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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

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HELICOPTER ROUTE

The Committee wish to thank all those residents who wrote to the Civil Aviation Authority to protest against the projected Milton Keynes – Heathrow Helicopter Service. Some 60 copies of letters were received by Mr. Jack Cagnet, the L.R.A. acting-secretary, but we are informed by the C.A.A. that they have received nearly 100 letters from you.

Copies of the letters you have sent will be taken into account by the Three Rivers D.C. officer who is sponsoring us in our protest, so all your literary efforts were not in vain!

It has been confirmed by Mr. Furlonger of the C.A.A., who wrote most of the replies to us all, that Three Rivers D.C. did object in time, in a letter of 26th August to the Civil Aviation Authority. Three Rivers has made it clear to the C.A.A. that they expect to be represented at the public hearing which should take place about next Easter if British Airways persist in their application for a licence. They are prepared to brief counsel. Richard Page M.P. has written to say that after a public hearing at Milton Keynes, the application by Milton Keynes Development Corporation for a Heliport was refused by the Department of the Environment and so he thinks the licence application by British Airways will be withdrawn. If not, he suggests that the best thing to do is for the L.R.A. to make representations to the County Council so that our views may be included in the public enquiry next year. He enclosed a letter from the Under Secretary of State about the objection period against route licence applications which he says still remains at 21 days, although amendments are being considered which have not yet been put into effect. He also recommends us to make representations to the Herts. Council. Please keep your eyes open in the daily press and local papers for information. We are informed by the C.A.A. that the helicopter route was well published beforehand but it was not until the article appeared in the *Watford Observer* that it came to our notice and that was *after* the statutory time limit for objections had expired. Presumably anyone reading a small paragraph elsewhere to the effect that a helicopter service from Milton Keynes to Heathrow had been applied for would not for one moment relate it to Loudwater without referring to a map!

FROM THE CLOUDS TO THE SEWERS

The acting-secretary and vice-chairman have been very busy supporting those residents incensed by Three Rivers D.C. relinquishing the emptying of cess pools and septic tanks in favour of a private contractor, Biffa Ltd., at very short notice without offering to connect the homes to main drains. It has been suggested that the Ombudsman be approached in view of the excessive cost and the high-handed manner in which the Three Rivers D.C. has put the scheme into operation. This is considered to be so contrary to natural justice that a Writ of Mandamus might be applied for. The Three Rivers Environmental Health Officer has written to Jack Cagnet to point out that an appropriate reduction in the water disposal rate (Environmental charge only) may be obtained by the residents concerned, in Chess Way and parts of Loudwater Lane, Loudwater Heights and Sarratt Lane.

SCAFFOLDING EYESORE IN FIELD

The scaffolding in the field between Upper and Lower Plantation, left there since last January by John Robert Construction as a temporary measure, has now been vandalised. Other building materials left there have been

smashed and boxes of nails scattered in the field and all the way along Sarratt Lane. The police have caught one culprit.

Your committee had no satisfactory reply from Three Rivers D.C. concerning removal of the material although Don Cammell wrote three letters to them asking them to authorise the removal.

Mr. Hoyer the enforcement officer, after a site inspection in April, kept the matter under review. He applied to the Planning Committee on 5th November to seek authority to enforce removal and the L.R.A. endeavoured to obtain a definite date for this to be effected in view of the prevailing worry about the field being the subject of yet another planning application.

The Chief Executive has now, at last, been authorised to issue an Enforcement Notice under Section 7 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1981.

THE ESTATE A.G.M.

The A.G.M. of the Loudwater (Troutstream) Estate Ltd. took place on November 13th on a bright evening for a change. It usually rains when they have it! The meeting was as usual attended by only the faithful, but those who came enjoyed a brief trouble-free evening and a pleasant chat over coffee at the end.

One heartfelt plea was made to residents. PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP LOUDWATER LOVELY – as there is no permanent helper for roads and verges. A strong young man is required to help in maintaining the verges and surrounds of the Estate on a casual basis. Details from Dr. Wander, Beltwood, Troutstream Way.

REMINDER: Cars are not allowed to be parked on the Estate roads. Kingfisher Lure is a great worry especially in treacherous winter conditions. Those who do park their cars even very temporarily on the Estate roads, not only do so at their own risk, but they put other residents at risk also.

DO YOU WANT ANOTHER GARAGE?

The Estate Board has asked us to help them take a sounding of opinion about a plan to provide garage accommodation on the Estate.

Behind the garage (Rob's) and facing towards the yard at the back of the Coach House, there is a group of derelict sheds. A long time ago they were primitive cottages. They became store sheds. Now they are both too unsightly and too dangerous to leave.

The Estate Board is considering a plan to demolish them and replace them with eight or nine garages to be let to the surprising number of people on the Estate without garages. The proposed rent would be about £6.00 a week, payable quarterly in advance. The garages would have light and water and would look handsome.

The plan is not yet definite, but it is suspected that there would be a heavy demand. Would those who might be interested please contact Dr. Wander, the Board Secretary at once, because if the plan goes ahead, it will be on a basis of first come first served.

GUARD DOGS ON THE LOOSE

The committee has been asked to alert residents to the danger of the increasing number of large guard dogs that are being kept by residents, especially as some owners are not careful to keep them under control at all times. One sad incident has already occurred and retribution is being sought by the police on their own account. A resident has reported that her pet pooch was sleeping on the front lawn when a stray Alsatian came in and mangled it. Its

owner calmly walked into the garden, disengaged the intruder and walked off leaving the pet pooch lying there bleeding.

Residents should be conscious when approaching strange houses, of guard dogs on the loose which are not only dangerous to pets but to human beings also. Another resident is worried about dogs leaving their pooch on the roads rather than in fields or suitable uncared for edges, so please be considerate for your neighbour as well as your dog.

THIS AND THAT

The W.R.V.S. in Rickmansworth is in urgent need of helpers. Could you spare two hours per week or fortnight, distributing Meals on Wheels either as helper or driver? Also, ladies or gentlemen are needed as drivers for the Darby & Joan Club, picking up members at 10 a.m. and taking them home at 3 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. There is a Minibus for this purpose.

If you are interested, please contact the W.R.V.S. Office, The Bury, Rickmansworth. Tel: 72096, or the Transport Organiser, Mrs. R. Wander, telephone 73748.

If you are interested in getting together to form a Young Wives Group in Loudwater, please contact Mrs. T. Culmer, Rustings, Overstream.

Mr. R. Campbell of Thatch Tower wants it known that his name is Ross not Rolf, as stated in the October Newsletter — blame it all on the telephone, Ross!

Congratulations to Mrs. Margaret Homan, Bench House, Troutstream Way, who once again has been able to help Northwick Park Hospital obtain apparatus required in cancer research. Her June coffee morning and sponsored swim raised £512 for which she thanks all her friends.

Mrs. Ethel Huntley, Rooks Hill, went with Dr. Pat Martin to the Royal Albert Hall on 4th November to present purses to the Queen for the 100th anniversary of the Church of England Children's Society, when £37,000 was raised from the many branches of the charity.

It was a singular pleasure recently for Lady Lewis to receive the first issue of a five rupee stamp used on a letter from Mauritius to Dr. Arthur Holman of London U.C. Medical School, depicting her late husband, Sir Thomas Lewis. It is one of a commemorative issue on Past Eminent Personalities. Dr. Holman is in charge of the Cardiac Department at U.C.

N.B. Helen Graham has now discontinued her monthly Saturday coffee mornings at Foxhill, Loudwater Drive.

TRANSPORT

A405 Developments

A big thank you to those residents in Loudwater who helped Air Marshall Sir Michael Giddings by inviting him into their homes and gardens to listen to noise on Thursday 25th November, as part of his duties as Inspector for the continuing public enquiry, in which we are endeavouring to get black top for the A405 included in the proposals for the Hunton Bridge to South Mimms motor Road.

For all those who miss Harry's bus

The Herts. C.C. Draft Public Transport Plan 1982-3, has been under consideration by Three Rivers D.C. in accordance with the Transport Act 1978 and whilst endorsing the Transport Plan, they have recommended that the County Council investigate the possible use of private bus operations on unremunerative routes.

Railcards: Senior Citizens

Recommendations that those members of the public entitled to a Railcard be allowed to purchase *either* the Awayday Railcard (£1.50) *or* the full travel pass, have been approved by Three Rivers D.C.

TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

New Procedure:— Consideration of objections to T.P.Os. has been transferred from the Secretary of State to the

Next issue entries by 1st March 1982 to the Editor.

District Planning Authority.

Tree Works:—

1. Chorleywood (Loudwater No. 3) T.P.O. 1967 Plot No. 10, Lower Plantation. Request to fell two sycamores.
2. Chorleywood (Loudwater No. 3) T.P.O. 1971, one sycamore, 9, Lower Plantation.
3. Chorleywood (Loudwater No. 4) T.P.O. 1971, three cherries, three ash and one lime tree at Glenhayes, Chorleywood Road. Decisions taken by the Members Panel concerning these tree works were noted by the Three Rivers D.C. For further information contact your Panel member for Chorleywood, Cllr. Crockett.
4. Emergency Action:— Three Rivers (Bridle Lane, Loudwater) T.P.O. 1981. The Director of Planning has authorised a T.P.O. on trees in Bridle Lane as there has been reason to believe that trees included might have been threatened.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

8/169/81 Permission has been granted for the erection of a detached dwelling and double garage on land at Rookery Wood House, Loudwater Lane for R. Johnson, subject to several conditions concerning trees, turning and parking spaces and adequate measures being taken to safeguard the existing sewer on the South West boundary of the site.

Permission has been refused for the following:—

8/266/81 Detached house and garage on land adjoining Lilac Cottage, Troutstream Way for D.A. Fuller Esq., for reasons of inadequate size of site, preservation of visual amenities and well wooded character of the area at Policy 68(2) Draft District Plan.

8/270/81 (Outline) Development at Great Poplars, Rasehill Close, Chorleywood Road for M.K. Kwintner Esq. It was reported to Three Rivers D.C. that Mr. Kwintner had lodged an appeal with the Secretary of State for the Environment against the refusal of planning permission. The Council resolved to maintain the terms of the Section 52 agreement made between them and Mr. Kwintner, irrespective of the Secretary of State's decision. Mr. Kwintner has since lost his appeal.

8/253/81 Apologies for the error in the last News Letter. Permission has been refused for the erection of a detached dwelling on land adjoining 'Old Tiles, Troutstream Way for Mrs. Griffith-Jones for reasons of the awkwardness of the size and shape of the land and the preservation of low density development considered to be acceptable according to policy 68(2) of the Draft District Plan Petitions from six residents and from the L.R.A. were considered.

8/418/81 Three detached dwellings with garages on land between Green Nook and Bowden, Bridle Lane, for Abbiss and Hale Ltd. for reasons that the site is within Metropolitan Green Belt.

Applications have been made for the construction of the following:—

8/541/81 Two storey side extension to side and rear; single storey side extension; double garage and new access, Willow End, Chess Hill, Loudwater for W.V. Gibsons Esq.

8/639/81 Flat above existing garage, Oakway House, Bridle Lane, for C.T. Heading Esq.

8/676/81 Erection of garage, 3 Rose Gardens, Troutstream Way for R.P. Ross Esq.

8/729/81 Single storey extension, Mayswood, Bridle Lane for D. Coulson Esq.

8/734/81 Two storey extension 'Cherry Trees', Sarratt Lane, for W.E. Harvey Esq.

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