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GARDEN PARTY, A.G.M., AIMS OF L.R.A.

Thank goodness that Spring is upon us once more! How reassuring it was to see the snow drops again immediately after the thaw and thank goodness it has not snowed every day until the end of March as it did in 1962/3 – and in 1947, if you can remember as far back as that! – when the snow began on the 16th Jan and went on and on until people groaned in desperation at the sight of the snow making it “all pretty yet again!” What a relief too for those people on Trout Rise who were so worried about the glazing of the road by tobogganing that the snow has gone until next winter. Last year there was a late Spring and we were concerned that the cold weather would last until the end of June and ruin our garden party but to our great surprise we had some hot sunshine for the morning. This year our garden party is to be on Sunday June 20th at 12.00. It will be held at Cressy House, Trout Rise, – the same as last year. We are deeply indebted to Benny and Chantal King for their generosity in allowing us the use of their grounds.

This year it is the Silver Jubilee Anniversary of the L.R.A. and to mark this occasion, all guests are invited to wear something conspicuously silver – ladies, how about a hair ornament at least! and gentlemen, how about a silver posy for your lapel!

Make a note of it in your diary and also for the Annual General Meeting of the L.R.A. on Thursday May 20th at Chorleywood House at 8.00 p.m.

Please do make an effort to be there and welcome the guest speaker, Sir George Baker (Overstream) who was President of the High Court Family Division.

Until some years ago, the L.R.A. was a languishing organisation and then Jack Cagnet, John Jarrett, Cyril Brine and Anne Wolff met together, revised the aims, set out times for regular meetings, began the Newsletter and instigated the annual cocktail party.

Since then it has become recognised as an authoritative and representative body through which residents can claim action to protect their interests. Instead of fighting battles on their own, many people have thanked the L.R.A. for the support they have received. It pays all Loudwater residents to be members of the L.R.A. and to uphold its activities and aims.

These aims as you all know, can be summed up in a few words. PROTECT THE BEAUTY OF LOUDWATER! It is so fragile. Once lost it may never recover. In spite of many difficulties and some misuse and neglect, it still remains an oasis of natural beauty in the diminished heritage of our countryside and for this we must thank all those residents who are vigilant on our behalf.

If you have not seen a copy of the L.R.A. aims and would like one, please contact the person who delivers your Newsletter or Jack Cagnet and we will see how many are needed. Better still, come along to the A.G.M. and get one there! The L.R.A. is representative of residents of Loudwater (Troutstream) Estate Co., Bridle Lane Residents Association, Lower Plantation – which is forming its own private management company, and residents of other roads outside the Loudwater Estate. Membership is open to any residents living in the area who consider themselves to be part of Loudwater and not Rickmansworth or Chorleywood. It is open also to residents in company houses in Loudwater who have, no doubt, a vested interest in maintaining the house they are occupying and improving its environs for the benefit of their firms and for those who may succeed them.

THE HELICOPTER ROUTE

Most people who wrote to the Civil Aviation Authority to protest against the Milton Keynes - Heathrow Helicopter Service will now be in receipt of a reply from the C.A.A. stating that the whole matter has been dropped. It is probable however that when British Airways are in funds again they will re-apply for a licence especially as Milton Keynes Development Corporation seems hell bent on starting a helicopter service as soon as they can find a suitable pad.

Your Vice-Chairman, Don Cammell, who has so nobly stepped into the breach left by John Jarrett when he relinquished the office of Chairman of the Association, has, we are thankful to say, agreed to assume the chairmanship for this year. He has been working extremely hard on a number of matters on behalf of the residents and has written to the C.A.A. requesting that low flying aircraft such as helicopters and aeroplanes, taking off or landing or stacking, should be notified to the general public in the same way that local warning notices are printed in local papers when developments are afoot, so that people may exercise their right to object. The arbitrariness of the C.A.A. procedure in publishing their decisions only in subscription aviation journals for a very limited time, goes against inherent freedoms natural to the citizens of this country, especially when the decisions are such that might adversely affect the well being or privacy of the general public. If no satisfactory assurances are given the C.A.A. has been informed that the L.R.A. will go to the legislature. In effect Richard Page M.P. will be pressed to ask a question in the House in order to bring about a new law, making it obligatory for the C.A.A. to publicise such proposals in the local and national press.

NEWS FROM THE LOUDWATER (TROUTSTREAM) ESTATE CO.

Replicas of the Estate map which is on the notice board near the Loudwater Garage are on sale at the garage shop. Rob has forty of them, price 50p. They are approx. 30cm x 30cm and readable.

In response to the advertisement in the last Newsletter, Dr Wander has two helpers under the supervision of Clive Fuller to look after the Estate so perhaps things will improve.

GOOD FRIDAY CLOSURE OF GATES

The gates to the Estate will be locked on Good Friday 9th April this year to comply with the requirements of the law to protect the rights of the Estate. Dr Wander would be grateful for volunteers of any age to help man the gates at Kingfisher Lure to let people in or out. The other gates will be kept locked.

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Concessionary Travel 1982/3

Issuing Centre:— Mill End Community Centre, Church Lane, Watersmeet, High St. A Bus Permit £3.00, and/or a Rail Card 1) Day return £3.75 or 2) Full £7.50 both with underground concession are available to all residents of State retirement age. See Loudwater Garage Notice Board for details.

Please note, no names and addresses of newcomers have been sent to the Editor in spite of a number of removal vans seen coming and going.

STRANGE ENCOUNTERS OF THE LADYWOOD CLOSE KIND

On the 20th January, residents of Ladywood Close were alarmed by sudden surges of electricity so severe as to cause melting of connections to their electrical appliances or by blackouts through loss of electric power. Some people's thermostats or electric cookers came on when the electricity was switched off. Somewhere else, suddenly a T.V. came alive! The Electricity Board was called in but it was not long before Don Cammell alias Superman was called upon to look into the matter. He went to the sub-station in Loudwater Heights in the dark and the pouring rain!!! — with a torch, only to find a strange little man crouched over the open 12,000 volt cables pulling them out by the handful!

"There's a loose connection somewhere", he muttered, "but it's impossible!" Don could not believe his eyes! He went to tell neighbours to switch off everything and returned to the sub-station an hour later to find it swarming with traffic, flashing lights and workmen! The impossible had in fact happened. A loose connection in a fuse box supplying three phase electricity to Ladywood Close had put everything out of phase. It was lucky he did not find himself sunburnt by great balls of fire from the heavens! No aliens did actually land but Don Cammell is still not convinced about the identity of the little man he first found crouching in the rain immune to high voltage electricity.

Addendum: — The Electricity Board intends to recoup residents for damage caused.

THIS AND THAT

Congratulations to Bill Pitt-Ford on his retirement from dental practice. There will be many who will be worried about losing his skill and care but after forty years it must be a great joy to him to spend more time looking into the heart of a rose in his Loudwater garden than into a patient's mouth!

Have you ever struggled to a show in Town after a hard days work and fallen asleep during the first act? Or have you worried about getting the last train back with no time for a snack or a drink after the show? Well why bother when you have Chorleywood Players producing plays regularly, the Rickmansworth Players producing one or two musicals a year and the Amanda Theatre Club specialising in musicals like *Oliver* and *Hello Dolly*, their 22nd production! Min Barker of Loudwater Lane, their treasurer and box office secretary, reports that the Waddy sisters, — Betty and Joyce, of Chorleywood formed the Theatre Club in 1960. Betty does the choreography and Joyce the dialogue.

Who'd have guessed that Loudwater boasts among its famous residents the most illustrious magician of them all! — the Magic Circle's reigning chairman no less! What fun! No wonder we experience so many magic moments in Loudwater!

THE M25

It does not augur well for our battle for black-top! The Transport Department has declined a request for black-top only, on the motorway stretch in Three Rivers District. The contract will be put out to tender for both concrete and bituminous construction. If concrete is used it will not be grooved like the existing stretch from Hunton Bridge to Maple Cross. It will be brushed.

Our sincere sympathies go to May and Philip Tyler of Bridle Path Cottage, Loudwater Lane in the loss of their home. Words fail us! Since then they have been staying at Loudwater Farm.

THREE RIVERS CO-ORDINATION WATCHDOG COMMITTEE

This consists of representatives from Chorleywood, Carpenders Park, Chandlers Cross, Croxley Green, Heronsgate, Moor Park, Abbots Langley and Loudwater Residents Associations. Several important items have come under its scrutiny including the vexed question of refuse collection which is currently costing Three Rivers rate payers £816,000 with dustmen earning £6,000 p.a. for a 23 hour week. The Watchdogs have been pressing for private tenders and longer opening hours at household waste disposal sites. The L.R.A. would like to obtain evidence from residents concerning the satisfactoriness of refuse collection. Please send comments to our Secretary, Jack Cagnet.

Next there has been a problem concerning the delegation of powers by the Planning Committee to the executive officials of Three Rivers D.C. to decide on planning permissions. This has led to anomalies, and lack of sensitivity.

TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

Residents are advised that queries regarding tree work that is being undertaken outside normal working hours should be directed to ward members in the first instance.

Reports of tree works to the Three Rivers D.C. Members Panel were as follows:—

- i) Trees adjacent to "Haytor", Loudwater Lane, Ref. Chorleywood (Mont-au-Source and Crab Row) T.P.O. 1969.
- ii) Ash tree in woodland adjacent to 7 Ladywood Close, Loudwater, Ref. Chorleywood (Beecham Grove and Millfield Plantation) T.P.O. 1974.
- iii) Three ash trees adjacent to Compton Cottage, Sarratt Lane, Ref. Chorleywood, (Loudwater No.3) T.P.O. 1971. Objections to a new order on Three Rivers (Bridle Lane, Loudwater) T.P.O. 1971, were dismissed and the order has been confirmed without modification.

Three Rivers D.C. has been informed that the bond secured by the developer of Lower Plantation to cover the highway works during the construction period is no longer required. The highway will not be adopted but it will be maintained by a management company.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 8/798/81 Extension to form indoor swimming pool "Sanam" Troutstream Way, for M.S.Geheewala Esq.
8/843/81 Two storey side extension "The Croft", Farm Lane, Loudwater, for A.F.McGee Esq.
8/24/82 Two storey rear extension and dormer to side "Nakura", Bridle Lane, Loudwater, for P.M.Wallace Esq.
8/29/82 Demolition of existing building and erection of ten lock-up garages, Loudwater Garage, Ladyswood House, Troutstream Way, Loudwater, for the Board of Loudwater (Troutstream) Estate Ltd.
8/47/82 Single storey garage extension and loft conversion with balcony, "Greythorp", Trout Rise, Loudwater, for Greythorp Investments.

Permission has been refused for:—

- 8/639/81 Construction of flat above existing garage, Oakway House, Bridle Lane, Loudwater, for C.T.Heading Esq. for the reasons that it would result in a third self contained unit, likely to become a separate dwelling house out of character with the locality and contrary to density policy.

Alleged contravention of planning control at The Orchard, Loudwater Lane:—

A site inspection has revealed that three agricultural buildings on the site were being used for independent business not connected with agriculture. Planning permission had not been granted for this use.