Officer Neighbourhood Watch Email: [wlo@herts.pnn.police.uk](mailto:wlo@herts.pnn.police.uk)

**General 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.



**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. There was a local referendum etc. and I sent information out to those on my email data base but you would

only receive this if I had your information. Can you please let me have your email address or any updates. If there is anything that you wish to raise please 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!!**

Please drive slowly around the estate and park sensibly so that visibility is not obscured for either pedestrians or other vehicles. Please keep your speeds down – **20mph or less** is best.

Please think of others and try not to park on pavements or on blind spots. (Parking large vehicles on or close to corners is not advisable.) If your vehicle damages a pavement you will have to be charged for the repair. Please be considerate when driving and parking around Byewaters.

**POETS CORNER**

The March wind roars  
Like a lion in the sky,  
And makes us shiver  
As he passes by.  
When winds are soft,  
And the days are warm and clear,  
Just like a gentle lamb,  
Then spring is here.



**CORN STARCH BAGS**

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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.

**REMEMBER**



I asked the Librarian "Where's the self-help section?" She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose!!



**If Mum says No ask Grandma  
If Grandma says No .....  
Who are we kidding Grandma never says No!**

**Questions that Teachers asked their Pupils**  
Q: Briefly explain what hard water is? A: Ice!  
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Q: What is a fibula? A: A little lie!  
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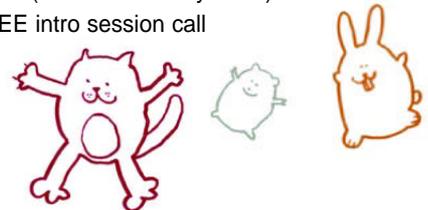
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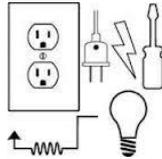
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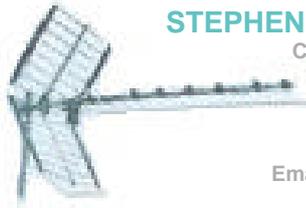
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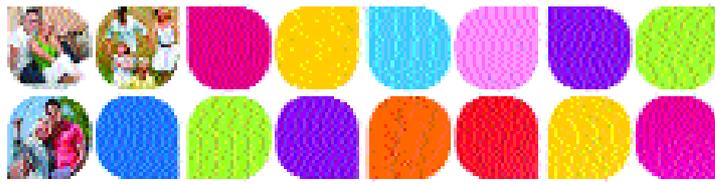
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