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On the back of this newsletter, we print the map we promised in our last issue, the map which shows all those parts of Loudwater that are covered by Tree Preservation Orders. A few words of explanation are perhaps needed.

Some Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) cover every tree in the named area. The order usually contains phrases such as "the several trees of whatever species". In these areas, no trees whatever may be felled without application being made for permission from the local Council. [In our map, areas covered by total preservation orders are shown by a letter "a"]. Most TPOs, on the other hand, cover only certain specific trees, groups of trees or areas of trees not extending over the whole site named: where such TPOs exists, only the named trees or groups or areas are protected. [In our map, such TPOs are shown by the letter "b"].

Those who study the map may feel either satisfaction that so much of our tree beauty is protected, or alarm that some of it is not. (Some may feel too much is protected). Imposition or removal of a TPO can only be done by the local Council Planning Committee, but any individual may apply to have a TPO imposed or lifted.

Lawyers among the residents will see that there might be a ripe field for argument on what exactly is "a tree"—is a six foot sapling oak, or a five foot spindle tree?—then, too, circumstances such as Dutch Elm disease vary the legal situation; lastly, it is clear that many of these orders have been ignored, occasionally deliberately but more often through indifference or ignorance. The editor's view (and, it should be made clear, he speaks only for himself) regards every tree as a thread in the environmental weave whose cutting, however necessary, may lead to the unravelling and disappearance of one complete colour or motif in the subtle complex of air, earth and water in which we live.

The map overleaf is an attempt to give residents another piece of information about that environment. The Editor is indebted to Mr Richard Myers and his staff at the Three Rivers Planning Dept, Mr Derrick Speight and Dr Albert Wander for help with the map and the information.

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Oops! We got it ever so slightly wrong about Lord Brockway and The Spinney. Actually, The Spinney is one of the names that occurs twice in Loudwater, and senior residents such as Cyril Brine (than whom not many people know more about Loudwater) have pointed out that this particular "The Spinney" is the one near the corner of L. Lane and Bridle Lane, not the one in K. Lure. The present residents of the right "The Spinney" are Mr and Mrs Morgan. Thank you, Cyril (who remembers being on Air Raid duty with Mr Tussaud when a bomb fell in the area of The Spinney), and Miss Marshall of Compton Cottage, who also told me of the error.

On the question of famous names who lived in Loudwater, I have been reminded of two others from widely differing fields: the comedian Jimmy Tarbuck, who lived in Glen Cottage, T. Rise from 1966 to 71, and the then Labour MP for a Gloucester seat, Jack Diamond, who lived in Rookery Wood House, L. Lane, in the early 60s, and was a Secretary for the Treasury in the Labour Government before accepting a life peerage as Lord Diamond. (More names, anyone?).

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Loudwater names in the news recently included those of Sir George Baker who announced his retirement as President of the High Court Family Division—Sir George lives in Overstream: and Mrs Chalk, of Loudwater House, who retired as chairman of the local Cancer Research Fund committee, but Mrs Reid of Chess Lane continues as Secretary. A house made news when the *Evening Standard* noticed the sale of The Old Mill House for the executor of Lady Lambury, saying that the mill on the Chess reputedly printed the early editions of the *Illustrated London News*.

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HERE AND THERE

The Estate Board is far from satisfied with the surface left by the Water Board on T. Way where new pipes were laid. All surfaces in Loudwater have suffered from the severe weather and, no doubt, those in the Estate will notice this when they get their road charge bills, but the Water Board surface has, according to the Estate Board, suffered unduly.

Other sufferers are, of course, the residents along L. Lane from L. Farm up to S. Lane, where the search for the long-alleged and finally-admitted gas leaks in the pipes running along there have produced a lengthy trench warfare and—that rare sight—traffic lights in L/water!

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

8/103/78 Single storey side extension Woodleigh, Overstream (P. Stone)

8/122/79 Single storey side extension Pennwood House, Loudwater Estate (F. Kwintner)

8/114/79 Alteration and extension of two-storey side extension cottage adjoining Dalilea (P. McCloskey)

8/147/79 Residential development land between Upper Plantation and Plot 18, Lower Plantation (John Robert). Note: This is Green Belt land and the developer is the same firm as that which, after years of successful opposition by residents, eventually got permission to develop Lower Plantation with results only too distressingly plain. The LRA will oppose this plan.

John Jarrett — Editor

TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

TOTAL ("a" tab)

Trees at Mont-au-source, L. Drive and Crab Row - TPO 6.

Trees at Lower Plantation, Sarratt Lane - TPO 14.

Trees at rear Rasehill, Highlow, Glenhayes, Silverwood, C/wood Rd and fronting L. Lane: land rear of properties in Overstream and T. Way, bounded S. by footpath and N. by river: island in river to S. L. House: at rear of and adjoining L. House: opposite L. House fronting T. Way and Violet Way - TPO 15.

SPECIFIC ("b" tab)

2 elms, 2 Sitka spruce, group 5 Norway spruce, 5 Douglas fir, 3 hawthorn, 1 Sitka spruce, 1 silver birch, also mixed hard and soft woodland: all in gardens Armitage Close - TPO 19.

5 specified trees, 9 groups in and around The Wheel House, Branksome Lodge, Waldon Lodge in L. Lane - TPO 29.

35 trees, 11 areas, 6 groups, 4 woodland, mixed hardwood, elm, oak, ash, willow, hawthorn, holly, maple and general protection lower Chess valley between L. Lane and A412 (Park Rd / Scots Hill) - TPO 30.

37 trees, 9 groups, mainly hornbeam, holly, Lawson cypress, Western red cedar, sycamore, also 3 areas in grounds Glen Chess, Chess Falls, Chess Cottage, Old Mill House, The Coach House,

Dolphin Lodge, Greenway, Cleveland Trimbles and any other property in area L. Lane - TPO 32.

13 trees, 3 groups, 2 woodland within curtilage Chess Place, L. Lane, and Chess Place, The Glen, Oakwood, C/wood Rd - TPO 33.

53 trees, 1 area, 15 groups east of L. Lane, N. of river covering Chess Lane, Chess Hill, Chess Close as well as properties up to and including Mansard Cottage, L. Lane - TPO 34.

7 trees, 9 groups N. of L. Lane, E. of junction S. Lane - TPO 36.

11 deciduous trees, 2 deciduous areas, oak, ash, elm: 12 groups oak, ash, elm, Lawson cypress: 2 woodland beech, holly, ash, elm, larch, both sides C. Green and L. Lane - TPO 37.

2 limes specified in field S. of Glen Chess: group 7 beech, 3 sycamore forming belt between footpath and L. Lane - TPO 53.

3 areas TPO 81 Beechengrove Wood and Millfield Plantation

17 trees specified, one area, in former Ghyllwood grounds, L. Lane - TPO 122.

8 trees specified, one group - TPO 123 Rasehill Site, C/wood Rd.

1 area within curtilages Trees, T. Rise - TPO 132.

28 trees specified, 2 groups mulberry, Western hemlock in grounds L. Lodge, Dalilea, Wedgewood, S. Lane and drive - TPO 135.

