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NEWSLETTER No. 14 A HAPPY NEW DECADE! JANUARY 1980

GREETINGS!

By the time this reaches you, all the tinsel will have gone. We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year celebration.

A note for your new 1980 diaries:-

Loudwater Residents Association A.G.M. May 22nd. Alan Deans (Three Rivers Chief Executive and Loudwater resident) is speaking.

THE ESTATE A.G.M. - 9th NOVEMBER 1979

After the statutory retirement of two of the members of the Board and their re-election, an informal meeting took place.

Mrs. Beryl Baker brought up the matter of the felling of a dangerous beech tree, which after brave attempts to stop its rot had failed, threatened both 'Woodlands' (Mr. Heskett) and 'Baystock' (Mr. Mortimer) in Whisperwood. The company's position at the present was that although the cost was to be a mere £184, the pecuniary embarrassment experienced after dealing with the Dutch elm problem could not be resolved until next year when it was hoped to have received all the road maintenance dues, twenty-four of which were still outstanding at that time. Hope was expressed that the tree could be helped to survive upright until the next financial year. (Subsequently it has been found necessary to fell the tree and to find the money to foot the bill because of the danger the tree imposed. Mrs. Beryl Baker is arranging for a replacement Hornbeam to be planted.)

The siting of two experimental road ramps, which will take place in the Spring, is being thoroughly explored by Dr. Wander. He has taken advice from various authorities and is considering the placement of one on a straight stretch of road near Overstream and one on a similar straight stretch between the bridges, avoiding entrances to people's houses. The experiment was warmly welcomed by residents present.

Acute worries about the maintenance of the bridges were expressed, particularly in view of the weight of oil lorries which are well in excess of 20 tons as were also many builders' lorries. On advice, the bridges can only safely support an axle weight of five tons and in view of this a new notice replacing the old one will make this danger clear.

A discussion concerning the siting of a notice board giving directions to Cherry Hill and Farm Lane, and the siting of new green signs for Violet Way, brought out the fact that Farm Lane is privately owned by the owners of 'Farmstead' and that although two-thirds of Cherry Hill is privately owned by 'Holly Trees', residents have a right of way to walk on it.

The company is not responsible for the upkeep of privately owned roads so if you are worried about the state of a road in your vicinity this could be the reason.

NATURE NOTES

Janet Moore writes about feeding birds in Winter.

We can do immeasurable service to many birds, she says, by feeding them in our gardens in the bleak months of January and February. Although many of us are conscientious bird feeders anyway, we have to remember that birds have differing food requirements. White bread alone attracts

only sparrows, starlings, feral pigeons and the like, and can be harmful because unless soaked beforehand, it swells in the birds crop and can cause over engorgement. Berry bearing shrubs are prolific in Loudwater and so the needs of the thrush family are well met normally but we can supplement their diet by putting out as much variety as possible. The thrush family includes the blackbird, song and mistle thrush, redwing and field fare.

She suggests that without going to the expense of buying proprietary bird foods, left overs from family meals, e.g. bones for their marrow, meat fat, cheese, cut up bacon rind, dry porridge oats, oatmeal, maize flakes, sun flower seeds, nuts and dried fruit, will attract many birds to our gardens. Larger bones and coconut halves (open and down) and nuts threaded on a string or in a wire mesh will, if hung in the garden, attract greenfinch besides sparrows and starlings who will compete in outrageous acrobatics with the tits to get at the goodies.

Suet and cheese, if wedged in the cracks of older trees will attract tree-creepers, nuthatchers, tits, woodpeckers and goldcrests, and lastly, Janet's 'bird pudding' provides useful nutrient and has proved to be irresistible to birds. She says she kept life going for a whole day for them on a dough of 2 oz. of flour and water mixed with left overs (excluding fine fish or fowl bones), cooked potato and cooked peelings, when conditions were at their worst last winter. She divided the "pudding" into four portions, two for the bird table and two for the ground feeders (dunnock, blackbird, song thrush etc.) Her garden robin, she says, is perhaps proof because although he developed a deformed food through frostbite and was very dejected during the Winter, he reared a family of five in the Spring and is still telling the tale!

Tree Preservation Orders

Tree at Savannah, Plot 8, Lower Plantation, Sarratt Lane, Loudwater.

It was reported that the legal proceedings against the persons contravening the above Tree Preservation Order could not be pursued because the addresses of the persons who had carried out the tree surgery could not be traced.

Our thanks are due to Kit and Joan Keysell of 1, Loudwater House for their public spirit in re-erecting the white posts and chain at the approach lane to Loudwater House opposite the Walled Garden. Unfortunately these have already been knocked down again.

LOUDWATER LIMNERS

Loudwater seems to have quite a number of resident artists. Among them is Penelope Nelson of Cherry Tree Cottage, Rooks Hill. She works mainly in pastels and specialises in landscapes, children's portraits or pictures of people's homes.

Penelope studied at the Regent Street Polytechnic and Chelsea School of Art where she took her National Diploma in Design and Illustration, then worked as an etcher and free lance illustrator of children's books. She exhibits annually with the Pastel Society and has exhibited with the Royal British Artists, New England Art Club and Society of Women Artists. she has had a one man show at the St. Albans galleries and at the Three Households, Chalfont St. Giles. Her studio is at her home. Another artist is Joan Keysell of Loudwater House. She works mainly in gouache.

Her paintings, which are regularly on show at the Mall Galleries, Carlton House, (near the Admiralty Arch), are of decorative flowers arranged in classic design, the quality of which is enhanced by simplicity of colour. Joan is a member of the Society of Women Artists. She is included among those artists mentioned in the Watford Observer who were represented at the Stanmore Art Society's 23rd Exhibition at Bernay's Institute, The Broadway, in October.

We have had an opportunity of seeing the work of both of these well-known artists locally in the Exhibition section at Chorleywood public library during the last year, Joan's being the most recent showing.

LOCAL AMATEUR DRAMA

Chorleywood Players, now in their 30th year, had an excellent start this season with 'Blithe Spirit' by Noel Coward. The production was well received by the audiences and had good reviews in the local Press.

A note for your diary! February 7th, 8th and 9th next they are presenting 'Stevie' by Hugh Whitemore, being the story of the latter part of the life of poetess Stevie Smith. This is a beautiful play and somewhat out of the ordinary run for amateur groups. If you are also interested in expressing your talents, on stage or backstage, please contact the Secretary, Mrs Minter, telephone: Chorleywood 4806, or the Chairman, Sinclair Watson, Clearburn, Trout Rise, Rickmansworth 72286, for details. New members are always welcome.

SOCIAL CHIT CHAT

Congratulations to Mrs Margaret Homan (Troutstream Way) for the splendid effort in raising £950 for a miniature computer to be used in research at Northwick Park Hospital. Margaret, however, gives all the credit to her neighbours and friends, without whose support she says she could not have made the donation.

Congratulations to Claire Watkiss, Trout Rise, on winning a prize in the Guy competition, Junior section, at the Rotary Club firework spectacular in Rickmansworth, in November.

To the newly weds we offer our best wishes.
Mr & Mrs Rogers (Bridle Lane) daughter to Mr F.B. Scoccia.

The Garage shop

Rob is opening a shop. At present he is merely selling things for your car and of course those symbols of subservience to my lady Nicotine, but he is willing to expand as the need of residents becomes known to him. We wish him every success.

FROM THE ESTATE BOARD

Dr. Wander, the secretary of the Loudwater Estate Company wishes the Newsletter to convey the Company's gratitude to those residents who on the Company's request removed so promptly the various obstructions (such as stones, logs etc.) from the Company's verge fronting their properties. They have been most cooperative and obliging.

He would also like to appeal on behalf of the Company to all residents who are involved in some building at their premises that they instruct their contractors to avoid driving their vehicles onto the Company's verge, particularly at this time of the year, leaving dreadful tyre marks and deep furrows behind and destroying many residents' efforts to maintain these verges in a presentable state. Building contractors and any other suppliers alike should also be asked he says, to park their vehicles off the roads, whenever possible on the private drive of the property where they are performing their work or making their deliveries, in order to prevent them obstructing the estate roads and forcing other motorists to drive on the verge to be able to get through. The rules under the Restrictive Covenant actually forbid the parking of any motor vehicles for any length of time on the estate roads. If any damage to roads and verges

occurs in such cases the owner of the property in question can be made responsible for any restitution or repair work.

He states that the Company will be most grateful for the residents' help and consideration in this matter.

This reminder will no doubt be welcomed by all residents who want to keep our environment beautiful for our continuing pleasure.

Loudwater House

Residents may have read in the Watford Observer of the proposed grant of £1,600 or 10% of the cost of repair and restoration of the building (excluding painting) whichever is the lower figure, in return for public access to the house for viewing by appointment.

Loudwater House is not at present listed but the Department of the Environment has been requested to consider the inclusion of the building in the Statutory list. The lessees of Loudwater House are debating the proposal and their spokesman Mr Beharrell has no comment to offer at present.

The Association has received a number of enquiries about what is happening on the unfinished development adjacent to Dacres, Troutstream Way, where some foundation work was done some years ago and nothing has happened since except some clearance. The development is on behalf of Mr Jarvis, Valley House, Troutstream Way.

The delay in completion that has occurred is permissible under planning laws but it has been a concern of both the L.R.A. on behalf of residents, and the Loudwater Estate Board who has expressed its anxiety to Mr Jarvis and to the District Council concerning the appearance and the potential hazard to health and young children that it presents. Mr Jarvis has admitted that it is ugly. He has submitted a new plan and this means that a new time schedule now starts. The L.R.A., which shares to some degree the views of the Board, hopes that the building work may go ahead speedily.

Planning Applications

8/612/79 House and garage, plot 13, Lower Plantation, Sarratt Lane, Loudwater for John Robert Construction.

8/638/79 Car port, Dalilea, Sarratt Lane, Loudwater, for G. Kingston, Esq.

8/639/79 Reconstruction of first floor area and extension to porch, The Rose Garden, Troutstream Way for P.J. Macken Esq.

8/641/79 Alteration and extension and erection of double garage and store, Omega Lodge, Troutstream Way for Mrs Yvonne Mann.

8/647/79 Single storey extension, Tall Trees, Loudwater Lane, for B. Harvey Esq.

8/712/79 Garage and utility room, Dolphin Lodge, Loudwater Lane, for A. Newton Esq.

8/725/79 Conservatory, Thatches, Loudwater Lane, for Mrs Bendel.

8/751/79 Garage, Cherry Cottage, Troutstream Way, for R.G. Simmonds Esq.

8/719/79 Six detached houses, Lower Plantation, Sarratt Lane, Loudwater, for G.A. Triggs Esq. (Outline application). The L.R.A. is raising objections to this.

8/180/77 Unauthorised Development House at Plot 1, rear of Swanspool (formerly Far End), off Wagon Way, Loudwater. It was reported that this recently completed house had not been built in accordance with the approved plans in that additional clear glazed bedroom windows had been installed and brick soldier courses above windows had not been constructed. The Chief Executive is to take enforcement action to secure removal of the unauthorised windows and the completion of the development in accordance with the approved plans.