

LOUDWATER RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Chairman to be appointed	<i>Vice-Chairman</i> Don Cammell Martins Ladywood Close R. 76126	<i>Treasurer</i> Cyril Brine Arlesey House Rooks Hill R. 72508	<i>Secretary</i> Jack Cognet Broad Oaks Trout Rise R. 72306
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L.R.A REPORT – THE CHAIRMAN

Our genial Chairman for the past few years – John Jarrett – has found it necessary, because of other heavy commitments, to step down from the Chairmanship of our Association. This is a sad moment for us as no-one could possibly have worked harder or with greater success than John. His skills as Chairman and wide knowledge of national and local events have been invaluable to the L.R.A. in general and to the Committee in particular. His industry and counsel will be surely missed, although we are happy to report that John will continue as a Committee Member and give such time to its affairs as his other obligations will permit. We wish him every possible success in his future activities.

John's decision has left us in something of a dilemma – we now need a new Chair-person as a matter of some urgency. If any of our members feel able and willing to undertake that role, a call to Don Cammell (76126) or Jack Cognet (72306) would be greatly appreciated."

J.C.

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CONCERNING THE GARDEN PARTY

Because we don't get many letters – and even fewer that aren't strictly business – we unblushingly reprint here excerpts from what two nice people wrote to us. They were not written for publication, but we are sure they won't mind if we leave names out.

"... and I so enjoyed the party on Sunday that I felt I had to write not only to thank you for the introduction to this wonderful event, but also to congratulate you on the superb organisation – we so look forward to the next event..."

"Thank you so much for your very happy occasion. I could hardly believe my eyes when I saw the sun shining and it made the whole garden party such a successful affair. It was lovely to have the chance of seeing so many friends and to meet new people... we enjoyed it enormously".

It is only fair once again to pay tribute to the work, not only of the perennial Nick Nicholls, but also to his equally perennial band of helpers, without whom the "superb organisation" would be an impossible target.

This annual party is now something of an institution – "Loudwater's Day Out" and we owe them a great debt of gratitude. This time 212 people came and a surplus of £40 was made.

J.J.

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FROM THE ESTATE BOARD

Derrick Speight writes on behalf of the Directors of the Estate Company:–

"We have had many favourable comments about the new Estate Map now standing on the Island site near the Pillar Box. Unfortunately, one or two house names have been omitted and some newcomers have decided on a new name for their house.

This Map, as you probably know, has been weather-proofed and we should be glad, therefore, if householders on the Estate could be requested not to make their own alterations since such scratchings break through the film and cause deterioration of the Map itself.

It is our intention, from time to time, to bring the Map up-to-date and it would be helpful if those householders wishing to make a change would write to Dr. Wander at 'Beltwood'."

Residents are asked to mention the existence of the Map to their visitors, suppliers, builders and contractors.

Concerning the Gates:– Derrick continues as follows:–

"A Senior Police Officer has told me that robberies and attempted robberies in the Estate area had been very greatly reduced since the gating of the roads. The Police Officer said that if householders had cause to believe there was a prowler or an intruder they should telephone the Police immediately which would enable them to seal the entrance to the Estate at Kingfisher Lure and, hopefully, to question anybody leaving by car." He assumed of course, that the other gates would be kept locked.

Dr. Wander, the Secretary of the Troutstream Estate Ltd., has asked for the following notice to be printed in the Newsletter:–

For the benefit of new Residents – parking of motor vehicles for any time is not permitted on the Company's verges and roads in the gated area of the Estate, under the Restrictive Covenant. In other words, Residents should park their vehicles within their own property.

Dr. Wander regrets that he has the unpleasant job of reporting that the Estate has once again been plagued by a wave of vandalism resulting in damage to road and house signs, gate padlocks, shrubbery etc. He writes "the Board would be grateful if Residents would keep a lookout for any suspect individuals. If these are caught in the act of damaging property they should be reported to the police. Damage inflicted to the Company's property should also be reported to the Company Secretary".

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JOHN JARRETT WRITES:–

There are annual problems, winter problems and summer problems, all of which the L.R.A. is asked to do something about. Annual – dogs roaming through other people's gardens and spoiling that extra special piece of lawn. Answer – Don't be too cross if your dog gets a wallop. Winter – people who pinch for their own drives, the salt that the Estate puts out for the roads. Answer – Don't do it. Autumn – that's what we get now, and it's two things, party noise and bonfires. As regards party noise, if you or your young people are having a party, please warn your neighbours in any case and also please remember that noise carries very eccentrically. Next door may not be worried but half a mile away, they're getting it full blast. Answer – either keep the volume down (good luck – most youngsters won't) or keep windows and doors shut. As regards bonfires, all of us in Loudwater have to have them, but in the few really good summer afternoons we are blessed with usually (this summer we have been more than usually blessed!) we all like to sit out in the garden or dry that particularly difficult piece of washing, but smuts and smoke make both impossible. Answer – have your bonfires early in the morning or just before dusk so that most of the daylight hours are nuisance free. Remember too, that we do have asthma sufferers.

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NATURE NOTES – Twenty Years On.

New residents are not the only ones who appreciate acutely, the visual pleasures of Loudwater. After over twenty years of watching by the river, one resident of Trout Rise has written to say that its pleasures have not diminished. He writes: "The Kingfisher still flashes his brilliant blue. The dragonfly still displays his lacy wings. Watervoles still hurry busily from bank to bank. Eels still swim the water

with head submerged. Snakes still swim the river with head held high. Squirrels still dig and take away our bulbs and bring us someone else's! Trout may still be seen in spite of the pike. Ducks still lay their eggs under our hedges. Swans still parade their cygnets for us to admire, and in hungry winters, the Heron still arrives to seek his prey."

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BEWARE NOISE POLLUTION!

In addition to our problems from the M25, the Watford Observer dated 11th September 1981 states that "Families living in Chorley Wood, Sarratt and Rickmansworth may soon have helicopters flying overhead every fifteen minutes." Let us all hope that the route decided upon will be over unbuilt-up areas as far away from the valley as possible!

Everybody must be aware of the increased amount of aeroplane noise already experienced here and helicopters are much noisier than aeroplanes!

LOCAL BUS SERVICES

As generous contributors to the Local Authority General Rate Fund and, in the main, owners of our own private transport, we Loudwater residents probably do not feel too strongly about reductions in local bus services. Please, however, spare a thought for those without, or unable to use, private transport — the elderly in particular — and make a point of extending to those less fortunate than yourselves the offer of a lift to the shops or the station on a regular basis. People living in Loudwater unable to drive do sorely miss 'Harry's' bus!

Don Cammell.

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WELCOME TO NEWCOMERS

Mr. & Mrs. John Dickens and their two children, Lucy and Joanna, Chantry House, Troutstream Way, who come from Northwood.

Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Ducat and their two children, Swandrift, Trout Rise, who come from Copthorne Avenue, Croxley Green.

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Easley, Chessbank House, Trout Rise, from California, U.S.A.

Mr. & Mrs. T. Culmer, Rustlings, Overstream, who come from Chenies. They have four children.

Mr. & Mrs. Rolf Campbell, Thatch Tower, Troutstream Way, from Valley Road, Chorleywood.

Admiral and Mrs. Claver, (Haytor, Loudwater Drive), are leaving for Holland in August. They wish to say farewell to all their friends and neighbours in Loudwater and ask them to welcome Mr. & Mrs. Peter Keith, the new residents of Haytor, who have a son and a daughter. They come from Solesbridge House.

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THIS AND THAT

Concerning the invitation for coffee at Foxhill, Loudwater Drive:—

In the last Newsletter, Helen Graham invited residents to a coffee morning at her house on the first Saturday morning in each month. This excellent idea for enabling newcomers and other residents to make acquaintances has met with an outstanding lack of success. On the first Saturday in August Helen had prepared for a large number of guests, but only three people arrived and on the next occasion, nobody arrived. Even the Editor forgot!

This October issue will reach many of you too late to remind you, but please make a note in your diaries for Saturday 7th November and Saturday 5th December, after which Helen will discontinue these engagements.

There is a nominal charge of 5p. which Helen says is purely to prevent people from feeling obligated. So, please come along after 10.30 a.m. for a cuppa and a chat. Feel free!

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

8/426/81 First floor extension, Martha's Vineyard, Violet Way, for J. Jarrett Esq.

8/463/81 First floor and garage extension, Highfields, Troutstream Way, for P. George Esq.

8/475/81 Single storey rear extension, 3 Lower Plantation, for E.J. Holt Esq.

8/485/81 Two storey side extension and detached garage, High Cleve, Kingfisher Lure, for R. Davies Esq.

8/552/81 Two storey side extension, Willow Tern, Overstream, for Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Walker.

8/562/81 Two storey front extension, Casula, Sarratt Lane, Loudwater, for M. Grundy Esq.

8/586/81 Erection of carport, Trimble, Loudwater Drive, for G.D. Tull Esq.

8/253/81 (outline). Permission granted for the erection of one detached dwelling — land adjacent "Old Tiles", Troutstream Way, Loudwater, for Mrs. M. Griffiths-Jones.

8/272/81 (outline). Permission has been refused for the erection of two detached houses — "Great Poplars", Rasehill Close, Chorleywood Road, for M.K. Kwintner Esq. for the following reasons:—

1. The proposed development includes the creation of two residential curtilages within the Metropolitan Green Belt and is, therefore, strictly contrary to the concept of the Metropolitan Green Belt policy as referred to in the approved County Structure Plan and in the Hertfordshire County Structure Plan Alterations 1980 and in the Three Rivers Draft District Plan which seeks to severely restrict new development.

2. The proposed development would result in loss of privacy for adjacent houses, could result in the loss of trees which currently contribute to the character of the area and, in particular, would leave the adjacent house known as "Great Poplars" as "backland" development with consequent problems of inadequate amenities.

8/270/81 (outline). Permission refused for the erection of one detached house — Great Poplars, Chorleywood Road, for M.K. Kwintner Esq. for the reasons which included that the development would constitute over-development of the site and would adversely affect the character and amenities of the area.

8/237/81 (outline). Permission refused for the all weather surface on driveway — land between Loudwater Lane and Great Poplars, Chorleywood Road for M.K. Kwintner Esq., for the following reasons:—

1. The proposed development and the activity associated with the use of the driveway would adversely affect the attractive character of this part of the Metropolitan Green Belt which forms an important wedge of open land in the Chess Valley adjacent to residential areas.

2. The proposed development with the consequent increased vehicular activity would cause highway dangers and inconvenience at the junction of the driveway and Loudwater Lane.

The L.R.A. objected to applications 272, 270 and 237.

8/868/80 & 8/97/81 Mr. P. Rice has been complimented by the Environment Department on the design of his new house at The Spinney, Lower Plantation, Sarratt Lane. He had appealed to the Department when planning permission was refused by Three Rivers and has won his case.

Erratum: July Newsletter — for Sir Ivor Brown, read Broom.