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## FROM THE TILLER

### Apologies

I must start this edition with two apologies,

The first is perhaps the more important, Fabian Hiscock kindly wrote an article which appeared in the last edition which was planned to be split into two halves, the second being in this edition. We had enough spare space in the Spring edition to include both parts so I deleted the end of the first part and the beginning of the second which linked the two but failed to spot the references in both parts to the fact that the article was to be split into two. Apologies both to the readers who may be expecting a further instalment in this edition and, of course, to Fabian who kindly contributed the article.

The second is quite brief – In my article on the Rickmansworth Branch from Watford I referred to the existing line as the route for the Metropolitan Railway and the Grand Central which should, of course, have been the Great Central. Thank you to those members who contacted me about this error and, again, apologies to everyone else for the error.

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### Standing Orders

We have trialled a system of collecting annual subscriptions by Standing Order. It is a lot easier for the Road Reps to simply deliver **Independence** than to keep calling back to collect £3.

We now wish to transfer all members to this system and I do hope that you will assist by filling in the form and either returning it to your Road Rep or post it to the Membership Secretary, Ann Littlejohn.

We still need the e-mail addresses of about half of our members so if you do not think we have yours, please e-mail Anne or me – details on the Committee list in this edition.

### Road Reps

We are still short of Road Reps for a number of roads. Are you prepared to help deliver **Independence** to about a dozen houses in your road or a road near you?

The operation of the RDRA depends on keeping in touch with our membership and thus the Road Reps are an essential part of our operations.

### New Web Site

We had to close down our old web site last year as we had no one on the Committee who was able to operate it. I am pleased to say that Simon Peat has come forward and we hope to have a new web site operating in the not too distant future.

### AGM

Following the AGM we now have a strengthened Committee following the loss last year of five of our members who moved away from the area.

We still have three vacancies so if you fancy helping us, please do contact me. You can always come to a Committee meeting, we have six a year, to see what we do and we can then co-opt you, if you wish to join us, from the next meeting.

### RVS Hall

The new buildings to house the homeless of the area have been constructed on the site. The contractors have done a good job. It is a shame that the District Council had to demolish the RVS hall (which did need some restoration work) to provide a site for

## Chairman's Notes

these units – they are a good idea but we are sure the District Council could have found an alternative site but it is now too late.

We understand from the Leader of the District Council that it is the responsibility of the Batchworth Community Council to provide a Community Hall and we will discuss this with them at the earliest opportunity.

The District Council still seem to think that Watersmeet answers this need but, clearly, they have not tried to hire it for a local community event!

### Councillors

As explained by Frances Button in the last issue of **Independence**, we are served by three Councils - County, District and Community (or Parish). The decisions are made by ordinary folk who want to make life better for our community and have thus stood for election. They get a lot of stick for doing what we think is the wrong thing. Half of the time they may be taking a broader view than just Rickmansworth but some of the time it simply may be that they do not understand what we, the residents of Rickmansworth, want but it is essential to let them know what we think otherwise it is too easy for them to lose touch with the people who voted for them. In doing this it is important to let them know that we are advising rather than "having a go". Sadly often our advice or comments seem to be misunderstood or ignored. Nonetheless we must remember that they have stood to try and work on our behalf even if they get it wrong sometimes.

As an Association we will support practical proposals from any Council / Party which will benefit the Residents of Rickmansworth and we will strongly oppose any that do not, regardless of their political origins.

Michael Stimpson

**GDPR (DATA PROTECTION LAW MAY 2018)**  
Under the above Act we are required to inform our members that their name, address and road representative will be kept on a computer record. This information will be used solely for the benefit of the Association and will not be disclosed to a third party. Any members who object to their details being recorded in this way should contact the Secretary.

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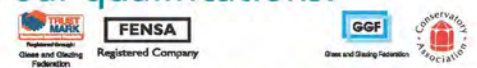
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We desperately need to have someone to service these roads which contain between 6 and 24 members.

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| Berry Lane         | Long Lane              |
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| Bury Meadows       | Middleton Road         |
| The Byeway         | Moor Lane Part 1       |
| Chiltern Drive     | The Queen's Drive      |
| Church Street      | Salter's Close         |
| Clarkfield         | Shepherds Way (Part)   |
| Church Lane        | Skidmore Way           |
| Colne Avenue       | Springwell Avenue      |
| Coombe Hill Road   | Stockers Farm Road     |
| Curtis Close       | St Peter's Close       |
| Eastwick Crescent  | The Greenway           |
| Goral Mead         | Thompson Way           |
| Harriet Walker Way | Trellusson Way         |
| Jordans Road       | Uxbridge Road          |
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# Community Calendar



## JULIE FELIX IN CONCERT WITH THE POLLY MORRIS BAND\*\*

**Saturday 13 October Doors open 7pm - St Marys Church**

Local resident JULIE FELIX will be supported by the Polly Morris Band. Tickets £10 by tel. or £12.50 on the door or with a small booking fee @ <https://juliefelixandpollymorris2018.eventbrite.co.uk>



## THEY SHALL NOT GROW OLD

**Thursday 1 November 7.45pm - Watersmeet**



On the centenary of the end of First World War, Academy Award-winner Peter Jackson (The Lord of the Rings trilogy) presents the World Premiere of an extraordinary new work showing the Great War as you have never seen it.

Tickets £5.00, £3.00 concessions - profits to Veterans' charities. Box Office 01923 711063 Mon-Fri 10am - 4pm £1 per ticket booking fee applies by phone or [www.watersmeet.co.uk](http://www.watersmeet.co.uk)



## WALTER HARVEY HALLAM

**Friday 9 November 8.30pm - St Mary's Church**

A 60 minute play by Alison Raymond, about Walter who volunteered for military service in WW1. Many songs included. This is a FREE event but there will be a collection on the night for Veterans' charities.



## RICKMANSWORTH WINTER FAIR

**Friday 30 November 5pm - 9pm**

Join us for an evening of celebration and fun on Rickmansworth High Street. Starlight Parade, stalls, funfair, music, food, competitions.

## RICKMANSWORTH SOCIETY - AUTUMN MARKET\*

**Saturday 13 October 10am - 1pm - Watersmeet Entrance £1.00 (U11 free)**

## PHOENIX MORRIS – OPEN EVENING\*

**Wednesday 24 October 8.30pm - Scout Hall, Ebury Road**

[www.rickmansworthtown.co.uk](http://www.rickmansworthtown.co.uk)

\*\*Tickets in advance from Michael Stimpson - 01923 770425

\*not organised by Rickmansworth Town Team CIC

## PETER'S PADDOCK



..... Peter reflects on the changes to the High Street, questions the Almighty on why calories were invented and invites more residents to attend the Forum's meetings.

### The Changing Scene

Gosh! Thinking of the High Street as it was while I was a boy in the 1950s and looking along it now, what else can I say? I have had a good many comments about the new tattoo and piercings parlour formerly in Station Road and wonder how many of our members have rushed to avail themselves of its services (I understand that the owner is well known in his field). Perhaps this is a good example of the generation gap : the number of people I see these days, by no means all in the first flush of youth, who make me think of Ray Bradbury's 1951 classic collection of eighteen short stories *The Illustrated Man*, I find amazing, though I have no intention of following suit! It must moreover be added that many believe as a general principle that any occupied premises are better than unoccupied ones.

I suppose that by contemporary standards we were spoilt in the 1950s High Street as elsewhere by the number of butchers, bakers, (green)grocers and other "proper" shops our parents had to choose from. But those of my generation are not here for ever, and the following ones have their different habits. Many shop "on line" (not me : I like to see what I'm buying) and have other tastes anyway. Regarding the above parlour, more than one person has said to me, "Well, if it encourages younger people to move here ...".

The ice cream parlour opposite what is now M&Co - which to me will always be "Woolie's" (Woolworth's), with its giant red weighing machine, wooden floorboards and bags of gobstoppers for a penny or two - has never seemed to be chockfull even in the recent heatwave, but perhaps I have not passed it at the right time, or detected more customers in the Stygian gloom. I am told that their offerings are scrumptious, though, so if you are tempted ... if ever I get through the Pearly Gates, however, my first (and no doubt last) question to the Almighty

will be "Why did you invent calories?", hoping that I am not punted down to a rather hotter place for my impudence.

There seems to be an unnecessary duplication of hairdressers and mobile 'phone shops, for instance, in contrast to the lack of a decent ironmonger's or men's outfitters (who remembers Wheatley's, where I was kitted out for York House and where Gibbs Gillespie now hold sway?). One must also remember, however, that a deterrent not apparent to the ordinary passer-by may well be the charges demanded by some landlords of properties for their occupation.

The odd chuckle is still possible, as with the large illuminated sign "Off License" outside Hollands the newsagents : when I drew the previous proprietor's attention to the misspelling, this being England and not the USA, he (Vithlani) said that he wanted to keep it as it made people notice it more, the same psychology that leads some establishments to call themselves "Krazy Korner" and the like.

I must add, however, that we now have a successor to Mike Purdy's Serves-U-Rite in the shape of a new hardware shop in what was Dr Barnardo's shop at 88 High Street, "Abracadabra", run by a pleasant young man from Afghanistan, so good luck to him and any others venturing likewise.

From the community point of view there are still many places to gather for a chat by way of pubs, coffee shops and eating-houses of various kinds (how they all keep going is a permanent source of bogglement). Nobody will ever starve or die of thirst while in the town centre, that's for sure. I sometimes feel surprise that more people are not seen there with bruises on their foreheads. Why? All these pedestrians, not looking where they are going because they are busy consulting their smartphones or similar devices, and colliding with others doing the same in the opposite direction, that's

why. Being a pedestrian can be quite hazardous enough with cyclists (not only youngsters) thinking that they can freely ride along the pavements instead of on the roads - grrrr.

The same applies to the cycle lane along the eastern part of the High Street. Why should they think that this alone is a two-way system? I have asked more than once at the Local Area Forum for the occasional arrow to be painted in to make this clear, but to no avail. A great pity, by the way, that more residents don't come to the Forum's meetings and have their say and ask questions : your next chance is in "Dates For Your Diary" below, viz. Thursday, 23rd November at 7.30 p.m. See you there.

The recent changes in the system of parking charges have understandably ruffled a good many local feathers, especially of those without the necessary cards to avail themselves of the new ticket machines. These do not take cash, but a former finance officer of the council told me that that was to avoid the significant costs down of having to collect and process it. In many cases, as with so many developments in our society, it should not be too hard to take a deep breath and get used to what is now required and change our habits as necessary. That is not to say that sympathy should be lacking for those inconvenienced as a result.

### Looking Back

In the 20th issue of *Independence* just sixty years ago in October 1958 the editorial opened with a paragraph [divided here] on the perennial concern of "Traffic". "Accident Black Spot notices have been erected at the crossroads near the Police Station [then still quite new in Rectory Road, and before the present roundabout, when Ebury Road emerged opposite Rectory Road] following a number of recent accidents (one of them fatal). Suggestions for improvements have included traffic lights, 'Halt' signs,

or police on point duty [the age of innocence then!]. The long-term remedy is the round-about (sic) planned when the Southern Bypass is constructed [not for another ten years]. It seems probably that normally many people, especially strangers, in spite of the 'broken white line', are uncertain which is the major road (Uxbridge Road merging with Rectory Road, leading to the Bypass [that is, what is now the northern stretch of Park Road, the pre-existing Rectory Road still not being seen by some older residents as part of the bypass].

At the moment a general traffic diversion and one-way system are in operation during alterations to the railway bridges in Rectory Road and Station Road. There are those who think that a continuation of this scheme would make a useful contribution to the solution of High Street traffic problems pending eventual changes under the Town Plan. [One-way traffic came to the town centre on a permanent basis in April 1961, though more than one

possibility was tried out in the process, such as Station Road being one-way down from Rectory Road to the High Street rather than up, and being able to drive one-way along the High Street from Church Street to Park Road rather than vice versa as now.]”

Ten years later, in the summer of 1968, **Independence** mused, “Talking of signs, wouldn't it be comforting to have shares in a firm that makes road signs? Just think, in recent times we have had reflecting signs, extra-large signs, continental signs, and internally-lit signs. Each new type supplants the previous, and WE foot the bill. Now we face metric speed and distance signs. Whatever can follow that?” Half-a-century onwards, however, and these last, with a few minor exceptions, have still to come. What effect, if any, will Brexit (yawn, I know) have on this seeming impasse? But the coming effects of the construction of the HS2 railway extravaganza will occupy our thoughts for years to come.

### Good-bye to the DJs

No, not disc jockeys but the Daughters of Jesus, the nuns who after over eleven decades in Rickmansworth, including founding and running the St Joan of Arc School in the High Street for the greater part of that time, are no more locally, their Provincial having been the last one to leave at the end of September. In recent years the few who remained (another sad if all too familiar tale of declining numbers) have lived in Blakenhall, the imposing mansion at the junction of Nightingale Road and The Drive which faces you as you drive up the former after crossing the railway bridge. It has an interesting history and is now a family home. As a Catholic (part of my French heritage) I hope I may pay them this short tribute here for all their labours in the community over so many years.

Peter Waters

## Permanent Home for The Reach Free School (See Front Cover photograph)

In September 2013, The Reach Free School opened its doors to our founding pupils. Based temporarily in a converted office block on Tolpits Lane, on the very boundary of the District, we were extremely proud to be the first new secondary school in the area for over 30 years and a much needed school for the children of Rickmansworth.

In June 2015, our first Ofsted inspection graded the school as “Good”, with clear guidance as to how to improve to “Outstanding”, and by the time our fifth cohort of pupils joined us in 2017, we were excitedly watching the construction of our permanent site at Long Lane.

Our founding pupils, and those who have joined us since, sat their GCSE examinations this summer. We are so very proud of their achievements, not just meeting the high academic aspirations we set for them, but for the wonderful young people they have become. They will always be our special ‘first’ pupils and hold

a unique place in the history of our community school.

September 2018 finally saw us move into our brand new school building at Long Lane. What excitement! Classrooms, science labs, music and art rooms, assembly hall, dance studio, sports hall, playing fields, multi-use games area, netball courts, dining hall, Sixth Form centre..... space! It's the start of another new exciting chapter in our school's journey as we settle into new routines, support all our pupils to become amazing young people, and look toward to forging community links now we're in our forever home.

Recently, a thousand visitors attended our Moving On to Secondary School Open Day. Children and parents were able to see our new facilities, talk to our amazing staff and pupils, and plan their secondary school applications. It was lovely to see so many familiar local faces in the crowd, and we are thrilled we are able to offer a good local school for Rickmansworth.

We are also pleased to be the new home of the Rickmansworth Gymnastics Club and the Taekwondo Club. These children's clubs are the first organisations to hire the school facilities as part of our Community Use Agreement. The sports facilities, dance studio and school hall are available evenings, weekends and during school holidays for private hire by the community, and we look forward to becoming a home to many other clubs and organisations over the coming months.

For further information about lettings, please contact [dpash@reachfree.co.uk](mailto:dpash@reachfree.co.uk)

Carolyn Venn,  
Chair of Governors and Founder



## Rickmansworth Waterways Trust

### Rickmansworth Waterways Trust's New Education Facility at Batchworth Lock

Established in 1991, local charity Rickmansworth Waterways Trust (RWT) brings together people who are passionate about canals, the local community, its history and its environment. Our four key activities are:

- Hosting school visits for the educational programme "Learning at the Lock".
- Maintaining and showing the restored historic wooden working boat, Roger.
- Organizing the annual Rickmansworth Festival.
- Providing a range of amenities and interesting things to do at the Batchworth Lock Canal Centre, which serves as an information point, with canal boat trips, walking, cycling and exploration information.

The Trust is supported in doing this work throughout the year by



*Artist Impression of the completed building*

about 100 volunteers drawn from a range of backgrounds and talents.

By using the Heritage assets at Batchworth, RWT has been able to deliver a unique learning experience, not provided elsewhere, for thousands of school children. "Learning at the Lock" has been run for Key Stage 1 and 2 school children for over 20 years and the programme is

designed to complement the National Curriculum. The programme is run by a qualified teacher and supported by trained volunteer presenters. RWT hosts up to 1000 school children each year and since the programme started nearly 20,000 children have benefited from a unique, interactive and fun educational day with most schools returning year after year. The programme has been nationally recognized and was winner in the Education Category and Highly Commended in the Community Category of the Waterways Renaissance awards which was the first time a candidate had been recognized in two categories. On June 2nd 2017 Rickmansworth Waterways Trust was also privileged to receive the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service recognizing over 25 years of our volunteers work in the Rickmansworth Community.

In April 2016 RWT was informed by Affinity Water that the classroom in the old Batchworth mill building we had been using for over 20 years was no longer safe to use without significant expenditure. Since then we have been using a temporary



*Building Under Construction (a)*



classroom at St Mary's Church Hall. This however is not appropriate for use in the long term as the space is too small, a fair distance from Batchworth Lock and RWT has had to curtail the education activities to fit within the available space. The RWT Trustees wanted to provide a better permanent home for the education programme and other activities at Batchworth Lock so the selected solution was to build a facility adjacent to the canal at Batchworth Lock. Planning permission was obtained for a building which will include a classroom, our office, storage and also a small kitchen and toilets for the use of the children, teachers and volunteers.

Due to the location next to the heritage site of Batchworth Lock the Trust consulted extensively with the Canal and River Trust and Three Rivers District Council to arrive at a suitable design. The building is a high quality single storey wooden construction and has a synthetic slate roof and is preserved with a white wood stain which will make it blend in with the existing structures around the lock. The building will have disabled access, something which has not been possible up to now with our previous and current temporary classroom arrangements. The main teaching area will be 100sqm to provide an ideal environment for delivering Learning at the Lock and other education programmes for both adults and children. RWT also envisage that the proposed building will provide a facility that local groups and the



***Building Under Construction (b)***

general public can book.

After 2 years of hard fund raising in early summer 2018 we had raised sufficient money to complete the building. We have been fortunate to obtain very generous grants from many organisations and charitable Trusts. We have also been humbled by the generosity of our many supporters, volunteers and friends who have helped us raise an amazing £340,000 to complete the building. We still have more funds to raise as we took the decision to remove the planned external landscaping from the budget in order to get the building completed and operational for our 2019 education season. We will be working hard with our volunteers to do as much as we can ourselves while continuing to fund raise.

We started clearing the site and construction of the foundations on 2nd July and by 28th of September the building assembly had been completed. We hope the internal electrical and plumbing work will be completed by the end of October and we can start to move in during November. Above is the building as of 29th September and by the time you read this article the building should be nearly ready so please pop down and take a look!

**David Montague**  
**Chairman**  
**Rickmansworth Waterways Trust**

## ARTICLES

**Are you able to write an article for the next Independence? It can be on any subject of local interest either current or historical.**

**If so, please e-mail it to me at [StimpsonM@aol.com](mailto:StimpsonM@aol.com) by the end of March 2019**

## Scotsbridge House Saved from Demolition

### Local History

Many of you may not even be aware of this building, let alone its rich historical significance not just to Rickmansworth but also its links with Nelson, Wellington, Alnwick Castle & the Dukes of Northumberland and Levens Hall in Cumbria. If you are a local historian and have heard all this before... please forgive me.

During the summer of 2018 a planning application was submitted to the Local Planning Authority, to demolish Scotsbridge House and replace it with 33 luxury flats. Thankfully this application was rejected at planning committee for a number of reasons, but in the meantime having had knowledge that the current owners were hoping to sell the property as far back as 2015, I set about researching its history, and with the videography help of local historian and retired Chairman of Three Rivers District Council, Les Mead; I was able to put together a record of a lot of the



*Close-up of house: Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News 10th June 1953*

The current building (the main part not the 1960s extension) appears to date as far back as 1766. You can clearly see the outline of the main building as

proving a little more difficult than you may imagine. The house was put up for auction by a Wm Wilson Esq in 1815 (the same year that Napoleon was defeated at Waterloo – more about this later), and we can trace various owners from then on. So now comes the interesting bit! Local historian and lady of note in Rickmansworth, Barbara Owen MBE happened to mention to me that Lavrock Lane that runs down the side of Scotsbridge House, was once called Captain Percy's Lane.

Through various sources I managed to establish that indeed Captain (later to become Admiral) Josceline Percy did own the house from around 1826 to 1856 when he died in residence. It also appears that he may well be buried at St Thomas' Church in West Hyde – I have yet to make the trip to the Hertfordshire Archive Library. Josceline Percy was one of 13 children, quite a few of whom seem to have carved their place in British History. He was younger brother to George Percy 5th Duke of Northumberland and



*Scotsbridge House as it is now*

internal features of the house and also of the grounds. This along with all the evidence I have gathered to date has now been submitted to Historic England in order that they may judge whether the house and grounds merit being assessed for grade listing.

it stands today on a Dury & Andrews map of this date. On another John Carey map dated 1760-1790 it is shown being owned by a Mr Wilson – we are still trying to establish whether it was Mr Wilson who built the house as it now stands, a task that is



*Mrs Charles Bagot*

Lieutenant Colonel the Honourable Henry Percy CB, who as Aide de Camp to Wellington, brought back the despatches and Napoleon's captured Eagles, announcing the victory at Waterloo. Hugh Percy his twin brother was Lord Bishop of Carlisle – there was also another Admiral in there too. Some brothers also went on to become Members of Parliament – Josceline became MP for Beer Alston, notable as one of the Rotten Boroughs of the time. During my trawling on line I further discovered that Josceline Percy's elder daughter Sophia Louisa Bagot had written a book which more or less spanned the whole of the 19th Century with all its goings on – viewers of the current dramatization of 'Vanity Fair' may well be interested in her view on the social hierarchy of the time, which bears a significant relevance to Mrs Becky Crawley's scrambling to improve her social standing. Sophy had originally written journals throughout her life, but when she married Colonel Charles Bagot in 1846, he had insisted that she destroyed them. After his death in the late 1800s, Sophy set about re-writing her journals from memory. The book called 'Links with the Past' was published and I was lucky enough to find and purchase a copy for sale on

a well know online auction site. She recounts her tales as reminiscences with amazing clarity, of particular interest to us here in Rickmansworth is her recollection of the night of the passing of the Reform Bill in 1832, but there are also references to the outbreak of cholera and also notable family names still present in the town to this day. Here is a direct transcription from her book about the infamous night of the Reform Bill:

"No-one who did not live in the days of the first Reform Bill can imagine the excitement in the country. Duke Hugh (Northumberland) wrote to my father asking him if he would come to Alnwick Castle with all his family. The Duke had made arrangements to arm and provision the Castle as if for a siege, if serious riots or revolution occurred. My father, however, did not take the situation so seriously as did the rest of the family, and declined the invitation. After the Bill was passed, Rickmansworth, the little village near Scotsbridge, was illuminated – only Scotsbridge and the Vicarage refused to join in the rejoicings. The mob forced their way into our backyard saying that if Captain Percy would not illuminate they would break all the windows and force their way into the house through the servants' offices. We and all the servants were gathered by my father's orders in the front hall. My father loaded his pistols and sent the mob word that he would shoot the first man who crossed the threshold. No one ventured to do so, and, after hooting and yelling the mob departed to the Vicarage, where they ordered the Vicar to illuminate and to give them up the keys of the church, in order that they might ring the bells. The poor Vicar was so frightened that he ran up to his bedroom and threw the keys of the church out of the window. I remember to this day the feeling of disgust with which we heard the merry peal of the really beautiful bells of Rickmansworth.

We passed an uncomfortable night

with our broken windows, but we had not like the Vicar, hauled down our colours!"

Admiral Percy joined the Navy at 11 as a Midshipman and gained his Lieutenancy aboard HMS Victory in 1803 with Admiral Nelson and Hardy. He was presented with a sword by Nelson, and this and many of the artefacts can now be found in Levens Hall, the home of the Bagot family. Amongst the artefacts is the clasp from Napoleon's battle cloak from Waterloo. Found by Henry Percy who served as Aide De Camp to Wellington, he removed the clasp as the cloak was just too heavy with water, brought it back to England and

Rickmansworth, Herts.—Beautiful Villa and Estate, Scot's Bridge, Scot's Hill and Crosby Green.—By AUKERILL and WILSON, at the Auction Room, near the Bank of England, on TUESDAY, July 27, 1815, at Twelve, in four lots, A Beautiful COPYHOLD VILLA (the property of William Wilson, Esq. who will give possession at Michaelmas next) with sloping lawns, large gardens, stabling coach-house, &c. delightfully situate at Scot's Bridge, near Rickmansworth, one of the most picturesque parts of the county of Herts, 18 miles from London, three from Watford, and 11 from St. Albans; the house is judiciously placed and shaded by lofty fir trees, and contains numerous apartments well arranged; the Chesham stream flows on the side of the lawn and grounds, which are tastefully laid out; a grout is forced under a sloping bank, and a fine canal of water divides the lawn from the kitchen garden; opposite is an island, having the stream gliding on each side, and a small meadow at the end; contiguous to the residence, by the road side is a field of about three acres, and a very extensive chalk pit; adjoining, is a respectable brick built residence, with an observatory at the top, situate on Scot's Hill, with great gardens, &c. let to Mrs. Stone by agreement, for 12 years; also the Coach and Horse public house, with large yard, beer, stables, garden, orchard, and field adjoining, pleasantly situate on Crosby Green, and four enclosures of arable land in a high state of cultivation, nearly opposite, let to Samuel Salter, Esq. yearly tenant at 70l. per annum.

The property at Scot's Hill and Bridge may be viewed 30 days previous to the sale, (Sundays excepted) by tickets only, which with engraved plans and particulars may be had of Murray and Wilson, 25, Skinner-street, Snow-hill. Particulars also at the Swan, Rickmansworth; Essex Arms, Watford; Abercorn Arms, St. Albans; White Horse, Uxbridge; Salisbury Arms, Hatfield; Woolpack, St. Albans; White Hart, Edgware; and at the places of sale.

*Extract from Morning Post July 1815*


presented it to his brother Josceline Percy.

In the more recent past Scotsbridge House was linked with Walkers Whisky (thank you again to Barbara Owen for her amazing memory). Robert Ramsay Campbell Walker (1917 – 2002) was born into substantial wealth in Scotsbridge House and ran one of the best private Formula One Racing Teams. Walkers' contract with Stirling Moss guaranteed that race organisers had to meet his financial terms if they wanted Britain's top driver to grace their starting grids.

There is no doubt that Scotsbridge House has a rich and colourful past, and there appears to be far more to learn about its owners too!

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## New Water Sports Facility finally on its way

Regular visitors to the Aquadrome will have seen works progressing apace on the new Bury Lake Young Mariners (BLYM) facilities on Bury Lake.

The scheme has been 15 years in the making with an enormous effort required to achieve the correct design. Many critics had always said it would never happen, though with patience and determination by the club, construction is now well underway.

The scheme is creating new and improved buildings to cater for the growing numbers of organisations that are now using BLYM on a regular basis. This includes disabled facilities for the large Colne Valley Special Sailors contingent, plus much improved changing facilities for the more than the 30 local youth organisations, schools and other clubs that regularly access the facilities. The new facilities have been designed to cater for over 80 people simultaneously requiring changing and shower facilities, with numbers frequently exceeding this limit during the peak summer season and during courses.

It may impress you to learn that the base accommodated over 18,000 user sessions last year with a variety of water sports options continuing to promote participation that now includes as well as sailing; canoeing, powerboat courses, kayaking, windsurfing and stand up paddle boarding.

The challenge has been creating buildings that are fit for purpose that sit comfortably in their surroundings, that are efficient to run and minimising maintenance overheads. Added to that was the challenge of structural design sufficient to overcome particularly poor ground conditions and a site liable to flooding.

The buildings have been constructed above recent flood levels, on a suspended slab that is supported by concrete piles driven through the gravel, sedimentary strata and into chalk that lies 15 metres below lake level.

The new facilities you will see being constructed have been predominately funded by the club with £250,000 of upfront cost against design and development, which has included the submission of three planning applications against two designs with countless surveys required to satisfy planning regulations and planning conditions. The club has



also acquired a 50 year lease on the site providing security against our capital investment.

Funding for the first phase of construction includes the new boathouse and maintenance workshop on the original site and a new changing block we have called the Wet Zone which is on part of the extended site.

The second phase includes the construction of the Dry Zone that will provide classrooms, meeting rooms, a reception area and catering facilities. After this building is complete, the familiar boathouse that has stood on the site for the last eighty years will be demolished.

The first phase of construction has been self-funded by BLYM with just over £500,000 of funds raised from operational surplus drawn from profits acquired from the last 10 years of operations. Assistance has also been provided by Sport England with a £150,000 grant and a £1m loan from Three Rivers District Council that unfortunately needs to be re-paid over the next 50 years.

Fundraising continues towards the second phase of construction that is presently estimated at £500,000 with the club still seeking assistance from grant providers, donations and ongoing fundraising initiatives. In all a further £300,000 is required.

All this dedication towards fundraising for improvement of facilities has resulted in boats being repaired rather than replaced and much of the fleet is looking

tired and worn out, though we recognise that to pull off a scheme in excess of £2.4m in this day and age with austerity cuts in local government funding, that the sterling efforts of the volunteer team that manages and provides leadership to keep BLYM running is a testimony to efforts of members and other volunteers that BLYM attracts to benefit this cause.

If you have ever been a patron of BLYM and recognise the good work that the organisation performs within our community, perhaps you would consider making a donation to one of our fundraising campaigns. We presently need to raise £300,000 for the clubhouse building and a further £150,000 for our boat replacement programme.

Donations can be made on line via our Website: [BLYM.org.uk](http://BLYM.org.uk) via our Local Giving link or donations can be received by cheque payable to "Bury Lake Young Mariners" and annotated on the back of the cheque with the word "Building" or "Boats" depending on what you would like your donation to support. Please send cheques to: BLYM Funds, c/o 51 Uxbridge Road, Rickmansworth, WD3 7DH.

Together with your help we can create a fantastic legacy facility that will serve our community well and especially the young people who live here in Rickmansworth.

**Paul Childerhouse**  
Trustee at Bury Lake Young Mariners

## FRENCH MARKET IN RICKMANSWORTH



The recent French Market, the second to be held in Rickmansworth, was an enormous success. Rickmansworth High Street was closed for the day when a load of French Market stall holders from Northern France set up their stalls in the High Street and the populace of Rickmansworth turned out in force with both the traders and the High Street shops reporting great trade. One stall had a constant queue and sold out of most items before the market closed at 5.30.



This year the High Street was full with folk attending from as far away as St Albans. A flash mob from the local Rock Choir appeared at 2pm to enchant the gathered crowds before setting off to Watford.

The Market Traders, well pleased with the results of the days trading, set off to Hatfield House to set up again for Sunday. Muriel Charles, the Organiser of France at Home, said "A great thank to you for having hosted our market, most of all congratulations for all the hard work and great advertising you did to make so successful the market - I must add that the traders were so happy to get such a warm welcome from the public and the shops".



Comments such as "This is what Rickmansworth needs" and "What a wonderful event" were constantly being repeated. One local shop said that they had a much higher footfall than they would normally expect on a Saturday. This was one of the aims of the event.



Nina Hosking, Chairman of the Rickmansworth Town Team, said "Well done to Michael Stimpson, Pete Roedling and Emily Stimpson for all their hard work. This is the sort of event we need in Rickmansworth and the Town Team are working hard to produce events like this such as the Folk Festival and the Winter Fair, as well as a number of concerts such as the Julie Felix and Polly Morris concert in October".

The event was such a success that the Town Team are already considering a third visit next year.



## Rickmansworth Folk Festival

The 5th Annual Rickmansworth Folk Festival took place on Saturday the 14th of July with local folk singers and Morris Sides performing for much larger crowds than in past years.

As in past years the event was run by the Rickmansworth Town Team and organised by Phoenix Morris and Ricky Folk.

“The word is getting round and more and more local residents are coming to enjoy the performances being put on by local folk singers and Morris dancers who give their time to put on the day” said Michael Stimpson, Chairman of the event.

This year, for the first time, the High Street was closed for a Morris Display between 11 and 12.15. The official opening was, as usual, outside Watersmeet at 11.00am and the day was launched by the Pals and



opened by Patrick Heanen, Chairman of Batchworth Community Council. Following the official opening the Morris Sides moved into the High Street and danced for the shoppers before moving to the car park of the Conservative Club and dancing there.

From noon, groups of local folk singers entertained visitors at Batchworth Lock, the back garden of the Feathers and the Conservative Club in Bury Lane.

The whole day was provided free of charge by the Morris dancers and Folk Singers for the benefit of local residents and visitors to Rickmansworth and the organisers are grateful to our County Councillors and Batchworth Community Council for their support for the event, the balance being collected on the day by voluntary donations from the watching crowds.

In fact, so generous were those watching that the



Rickmansworth Town Team C.I.C. will be able to make a contribution to local Charity, Colne Valley Special Sailors. CVSS take disabled children and adults sailing on the Aquadrome and are supported each year by Phoenix Morris.

The Morris Sides were Phoenix Morris from Rickmansworth, Merrydowners Morris from North Harrow, Whitethorn Morris from Harrow and OBJ from Bracknell.

Folk Singers were Julian Mount, Flibbertigibbit, Warp & Weft, Jill Waterson, Andy Shaw, Dave Artus, The Pals, Steve McLennon, Jon Bickley, David Gunawardana Craig Joiner, Liz Lawley, Pete Nutkins and Vernon Stanbridge.

Each year the numbers of those attending has grown as news of the event has spread and the publicity has reached more people with banners around Rickmansworth, flyers and Facebook posts.



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Explain fully what went wrong and how much compensation you want. This should be the difference in cost between the luxury room and the standard room, any costs incurred from staying in the standard room, and what you feel is reasonable compensation for your inconvenience. Make sure you keep receipts for any extra expenses.

If the company refuses to pay compensation, or you don't think its offer is good enough, check whether the company is a member of the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA). ABTA should be able to mediate between you and the company.

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## Information

Dear Watch Member,

I am writing to request you do a security check of your homes, sheds and outbuildings now that summer has come to an end and the nights are drawing in.

### Tips to prevent Burglary:

Check all downstairs windows and doors are locked and secure before you leave or go to bed. If you are going out, lock upstairs windows too (if you remove keys, ensure you have a fire escape plan.)

Don't leave car keys, mobile phones, wallets or other valuables on window sills, in hallways or in any other visible place.

Double-lock UPVC doors by lifting the handle and locking it to engage the security features.

Use timer switches on lamps to give

the impression someone is at home.

Ensure your driveway/pathway is well lit overnight - we advise using low level LED 'Dusk to Dawn' lighting rather than sensor lighting as false activations from animals/trees mean people become passive and don't react.

Secure your rear garden: lock rear gates, securely lock sheds and garages and keep tools and ladders locked away as they could be used to break into your home. Cover items up such as lawnmowers and high value items so that they cannot be easily seen from outside.

Consider a sensor activated doorbell camera if this would cover your driveway area. These systems can alert you to your smartphone if there is any movement. For example - a 'Secured by Design' Ring doorbell. Hertfordshire residents can currently receive a discount on selected Ring products by visiting

<http://owlprotect.uk/index.php/home-security/cctv-cameras.html>

Don't make it easy for criminals. Please be vigilant and do report any suspicious activity or behaviour in the area via 101.

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## Dates for Your Diary

### Rickmansworth Society Market

Sat 13th Oct

10am – 1 pm at Watersmeet

### RTT Julie Felix & Polly Morris Band in concert from 7pm in St Mary's Church

Sat 13th Oct

Tickets £10.00 in advance (01923 770425) or £12.50 on the door.

### Phoenix Morris Open Evening 8.30 The Scout Hall Ebury Road.

Wed 24th Oct

Come and have a go and see what fun dancing the Morris can be.

### RTT Peter Jackson Film, The Great War in film 7.45

Thu 1st Nov

Watersmeet Tickets £5.00 / £3.00

### RTT Walter Harvey Hallam – a play with songs by Alison Raymond

Free event in St Mary's Church.

Fri 9th Nov

### Rickmansworth Remembers

March from Our Lady's to St Mary's followed by Remembrance Service at St Mary's.

Sun 11th Nov

## Community/Diary Dates

### Local Area Forum 7.30

Penn Chamber, Council Offices

Thu 22nd Nov

### Rickmansworth Society Quiz Supper 7.30

St Mary's Church Centre

Sat 24th Nov

### RTT Winter Fair (aka Victorian Evening) High Street 5 - 9

Fri 30th Nov

### Regular Events

**Friends of Watersmeet Coffee Mornings** (in the Colne Suite, Watersmeet on Fridays, 10.30 am – 12 noon)

9th November, 11th January and 15th March NB:

**14th December in St Augustine's Hall, Our Lady's, Park Road.**

### Friends of Watersmeet Film Society

Thursdays 2 and 7.45

### Ricky Folk

2nd Tuesday every month in the back bar of the Conservative Club.

**NB: RTT = Rickmansworth Town Team C.I.C.**

## Proposed Closure of William Penn Sports Hall

In early June, a group of residents discovered through a chance conversation with staff at William Penn Leisure Centre that half the Sports Hall was to be permanently converted into a three tier soft play area and party area. Three Rivers District Council have let a new 20 year leisure management contract to SLM (trading as Everyone Active) and part of the contractual terms include the destruction of the main Sports Hall, construction of a brick dividing wall, installation of a toddler play frame, expansion of the café/party room and relocation of the crèche. A residents' meeting was hastily called with Councillor Chris Lloyd, Lead Member for Leisure and Deputy Leader of the Council, locals took to social media to spread the word, users were asked to email their objections, and the contract was discussed at both the Leisure Committee and Full Council Meetings. Disappointingly, despite Councillor Lloyd expressing dismay and surprise at the agreement to destroy the sports hall, minutes from council meetings show that Councillors were fully aware of the implications of the contract and had been directed to only consider the financial implications, not the loss of such a valuable public asset.

After a public outcry by local residents, Councillors from all parties have concurred that they were unaware of the usage data for the Sports Hall. They were unaware of the Over 50s Active Life group, Back to Netball, Walking Netball, Taekwondo, 5-a-Side Football, Badminton, Short Tennis, Kids' Football Parties, and Fitness Events. They had not consulted with the users, and had simply taken data from outgoing provider Hertsmere Leisure, who had subsequently withdrawn from the bidding process.

Council justification for the destruction of the Sports Hall is two-fold. Firstly, they had been informed by Hertsmere Leisure that a soft play centre would result in 40,000 new visits to the centre per year (that's 110 extra young children every single day of the year!). Secondly, the provision of a toddler soft play centre would be an improved method of tackling the national obesity crisis.

No visits or enquiries had been made to other soft play centres in the area. Gambado's and Parents' Paradise in Watford are both easily accessible and specialise in toddler play frames. A beginners' clip and climb wall is also due to be installed in the space, but councillors were unaware of other local provision, such as the new 27 climbing walls and soft play centre in the Intu Centre in Watford, or the excellent full climbing facility at the XC in Hemel Hempstead.

Three Rivers' Leisure Strategy includes the vision "to reduce the levels



of inactivity, increase regular participation and contribute to a healthier, more active Three Rivers". Their strategic plans specifically target women and girls, disabilities and those with a long-term health condition. No where does it mention toddler soft play or include any data on the targets for children under the age of 16.

In response to public pressure, TRDC have agreed to a 12 month moratorium on the permanent alterations to the hall. They have committed to reviewing leisure provision across the district, but have admitted that accurate usage data will not make a significant difference to their ultimate decision. As directed by Councillor Lloyd in his instruction to the Leisure Committee to recommend the SLM contract for approval, the financial implications are, in their opinion, the most important part of saving our Sports Hall. In removing the commercial opportunity of installing a soft play centre, TRDC will have a pay SLM approx. £65k per annum (figures fluctuate due to the cost of borrowing) for the 20 year term of the contract, and this will be decided as part of the Council's budgetary process. However, as the current leisure budget is £1.8m per annum, I find it difficult to believe that this figure is unaffordable.

The Council argue that they have provided a new 3G surface on the outdoor games area at William Penn as an alternative facility. However, as they failed to consult with either users or Sport England, this "astroturf" surface is not suitable for basketball, netball, tennis, badminton, wheelchair sports or indoor team activities. The Council also argue that indoor facilities are available at local secondary schools, but as they failed to consult with users they were unaware of the level of daytime demand from their

target residents of women, the physically inactive and those with long term health conditions. School halls are unavailable to the public during the day, and therefore this is not an acceptable suggestion. Finally, the Council suggested that users travel to Woodside Leisure Centre in Watford as an alternative, a minimum of a 40min round trip by car, and much more by public transport.

It is incredibly disappointing that William Penn Leisure Centre is yet again the subject of a poorly managed Council contract. We must not let the Council destroy this valuable, well used public asset purely on the suggestion of the outgoing management who subsequently withdrew from the contract process. What can you do to help?

Ask your local Councillors if they are supporting the permanent destruction of our Sports Hall. Once a brick wall is built, it is highly unlikely money will be found to reinstate the specialist floor. Join one of our excellent sport groups. Walking Netball has members up to the age of 80, and Active Life are a mixed, friendly group who always welcome newcomers.

Make sure your use is recorded by both the centre and group leader. TRDC should only make decisions on our leisure provision utilising accurate usage data. A petition has been set up by the users' group, and they are trying to build an email list to update local residents. Message me at carolynvenn@hotmail.co.uk if you wish to sign. Keep an eye on social media, particularly our local Facebook groups, as this is a no-cost speedy method of updating the community.

**Carolyn Venn**



## 88th Annual General Meeting 16th July 2018

Minutes of the 88th Annual General Meeting held on Monday 16th July at 8pm in St. Augustine's Hall, Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Rickmansworth.

In the Chair: Peter Waters, President of the Association.

1. Apologies for Absence: Richard Mitchell, Simon Peat, Cllr Frances Button, Chris Patient and Margaret Smith.
2. Minutes of the 87th Annual General Meeting held on the 6th June 2017. These were approved as a true record by Derek Harrison and Robert Templeman
3. Honorary Treasurer's Statement of Accounts: These had been prepared in consultation with Richard Mitchell the outgoing Treasurer and were presented by Leslie Chrol-Frolowicz (the current Treasurer). He offered a sincere thank you to all the Road Reps for their efforts this year, - these Reps were the cornerstone for the Association subscription collection and thus operating income. Without this the Association could not function as it does. He also thanked David Rees for examining the accounts this year.
  - The last year saw the annual membership subscriptions at the new rate of £3.00 and increased annual cost for printing for the Independence magazine in colour by £590.
  - The effect of these changes and some small ones saw the previous year's deficit of £154. turned into a surplus of £824. This gave the Association's accumulated funds of £6484 at the start of the current financial year at 1st April with no liabilities. As the minimum balance that the Association needs to function at the end of its financial year on 31st March was £4300 there is a reasonable margin, the current balance being £5764 after settling the bills for printing the current issue of Independence. So far some £1600 of subscriptions has already been banked which would increase when all the subscriptions had been collected.
  - An innovation introduced this year, bearing in mind the ongoing difficulty in recruiting and retaining Road Reps, many of whom have already put in many years' service, is the introduction of the option of paying by standing order, thus lessening the need for knocking on quite so many doors. This has already been trialled in a few roads currently without Road Reps and it was hoped to extend this further.

For the current financial year there are no significant changes expected either for receipts or payments and the Association remains a going concern with a viable and sustainable future.

4. To Appoint an Honorary Examiner. It was proposed and agreed that David Rees should be re-elected as the independent Examiner for the Association's accounts for the current financial year.
5. Chairman's Annual Report. Michael Stimpson presented his report for the past year. He thanked all the committee for the year's hard work and the Road Reps for their contribution. Action was in hand to obtain members' email addresses - to date these have been obtained for approximately a third of the members. It was hoped to have a complete list by the Autumn.

A key part of the committee's work is planning.

- The Association had continued with its fight to keep or replace the RVS hall.
- The Association is concerned with the Council's recent introduction of parking meters in the Rickmansworth car parks. This appeared to be having a detrimental effect on the local shops.
- The Council has awarded the contract to S.L.M. for William Penn and Rickmansworth Golf Course as well as other sites outside our area of interest. There are some concerns regarding the Sports Hall at William Penn.
- Consideration is being given to step-free access at Rickmansworth Station. This is planned to be an overbridge with lifts.
- MLX extension line is not going ahead due to lack of funds.
- Michael Stimpson is liaising with the other local Residents Associations to present a united front to the District Council on key issues.
- RDRA do not currently have a web site. Options are being explored.

Adoption of the report was proposed by Malcolm Woods and seconded by Paul Harding and carried unanimously.

6. Election of President. Peter Waters was proposed by Michael Stimpson and seconded by Anne Littlejohn.
7. Election of Vice Presidents. Tony Berry and Peter Crispin were re-elected leaving one position unfilled.
8. Election of Officers: Leslie Chrol-Frolowicz was elected as Treasurer proposed by Paul Harding, seconded by Paula Templeton. Christina Evans was elected as Secretary proposed by Paul Harding, seconded by Paula Templeton.
9. Election of the Association Committee: The current committee and the newly voted officers and members agreed to continue to serve for the coming year, proposed by Paul Harding and seconded by Douglas (surname?). Committee members elected

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were Jean Butler, Leslie Chrol-Frołowicz, Christina Evans, Frank Evans, Nina Hosking, Laurie Irving, Richard Lawman, Anne Littlejohn, David Montague, Simon Peat, Michael Stimpson, Robert Templeman and Carolyn Venn. There were two vacancies.

Peter Waters also serves on the committee in a non-voting capacity.

#### 10. Batchworth Community Council

Patrick Heanen Chairman of the Batchworth Community Council gave a talk on the projects they are addressing:

- extending the Christmas lights to Moneyhill.
- Considering the general environment, tidying up, planting shrubs and flowers, suggestions would be welcome.
- High Street - Christmas lights, flags, spring/summer floral displays.
- Any action involving the Aquadrome would need the approval of the District Council
- Proposing the street lights are synchronised with the early morning and late evening train times. The street lights will be changed to LED and there may be a possibility the lights will be kept on throughout the night.
- The zebra crossing on the Batchworth Lock bridge is dangerous and vehicles frequently fail to stop. Several suggestions have been made but so far there are not any plans to make changes.
- Have a voice in how development occurs in the area.
- All the meetings are open to the public and a leaflet has been distributed to households.
- The website is in the process of being developed. If anyone knows of anyone able to help please contact BCC.

The BCC are looking for volunteers: if interested please contact them.

Carolyn Venn, chair of governors for the Free Reach School, gave an update. The temporary school in Tolpits Lane is to be closed, packed up and keys handed over by 31st August. The new school in Mill End is due to open on 1st September. Highways construction was still be being carried out, including the construction of a new roundabout and should be completed by December. The school will open 8.30 - 4.30. Croxley Danes will be taking over the temporary school in Tolpits Lane whilst their school is being built.

There was concern about the future operation of the William Penn sports hall involving the new leisure provider, Everyone Active. Of particular concern was the construction of a permanent dividing wall in the gym. This would severely affect existing users and their activities. The Council's advice appeared to be that existing users should consider using facilities elsewhere. It was understood that usage of the centre was being monitored but there were concerns as to the accuracy of the monitoring e.g. some users were being allowed in without being logged.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

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<b>FRANK EVANS</b>	<b>2018</b>	
<b>ANNE LITTLEJOHN (Mrs)</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY 2018-</b>
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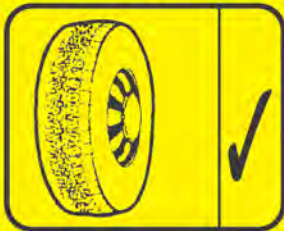
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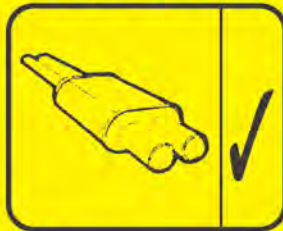
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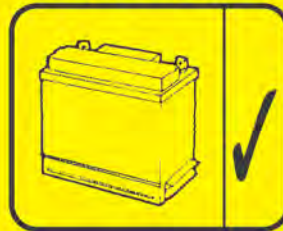
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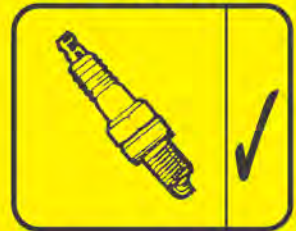
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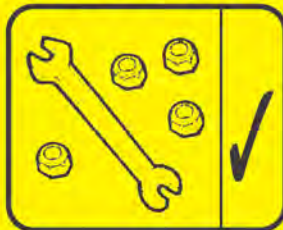
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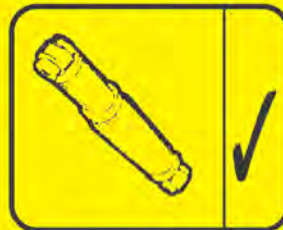
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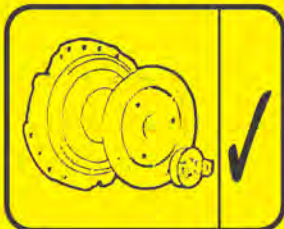
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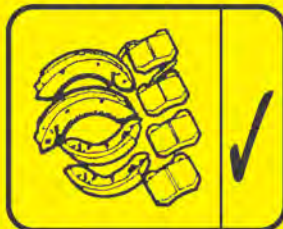
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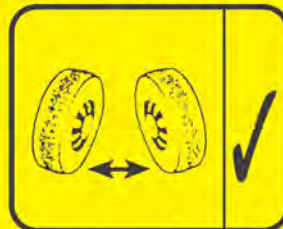
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